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PREFACE.

THE importance of placing in book form biographical history of representative citizens—both for its immediate worth and for its value to coming generations—is admitted by all thinking people; and within the past decade there has been a growing interest in this commendable means of perpetuating biography and family genealogy.

That the public is entitled to the privileges afforded by a work of this nature needs no assertion at our hands; for one of our greatest Americans has said that the history of any country resolves itself into the biographies of its stout, earnest and representative citizens. This medium, then, serves more than a single purpose; while it perpetuates biography and family genealogy, it records history, much of which would be preserved in no other way.

In presenting the COMMEMORATIVE BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD to its patrons, the publishers have to acknowledge, with gratitude, the encouragement and support their enterprise has received, and the willing assistance rendered in enabling them to surmount the many unforeseen obstacles to be met with in the production of a work of this character. In nearly every instance the material composing the sketches was gathered from those immediately interested, and then submitted in type-written form for correction and revision The volume, which is one of generous amplitude, is placed in the hands of the public with the belief that it will be found a valuable addition to the library, as well as an invaluable contribution to the historical literature of the State of Connecticut.

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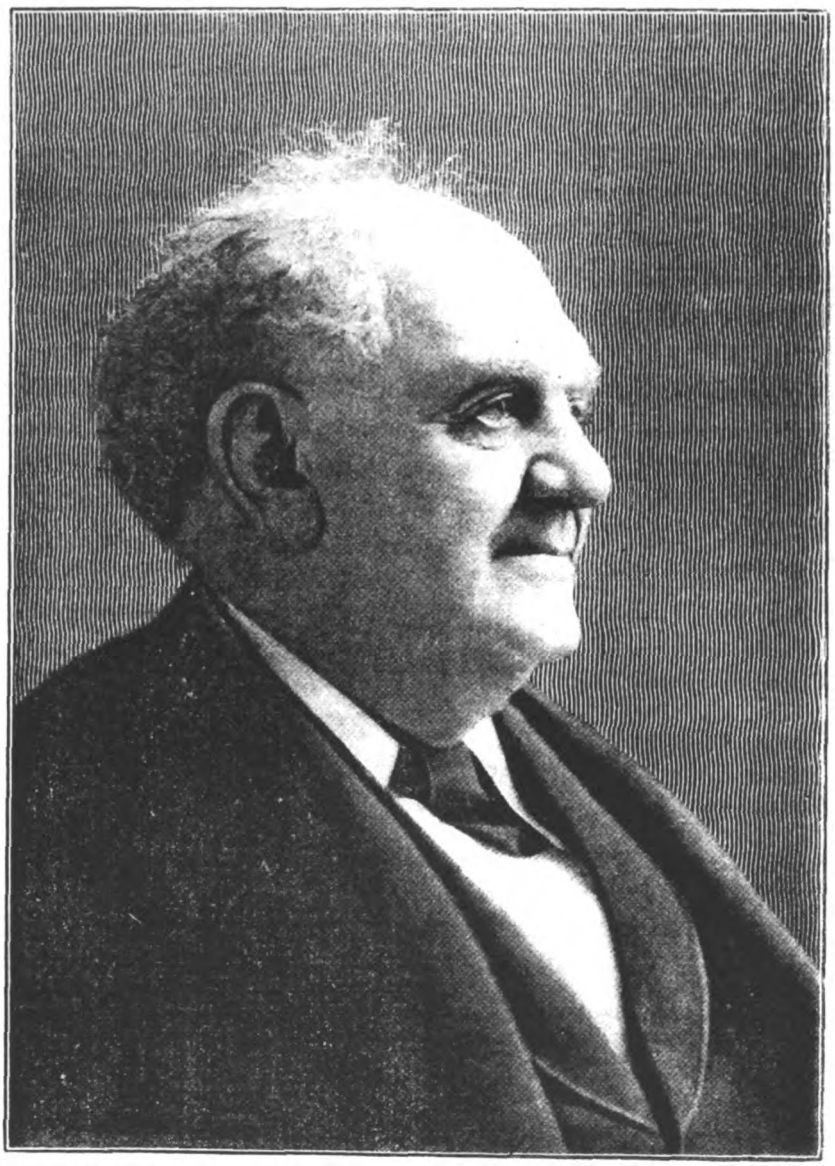

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BIOGRAPHICAL.

HINEAS TAYLOR BARNUM, whose eventful life was closed at his home in Bridgeport, Conn., on April 7, 1891, was a lineal descendant in the sixth generation from Thomas Barnum, who was one of the first eight settlers of the town of Danbury, Conn., they purchasing the land from the Indians in 1684, and making their residence there in the spring of 1685.

Ephraim Barnum (2), grandson of Thomas (2), born in 1733, married, in 1753, Keziah Covell, by whom he had ten children. He married (second) in 1776, Mrs. Rachel Starr Beebe, daughter of Jonathan and Rachel (Taylor) Starr, and widow of Jonathan Beebe, of Danbury. They had five children, among them being Philo, born in 1778, married Polly Fairchild, of Newtown, Conn., who died in 1808, leaving five children. He then married Irene Taylor, daughter of Phineas and Mollie (Sherwood) Taylor, of Bethel, and among the five children of this marriage was Phineas Taylor, born July 5, 1810, at Bethel, in Fairfield county.

The grandfather of our subject was a captain in the Revolutionary war. His father was a tailor, farmer and sometimes hotel keeper, and Phineas drove cows to pasture, weeded garden, ploughed fields, made hay, and, when possible, went to school. Later on he became clerk in a country store established by his father. The latter dying in 1825, leaving the family in comparitively indigent circumstances, young Phineas then started into the world, securing employment for a time with a mercantile firm at Grassy Plains, his remuneration being six dollars per month. In 1826 he went to the city of Brooklyn as clerk in the store of Oliver Taylor, and for a time in the following year he was in business in New York. In 1829 he had a fruit and confectionery store in his grandfather's carriage house in Bethel, and also had on hand "a lottery business," and was auctioneer in the book trade. In 1831, in company with his uncle Alanson Taylor, he opened a country store in Bethel. Several months later the nephew bought out the uncle's interest, and also the same year, on October 19, he issued the first copy of the *Herald of Freedom*. Unfortunately he lacked the experience which induces caution, and was soon plunged into litigation, being finally sentenced to pay on one suit a fine of $100, and be imprisoned in the jail for sixty days. He had a good room, lived well, and had continued visits from friends, edited his paper as usual, and received large accessions to the subscription lists. At the expiration of his imprisonment he received an ovation, and after a sumptuous dinner, with toasts, speeches, and ode and oration, in a coach drawn by six horses, accompanied by a band of music, forty horsemen, sixty carriages of citizens and the marshal of oration of the day, amid roar of cannon and cheers of a multitude, Mr. Barnum rode to his home in Bethel, where the band played "Home Sweet Home," and the procession then returned to Danbury. His editor's career was one of continual contest, but he persevered in the publication of the *Herald of Freedom* until the spring of 1835. He then removed to New York, and after being engaged as a drummer for several firms opened a private boarding house, at the same time purchasing an interest in a grocery store.

In 1835, Mr. Barnum began the business which has made his name a household word in all civilized nations. His start as a showman began by the purchase and exhibition of Joyce Heth, a colored woman, said to have been the nurse of Gen. George Washington, and 161 years of age. His next venture was the exhibition of "Signor Antonio" and a "Mr. Roberts." In 1836 he connected himself with Aaron Turner's traveling circus, going south, in the following year he organized a new company and went west, reaching the Missouri river where he purchased a steamer and sailed down the river for New Orleans. There he traded the steamer for sugar and molasses, and returned north, arriving at New York June 4, 1838. In 1841 he bought

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the American Museum in that city, and commenced a series of improvements by way of attractive exhibitions. He introduced the lecture room, a reform of the stage or theatre. He was constantly searching for and obtaining something new, amusing and wonderful, and all the exhibitions he made were instructive to the people, moral and elevating. His methods of bringing his institution constantly before the minds of the people, and the success thereby secured, first impressed the American mind with the advantages of advertising. In 1842 he secured Gen. Tom Thumb for exhibition; in 1844 he took him in company with his parents across the ocean. They went to London, and soon to the presence of the Queen at Buckingham Palace. From London the party went to Paris, where the General received great attention. He was invited to the presence of the King and Queen and the royal family. For the first day's exhibition to the general public in Paris Mr. Barnum received 5,500 francs. From Paris the party traveled through France and Belgium and back to England, where the profitable exhibition continued until the return to New York in 1847. The General's father on arriving from England with a handsome fortune, placed a portion of it at interest for the General, more for himself, and with thirty thousand dollars of it built a substantial dwelling on the corner of North avenue and Main street, Bridgeport.

After returning to America Mr. Barnum made a tour with his little General through the United States and Cuba. It was during this tour in 1847–48 that he had his beautiful dwelling built at Bridgeport, which he called "Iranistan," the word signifying "Oriental Villa" and on November 14, 1848, nearly one thousand guests were present at an old-fashioned "house warming." It stood a little back from the northeast corner of the present Fairfield and Iranistan avenues, and some years after it accidently took fire and was consumed. This beautiful and very remarkable structure, built in oriental style, was the first great boom for the celebrity of Bridgeport. The picture of it went over the country in the illustrated newspapers, as "a thing of beauty," a marvel of wonder, and an honor to all America.

The Jennie Lind enterprise was the next great undertaking of Mr. Barnum. It was conceived by him in October, 1849, the engagement made with the great singer January 9, 1850, by which $187,500 was to be deposited by Mr. Barnum in advance of all proceedings, and which was done. Miss Lind arrived in New York September 1, 1850, and the first concert occurred September 11 following, the proceeds of which amounted to $17,864.05. Ninety-three concerts were given under Mr. Barnum's contract, terminating in May, 1851, the receipts for which amounted to $112,-161.34. It was the greatest project of the kind ever introduced into America, unto that day, and probably to the present, unless it be "Barnum's Greatest Show on Earth," and was successfully, and even grandly, carried through. During this time the American Museum was running successfully with Tom Thumb in attendance, besides many other entertainments added every year. About this time he fitted out his "Great Asiatic Caravan, Museum and Menagerie," at an expense of upward of one hundred thousand dollars, and exhibited it for four years.

In 1851 Mr. Barnum purchased of William H. Noble, of Bridgeport, the undivided half of his late father's estate, consisting of fifty acres of land lying on the east side of the river, opposite the city of Bridgeport. They intended this as the nucleus of a new city, which they concluded could soon be built in consequence of many natural advantages it possessed. In view of securing this end, a clock company, in which Mr. Barnum was a stockholder, was prevailed upon to transfer its establishment from the town of Litchfield to the new city. In addition to this it was proposed to transfer the entire business of the Jerome Clock Company of New Haven, to East Bridgeport, and for this purpose Mr. Barnum lent that company money and notes to the amount of $110,000, with the positive assurance that this would be the extent of the company's call on him; but by peculiar management on the part of the company they soon had Mr. Barnum involved to the amount of over half a million dollars. Then they failed, and after absorbing all of Mr. Barnum's fortune they paid but from twelve to fifteen per cent of the company's obligations, while, in the end, they never removed to East Bridgeport. Mr. Barnum's extrication of himself from this gulf of obligation, by paying such a percentage on the whole as could not be met by the sale of all his property at the time, was a financial feat of the highest genius, energy and honor.

Early in 1857 Mr. Barnum again went to Europe, taking with him Gen. Tom Thumb, and also little Cordelia Howard and her parents, and traveled through England, Germany and Holland, experiencing with the little folks a most cordial and enthusiastic greeting all the way. It was soon after his return from this European tour that the beautiful "Iranistan" was destroyed by fire. Early in 1858 Mr. Barnum returned to England, taking Tom Thumb, and with some help to manage the exhibition through

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Scotland and Wales, as well as elsewhere, he devoted himself to the "lecture field," taking for his theme "The Art of Making Money", and by it he made money, hand over hand, and sent it home to apply on the clock enterprise. In 1859 he returned to the United States, and pushing on his museum found himself, in 1860, within twenty thousand dollars of extinguishing the last claim from the old clock business. This he provided for, and resumed the full control of his old museum. In 1860 he built a new house in Bridgeport, on Fairfield avenue, about one hundred rods west of the site of "Iranistan," which was named "Lindencroft," in honor of Jenny Lind, and gave his attention anew to the building of his pet city, East Bridgeport. This had already made great progress. In 1856 the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company had purchased the old clock shop, greatly enlarged it, and were employing something like a thousand hands. Churches, dwellings and other manufactories, including that of the Howe Sewing Machine Company, had been built, and the place had become quite a city. From 1860 to the time of his death, Mr. Barnum, although engaged with the New York Museum for years, and afterward with his great show, did not cease to give much attention and energetic effort to the building, prosperity and success of the city of Bridgeport.

In 1861 Mr. Barnum introduced into his Museum Commodore Nut, and in 1862 he secured another dwarf in the person of Lavinia Warren. In 1865 the American Museum in New York was burned with great loss, but Mr. Barnum at once built another, which was also burned with great loss in 1868. By these two catastrophes about a million dollars worth of Mr. Barnum's property in one dwelling and two Museums had been destroyed by fire. In 1867 he sold his home, "Lindencraft," and removed to the locality where he resided for years, commencing the erection of that residence in 1868. This he named "Waldemere," the word meaning "Woods-by-the-sea." When he purchased this land, it lay adjoining the west end of Seaside Park, being a portion of an old farm, and extended from Atlantic street to the shore of the Sound. Believing as he did then that Seaside Park would be a very great advantage to the people of the city, he gave seven acres lying in front of his residence to the city for enlargement of the park. In 1884 he gave thirty acres more, extending the park westward toward Black Rock Harbor.

In 1870 Mr. Barnum commenced preparation for a great show and enterprise, comprising a museum, menagerie, caravan, hippodrome and circus, and to this show from that time on he devoted a great portion of his untiring energy. This he styled "The Greatest Show on Earth." This show opened for a few weeks in the spring every year in the large Madison Square Garden in New York, and during each summer it visited the principal cities in the United States and Canada, from Quebec and Montreal, on the East, to Omaha, Neb., on the West; exhibiting under immense tents, in one of which could be seated 20,000 persons. It consisted of a large menagerie of rare wild beasts, a museum of human phenomena, and living specimens of savage and strange tribes and nations, including, without regard to cost, everything rare and marvelous which his wealth, energy and perseverance, and experience as a public manager could gather. The "Ethnological Congress" of this show contained the greatest collection of different types of strange and savage tribes gathered from the remotest corners of the earth ever seen together. The great elephant, "Jumbo," purchased by Mr. Barnum from the Royal Zoological Gardens, London, being the largest land animal seen for centuries, and forty other African and Indian elephants, including two baby elephants—these and scores of other trained animals transported on nearly a hundred railway cars belonging to Mr. Barnum, created an expense of $5,000 to $6,000 each day, and brought over a million dollars in a single season. In the latter years of his life Mr. Barnum took several experienced partners, the contract of co-partnership extending for years, and arrangements were made for its continuance after that time by their successors. The winter headquarters of the show, which still bears Mr. Barnum's name, is located at Bridgeport, and the buildings and grounds are annually inspected by thousands.

In 1875 Mr. Barnum was elected mayor of Bridgport, and as he always had the best interests at heart, it is needless to say that his administration was eminently successful. The improvement in the Park City, during the past decade, can easily be traced back to the pioneer hand of this generous gentleman. He secured to the city the beautiful Mountain Grove Cemetery. He laid out many streets, and planted hundred of trees in Bridgeport proper, built blocks of houses, many of which he sold to mechanics on the installment plan, thus providing a home for the thrifty with as little cost as would be the payment of rent. Bridgeport, with its many handsome gifts, notably the Barnum Institute of Science and History, from this generous and eminent man, will revere his name for generations to come; and in all cities, towns and

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hamlets of this, or any country, the people will remember P. T. Barnum and his "Greatest Show on Earth," when all else is forgotten.

Mr. Barnum also gave to Tufts College, Mass., $100,000, with which was erected and stocked the Barnum Museum of Natural History. Politically Mr. Barnum was a Democrat previous to the breaking out of the Civil war, but after that period up to the time of his death he was a Republican. In 1865 he was elected a representative to the General Assembly of Connecticut, from the town of Fairfield, and from Bridgeport in 1877.

In 1876 Mr. Barnum wrote a book of fiction founded on fact, entitled "The Adventure of Lion Jack, or How Menageries are Made," which was dedicated to the boys of America. In 1881, Mr. Barnum presented to Bethel, his birthplace, a bronze fountain, which was made in Germany. From an impromptu speech made on the occasion the following is an extract: "My friends: Among all the varied scenes of an active and eventful life, crowded with strange incidents of struggle and excitement, of joy and sorrow, taking me often through foreign lands and bringing me face to face with the king in his palace and the peasant in his turf-covered hut, I have invariably cherished—with the most affectionate remembrance of the place of my birth—the old village meeting house, without steeple or bell, where in the square family pew I sweltered in summer and shivered through my Sunday-school lessons in winter, and the old school house, where the ferrule, the birchen rod and rattan did active duty, of which I deserved and received a liberal share."

On November 8, 1829, Mr. Barnum was married to Charity Hallett, a native of Bethel, who bore him children as follows: Caroline C., Helen M., Frances I., and Pauline T. The mother of these, who was born October 28, 1808, died November 19, 1873. On September 16, 1874, the father married Miss Nancy Fish, of Southport, Lancashire, England. In 1889 "Waldemere" was removed to make room for "Marina," the present residence of the family at Bridgeport.

HON. SAMUEL SHERMAN, of Brookfield, is one of Fairfield county's ablest and most honored sons, and his life and character are well worthy of study, especially by the young, who may find a helpful suggestion in its strenuous and well-directed effort after high ideals.

Mr. Sherman was born June 2, 1828, upon the old Sherman homestead in Brookfield (an estate which has now been in the possession of the family for more than a century), and in his early years received only the educational opportunities common to country youth of his day, his winters being devoted to study in the local schools, while the summer seasons were spent in farm work. His active mind was far from being satisfied with these advantages, and at the age of fourteen he determined to secure a liberal education. He learned the Greek alphabet in the hayfield, and carried in his pocket a Latin grammar to study at intervals of his labor. For two or three terms he pursued his studies in the select school in his native town, and then went to the Connecticut Academy at Cheshire, where he prepared for college. In 1846 he entered Trinity College, Hartford, and in July, 1850, he was graduated from that institution, ranking among the six highest in his class. Their attainments in scholarship and in the requirements of the curriculum were so equal in merit that their respective college honors had to be determined by lot—an eventuality rarely known in college history—the valedictory and salutatory thus falling to his classmates, while Mr. Sherman took the first oration, which was deemed third in rank, though each one of the remarkable six was entitled to compete for the highest honors. While in college he became identified with the Psi Upsilon fraternity. In the last year of his college life Mr. Sherman began the study of law, and after his graduation he entered the State and National Law School at Ballston Spa, N. Y., under Prof. Fowler, where he continued two terms, and after passing a rigid examination, on motion before the full Bench of the supreme court, sitting at the capitol in Albany in 1851, he was admitted to the Bar. Upon receiving his diploma he removed to New York, where he opened an office and commenced the practice of law. In 1852 he was called to Philadelphia on business, and thence went to Washington, where he became acquainted with the late Vice-President King, then in ill health, and was invited to join him on his visit to Cuba, where Mr. King died. Mr. Sherman returned with his remains to Mobile, and they were interred at Selma, Ala. Soon afterward Mr. Sherman made a tour of the then slave-holding States, studying the workings of the institution in town and country. Returning to New York via Canada, in 1853, he resumed the practice of his profession in Wall street.

In 1856 he brought an equity suit in Philadelphia to set aside a decree of divorce which he maintained had been obtained by fraud and imposition practiced upon the court several years

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before in the noted case of Griswold *vs.* Griswold, in which the eminent criminal lawyer, David Paul Brown, was his associate, and Mr. Cuyler, afterward mayor of Philadelphia, his opponent; the libellant Griswold being a Doctor of Divinity and an author and writer who had contracted a subsequent marriage with a lady in Maine, and his client, the respondent, a wealthy Jewess of Charleston, S. C. The social position of the parties to the suit attracted wide attention, and the skillful management of the case by Mr. Sherman throughout the protracted trial laid the foundation of his subsequent professional success.

Notwithstanding his business cares, Mr. Sherman has found time for work in literary and political lines. In 1869 he compiled and published at his own expense, from original and selected matter, a small volume of sacred poetry in the Spanish language, in metre, under the title of "Himnos y Canticos," which was adopted for use by the Spanish Church of Santiago, New York. More than ten years afterward selections taken from it were set to music and published, with other Spanish hymns, by the foreign department of the American Tract Society, under the same title, in a volume of two hundred and sixteen pages, for use in Mexico and South America, and for the forty millions of the Spanish-speaking branch of the human family in the Old and New World. Mr. Sherman refused to copyright his first edition of the work, believing that if it had merit it should be free to all. At the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in the U. S. A. held at Baltimore in 1871, the Bishops of Connecticut, New York and California were appointed a committee to revise and correct the Spanish version of the Book of Common Prayer, and subsequently Mr. Sherman was appointed, with the Rev. Joaquin de Palma, rector of the Church of Santiago, N. Y., and Don Pablo Roura, of Cuba, in the order named, as acting sub-committee on said revision. In 1882 he published a work entitled "Travels in Cuba and the Republic of Santo Domingo," and in the same year he translated and published an address delivered by him in Spanish before the Dominican Congress during the celebration of the XXXIXth anniversary of the National Independence of that little Republic.

In 1873 Mr. Sherman was elected judge of the Probate Court by the combination of both parties of his district, which was then, as now, strongly Democratic, and though he declined a renomination his name was again brought forward for the office. He refused a nomination for senator of the old Eleventh district when S. P. Glover, of Newtown, was elected in his place on the ticket, and he then stated in the Senatorial Convention, of which he was a member, that he desired to hold no office either in Church or State. In spite of this, however, the convention in 1874 nominated him for senator of the Eleventh, in his absence and without his consent, on a Friday preceding the following Monday's election, of which he had no knowledge until late on the following Saturday, thereby depriving him alike of the opportunity to withdraw in time to name his successor, or to devote any proper attention to the canvass; in consequence his competitor was elected. Mr. Sherman was a delegate to the Republican State Convention at New Haven in 1880, for the nomination of the Presidential electors, and to his well-remembered speech on offering an amendment to the resolution proposing to bind the Connecticut delegation at Chicago to vote for particular parties therein named, he moved to add after the names mentioned in the resolution the words: "or any other man whom the National Convention at Chicago in their wisdom shall see fit to nominate." His amendment was carried with loud cheers and applause, and it is believed that the consequent attitude taken by the Connecticut delegation largely contributed to the solution of the Presidential problem at Chicago.

In 1860 Mr. Sherman married a young Cuban lady, Dona Mercedes Montejo, daughter of a wealthy sugar planter. On the breaking out of the rebellion in Cuba, in 1868, her only brother, Col. Don Eduardo, fell at the head of his troops at the siege of Las Tunas, and shortly afterward her excellent and venerable father, after having emancipated all his slaves, if not in consequence thereof, was cruelly assassinated in cold blood by Spanish hirelings, and his widow and children and grandchildren, having three times narrowly escaped from houses fired in the night-time and burned to the ground, fled to the woods for shelter, and lived in the forests of Cuba for months to escape the fury of war. On learning of their sad condition Mr. Sherman promptly sent for them to take refuge with him in this country, they having been stripped of their property by confiscation, pillage and fire. Mrs. Montejo, with her daughter and son-in-law and six grandchildren, and two elderly female servants, in response, came to Brookfield in April, 1871, where they remained over two years with him, the children attending school. Afterward, for the purpose of receiving better educational facilities, he removed the family to Danbury, where they remained five years; three of the elder children, however, were sent to school in

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New York City, and one of them is now a practicing lawyer of high promise. About 1871, after twenty years of successful practice of his profession in New York City, Mr. Sherman retired to his native town, where he now resides, dividing his time between literary and professional pursuits and the cultivation of his homestead farm, which he has enlarged by purchase and has greatly improved. Living without ostentation, and without boasting of either poverty or riches, Mr. Sherman is keenly alive to every public improvement, showing large-hearted liberality to every meritorious cause. All who know him intimately enjoy his cordial hospitality, and, in fact, no person, however lowly, is ever turned away hungry from his door. Of the strictest integrity, his word is his bond in all business transactions. Though of pronounced opinions on many subjects, he never pushes them unduly upon the attention of others, and in society he is always the genial gentleman "to the manner born."

The Sherman family is one of the oldest in the locality, our subject tracing his descent from Samuel Sherman, who, in 1634, came to America from Dedham, County of Essex, England, accompanied by a brother John and a first cousin also named John. He located at Stratford, Conn., and the others settled in Watertown, Mass. On the ship on which Samuel Sherman made the voyage was another passenger, Miss Sarah Mitchell, whom he married after the arrival in the New World. Their children were Samuel, Theophilus, Matthew, Edmond, John, Nathaniel, Benjamin and David. The posterity of each is traced as follows:

I. Samuel, eldest son of Samuel, of Dedham, England, had a son Daniel, who had three sons, Ebenezer, Benoni and Samuel. (1) Ebenezer had two sons, Ebenezer and Daniel, and the latter was the father of two children, Ebenezer and Philo. (2) Benoni had a son Zadok, who had three sons—Andrew (the father of Roswell, Harry and Charles), Zilotas and Zadok. (3) Samuel had two sons—Justin (the father of Jotham and Ezra), and Jotham, who had five sons —Lewis, Samuel, Rufus, Beers and Cyrus. Of these, Lewis had four sons—Justin, Philo, Sylvester and Ornan. Samuel, our subject's grandfather, is mentioned more fully below. Rufus had three sons—William, Lewis (father of Philo), and Philo (father of Rufus). Beers had three sons—Charles, McPherson and Harry. Cyrus had two sons—Jotham and Cyrus Beers.

II. Theophilus, second son of Samuel of Dedham, had two children, Mary Crane and Comfort Nicholas.

III. Edmond, third son of Samuel, had two sons, Matthew and Bezaleel. (1) Matthew had two sons—David and Lemuel, and the former was the father of four sons—David, Seth, Matthew and Lemuel.

IV. John, fourth son of Samuel, who was born about 1657, had three sons, Samuel, John and Ichabod. (1) Samuel had three sons—Reuben, David and Samuel (father of John and Ichabod); the second son, David, was the father of Matthew, Solomon David (1) (who died in infancy), Solomon David (2), Aaron, Bildad and Eldad (twins), and Gideon. (2) John had two sons, Daniel and Matthew; Daniel was the father of Daniel, and Taylor (born 1758, died 1818), who became the grandfather of Gen. William T. Sherman [See pp. 10 and 11, Vol. 1. "Memoir of General Sherman"]. Taylor had three children, of whom the eldest, Charles R., who died in 1829, had four sons: Charles F., born in 1811, James, born in 1816, William T., born February 8, 1820, died February 1, 1891, and John, born in 1823, now (1897) National Secretary of State. Daniel, second son of Taylor, married and had a daughter Betsey, who married Judge Parker, of Mansfield, Ohio.

V. David, fifth son of Samuel of Dedham, had eight daughters.

VI. Matthew, sixth son of Samuel, had three sons, Jonathan, David and Jabez.

VII. Nathaniel, seventh son of Samuel, had three children, Sarah, Peramiah and Naomi.

VIII. Benjamin, eighth and youngest son of Samuel, born March 29, 1662, had seven sons: Job, Nathaniel, Enos, Benjamin, Samuel, Timothy and James. (1) Job had four sons: John (father of Daniel, John, Ezra, Elijah and Jabe); Joel (father of Abel, George, Job and Timothy); Nathan (father of Truman, Lyman, Philo and Joseph); and Ephraim (father of Amos and Peter). (2) Nathaniel had three sons, Nathaniel (father of David, Nathaniel, Nathan, Silas and Everett); Phineas (father of Philo and Lewis); and Nathan (father of Wheeler and Nathan). (3) Enos had two sons, Josiah and Samuel. (4) Benjamin had two sons, Timothy and James. (5) Samuel had three sons, Lemuel, Elijah and Isaac. (6) Timothy left no issue. (7) James had three sons, Adonijah, William, and Edmond.

Samuel Sherman, our subject's grandfather, was born at Newtown in 1760, and died at Brookfield in 1825. He married Betty Hawley, of Newtown, and soon after their marriage they settled upon their present homestead at Brookfield, where he followed agriculture, and was for many years engaged in manufacturing combs. He ac-

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cumulated a handsome fortune for that day, and did an extensive banking business among his neighbors. In all local affairs he took a prominent part, and he was one of the founders of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Brookfield, in which he served for many years as senior warden. He had eight daughters, and two sons—Hawley, who was born in 1788, and died in 1869, and Abel, our subject's father.

Abel Sherman was born at the old homestead in 1798, and made his home there throughout his life, agricultural work occupyiug his attention. He was educated in the district school, also in a private school near his home, and as he was always an attentive reader of the best literature he acquired a wide range of information, which, together with his intelligence and sound judgment made his opinions of great value. He took an active part in religious work, holding the office of vestryman of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. On November 26, 1826, he was married in Brookfield to Miss Sarah Bradley, who was born April 19, 1799, a daughter of Ormond Bradley, and died June 27, 1877. He survived her but a few years, passing away in 1881. Of their five children, Eliza B., who was born September 14, 1826, died in 1890, unmarried. Samuel, our subject, was the second in order of birth. Susan, born June 5, 1830, married Joseph A. Banks, of Bridgeport. Miss Caroline, born in 1836, resides at Brookfield, Conn. Sarah Ann, their youngest daughter, died in 1844, when aged four years and five months.

HON. DANIEL NASH MORGAN. Fairfield county has been the home of many families whose representatives have had a seat in the councils of the nation, and prominent among these we find the name of Morgan, honorably represented in this generation by Daniel Nash Morgan, former Treasurer of the United States, who was born in Newtown, Fairfield Co., Conn., August 18, 1844, the son of Ezra and Hannah (Nash) Morgan.

Ezra Morgan (the father of our subject), who for forty years or more was a merchant banker and farmer of the town of Newtown, Fairfield county, descended from one of the old families of Newtown, and one of the oldest in the State. Zedekiah Morgan, his grandfather, was a captain in the war of the Revolution, and an active and determined patriot. During the war cavalry horses were quartered on a portion of the place still known in Newtown as the Morgan farm.

Ezra Morgan, who was born in Newtown, died June 9, 1871, aged seventy years, and his wife, Hannah (Nash), passed away April 15, 1883, aged sixty-seven. She was the daughter of Daniel Nash, who lived to the advanced age of ninety-five years. Ezra Morgan was one of the leading and influential citizens of Newtown; was a leading Democrat, and occupied a number of official positions of trust and responsibility. He represented the town in the Legislature in 1842, 1862 and 1868. For a long time he was president of the Hatters Bank of Bethel.

Daniel Nash Morgan received his early education in the common schools of Newtown, and later was a student in the Newtown Academy and Bethel Institute. He early exhibited a liking for mercantile life, and at the age of sixteen entered his father's store, where, under his careful tuition, he mastered the rudiments of practical business. On attaining his majority he stepped before the public as sole proprietor of the store, and carried on the business with success for a year, when he became a partner of the firm of Morgan & Booth, in Newtown Center, for three years. In 1869 Mr. Morgan retired from this co-partnership and removed to Bridgeport, where for ten years or more he was one of the firm of Birdsey & Morgan, dealers in dry goods and carpets, and also conducting a large dressmaking establishment. After a long and prosperous business career Mr. Birdsey retired and Mr. Morgan assumed the entire responsibility, carrying on the business for one year alone, until 1880, when he closed out and devoted all his time and energy to banking. During the year 1877 he was also connected with Morgan, Hopson & Co., wholesale grocers. Prior to this experience he took an extended tour throughout Great Britain and the continent of Europe.

His ability as a man of resource and as a master of finance soon attracted the people of his adopted town, and as they recognized his strong character they called on him frequently to fill the high positions within their gift. In politics he is a Democrat. He was elected a member of the common council of Bridgeport in 1873–74; is a member of the board of education now, which position he held in 1877–78; was mayor of the city 1880–84; was a member of the Connecticut House of Representatives in 1883; was State Senator from the Fourteenth district in 1885 and 1886, and again in 1893, when he was elected by 1,755 majority, the largest ever given in the history of the town. For thirteen years he was parish clerk of Trinity Church, afterward junior and senior warden; for years has been president of the Bridgeport Hospital; was vice-president of the Consolidated Rolling Stock Company; was sinking fund commissioner

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of the city; was president of the City National Bank from 1879 to 1893; and is president of the Mechanics and Farmers Savings Bank, which now has assets of more than two million dollars. When appointed as Treasurer of the United States by President Cleveland, April 11, and confirmed by the United States Senate April 15, 1893—a high tribute both to his ability as a financier and to his unswerving Democracy—the best wishes of the entire community followed him to his new home in Washington. This high office was filled in a manner that reflected great credit on the treasurer, and his fellow townsmen feel in him a pardonable pride.

In this connection it is with pleasure we add the following excerpt from a newspaper of the time: "Probably the largest financial transaction that ever took place in the world, and certainly the largest that ever took place in this country, was the transfer yesterday by D. N. Morgan, the retiring Treasurer of the United States, of $796,925,439.17⅔ to Ellis H. Roberts, the new treasurer, who gives a receipt for that amount of money, bonds and other securities belonging to the Government of the United States, and of which the treasurer has custody. On July 1st, 1897, the count of money in the United States Treasurer's office was begun, and was completed February 5, 1898, under the direction of a committee, one of whom was selected by Mr. Morgan, another by Mr. Roberts, the incoming treasurer, and the third by the Secretary of the Treasury, who represents the interests of the United States. The coin, currency, and bonds representing the seven hundred and ninety-six million dollars was counted, and the job lasted more than seven months. It was necessary to count of the one hundred and fifty-two million silver dollars piece by piece, more than one hundred million dollars; the subsidary coins, nickels and cents were then, every one, counted. There was a shortage of $856 in the silver, which was supposedly stolen between 1886 and the time of this count by helpers who assisted in the count when changes of treasurer necessitated handling the dollars. Silver coin is put away in heavy canvas bags, 1000 in each, tied at the top with strings and sealed. When the porters were storing it away in the vaults it was possible, if adroitly done, for them to substitute shot or lead of an equal weight of from one to ten dollars, when a bag burst or string became untied. The weight of the silver in the vaults is 5000 tons. One thief was detected two years ago. It was found that he had stolen $38. He was arrested and pleaded guilty, made a pathetic appeal for mercy, was fined $50 and given a short term in prison, but now it appears his speculations must have been more extensive than any one suspected, or others were implicated with him. Mr. Morgan, of Bridgeport, Conn., the retiring treasurer, made the amount good at once, and Congress refunded the money to him in August, 1898." Among other positions he now holds, is that of treasurer of the Union Surety and Guaranty Company of No. 290 Broadway, New York City, and president of the American Exhibitors Agency Company, for the Paris Exposition of 1900. Office, No. 20 Broad street, New York City.

On June 10, 1868, Mr. Morgan was united by marriage with Miss Medora Huganen, daughter of the late Capt. William A. Judson, a native of Huntington, Conn., where he was a prominent and influential man. Captain Judson was a grandson of Col. Agur Judson, who served during the Revolutionary war, and he represented his district as senator and representative in the Legislature, and also as a trying justice of the town, which office he held for over forty years. The happy home of our subject and his wife has been brightened by the advent of two interesting children—a daughter and a son—named respectively, Mary Huntington Morgan and William Judson Morgan. Fraternally, Mr. Morgan is interested in the Masonic order, and for two years was master of Corinthian Lodge, No. 104, of Bridgeport, is also a member of Hamilton Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templar, and an Odd Fellow. He and his wife take great pleasure in gathering their many friends about them, and they are much interested in public work that tends toward the bettering of the community. Wise in his decisions and tenacious of purpose, Mr. Morgan's success in any undertaking is well assured.

HON. NATHANIEL WHEELER (deceased). To those who knew the subject of this memoir words fall short of expressing the full measure of his noble manhood, and must necessarily fail to do justice to his power and influence as a citizen which permeated so beneficently and effectively the varied lines of business, social, political, educational and religious activities of this section.

As a business man Mr. Wheeler was distinguished for his organizing and administrative abilities, his energy, enterprise, foresight, good judgment and fair-dealing—qualities, which were recognized not only locally, but throughout the civilized world. All officers, clerical employes and workmen of the great corporation of which he was for so many years the head, for the wel-

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fare of everyone of whom he was deeply solicitous, were affected toward him with a feeling stronger than mere respect or admiration. Mr. Wheeler's life work was most intimately connected with the origin and development of the art of sewing by machinery, in which he achieved a world-wide reputation, and it may safely be asserted here that credit for the progress made in that art, during his life, was due to Nathaniel Wheeler in a greater degree than to any other man. In recognition of his services in this department of industry, he was decorated at the World's Exposition, Vienna (1873), with the Knight's Cross of the Imperial Order of Francis Josef, and at the "Exposition Universelle," Paris (1889), he was made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor of France. In public affairs he always had deeply at heart the best interests of his city, the state and of the nation, as he understood them, and to those interests he contributed no little thought, labor and money. He was a philanthropist of the best sort, unostentatious but beneficent to the last degree. A multitude of the poor know how great was his bounty in dispensing charity, but he never advertised his good deeds. His natural but unostentatious dignity veiled an underlying geniality in companionship, which was revealed to his more intimate acquaintances, while all his purely social qualities were surpassed by his steadfastness and devotion as a friend. The record of his life is without a stain, and the world is surely better for his having lived.

Mr. Wheeler belonged to a well-known pioneer family, being a descendant, in the seventh generation, from (I.) Moses Wheeler, who was born in 1589, and came to America with a company from the County of Kent, England, probably in 1638. As early as 1641 he was in New Haven, where he received an allotment of land in 1643, and was settled in Stratford before 1648, the privilege of keeping a ferry across the Housatonic at that place being granted him by the General Court in that year. He died in Stratford in 1689, aged 100 years.

II. Moses Wheeler, son of Moses the pioneer, was born July 5, 1651, and died January 30, 1724-25.

III. Samuel Wheeler, the next in line of descent to our subject, was born February 27, 1681-82, and died in 1721.

IV. Capt. James Wheeler, our subject's great-grandfather, was born in 1716, and died at his home in Derby, Conn., July 9, 1768.

V. Deacon James Wheeler, the grandfather of our subject, was born April 6, 1745, and died in Watertown, Conn., May 25, 1819.

VI. David Wheeler, our subject's father, who was a carriage manufacturer by occupation, was born September 6, 1789. By his first wife, Miss Phœbe De Forest, he had two children, Joseph and Mary, and by his second marriage, to Miss Sarah De Forest (a sister of his first wife), he had four children—Nathaniel, Jane, George and Belinda.

VII. The late Nathaniel Wheeler was born September 7, 1820, at Watertown, and as a lad in his fathers's shop he learned the carriage maker's trade, in which, while yet a minor, he acquired a high reputation for skill, ingenuity and good taste. Upon reaching his majority Nathaniel took his father's carriage business, and for some five years conducted it successfully on his own account. Thereafter, he engaged in the manufacture of various small metallic articles and, substituting machinery for hand labor, very greatly reduced the cost of production, thus early displaying that practical ability which marked his subsequent career. For the better prosecution of his business, he formed, in 1848, a copartnership with Messrs. Warren & Woodruff, of the same town, under the firm name of "Warren, Wheeler & Woodruff," a new new factory was built, and the entire management of the business was placed in the hands of Mr. Wheeler, who made it a thorough success from the start.

In December, 1850, Mr. Wheeler's attention was attracted to the earliest form of Allen B. Wilson's sewing machine, and with a keen foresight of possibilities he contracted, in behalf of his own firm, to manufacture a considerable number of such machines. He engaged Mr. Wilson to superintend that branch of their manufacturing department, and soon after, arrangements were completed to make the manufacture of sewing machines a separate and distinct business. For this purpose a company was formed by Messrs. Warren, Wheeler, Wilson and Woodruff, under the style of "Wheeler, Wilson & Co.," Mr. Wheeler having charge of the mercantile department, and Mr. Wilson of the mechanical. Mr. Wilson soon invented material improvements in his machine, which were to a very great extent organized and put into practical shape by Mr. Wheeler. The introduction of that machine, the original "Wheeler & Wilson," to the public, the placing of it in factories, and the demonstration of its adaptibility to use in families, was almost exclusively the work of Mr. Wheeler. In October, 1853, "The Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company" was organized under the general law of the State of Connecticut. Mr. Wheeler was made general manager of the company, and from 1855 to the time of his death, he held the office

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of president as well as general manager. In this connection should be made some mention of Mr. Wheeler's inventive ability, which, in itself, affords a proof of his versatility. Mostly as sole inventor, but in some instances jointly with others, he took out patents for inventions in wood-filling compounds, power-transmitters, polishing the eyes of needles, refrigerators, ventilating railway cars, heating and ventilating buildings, and for a multitude of devices having relation to the construction of sewing machines.

In 1856 the works of the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company were removed from Watertown to Bridgeport, and from that time forth Mr. Wheeler was a resident of the latter city, to the best interests of which he was zealously devoted. His intelligence and activity contributed largely to the success of many important enterprises. He was one of the corporators and a trustee of the Peoples Savings Bank; a director in the Bridgeport City Bank, the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company, the Bridgeport Horse Railroad Company, the Fairfield Rubber Company, the Willimantic Linen Company, and the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company; one of the founders and the first president of the Seaside Club, and always an active member of the Bridgeport Board of Trade; a member of the Bridgeport board of education from its establishmenl until shortly before his death, and a member of the building committees of the Bridgeport high school and the Fairfield county court house; while he was also the directing commissioner in the laying out and completion of Seaside Park, of which he was one of the chief donors. He was chiefly instrumental in putting Mountain Grove cemetery into its present creditable form, and St. John's church received from him its most munificent donations. He was a member and a liberal supporter of the Fairfield County Historical Society, and the Bridgeport Scientific Society. Nor was his interest confined to local affairs, and he was the most active member of the commission for the building of the State Capitol at Hartford, a magnificent structure, which is especially notable for the fact that it was completed without a stain of jobbery and within the appropriation. In politics he was a Democrat. He served a number of years in the common council of the city of Bridgeport; from 1866 to 1872, inclusive, he represented Bridgeport in the House of Representatives, and in 1873-74, he served with distinction as State senator. It should be added that he repeatedly declined higher political honors than he ever consented to accept.

Mr. Wheeler was blessed with robust health until early in the autumn of 1893, when it began to fail, and after a painful illness he closed a life of intense activity and widespread usefulness, on the last day of that year.

In 1842 Mr. Wheeler took to wife Huldah Bradley, of Watertown, who died in 1857. By this marriage there were four children: Martha, born August 24, 1843, died February 19, 1857. Samuel H., born September 16, 1845, was for many years the head of the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company's house in Chicago, and is now one of the leading business men of Bridgeport, having been elected president of the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company soon after the death of his father; Ellen B., born June 19, 1848, is the wife of Edward Harral, of Fairfield, Conn., and Anna B., born September 6, 1851, died January 26, 1852. On August 3, 1858, Mr. Wheeler married Miss Mary E. Crissy, of New Canaan, who survives him. By this marriage there were four sons: Harry De Forest, born April 6, 1863, died July 10, 1881; Archer Crissy and William Bishop (twins); born September 14, 1864, reside in Bridgeport; and Arthur Penoyer, born October 20, 1875, died July 13, 1877. The beautiful residence on Golden Hill, in which Mr. Wheeler lived for so many years, and where he breathed his last, is now occupied by Mrs. Wheeler and her sons. The artistic taste of Mr. Wheeler is displayed in the interior appointments of the spacious dwelling, and in the treatment of the surrounding grounds. It is hoped that the homestead may long remain as it now is—an ornament to the city he loved so well.

CHAUNCEY AYRES, M. D., of Stamford, Fairfield county, at this writing nearing his ninetieth birthday, is honored by the distinction rarely given to any man—that of being the oldest living physician of the State in which he resides, and the oldest living graduate of so celebrated an institution of learning as Yale College.

Himself a conspicuous character in New England through several generations, he has decended from ancestry that were prominent in the days of the Revolution, and from his have come posterity that have honored the name in high positions. The original spelling of Ayres was Ayr, Ayres being derived from the name of Ayr, a small river in Scotland that runs westerly and empties into the sea at the town of Ayr. There were three brothers from England that settled in this country some time before the Revolutionary war, bearing the family name of Ayres. One of the brothers settled in Massachusetts, another in

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Connecticut, and the remaining brother in New Jersey. Doctor Ayres, the subject of our sketch, is a descendant of the brother that settled in Connecticut.

Dr. Chauncey Ayres was born August 14, 1808, in the town of New Canaan, Fairfield county. He was prepared for college at the New Canaan Academy; then went to Yale College, and was graduated from the medical department in 1831. His first practice was at Greenwich, Conn., and from there he went to New York City. He was one of the surgeons in the New York Cholera Hospital in 1832. Following this for a period, he was the surgeon of the United States Coast Survey. Sixty-four years ago he settled permanently at Stamford, Conn., and through all that period his name has been a household word. He has known everybody that has come to and gone from the hamlet and city during that long span of years, and everybody has known him. None to-day are better known, more favorably known, and more generally respected than the venerable Doctor. He has held the confidence of the profession and of the community for sixty odd years, during which period he has filled various positions of honor and trust. Back in the days of Stamford as a hamlet and borough, he was its clerk and, later, for three years, was its warden. He has figured conspicuously in the State, County and City Medical Societies. In 1831 he was married to Miss Deborah Ann Percival, a daughter of Dr. Warren Percival, of Darien, and to the union came a son, Samuel L. P. (a sketch of whom appears farther on), and three daughters, two of whom — Augusta (Mrs. William Wilson) and Annie D. (Mrs. Frank Povie)—are still living. Doctor Ayres' second wife was Mrs. Julia A. Simpson, widow of Montrose Simpson, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and to this union were born three children, namely: Chauncey Edward, Charles Gordon, and Elizabeth W., all deceased, except Elizabeth W., who resides with her aged father. Doctor Ayres' second wife died April 20, 1897.

Chief Engineer Samuel L. P. Ayres was born July 29, 1835, at Stamford. He was given a liberal education, and on July 21, 1858, was appointed from his native State to the position of third assistant engineer in the United States navy. In 1858–60, he served on the frigate "Roanoke," flagship of the Home squadron; in 1861, on the "Michigan," in the lake service; in 1861–63 on the "Pensacola," in the West Gulf squadron; 1863–65, on the "Nipsic," in the South Atlantic squadron; 1865–67, on the "Juniata," Brazil station; 1870–73, on the "Shenandoah," European station; 1876, on the "Brooklyn," in the North Atlantic squadron; 1876–79, on the "Alliance," European station; 1885–89, on the flagship "Brooklyn," as fleet engineer of the Asiatic squadron. His land service in 1860–61 was confined at the navy yard, New York; 1867-70, duty at the Portsmouth (N. H.) navy yard; 1873–74, was inspector of machinery of the Norfolk (Va.) navy yard; 1885 was inspector of machinery at Chester, Penn.; 1891–95, was chief engineer of the New York navy yard. Chief engineer Ayres has served as a member of the Naval Engineering Examining Board during the following years: 1874–76, 1880–84, 1889–91, and 1895–97. He was president of the Board of Engineers for the trials of the cruisers "Baltimore," "Philadelphia" and "Newark," and the battleship "Maine." He was promoted to second engineer January 17, 1861; to first assistant engineer April 25, 1863; to chief engineer March 21, 1870; to relative rank of commander June 30, 1887; and to relative rank of captain July 13, 1894. Chief Engineer Ayres is a member of the American Society of Naval Architects, and of the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. He retired from the service on July 29, 1897. Chief Engineer Ayres married Miss Almira Stonacher, and the union was blessed with children as follows: Percival C., Samuel, and Carrie (Mrs. Ellis Jackson).

CHARLES D. CURTIS (deceased) was for many years a prominent resident of Stratford, and by his upright life and character he maintained the high standard of citizenship which has been associated with the family name from pioneer times. He was born in Stratford in 1806, and was of the seventh generation in descent from Elizabeth Curtis, a widow, who came to Stratford at an early day with her two sons, John and William.

II. William Curtis married and had a large family, among whom was a son Josiah.

III. Josiah Curtis (1) was born August 30, 1662, and died in 1745.

IV. Josiah Curtis (2), son of Josiah (1), was born in Stratford, January 6, 1702 or 3.

V. Abner Curtis, son of Josiah (2), was born in Stratford. October 11, 1732. He married a Miss Selby, probably daughter of Thomas Selby, and had several children, among whom was a son Isaac Judson.

VI. Isaac Judson Curtis, our subject's father, was born in Stratford April 12, 1767, and was baptized in June of the same year. He died July 17, 1845, and his wife, Charity

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Booth (daughter of Abel Booth, son of Zachariah, son of Joseph, son of Richard Booth), to whom he was married January 1, 1791, died December 16, 1846. They had eleven children, whose names, with dates of birth and death are here given: (1) Polly, April 13, 1792, died January 15, 1817, married Joel Jones; (2) Catherine, born August 7, 1794, died June 17, 1855, married Marcus Curtis; (3) Dillissenea S., June 10, 1796, died June 14, 1817; (4) Harriet, November 30, 1799, died February 28, 1856, married Samuel Barnum, of Danbury; (5) Rebecca, December 14, 1801, died November 27, 1835, married Lewis Beers; (6) Isaac, January 6, 1803, died June 2, 1862, married Sarah L. Beers, became a farmer, owning a large tract of land; (7) Charity, May 2, 1805, died August 19, 1805; (8) Charles D., born July 6, 1806, died April 2, 1888; (9) Sidney, June 23, 1808, married Christianna Demarest, and settled in New York, engaging in mercantile business; (10) Mary C., born September 25, 1811, died August 20, 1852, was married October 15, 1835, to William Brooks, of Milford, Conn.; (11) Lucius, February 22, 1814, died October 18, 1848, became a carpenter by trade, and was married March 18, 1839, to Fannie Ufford.

VII. The late Charles D. Curtis attained the advanced age of eighty-two years, and during his active career as a contractor and builder he acquired a considerable property, his ability and skill placing him in the front rank in his chosen calling. While he was not especially active in politics, he took keen interest in public questions, and was a firm adherent of the Democratic party. He and his family were identified with the Episcopal Church at Stratford, in which he held the office of vestryman for many years, and socially he was connected with St. John's Lodge No. 9, F. & A. M., at Stratford. On November 20, 1830, he married Miss Elizabeth C. Porter, daughter of Capt. Joseph Porter, a well-known citizen of that town. She died November 27, 1859; he then married Julia A. Seeley, a member of an old Stratford family, who died April 16, 1892, leaving no children. By his first marriage he had two daughters; Christianna, who died March 28, 1846, aged two years, and Miss Alma C., a resident of Stratford.

COLONEL PETER L. CUNNINGHAM was born August 15, 1814, in New York City, and came to Norwalk, then called Old Well (now South Norwalk), Fairfield Co., Conn., in the spring of 1834. He has always been prominently identified with local public affairs, and he took an active part in the campaign of 1840. That year he was a leader in the organization of a new military company, the First Rifle Company (known throughout the State as the Mohican Rifle Corps), of the Ninth Regiment, Fourth Brigade, C. S. S., and he was favorably known as its commander for several years. In 1858 he received the appointment of colonel on the staff of Gov. William A. Buckingham, and in September, 1861, he was appointed lieutenant-colonel of the Eighth Connecticut Volunteers, resigning the latter office, however, after a service of four months, and receiving an honorable discharge. As a member of the Military Committee of the Legislature in special session in 1861, he proposed that the sum of three million dollars be appropriated for the defense of the Union, and the measure was adopted by both branches of the legislative body, little supposing that before the close of the war another three million dollars would be required from the State of Connecticut. As a factor in the city government Colonel Cunningham was senior councilman of the city of South Norwalk for the terms of 1877–78–79, and was mayor in 1883–84. He has been a director in the Central National Bank from its organization, has been a director in the First National Bank for several years, and is also a director in the Norwalk Gas Company.

Fraternally, Colonel Cunningham is widely known as an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to which he was admitted May 11, 1843, uniting with Our Brothers Lodge, No. 10. In January, 1846, he was elected Noble Grand. He is a charter member of Kalosa Encampment, which he joined September 17, 1845. In 1853 and 1854 he was elected Grand Patriarch of the State of Connecticut; in 1854 and 1855 Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, held at Baltimore, Md.; in 1869 and 1870 Grand Master of the State of Connecticut; and in 1870 and 1871 Grand Representative to the United States Grand Lodge held at Chicago and Baltimore. He was admitted to membership in the Masonic Fraternity April 29, 1847, joining St. John's Lodge, No. 6, Norwalk, Conn., became a member of Clinton Commandery, Norwalk, on February 11, 1853, and is also a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar. [Since the above was written, Col. P. L. Cunningham died suddenly April 22, 1899, at the Norwalk Hospital, where he had gone to view the building then in course of completion. He was seen to fall while going down a decline back of the hospital, and lived only a short time after being picked up. It is believed he was stricken with apoplexy.]

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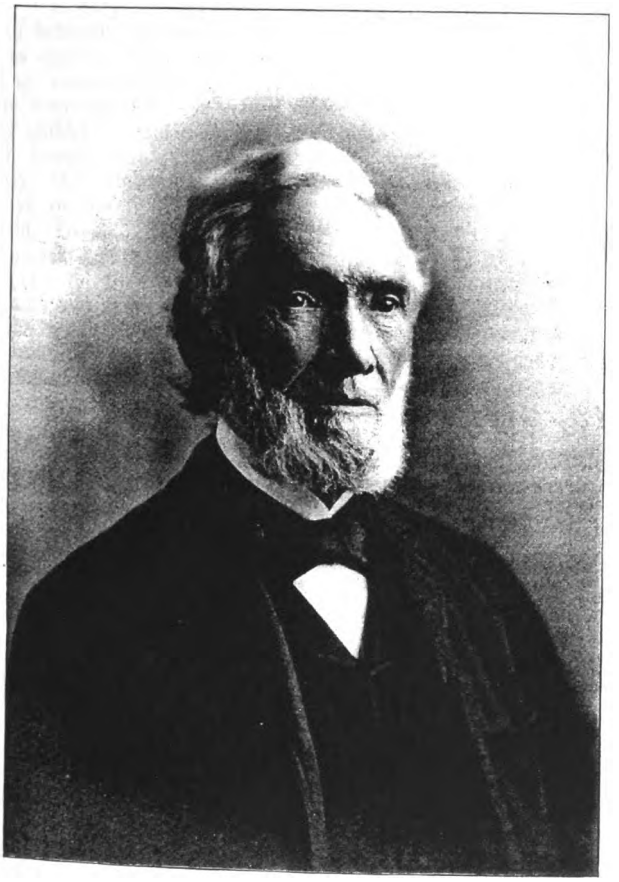

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HANFORD LYON (deceased). Few men, indeed, held so large a place in the business interests of Bridgeport in his day as did the late Hanford Lyon, who passed away at his home on Golden Hill, December 21, 1879, at the advanced age of eighty-four years and six months. He was one of the city's oldest and most distinguished citizens.

The name of Lyon has been associated with Fairfield county from Colonial times. One Richard Lyon, says the "History of Fairfield County," by Elizabeth Schenck, published in 1889, was at Fairfield as early as 1649, that he was made a freeman in 1664, and that in his will, April 12, 1678, he mentions his wife Margaret and the following children: Moses, Richard, William, Samuel, Joseph, Hesta (wife of Nathaniel Perry), Betty, Hannah and Abigail. The same authority says the family settled at Pequonnock, Greenfield, Greens Farms, and Westport, and that Thomas Lyon (probably a brother of Richard (1)) bought property in Fairfield in 1654, which he sold in 1675, and removed from Fairfield to Greenwich. His will is dated December 6, 1689. He was a large landholder both in Fairfield and Greenwich. In his will he mentions his wife Mary, and children: John, Thomas, Samuel, Joseph, Mary, Abigail, Elizabeth, Debora and Sarah. Hurd, in his "History of Fairfield County," published in 1881, says the first settlements of the town of Easton were made in about 1757 by inhabitants of Fairfield, giving among the early settlers—Stephen, Daniel, Abram, Thomas, Josiah and Nehemiah Lyon, who died in 1860, in his 101st year.

Hanford Lyon was the son of Nehemiah Webb and Sarah (Treadwell) Lyon, and was born in the town of Easton, Fairfield county, in 1795. His parents lived and died in Easton. His father and family were noted for longevity, Nathaniel Webb Lyon having lived to be nearly one hundred and one years old. The family celebrated his one hundredth birthday with a picnic, in which many of the descendants participated. Nathaniel Webb Lyon was a soldier of the war of the Revolution. His sons were: David (lived to be ninety-six years of age) Samuel (lived to be ninety-three), Levi (lived to be ninety), Hanford (lived to be eighty-four), Walker (lived to be eighty-one), and Jarvis (lived to be fifty-six). The daughters were: Huldah, Sarah and Clara.

The early years of Hanford Lyon were spent on the farm. His educational advantages were only such as the common district school afforded. At the proper age he was apprenticed to the late Elijah Sanford in Danbury to learn the saddler's trade. At the age of nineteen, having learned the trade to his satisfaction, he proposed to his employers to purchase the remaining time of his merit, which he did for the sum of $100. He immediately went to Bridgeport and commenced the manufacture of saddlery at the corner of Main and State streets, up stairs over the old Hamilton drug store. He was afterward in the employ of Smith & Wright for a time. From this time up to 1843, Mr. Lyon was thoroughly identified with the saddlery business, and in it he laid the foundation of his large estate. His history for this period is largely the history of one of the leading manufacturing industries of the country, and which for the time and much longer occupied the place in its relations to Bridgeport which another prominent industry afterward assumed. At that period the northern and middle States afforded a market for riding saddles and bridles, every well-to-do family requiring one or more each—ladies' and gentlemen's out-fits. Light carriages had not then been introduced, and the roads were not propitious. The country had just emerged from the war of 1812–15, and soon entered upon a period of great prosperity. A very profitable trade with the South developed. The great Southern staple, cotton, was brought into existence. It was raised cheaply and extensively, and made money plenty there. Merchants and dealers could hardly put price enough on their goods and wares. This made a very inviting field, and it soon began to be occupied. The usual method was to fit out single expeditions, vessels were loaded with assorted cargoes, and made one or more trips during the cooler months of the year, the captain or supercargo acting as the merchant, and returning in ballast or loaded with cotton, ship stores and other products of the section. In such expeditions saddlery was found to be a very saleable and profitable commodity, and led to the establishment of small stocks at several points.

Mr. Lyon was soon joined by the Messrs. Fairchild, of Trumbull, who in addition to their paper manufacture were also manufacturers of saddletrees. Under this arrangement the business was removed from Main street to Water street, near the foot of Wall street, and afterward to the old saddle factory near the bridge. The firm was Fairchild, Lyon & Co. This firm established a house in Charleston, S. C., of which the late Lemuel Coleman, of Bridgeport, was the head, and met a stiff opposition from the firm of Smith & Wright, who preceded them both as manufacturers in Bridgeport and in the Charleston

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market. Mr. Lyon had a fund of incidents, trials and petty annoyances from this service, with which he would sometimes favor the juniors, his successors in the business, but in which his patience and tact generally brought him out all right, and sometimes signally the winner. Despite the opposition, business prospered, and Mr. Lyon made and sustained a firm position. After a time both firms tired of their strife and a better understanding prevailed, which resulted in the removal of Smith & Wright to Newark, N. J., as their place of manufacture, and an amicable division of the markets, the Newark house taking Augusta, Ga., and Mobile, Ala., and afterward New Orleans, while the Bridgeport house confined itself to the older and leading Charleston market. In this arrangement the Fairchilds retired, and Mr. Wright retained a nominal interest in Bridgeport, making the firm name Lyon, Wright & Co., and bringing in the late Hon. H. K. Harral as the leading business man of the firm in Charleston. This firm enjoyed uninterrupted prosperity for a series of years, Mr. Lyon all the time standing at his post and attending most assiduously to the minutest details of a large and prosperous business.

About the year 1834 P. C. Calhoun (afterward president of the Fourth National Bank of New York), who was first an apprentice at the factory in Bridgeport, and then an assistant in the Charleston house, became connected with the factory, and by degrees relieved Mr. Lyon of much of the details of its management. In 1838 the firm became Lyon, Calhoun & Co. The years 1837-38 were memorable for a panic and disaster, which seriously interrupted the business, in common with all others, and although there was a partial recovery in 1841-42, yet the outlook was not encouraging, the old markets were not as remunerative as formerly, and a curtailment seemed to be in order. Mr. Harral had become tired of the wear and tear of the details in the business of the South, and proposed to purchase the interest of Mr. Lyon, which he did, it taking effect in June, 1843. Mr. Lyon almost, if not quite, reluctantly left the business in which he had grown up and been largely instrumental in making a splendid success, in which he had educated scores and even hundreds of young men, and in which he felt an honest pride. He had the satisfaction, however, of retiring with more than a competency in the prime of life, with health unimpaired, and a reputation for business integrity and capacity of the highest order. With such a foundation, by prudent and sagacious management of his estate, he had long since become, and afterward continued to be, the largest individual taxpayer in the community.

Self-educated and thoroughly furnished with a large and active business experience, with a capacity equal to almost any position, Mr. Lyon was yet modest and unassuming, and did not seem to desire public office or political distinction of any kind. He belonged to the old Whig party in its day, and was a stanch Union man and a Republican, but was content to remain in the ranks. He was a member of the common council of Bridgeport, in the year 1837, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1845, 1856 and 1858, a part of the time as alderman. He was for many years a director in the Connecticut National Bank. He participated in the reconstruction of the old Bridgeport Bank after the disaster of 1837–38, and was president of that institution for a short period, when he voluntarily retired, remaining, however, as a director until his presence and influence was more needed in the Pequonnock Bank, of which he remained a director until his death. He participated in the re-organization of the City Savings Bank in 1859, and was its first and only president up to the time of his death. He was one of the original corporators of the Bridgeport Gas Light Company, in 1849, a director until 1854, when he was appointed president in place of H. K. Harral (deceased), and held that office until 1868, when he gave place to Hon. Amos S. Treat, but remained a director until his death. He was also a life director of the Bridgeport Library Association.

Mr. Lyon appreciated talent and enterprise in young men, and rendered valuable pecuniary assistance to quite a number, first when needed to give them a start on the road to a prosperous career. He early began an investment in real estate, and was one of the city's heaviest holders. He donated the sight of the railroad depot for that purpose, and erected that fine building known as the "Atlantic Hotel" about 1863–64, which was afterward enlarged, becoming one of the large and thoroughly appointed hotels of the country. Mr. Lyon's first residence was in what was known as Woolsey Place, on Main street, north of the old Bridgeport National Bank. Later he bought from Alanson Hamlin the old home of Elijah Waterman, on Golden Hill, which he occupied for almost half a century. He was a member of the First Congregational Society from his early manhood, and for many years was one of its most liberal supporters. In church building and other extraordinary occasions he was always foremost and cheerful in his contributions. He united with the Church in 1858, and by his constant attendance on the

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Sabbath, and at the weekly gatherings, was an example to others and a valued helper of his pastor and brethren. No one has been more missed from his accustomed seat in the sanctuary.

Mr. Lyon was married (first) to Miss Hettie Ann Thompson, of Stratford, and (second) to Annie Mackey Frye, daughter of Daniel M. and Ann (Butler) Frye, of New York City. The children by the first marriage were: Frederick H. (referred to farther on); Sarah J., who married Judge Edward I. Sanford, of New Haven; William T., unmarried, who was a druggist at Bridgeport, then for twenty-five years or more was a resident of California; Josephine, widow of Henry T. Shelton, who was a business man of Bridgeport, and died in 1889 (of their two children, Harry is an attorney in Bridgeport, and Frederick died at the age of fifteen months); and Adelaide, unmarried, who resides in Bridgeport, Conn. The children born to the second marriage were: Edward (now deceased) formerly a grocer of Bridgeport, Conn., married Jessie, daughter of Dr. D. H. Porter; Frank C., formerly engaged in business in New York, but now living in Bridgeport (he married Ida Mitchell, of Brooklyn, N, Y.); Charles G. (married) is a resident of New York; and Alice C., wife of Thomas L. Watson, of Bridgeport.

FREDERICK H. LYON, the eldest son of Hanford Lyon, was born in Bridgeport, where he received his elementary education. Here he began his business career, which has been passed amid the scenes of his childhood. For many years he has been a member of the hardware firm of Halcomb & Lyon, one of the leading business concerns of Park City. Of late years he has lived in retirement from active business. He is one of the substantial business men of Bridgeport, and enjoys the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. In politics he is a Republican, but, like his father, has never aspired to political honors.

In December, 1849, Mr. Lyon was married to Bessie A., daughter of Abijah Hawley, a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Bridgeport and New England, mention of which is made elsewhere. To this marriage have been born children as follows: Hanford is deceased; Julia is now Mrs. N. Wilson, of Bridgeport; Henry M. is deceased; Josephine; William K.; and Helen C. is now the widow of Charles D. Mills, of Bridgeport.

MAJOR PHILO C. MERWIN. While the Hindoo in his knowledge and his reasoning in occult science may lay claim through his preceding existences to a memory that extends back thousands of years over a past fraught with deeds of barbaric splendor and daring, or in the calm and peace of a series of lives spent in the contemplation of things divine, we, more active races of the colder Northland, bow in reverence before the man whose actual existence has far passed the allotted three-score and ten years; who has lived through the stirring epochs in the history of the nineteenth century, and can proudly say, like Æneas of old—"a great part of which I was." Such a man is the venerable Philo C. Merwin, who was born September 29, 1809, on the place where he now resides.

Samuel Merwin, his grandfather, was of the sturdy Scotch race, and was born on the eastern shores of the broad Atlantic. In the early days of the eighteenth century he came to the New World, and locating on a farm in Brookfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., passed the rest of his life in agricultural pursuits, acquiring a large amount of property. His wife was a native of Wales, and in their family were the following children: Samuel, Isaac, Nathan, Andrew, Levi and Philo. Of these, Nathan and Andrew were among those patriots who shouldered the musket, and endured the hardships of the soldier's life in the war that freed the Colonies from English oppression. The entire family were faithful adherents to the doctrines of the Congregational Church.

Philo Merwin was born in the town of Brookfield, and there received his education. The art of healing proving a fascination to him, he at an early age began to read medicine with Dr. Wood, and for thirty years he was one of the foremost physicians in the county. After so long a faithful service in ministering to all ills the flesh is heir to, he attempted to retire from active practice, but until the day of his death in 1848, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-three years and seven months, his services were in almost constant requisition among his old friends and relatives. He was married November 27, 1796 (when thirty years old), to Miss Polly Starr, daughter of Elijah Starr, and to them were born six children: Samuel, who died at the age of thirty-five; Minerva (deceased), who was twice married, (first) to Isaac T. Wise, and after his death she wedded George Treadway; Laura (deceased), who became the wife of Sherman Smith; Philo C., whose name introduces this sketch; Caroline (deceased), who married Ralph B. Peck; and Polly, deceased, who became Mrs. John S. Graves. The mother of this family lived to the age of seventy-six years, ten months and ten days. In his early life Mr. Merwin inclined to the faith of his fathers, and

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attended the Congregational Church, but in later life he turned to the mother Church, and became a communicant in the Episcopal Church. In politics he was a Democrat.

Major Philo C. Merwin received his earlier education in the district school of Brookfield, later attending a private school. He attained his business education in that best of all commercial-training schools—the arena of actual business. He clerked for some time, and then built a grocery store at Bridgeport, where he continued in business nntil 1837. In 1839, being impelled by the ambition for the larger profits of the West, he took a stock of good to Galveston and Houston, Texas, but a year later he returned to the older civilization of New England, and took up his residence in his native town. His life has been a busy one; for some time he traveled in the South with Turner, Bailey & Co.'s Circus, of which he was a partner; he bought the right of way on the Boston, Hartford & Erie R. R. from Waterbury to the New York State line. His legal business has been extensive. In 1850 Mr. Merwin was united in marriage with Julia A. Shepherd, a native of Bethel, and daughter of Oliver Shepherd. To bless this union there came two children: Florida S., who is the wife of Barzillai Kellogg, of New Fairfield; and Julia B., who is unmarried and living at home.

In politics Major Merwin has always been a Democrat, and has taken an active interest in party work all his life. From 1841 up to the time he was seventy years old, he was one of the officers of the town; in 1863 and '64 he served as a member of the Legislature, and as such left a lasting record in the House as an able, conscientious official. For many years he served as a member of the State Militia, and was appointed, by Governor Tomlinson, major in the Connecticut militia. He was a member of the New Haven Grays of New Haven, Conn. In spite of his advanced years Major Merwin still stands among the foremost men of Brookfield, quick of mind, alert and watchful, he has maintained an honorable place in the history of Connecticut for many years, and now, with his race so nearly run, finds himself able to say "It is finished."

WINFIELD SCOTT MOODY. The value of an upright character is not to be set down in words, but the influence of such a personality as was that of Winfield Scott Moody, of Norwalk, is one that the most casual observer must recognize as a power for good in any community. In a study of the life and character of the late Mr. Moody it is clear that the hidden springs of the outward actions which made him notable came from the strength of a sturdy pioneer ancestry, the name of the family having been early associated with ideal citizenship.

The family originated in Wales. William Moody, the head of the American line, came to this country in 1633, and in 1635 was one of the first settlers of Newbury, Mass., in which vicinity his descendants may still be found.

Josiah Moody, the grandfather of our subject, was born in 1746. He served in Col. John Stark's regiment of New Hampshire militia in 1775, and afterward in the Fifth Regiment New Hampshire Continental Infantry under Col. John Waldron. Coming to the site of the present village of Unity, N. H., he selected a place on the wooded hills adjacent, where he laid the foundation of his future home, and to which he brought his young wife. He lived to see an energetic community spring up around him, and he left his son, Laurin Moody, the inheritor of his acres and the upholder of an honored name. Of the five children of Laurin Moody who grew to manhood or womanhood, the subject of this memoir was the eldest son.

Winfield Scott Moody was born October 23, 1815, at the old homestead in New Hampshire, and received an academic education, chiefly in his native State. In 1835 he went to New York City as a clerk in a tea store, and after two years' experience he established a business of his own, first leasing, then buying and rebuilding, to meet the requirements of a prosperous trade, the business house which he conducted until the spring of 1861, when he retired from business. In 1865 he moved with his family to Norwalk.

On the organization of the Norwalk Mills Company he was induced to take a pecuniary and personal interest in that corporation. He served for a decade as its president, and, by his sound judgment and knowledge of affairs, he did his full share in making it one of the well-established and thriving industries of Connecticut.

At the time of his death he was a director in the National Bank of Norwalk, and president of the Fairfield County Savings Bank, also of Norwalk. In politics he was a conservative supporter of Republican principles. He was deeply interested in all that concerned his city and town, and served fifteen years as water commissioner. While never a candidate for office which might be considered a political reward, he did efficient and conscientious work for the public good. He was a member of Grace Church (Episcopal) Parish, and was an attendant at and supporter of its services. On August 30, 1894,

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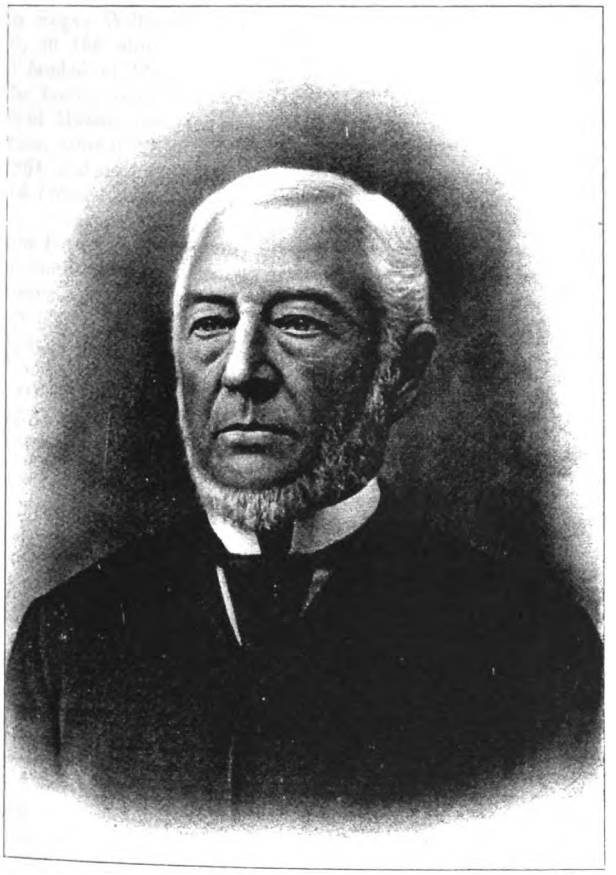

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peacefully and serenely as he had lived, he passed to the unseen world in the 79th year of his age.

On October 5, 1854, Mr. Moody was married to Abby A. Perkins, who survives him with three sons, Winfield Scott, Joseph Perkins and Ralph. She still occupies the beautiful residence on East avenue, Norwalk. Mrs. Moody traces, as did her husband, a direct lineage from the first of the family name in New England. John Perkins, a fellow passenger with Roger Williams, sailed from Bristol, England, in the ship "Lyon" December 1, 1630, and landed at Nantasket on February 5, 1631. The family name is prominent in the early annals of Massachusetts. Her grandfather, Jacob Perkins, came from Topsfield, Mass., about the year 1785, and settled on a farm at West Unity, where he brought up a family of fourteen children.

Her father, Hon. Amos Perkins, was a farmer by occupation. He was one of the best known and most respected citizens of Sullivan county, taking active interest in political affairs to the very close of his 95 years of life. He represented unity in the State Legislature several years, and held almost every office in the gift of his fellow townsmen, and also filled various other positions of trust and honor.

SIMON WILLARD OLEY, M. D. The physician occupies one of the most responsible, as well as confidential, relations in our social existence. To him are entrusted our innermost secrets, as well as the lives and welfare of our dearest friends. To worthily and acceptably fill such a position is one of the most difficult tasks ever imposed upon man. Such a task we find successfully assumed by Dr. Simon W. Oley, of whom we write.

Dr. Oley's ancestors were among the early settlers of New York State. His paternal great-great-grandfather was born in Germany, and emigrating to this country became one of the early settlers of Albany, N. Y., where a son, Christopher Oley, was born to him. This son married Sarah Van Ant Wer Pen, daughter of Maria Van Ant Wer Pen, a Holland woman, who brought into the family a Dutch Bible, printed in Amsterdam in 1682. It is stained with water and shows the effects of having been underground, the Oley ancestors having buried it at the time of the burning of Schenectady, N. Y., during the French and Indian war in 1690. This large Bible is now in the possession of Dr. Oley. To Christopher and Sarah (Van Ant Wer Pen) Oley were born four children, viz.: Sarah Maria Oley; John Oley; Eleanor Oley, who married John Manning, father of Daniel Manning, Cleveland's first Secretary of the Treasury; and Simon Van Antwerp Oley. The last named was born in Albany February 3, 1801, and died June 1, 1857, in Utica, N. Y., whither he moved in about 1820. He was an extensive boot and shoe manufacturer. He was a prominent and respected citizen, and was one of the founders and earnest supporters of Grace Episcopal Church, of which he was one of the first two wardens, holding that office until his death. He married, early in the "twenties," for his first wife, Rachel Hunt, whose grandfather, Stephen Hunt, emigrated from Holland about 1770 and settled in Dutchess county, N. Y. His son, Stephen Hunt, Jr., married Anna McDougall, daughter of Hugh and Mary (Wesley) McDougall, the former of whom came from Scotland about 1773; he served in the Revolutionary war. Mary Wesley came from England, where she left a brother named Charles Wesley, from whom come the names in the family Charles Wesley Hunt, Charles Hunt Oley and Charles W. Oley. To Simon Van Antwerp and Rachel (Hunt) Oley were born five children, of whom we have the following record:

(1) Charles Hunt Oley, born December 5, 1826, died June 2, 1892. He was married twice, and his second wife was Jennie Hedges, of Brooklyn; he had no children. When the Civil war first broke out he went to the front and became a captain, serving through the entire struggle.

(2) Simon Oley, born September 29, 1828, died July 22, 1891. At an early age he became possessed of the idea that he wished to become a farmer, so he engaged at farm work in order to familiarize himself with the mysteries of agriculture. In 1845 he went to Livingston county and worked at farming for eight years, in 1853 purchasing a farm in Monroe county, N. Y., where he passed the remainder of his days. He kept thoroughly abreast of the times in everything that pertained to his calling, and was known as a most progressive farmer—advanced in his ideas and methods—among his neighbors and fellow townsmen, by whom he was highly respected. He was a zealous member of the Episcopal Church, and served as warden for years. On December 21, 1853, Simon Oley married Martha Jane Wheeler, a native of Livingston county, N. Y., who survives him, and to this union came three children, Simon Willard (who is fully spoken of farther on), Charles Wheeler and Jennie Louise. Charles Wheeler Oley, born March 22, 1856, graduated from the Geneseo State Normal, and later from the University of the City of New York, class of '94-95.

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He wandered out to Dakota in 1884, and spent two years on the plains, after which he took up school teaching as a profession, becoming principal of the schools at Dunellen, N. J. For the last eight years he has been principal of the Union school at Freeport, L. I. On June 28, 1888, while in Dunellen, he married Theodora J. Wilcox, and they have two children: Warren Wheeler, born April 12, 1889, and Theodora Madeline, born November 11, 1890. Jennie Louise Oley, born December 28, 1857, was married December 28, 1881, to Edwin H. Cutler, who was born May 4, 1856, son of Charles F. Cutler; the last named was born May 24, 1809. They have four children: Jessie Jane, born July 8, 1883; Franc Lucinda, June 20, 1884; Simon Oley, September 10, 1886; Emily Louise, June 3, 1894.

(3) John Hunt Oley, born September 24, 1830, died March 11, 1888. He never married. When the Civil war commenced he was a member of the Seventh New York Home Guards, and was sent south to drill troops. He was rapidly promoted until he attained the rank of brevet brigadier-general, with which title he was mustered out at the close of the war. He was then appointed Internal Revenue collector for West Virginia, and after four years of this work became land agent of the well-known railroad king, C. P. Huntington, for whom he established the city of Huntington, on the Ohio river, in a cornfield. Huntington grew very rapidly, and John H. Oley held in succession every office in the gift of the citizens.

(4) Sarah Oley, born Septemher 5, 1832, died July 22, 1886. She married Wallace Merriam, and had one daughter, Edith Merriam.

(5) Mary Elizabeth Oley, born November 4, 1834, was a teacher for many years in New York City in the special work of finishing education for young ladies.

Simon Van Antwerp Oley married, for his second wife, Harriet H. Hitchcock, by whom he had three children: (1) Harriet Maria Oley, born July 30, 1843, died November 19, 1876. She married Guilford Chace, of the firm of Archer, Pancost & Co., the oldest and largest firm of gas fixture manufacturers in the United States, and left two children, Louise and Harry. (2) Horace Hitchcock Oley, born January 31, 1842, died March 10, 1866. He was a lieutenant in the Civil war, and died as a result of exposure while storming a fort on the coast of Florida. (3) Louise Hitchcock Oley, born July 23, 1845, married Augustus C. Merriam, brother of her sister Sarah's husband. He was professor of Latin, Greek and Sanscrit in Columbia College, and was sent to Athens to take charge of the English Classical School in that city. There he caught pneumonia, and died in 1895. When "Cleopatra's Needle" was brought to this country from Egypt and set up in Central Park he was given the laborious task of translating the hieroglyphics on the crabs that were originally under the corners of the Needle. After months of work he finished the task, and published a pamphlet, which was accepted by scholars throughout the world.

On the maternal side Dr. Oley is descended from Ebineser Stebbins and Diadama Burt. Their daughter, Roxana Stebbins, married a Wheeler, son of one of three brothers who came from England about 1775. Their son, Warren Wheeler, who was born January 12, 1798, and died May 6, 1884, was Dr. Oley's maternal grandfather. He was raised in Vermont, and at the age of nineteen married and went to western New York, at a time when the city of Rochester, N. Y., consisted of one frame house and about a dozen log ones. The following year he drew a load of wheat to Albany in order to sell it for cash, and then he took his wife back with him, in the farm wagon with which he drew the wheat. The wife died soon after, and Mr. Wheeler waited until he was twenty-eight before he married again, his second union, with Marinda Baker, being celebrated February 16, 1826. She was born April 26, 1803, and died February 22, 1869. Her father, Timothy Baker, who was born in 1759, and died February 9, 1844, served three years in the Revolutionary army, enlisting at Hancock, Mass. Timothy Baker had four daughters: Marinda, (Mrs. Wheeler), Lucy (Mrs. Odell), Sally (Mrs. Howe) and Mehitable (Mrs. Sharp); and one son, Timothy. The last named had a son, Harvey, who married Amy Hudnot, of Geneseo, N. Y. The elder Timothy Baker married, for his second wife, Sally Gould, and to them were born four children: Shelby, who served in the Civil war, and is now living in Livonia, N. Y.; Philena, who married Nelson James, of Geneseo, N. Y., and had two daughters; Lucina, Mrs. Kenedy; and Orange Baker. Warren Wheeler and his wife Marinda Baker had four children: (1) Sarah Maria, born December 5, 1827, married Henry Coe, of Conesus, N. Y., and to them were born three children—Fred, Kit and Adella. Mrs. Coe is deceased. (2) Willard Warren Wheeler, born December 15, 1829, died August 12, 1896. He married Eliza McDonall, but they had no children. He was a successful wholesale grain dealer, and in the early oil times in Pennsylvania was one of the first to take engines into the work of boring wells. In this he was also successful,

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sinking a number of wells, from which he derived a handsome fortune. (3) Adella married, and died childless. (4) Martha Jane, born May 9, 1835, is the mother of Dr. S. W. Oley. Warren Wheeler settled in Livingston county, N. Y., and became a wealthy and honored farmer. He long held offices of trust that were in the gift of the people, for many years serving as justice of the peace, trying many cases of dispute among the early settlers of his section. The court in those days was almost invariably held in the 'Squire's kitchen. He not only tilled the soil, but did the family tailoring and shoemaking, shod his horses and manufactured the machinery that was needed to thresh his grain, make the cider, card the flax and spin it into thread, and then the looms with which to weave it into cloth for the clothes of the family.

Simon Willard Oley was born September 19, 1854, in the town of Rush, Monroe county, N. Y. He received his elementary education in one of those little country schoolhouses where there are many children, and only one teacher to hear recitations from thirty to forty classes every day. Being bronght up on a farm he early understood what work was, and at the age of fourteen he was doing the regular work of a man. Having a love for study, he now attended school as he was able, which was only during the four-months winter term, walking nearly two miles to and from school. By the kindness of the teachers he took up studies that were not in the regular school curriculum, and thus he and his brother and sister became students of algebra, philosophy, physiology, etc. In mathematics he always stood at the head of his classes. At the age of sixteen he was obliged to give up attending school even in the winters, and worked upon the farm, little thinking that he would ever be called upon to use his modest education in teaching others. But in the fall of 1874, while in the apple orchard picking apples, he was waited upon by the trustee of an adjoining school district, who urged him to get a license from the school commissioner and teach his school for him the following winter. The trustee said that he knew there was no doubt as to Oley's ability to teach the school, for he had heard that he was a good student, and our subject accordingly took the school and had a very successful term, the following winter teaching again, in a neighboring district. This gave him an impetus to further study, and the following winter of 1876-77 found him and his brother as students in the Geneseo State Normal at Geneseo, Livingston Co., N. Y. In June, 1876, he visited the Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition, with his sister, spending three weeks there and in Washington, and while on this trip they were many times amused by being taken by the porters and trainmen for a young bride and groom on their wedding trip. Oley graduated at the Geneseo Normal in the full classical course in 1879. He then became principal of the Henrietta (N. Y.) Academy during the years of 1879-80; was principal of the Parma (N. Y.) Union Free School, in 1881; and was principal of the Wayland (N. Y.) Union Free School for the two years following, while there making the acquaintance of Miss Fannie Weld Bennett, who taught with him and whom he afterward married. He also taught as first English teacher in the German-American Institute in Second avenue, New York City, for one year, during which time he commenced the study of medicine, attending the college and clinics Saturdays and holidays. In October, 1884, he entered the Medical Department of the University of the City of New York, and took the full course. In February, 1885, he became a private tutor in the family of Col. Hiram Crosby, at Throgg's Neck, Westchester Co., N. Y., which incumbency he filled six months, keeping up his study of medicine, as he had a great deal of time on his hands. In October, 1885, he entered the Homeopathic Medical College, New York, from which institution he graduated April 15, 1886. Soon afterward Dr. Oley located in Lambertville, N. J., and although he was a perfect stranger there and had no introduction he engaged in practice successfully for three years, making a living from the first month. On May 1, 1889, he removed thence to Danbury, Conn., where he has since remained, making a specialty of treating diseases of the eye, ear and throat, in connection with general and family practice, and has proved remarkably successful.

On December 31, 1885, Dr. Oley was united in marriage with Miss Fannie Weld Bennett, daughter of Chauncey and Lovina M. (Atwell) Bennett, of Wayland, Steuben county, N. Y., and one child, Willard Simon Van Ant Wer Pen Oley, born September 23, 1887, has blessed this union. Dr. and Mrs. Oley are members of the Episcopal Church at Danbury, of which he is a vestryman. Politically he is a Republican. Socially he is a member of the F. & A. M., Union Lodge, No. 40; of the I. O. O. F., Progressive Lodge, No. 18, and of the Echo Rebekahs; of the Royal Arcanum, in which he has passed all the chairs, and is now a member of the Grand Council, and of the Loyal Additional Benefit Association, No. 54, of Danbury.

The Doctor is practically a self-made man, having by industry earned the means whereby

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his college and other expenses incident to his study for the profession were defrayed. About the years 1881-82-83 he and his brother rented the estate of Gen. William Wadsworth, a farm of 375 acres in Rush, Monroe county, N. Y., and during those years realized, by assiduous labor, a handsome sum of money. At the present time Dr. Oley enjoys one of the largest practices in the city of Danbury.

Fannie Weld (Bennett) Oley was born July 30, 1854, in Steuben county, N. Y., daughter of Chauncey and Lovina Marilla (Atwell) Bennett. Her grandparents, Chauncey and Sallie Bennett, lived in Lennox, Mass., removing thence to Rochester, N. Y., where Chauncey Bennett, Jr., was born July 20, 1798, the seventh son in a family of ten children. Here all the family were sick, and becoming weary of the place—which then consisted of only a few houses, the land so low and swampy that nearly every one living there was ill with malaria—they moved back to Massachusetts. Some time later they again moved to New York State, settling at Cohocton, Steuben county. When Chauncey Bennett, Jr., became old enough to make a start for himself he located in Wayland, Steuben county. Here he married Sallie Griffeth, who was born February 20, 1800, and died May 31, 1851. Their union was blessed with five children, viz.: Cynthia A., born February 14, 1823; James G., born August 16, 1825; Dan C.; Guy B., born December 29, 1830; and Philo F., born December 14, 1840, all of whom except Guy Bennett are still living. On October 12, 1851, Chauncey Bennett married, for his second wife, Lovina Marilla Atwell, who was born September 16, 1823, and died July 5, 1862; her parents were Chauncey and Polly (Bush) Atwell. They had four children: Fannie Weld, born July 31, 1854, married Dr. S. W. Oley on December 31, 1885. Byron Atwell, born December 8, 1855, was married in 1881 to Lois Post, of Wayland, Steuben county, and to them was born one daughter, Myrtle; his wife passed away in 1888. William Henry, born July 18, 1857, was married in 1880, in Michigan, to Delia Granger, who died in January, 1896; they had four children—Mable, Fannie, Maud and LaVern. John A., born June 11, 1861, married Lyda Granger, of Wayland, in 1885; they have no children.

Mrs. Fannie Oley's maternal great-grandfather, Conrad Bush, was born in Methinhime, Holland, Oct. 29, 1753, and died in Pompey, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1854, at the great age of 101 years. He came to this country about 1770. Conrad Bush was a Revolutionary soldier, serving in the war for seven years, as was recorded at Albany, N. Y., under Lieut. Col. Johe Van Rensselar, Col. John Kinnickerbocher, and, part of the time, under Captain Doughty. He applied for a pension June 7, 1828, and drew a pension as a matross in the New York State troops. Conrad Bush married Mary Watson, who was born in Ulster county, N. Y., December 18, 1766; she died December 3, 1848. They had two daughters, one of whom, Polly Bush, was Mrs. Fannie Oley's grandmother, she having married Chauncey Atwell about 1809. They had seven children: (1) Myron Atwell, born in 1811, died April 24, 1883. (2) John Atwell was born August 16, 1813. (3) Susan Atwell, born in 1815, died November 28, 1894. About 1838 she married Abram DuBois, and they had one child, Abram C. DuBois. (4) Jacob Atwell, born January 9, 1817, married Mary Tates, September 9, 1855, and died April 16, 1873. They had three children—Ellen Jane, William Henry and Charles Francis. (5) Conrad Atwell, born February 20, 1819, married Safronia Leggett May 31, 1845, and by her had three children —Alan Nelson, Martha Wilson and Herman Howe. For his second wife he married Mrs. David Fish. (6) William Atwell married and had four children, Melissa, Mary, Henrietta and Henry, all of whom are now deceased. (7) Lovina Marilla Atwell, born September 16, 1823, died July 5, 1862.

HON. JOHN D. NASH, a well-known retired merchant of Titicus, Ridgefield township, is a man whose ability and sterling qualities of character have won for him wide popularity, and the following history will be of general interest.

The Nash family has for several generations held a prominent place in this section, its members showing the qualities of leadership in various lines of effort. From all information obtainable the ancestor of the subject of this sketch was Edward Nash, who was born in Lancaster, England, in 1592, and is supposed to have died there. Edward Nash (2) emigrated to America, and, as appears in reliable record, settled in Norwalk, Conn., in 1651, where he lived the remainder of his life. He had a son John, born late in the year 1652, who married Mary, daughter of Thomas Barlow, of Fairfield, Conn. They died in 1711 and 1713, respectively, leaving among other children John, born December 25, 1688, who married May 19, 1709, Abagail, daughter of Ebenezer Blakely, of New Haven, Conn. He lived in Norwalk, and died there in 1769, leaving ten children. The one which directly concerns our subject was Abraham, the

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fifth son, born October 10, 1718, who married Rhoda, daughter of John Keeler, November 21, 1738. At thirty years of age he removed from Norwalk to Ridgefield, on his farm, which lay in the extreme southern part of the town. He had twelve children. For his second wife he married Mrs. Mary, widow of Samuel Lynes, of Redding, Conn., May 19, 1780. In this house, where he died June 24, 1801, and which is still standing at this date, was born his son Riah, the great-grandfather of our subject; also Lewis L., the grandfather, and Hiram O., the father.

Riah Nash, born August 3, 1763, at Ridgefield (as above), married Esther, daughter of Samuel and Mary Lynes, August 15, 1782, and spent the greater part of his life on the old farm. When about sixty years of age he was elected to the State Legislature, and afterward, in 1832, removed to Sullivan county, N. Y., where he died March 17, 1837. Lewis L., the eldest son, born October 24, 1784, married Rachel, daughter of Jaired and Hannah Olmstead, of Ridgefield, February 18, 1809; he was a shoemaker by trade, and spent his life in the southern part of Ridgefield, and the northern part of Wilton, this county. His death occurred at the home of his son Hiram O., November 19, 1856. This worthy couple had seven children: Sally, Hiram O., Albert, Cornelia, Harry W., Betsey L., and Lavinia.

Hon. Hiram O. Nash, our subject's father, was born March 22, 1811, in the town of Ridgefield, and in early manhood engaged in farming there in connection with the shoemaker's trade, but later he followed mercantile pursuits. He took an active part in local affairs, serving one term as a member of the State Legislature, and holding different local offices, including that of selectman. He also took an ardent interest in religious work as a member of the Methodist Church in Ridgefield, and for many years he served as trustee, steward or treasurer of that society. On November 3, 1833, he married Miss Sally Roberts, who was born October 24, 1810, and died May 15, 1886, his own death occurring November 10, 1867.

Our subject was born May 25, 1838, at the old homestead in Ridgefield, and as the only child of a busy farmer he was trained to habits of industry. He received a common-school education, and as he wished to enter mercantile life he went to Norwalk in 1856 to take a position as clerk in a book and drug store. There he remained three years, gaining a thorough knowledge of the drug business, and in the spring of 1859 he located at Titicus, where he engaged in general mercantile business with his father under the firm name of H. O. Nash & Son. They purchased an old established business from S. S. Olmstead, the store being on the site of the present post office in Titicus. After his father's death, Mr. Nash continued the business alone for some time, but on January 1, 1875, he formed a partnership with Milan H. Mead, under the firm name of Nash & Mead. This partnership lasted twenty years, the business increasing constantly under their able management; in 1895, however, they sold out, Mr. Nash retiring from active business life. He has been a stanch Republican ever since the organization of the party, and from time to time he has been chosen to office. In 1879–80 he represented his town in the Legislature, that session being the first held in the new capitol building, and he has also held numerous local offices, serving some time as selectman. In 1882 he became postmaster at Titicus, and in 1896 resigned after fourteen years of satisfactory service. For nine years he was a member of the school board, and at present he is serving his third term on the board of assessors. He and his family are prominent socially, and he is an active worker in the Congregational Church at Ridgefield, serving as a member of the Church committee.

On November 28, 1861, Mr. Nash married Miss Sarah J. Holmes, daughter of Abram and Esther (Smith) Holmes, of Ridgefield (a sketch of whom appears elsewhere), and three children have blessed the union: (1) Miss Marion Holmes Nash, born November 15, 1862, graduated from the normal school at New Britain, Conn., and later took an advanced course in German at Michigan University. She resides at home, and is doing efficient work as a private teacher in various branches. (2) Luther Roberts, born January 22, 1871, studied in the common schools and spent three years at Williston Seminary, E. Hampton, Mass. He then entered the Boston School of Technology, where he was graduated four years later, and after one year in Harvard College he took a position with Stone & Webster, the noted electricians of Boston. On October 15, 1896, he married Miss Bonnibel Remington, a relative of Remington of typewriter fame, and he now resides in Cambridge, Mass. (3) Howard Patterson, born February 17, 1877, attended the common schools of Ridgefield, and then spent one year in a boys' school in Stamford, and one at Williston Seminary. In September, 1896, he entered the Lawrence Scientific School of Harvard University for a four-years' course.

To this sketch it may be added that on the land of J. D. Nash, opposite the school house in Titicus, still stands a large flat-top rock, upon

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which tradition says the first white men that ever came to Ridgefield were encamped for the night, they having walked up from Norwalk, a distance of fourteen miles, and on the following day purchased of the old Indian chief (Titicus by name), for a few brass trinkets, a large tract of the surrounding country.

HON. RICHARD C. AMBLER (deceased). The Ambler family originated in England, the name appearing sometimes as Aubler of De-Aubrey. The coat of arms has for a crest two dexter hands conjoined, sustaining a royal crown, while the shield is embossed, according to the symbology of Heraldic science, "sa, on a fesse, or between three pheons; a lion pass. guard., gre."

The first ancestor of whom we have a definite account was Richard Ambler, who was born in Somersetshire, England, in 1611, and came to America in 1639, landing at Weymouth, Mass. He was at Watertown, Mass., in 1639, at Weymouth in 1640, and at Boston in 1660, but he removed to Stamford, this county, soon after the settlement of the place, and in 1685 he and his son Abraham were among the men who purchased the town of Bedford from the Indians, the locality being then known as the Hop Grounds. In 1666, he was said to be about fifty-five years old, and his death occurred in 1699. Before removing to Stamford he had, by his first wife Sarah, the following children: Sarah, born December 4, 1639; Abraham (1), September 27, 1641; and Abraham (2), September 22, 1642. His second wife, Elizabeth, died March 27, 1685.

II. Abraham Ambler, youngest child of Richard, was married December 25, 1662, to Mary, daughter of Robert Bates. They had five children: Mary, born January 15, 1663; Abraham, January 5, 1665; John, February 1, 1667; Joshua, September 8, 1670; and Sarah, October 6, 1672.

III. John Ambler, the next in the line of descent in which we are now interested, married, and had three children; John, born February 15, 1695; Stephen, June 22, 1698; and Martha, March 17, 1700.

IV. Stephen Ambler was a prominent citizen of Stamford in his day, and held the office of selectman. He married Deborah ——, and had four children: Joseph (born October 4, 1727), John, Stephen, and David.

V. John Ambler was born March 24, 1728, and married Huldah Fairchild, by whom he had eight children: Stephen, Peter, Squire, Weborn, Silas, Gilead, Huldah and John.

VI. Squire Ambler passed his boyhood amid the stirring times which preceded the Revolutionary war, and at the age of fourteen, instead of learning a trade, he enlisted at Danbury as an artificer in the Continental Army, under Captain Osborne. During the terrible winter at Valley Forge his exceptional fortitude and unswerving fidelity were noted by General Washington, who after several personal interviews promoted him, in the spring of 1778, to a position as one of his special guards. Thus the hardy and patriotic lad served throughout the war under the eye of the commander-in-chief, and he was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. The sword which he carried is a heavy blade encased in an iron sheath, forged by N. Starr, of Danbury, and is now in the possession of Mrs. R. C. Ambler, of Nichols, this county. At the close of the war Squire Ambler made his home in Danbury, and for a time he served as captain in the local militia. On February 5, 1784, he married Elizabeth Pickett, by whom he had two sons: Charles, born January 29, 1791; and Franklin Pickett, next in the line of descent which we are now tracing.

VII. Hon. Franklin Pickett Ambler was born at Danbury, June 3, 1797, and died August 1, 1873. His youth was spent in poverty, but notwithstanding his disadvantages he rose through his own efforts to wealth and prominence. At fourteen years of age he was bound out to Mr. Hull, a saddle-tree manufacturer in Danbury, and at the expiration of his term he was employed by Benjamin Stiles, of New York, in the same line of business. Later he made his home in Derby, being employed in the Chatfield factory. In 1822 he settled in Trumbull, taking the position of general superintendent in the factories of Reuben and Eben Fairchild. In 1825 he engaged in the business as a member of the firm of Fairchild, Peet & Co., and in 1844 he purchased the plant, which he conducted in partnership with his three sons, under the firm name of F. P. Ambler & Sons. Later he bought land in the vicinity of Mountain Hill, and built the present factories, which have been enlarged from time to time to meet the demands of the business. Politically he was a stanch Democrat of the Jeffersonian school, and his fellow-citizens frequently called him to official positions, in which his able and conscientious discharge of duty gained him new honors. In addition to many local offices, he served in the Legislature, and in 1862 he was elected to the State Senate. Socially, he and his family held a prominent place, and for more than fifty years he was a consistent member of the Masonic Fraternity.

In all the relations of life his conduct was

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marked by the strictest integrity, and from his youth he was an earnest student of the Bible, which he regarded as the inspired word of God and the guide to salvation. His mental abilities were of a high order, his memory being remarkable, and although he had had but limited schooling, he gained through private reading a fund of information, which enabled him to converse on equal terms with those who had enjoyed far greater privileges. He acquired a large and well-selected library, and as his memory readily recalled anything which he had once read or heard, his conversation was replete with anecdotes, information and illustration, which added much to the charm of his genial manner. His home was to him a sacred spot, and to his family was given a warm affection, too seldom seen among business men. On March 15, 1820, he married Eliza Bartholomew, who was born August 1, 1801, a daughter of Jerrod Bartholomew, and died in 1853. On October 4, 1854, he married Emily S. (Bacon) Ambler, born February 14, 1813, who was the widow of Joel Ambler, of Danbury. By his first marriage he had four children: Charles, who is mentioned more fully below; George B., born May 17, 1822; Mary E., born September 20, 1823; and Franklin P., Jr., born February 17, 1825.

VIII. Hon. Charles Ambler was born March 21, 1821, at Derby, Conn., and is now deceased. He was married October 22, 1844, to Mary E. Curtis, daughter of Joseph L. Curtis, of Stratford. They had two children: Georgianna Frances, born March 17, 1847, who married Rev. F. B. Lewis, of Bozeman, Mont.; and Richard Charles, the subject proper of this sketch.

IX. The late Richard C. Ambler, formerly one of the leading lawyers of Bridgeport, was born August 31, 1853, at Nichols, and after attending the schools of that village for some years he completed an academic course at Oxford, N. Y. In 1878 he was graduated from the law department of Yale College, and soon afterward he was admitted to the Bar at Bridgeport, where he engaged in practice with marked success. He died September 12, 1891, at his residence in the town of Trumbull, the sad event bringing sincere grief to a large circle of friends. It had been known for some time that he was in poor health, his illness being doubtless caused mainly by undue devotion to professional work; but as he had continued his labors, and had even spent the day previous to his death at his usual routine in his office, no one was prepared for the shock of his sudden demise. The respect in which he was held by the community was shown by the large concourse of people who met at his funeral to pay the last tributes to his memory, and by the numerous touching memorials and resolutions which appeared in the public press from various organizations. The following notice, which appeared in the Connecticut Reports, gives such an accurate and appreciative view of his life and character that it may well be preserved in this volume: "His ancestors had been for many years among the most prominent business men of this community; but as their business was almost exclusively with the Southern States, it was destroyed by the war. This necessarily interfered with his cherished educational plans. Determined not to be deprived wholly of these advantages, he set himself to work, as soon as he had acquired a common-school education, in a book store, where he devoted all his spare time to reading and storing his mind with useful information. The money he earned was saved that he might take a course of legal training at the Yale Law School. While there he earned, by his industry and courtesy, the high opinion of his instructors and the sincere respect of his fellow classmates. After graduating, he continued his studies in the law office of Seymour & Seymour, in Bridgeport, for two years, devoting his time to acquiring the details of practice. He then opened an office there for himself, and at the time of his death he was gradually but certainly building up a good practice and acquiring an enviable reputation for integrity, ability and learning. The prevailing characteristic of Mr. Ambler's professional, political, social, and religious life was faithfulness. No client's interest was ever neglected. Indeed so far did he carry the idea that he must accomplish all that his client desired, that he was almost martial in regard to it. His client's case was his case so fully that every failure, short of complete success, seemed a personal failure.

"His career was not long enough to gain the first rank in his profession or to reap its highest rewards; but what faithfulness, diligence, uprightness and intelligence could do to carry him towards that end was done. When that can truthfully be said of a lawyer, what matter when or where he fails? His eulogy is pronounced; his monument raised. Mr. Ambler was a representative in the General Assembly from the town of Trumbull, in 1889, and as the only lawyer on the railroad committee he exercised a dominating influence in its action through the memorable railroad fight of that year; and though stories of improper conduct were rife, no man dared impugn his integrity. Always a student, he was especially fond of historical research, and he was a contributor to the Fairfield County Historical Society,

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in which for some time he served as curator and treasurer. He was a devout member of the Episcopal Church, and not only represented his parish in the conventions of that body in this diocese, but maintained, personally, as a lay reader, services in the parish Church, in which he also served for a number of years as a vestryman. His brief but useful life left, as such a life could not fail to leave, a fragrant memory of upright manliness and kindly courtesy, that will not soon be forgotten."

On October 1, 1879, Mr. Ambler married Miss Jennie Beardsley, of Huntington, who survives him with one daughter, Katharine Beardsley Ambler. Mrs. Ambler is a member of a well-known pioneer family, and is of the ninth generation in descent from William Beardsley, a native of Stratford-on-Avon, England, who came to America in 1635 with his wife Mary, and was among the first settlers at Stratford, this county. The place was named in honor of his old home, and for many years he was a leader in local affairs, serving seven years as a deputy from that town in the General Court. The line of descent is traced through Samuel Beardsley and his wife Abigail; Daniel Beardsley, who married Rebecca Jackson; Benjamin Beardsley; David Beardsley and his wife Mary; Stephen Beardsley and his wife Catherine; Stephen (2), who married Susan Nichols; and Stephen Beardsley (3), Mrs. Ambler's father, who married Jane Shelton.

THOMAS H. MORISON. The founder of the Morison family in America was one John Morison, who came to this country between 1720 and 1723 from Ireland, whither the family had fled from Scotland during religious persecution. John Morison, was the father of John (2), who was the father of Thomas, who was born in New Hampshire, and had a son Ezekiel. Ezekiel Morison was born at Peterboro, N. H., as was also his son Thomas, who left the Granite State in 1824 and went to New York. Thomas Morison was a tailor by trade, and his practical ingenuity evolved the idea of making shirts as they are now worn, so he abandoned his trade and engaged in the manufacture of shirts, about 1845. In this business he continued the remainder of his life, dying in Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 22, 1874. He married Amy H. Hoyt, and in his family was a son Thomas H., who is the subject proper of this review.

Thomas H. Morison was born August 24, 1839, in Brooklyn, and there he passed his early days, acquiring his school education. At the age of fourteen he laid aside his text books, and entered the employ of his father. He soon grasped the details, and in 1867 he came to Norwalk and assumed control of the factory there. For nearly twenty years Thomas H. Morison successfully conducted this factory, and proved himself a man of remarkable executive and financial ability. When he retired from active business in 1883, he carried with him the genuine respect and esteem of his employes, and of all who had in anyway been associated with him.

On November 17, 1863, Thomas H. Morison was married to Miss Julia Sheffield, who though a native of Rhode Island had lived since four years of age in Brooklyn. Mrs. Morison was a daughter of Thomas T. Sheffield (a tea merchant in New York City), and his wife, Ann (Peckham), both of English extraction. The Sheffield and Peckham families were active and prominent through the Colonial and Revolutionary periods, being resolute and determined adherents of the policy of the Continental Congress. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Morison were born three children: Thomas S., born June 22, 1865, died April 21, 1894; Charles H., born November 10, 1868, died September 26, 1869; and Frederick A., born September 3, 1870, died May 24, 1879.

In the city of his adoption Mr. Morison was keenly interested, and his progressive ideas have left their impression on the material improvements of the town. He introduced the present system of water works; was instrumental in starting the Central Bank of Norwalk, and was also connected with the Gas Company. He served as a bank director nearly all of his business life. Twice he was warden of the borough, and ever active in the best interests of his chosen political faith, the Democratic. The poor and needy ever found in him the helpful friend, and many a poverty-stricken family has cause to bless his name. He was liberal in his charity, and giving for sweet charity's sake, instead of fame, the world will never know how large his bounties were. To churches of all denominations he gave freely, and found his own religion chiefly in the beautiful words of the Master: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto Me." On February 10, 1884, at the city of Nassau in the Bahama Islands, he answered the final summons, and the soul of Thomas H. Morison passed out to meet its God.

EDWIN HOYT (deceased). On Main street, about the center of the city of Norwalk, in Fairfield county, stands the Hoyt residence, which one hundred and forty years ago was built by Goold Hoyt, grandfather of our subject, in

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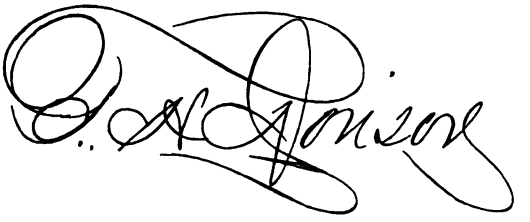

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what was then a mere wilderness, Main street being then a pioneer road winding round the hill like the letter S. In this time-honored house have lived and died the representatives of three generations.

Simon Hoyt, the first of the family in America, came with his brothers from Dorsetshire, England, when thirty-five years old, making the trip on the "Abigail," or the "George," arriving October 8, 1628–29. From him the line is traced through Walter, Zerrubbal, Joseph, James, Goold, Ebenezer Diamond, Edwin and Ebenezer Diamond, who as will be seen is of the ninth generation. James Hoyt, great-grandfather of Edwin, established a permanent home in Norwalk. Goold Hoyt, his son, was born January 9, 1738, in Fairfield county, married Miss Elizabeth Diamond, daughter of Ebenezer Diamond, and then took his bride to live in the home he had built. Here were born to them five children, named respectively: Thomas, Goold, Esther, Ebenezer D. and Monson. The father of this family, and also his sons, carried on farming where Norwalk now stands, owning extensive property, and there he died.

Ebenezer D. Hoyt, father of Edwin, was born in this house August 3, 1776, and received his education at the primitive schools of the neighborhood. He married Huldah Hanford, who was born in that locality, a daughter of John and Mehitabel Hanford, and they took up their abode in the Hoyt house, where was born to them a family of eight children, namely: Edwin will be mentioned farther on; Eliza (deceased), married Charles Hoyt, of Norwalk (a second cousin); Monson died in California, whither he had gone during the "gold fever" epidemic; Goold and William G. both died in infancy; Mary became the second wife of Charles Hoyt, husband of her deceased sister Eliza; William T. died single; Harriet married John Cleveland, of Massachusetts. The father of this family, who, in addition to farming, owned sloops, and carried freight to New York, died August 11, 1823, his wife on March 8, 1828.

Edwin Hoyt, the subject-proper of this memoir, and whose name appears at the opening of the sketch, was born at the old Hoyt homestead, February 18, 1800, and, like his father before him, followed farming, and did a freight-carrying business, chiefly to and from New York. He married Eliza S. Smith, of Ridgefield, Fairfield county, a daughter of Josiah Smith, of the same locality, and his wife, Abigail (Beers), of Norwalk, and after marriage they made their home in the Hoyt house, where a family of ten children came to them, to wit: Charlotte, Ebenezer D., Emily A., Elizabeth H., Monson, Frederick E., William T., Margaret, Eliza G. and Henry A. Of these, Charlotte married John J. Thomas, of Norwich, Conn. (he is now deceased). Ebenezer D. died September 13, 1871; he was a jeweler in New York City. Emily A. married Charles B. Mott, of Norwalk, who is now deceased. Elizabeth H. has remained single, and is still living at the old Hoyt home. Monson enlisted in Company E, 5th Conn. Regiment, and saw two years' active service; on his return from the war he carried on a drug store in Norwalk, where he died November 30, 1896; he was a very prominent man, kind-hearted and generous to a fault; in politics he was a stanch Republican. Frederick E. is a resident of Marshall, Mich. William T. died November 18, 1869; he was a druggist in New York. Margaret died in infancy. Eliza G. died single, February 10, 1875. Henry A. died October 10, 1860, at the age of sixteen. The father of this interesting family was called from earth September 8, 1880, the mother on October 2, 1889. The family throughout, in their political associations, have been Whigs or Republicans, and in religious faith have always been strict Episcopalians.

ABRAM P. BRADLEY, a highly esteemed resident of Shelton, is a man whose industry and thrift have secured for him a comfortable competence, and, having entered upon his seventh decade, he is enjoying in well-earned leisure the fruits of his labors.

Mr. Bradley comes of good old Colonial stock, and his grandfather, Abraham Bradley, who was born probably at New Haven, was an extensive land owner in that vicinity, his farm being now included within the city limits. He married Miss Mary Punchard, a native of that locality, and their remaining years were spent at their homestead.

William Bradley, the only son of this worthy couple, was born on the farm at New Haven, in 1804, and in his youth learned the trade of a tanner and currier, which he followed throughout life. He was a Democrat in politics, and in religious faith he and his estimable wife were Methodists. In 1826 he married Miss Caroline Munson, a native of Stratford, this county, and a descendant of an old English family. She was one of thirteen children, and her father, Isaac Munson, and all of her brothers, were sea-faring men. William Bradley died at his home at New Haven in 1874, and his wife passed away December 28, 1872. They had a large family of children, of whom six lived to adult age: Abram

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P., our subject; William, a mechanic in the railroad shops at New Haven; Catharine, wife of Philando Armstrong; Emeline, who married Frank Harris, a wholesale liquor dealer; Mary, who married Albert Ramsdell, a carriagemaker; and Caroline, wife of Leaman Anthony. All except our subject are residents of New Haven.

Mr. Bradley was born March 6, 1827, at the old home in New Haven, where he grew to manhood. He learned the blacksmith's trade, and, in 1848, went to Charleston, S. C., but a year later he returned home. Soon afterward he established himself in business in Newtown, this county, and in 1852 he removed to Birmingham (now known as Derby), where he remained about twenty years. In 1872 he located in Shelton, and until his retirement he carried on his trade successfully there. While he is not a politician in the strict sense of the term, he takes an intelligent interest in the questions of the day, and is a supporter of the Republican party. In 1851 he married Miss Caroline Hubbell, daughter of Lewis Hubbell, a prominent agriculturist of the town of Huntington. Two sons were born of this union: Adelbert, formerly a piano maker in Derby, who is now serving as deputy sheriff of New Haven county; and William, a silversmith in Wallingford, Conn. The family is identified with the Methodist Church, of which Mrs. Bradley has been an active member for many years.

ALBERT HAMILTON EMERY, the distinguished inventor, now residing at Stamford, Fairfield, Co., Conn., is a descendant of an old English family, and belongs to the eighth generation in direct descent from John Emery, the head of the American branch, who was prominent among the early settlers at Newbury, Massachusetts.

John Emery was born Sept. 29, 1598, at Romsey, Hants, England, the son of John and Agnes Emery, and had a younger brother, Anthony, born at Hants, who came to America with him; he also settled at Newbury, but later removed to Kittery, Maine. John Emery sailed for America on April 3, 1635, in the ship "James," of London, landing at Boston on June 3 of the same year, and immediately located at Newbury, where he had a grant of one-half acre of land, being one of ninety-one freeholders. He seems to have been a man of liberal mind and independent character, as on March 16, 1663, he was brought before the court at Ipswich, Mass., by Henry Jaques, constable of Newbury, on the charge of entertaining travelers [Quakers.] On May 5th of that year the case was referred to the next term of court, and when it came to trial Mr. Emery was fined four pounds sterling, with the costs and fees, "for entertaining strangers." The evidence given was to the effect "yt two men, Quakers, wr entertained very kindly to bed and table and John Emmerie shok ym by ye hand and bid ym welcome." Also, "that the witness heard John Emery and his wife say 'that he had entertained Quakers and that he would not put them from his house,' and used argument for the lawfulness of it." In May, 1663, John Emery petitioned the General Court for the remission of his fine, the paper being signed by the selectmen of his town and fifty of the citizens, but the request was denied. This sturdy pioneer was also active in the case of Lieut. Robert Pike, refusing to recognize the authority of the court to deprive him and his neighbors of the right of petition. He was married in England to Mary ———, who died in Newbury, April —, 1649, leaving one son, John, and two daughters. On October 29, 1650, he married, for his second wife, Mrs. Mary Webster, *née* Shotswell, widow of John Webster, of Ipswich; by her he had one son, Jonathan. John Emery died in Newbury, Nov. 3, 1683; his wife died April 28, 1694.

II. Jonathan Emery, the next in the line of descent, was born at Newbury, Mass., May 13, 1652, and on December 3, 1675, he was "impressed" as a soldier in the British army for King Philip's war. On the 19th of the same month, at the famous battle of Narragansett, he was wounded in the shoulder. On November 29, 1676, he married Mary Woodman, daughter of Edward Woodman, and they had ten children, of whom John, the second child, was the ancestor of our subject.

III. John Emery was born in 1678, and was married in February, 1705, to Hannah Morse, daughter of Joshua and Joanna Morse. They had nine children, of whom their son, Joshua, was the second.

IV. Joshua Emery was born March 21, 1709, and was married March 28, 1728, to Sarah Smith, by whom he had six children, the eldest being a son, John.

V. John Emery was born January 6, 1729, and died January 7, 1764. He was married at Haverhill, Mass., on January 24, 1751-52, to Abigail Webster, and they had four children, their third son being named Joshua.

VI. Joshua Emery, our subject's grandfather, was born at Haverhill, March 14, 1757, and at the beginning of the Revolutionary war engaged in the struggle for freedom, taking part in the battle of Bunker Hill. On January 21, 1781,

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he was married, in Walpole, N. H., to Ruth Nott, by whom he had eight children, and his death occurred January 6, 1832.

VII. Samuel Emery, the sixth child of Joshua and Ruth (Nott) Emery, was born July 14, 1792, in New Hampshire, and took up his home at Mexico, Oswego Co., N. Y., at an early day, there being only three houses in the place at that time. His remaining years were spent there, his death occurring January 24, 1866. He was first married, on January 2, 1820, to Catherine Shepard, who was born at Alstead, N. H., August 19, 1795, and died July 27, 1854. By this union he had nine children—six sons and three daughters—and by his second wife, Mrs. Margaret Sparrowhawk, whom he wedded in October, 1856, he had one daughter.

VIII. Albert H. Emery, the subject proper of these lines, was the second youngest of the nine children of Samuel and Catherine Emery, and was born June 21, 1834, at the old home in Mexico, N. Y. His boyhood was spent upon a farm, and after completing the course of study offered in the district schools near his home he attended the academy at Mexico for two terms, making a specialty of surveying. He practiced farm surveying near his home for two years, during which time he taught a district school in an adjoining town for four months. He was then employed for a year in railroad surveys, and in the fall of 1855 he entered the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, at Troy, N. Y., where he was graduated in June, 1858, with the degree of Civil Engineer, a part of his expenses during his course having been met by his work as a tutor in the school in topographical drawing. Since 1858 his time has been occupied with his inventions, and during this period he has taken out more than one hundred patents, mostly in the mechanical line, although a few are chemical processes. Some are for power presses, heavy and light, and a large number are connected with scales, guages and testing machines. He designed and constructed the four-hundred-ton hydraulic testing machine now in use at the United State arsenal at Watertown, Mass., which has been described as "one of the greatest pieces of engineering ever done." The fame of this machine has spread over the world, and at present there are eighteen others in this country, Canada and Europe, constructed under Mr. Emery's patents, five being in universities and two in institutes of technology. Our Government publishes each year a report of the work done on the Watertown machine, a volume of seven or eight hundred pages being usually required, as the apparatus is in operation almost every working day the year round. The volumes now (1898) number nineteen, with two others in press. The work consists in testing materials for construction, giving the tension or compression and the stress or load up to eight hundred thousand pounds. The specimens, which are chiefly metal, vary in length from one inch to thirty feet and in thickness from that of a hair to that of a bridge column. In 1892 the reports showed over fourteen thousand specimens then tested which weighed in the aggregate more than three hundred thousand pounds, and the constant work since that time has greatly increased the number. In 1881, at the fair of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanical Association, which was attended by more than three hundred thousand people, numerous prizes were offered, including fifteen hundred diplomas, six hundred silver medals, fifty gold medals (the blank metal in the latter costing $32.50 each), and one grand medal of honor, said to have cost $500.00, the only one ever awarded by the Society, and which was offered on this occasion for "the exhibit most conducive to human welfare." This valuable and significant prize was awarded to Mr. Emery for the testing machine mentioned above, by a special committee of seven appointed by and from the American Association of Arts and Sciences, and the same machine gained the gold medal awarded for "the best scientific apparatus."

During the Civil war Mr. Emery was for six months employed as an assistant of General Richard Delafield, then in charge of the fortifications of New York State, including those of New York harbor. On resigning from this position Mr. Emery spent two years and a half in experimenting upon ordnance, projectiles and fuses, and during that time he secured several patents in this country and Europe, which embodies some of the results of his investigations. In the course of these experiments he made and fired a great number and variety of projectiles of different sizes and construction. At present he has about thirty applications pending in the Patent Office at Washington pertaining to ordnance, fuses, cartridges, projectiles, and gun carriages, and he is now building for the government a twelve-inch disappearing gun carriage, which raises a fifty-two-ton gun fourteen feet, from loading to firing position. The charge for this gun is a thousand pound projectile and 486 pounds of brown perforated powder, over one hundred thousand pounds of ammunition being required for the gun in testing this carriage. From the first appearance of the gun above the parapet the time occupied in reaching position, firing and retreating out of sight is only from six to ten seconds. The

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government contract for this carriage and its foundations amounted to $120,000, with $20,000 additional for the testing, which is expected to cover seventy rounds of projectiles and over thirty thousand pounds of powder.

On March 3, 1875, Mr. Emery was married, at Westmoreland, Oneida Co., N. Y., to Mrs. Fannie B. Myers, who was born September 1, 1839. Their only son, Albert H., Jr., born August 25, 1876, was graduated from Cornell University, June 16, 1898, with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. While at the University he was a member of Sibley College, which had 450 students in 1898, and he was awarded the fifth Sibley prize for proficiency in mechanical arts. There were five prizes given, and he received one of the two which went to the graduating class. He will be engaged with his father in work in connection with guns and gun carriages for the government. Of the many secret societies connected with the University, the Sigma XI (Si) is the most popular and exclusive, and elects annually a very few of the graduating class and a few of the professors, only those of highest standing, and Mr. Emery was honored by election to its membership, in May, 1898. His thesis, which covered 600 hours' work, in connection with the testing of the resistances of bicycle tires, chains and gears, was very highly commended by the Pope Manufacturing Company, of Hartford, Connecticut.

By her first marriage Mrs. Emery had one daughter, Margaret King Myers, who was married December 31, 1896, to George A. Clyde, of Rome, N. Y., of the firm of Clyde & Coleman, manufacturers of electric wire. The family is prominent in social life, and is identified with the Presbyterian Church, at Stamford. Mr Emery is connected with various scientific organizations, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and his high attainments have brought him into fellowship with the leading scientists in all parts of the world.

JOHN DAYTON. There are men in some fortunate communities whose deeds and various interests in life are seemingly inwrought in the very fiber of that communal existence whose memory is instinctively recalled at mention of such and such a city or village. It is in a manner akin to this that the name of John Dayton is associated with the history of Greenwich, Conn. For forty-six years he has been one of its prominent business men, and, for forty-six years and longer, his influence has been directed in an almost incalculable degree to its upbuilding and advancement.

Mr. Dayton is one of the third generation that has been prominently identified with the history of Greenwich. His grandfather, David Dayton, a tanner and currier by occupation, and also a boot and shoe maker by trade, toward the close of the last century settled in the town of Greenwich. The family, however, extends far back into an early American history. In 1640 two brothers, Ralph and Robert Dayton, emigrated from England and settled in East Hampton, Long Island. John Dayton is the lineal descendant of Ralph Dayton. The great-grandfather of our subject was Jesse Dayton, who was born in 1735. It was David Dayton, the son of Jesse Dayton, who became the pioneer settler of the name in Fairfield county, Conn. David Dayton was born at East Hampton, Long Island, in 1761. He was married January 21, 1789, to Elizabeth Osborne, who was born at East Hampton, Long Island, in 1778. The six children of David and Elizabeth (Osborne) Dayton were as follows: Betsey, who was born November 9, 1790, married Jonah Brundage, and died in New York; Jacob, born March 10, 1797, a farmer by occupation and for some time constable, died in Greenwich; Sarah, born July 26, 1795, married William Wood, and died in Greenwich; David, father of our subject, born March 6, 1798; Amy, born February 3, 1800, married B. Rundell, and died at North Castle, N. Y.; Mehitable, born June 21, 1802, died unmarried. David Dayton, the grandfather, died January 23, 1838, aged seventy-three years; his wife died April 10, 1837, aged sixty-one years.

David Dayton, the father of our subject, in his youth received only the education afforded by the district schools. On March 6, 1827, at the age of twenty-three years, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Brush, a native of Greenwich, and a daughter of Edward Brush. He had adopted the quiet vocation of farming, to which he was devoted throughout his life. Politically he was a Democrat of the school of Jackson and Jefferson. He neither sought nor accepted political position, but was content to devote his energies at home, farm and church, and in the latter connection he and his wife were consistent and devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He practiced the virtues of industry, kindness and justice, and bequeathed to his children the legacy of a spotless name and the example of a blameless and active life, mellowed by affection and kindly sympathy. The mother died September 20, 1863, and the father on January 26,

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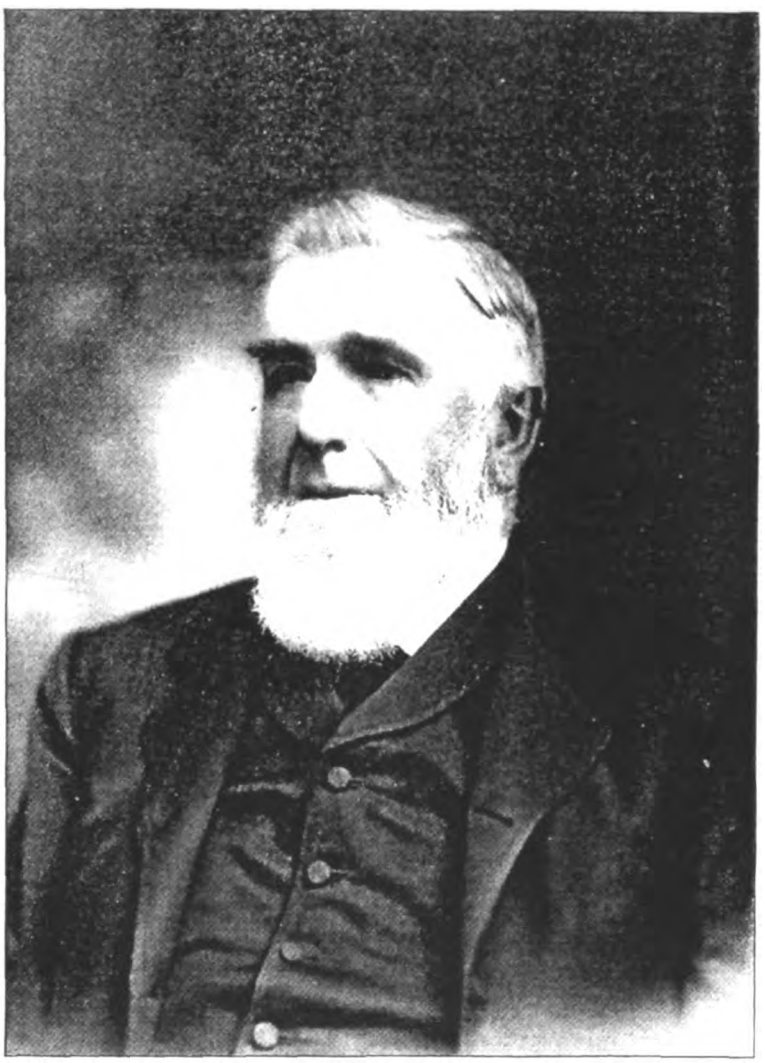

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1872. A brief record of the seven children of David and Elizabeth (Brush) Dayton is as follows: John, the subject of this sketch, was born February 5, 1828; Sarah (Mrs. George Selleck), born February 15, 1830; Charles, born December 4, 1832, died in Greenwich; Henry, born September 10, 1834, is connected with the American Fire Insurance Company; Mary E., born December 28, 1836, married Solomon Mead, and died in 1897; David O., born February 23, 1840, died in New York; George H. (the youngest child), born August 22, 1842, enlisted in Company I, 10th Conn. V. I., and served during the Civil war, participating in several engagements; he was shot through the right lung at the battle of Newbern.

John Dayton spent the first eighteen years of his life on his father's farm, and as the eldest son the burden of its cultivation was shared largely by him. During the winter months he attended the district schools, which were the old-fashioned kind. The building had slab seats and similar rude appliances. Jesse Lounsbury, a characteristic schoolmaster of his day, was his first teacher, and lingers deep in the memories of his many pupils. When eighteen years of age John Dayton resolved to learn the shoemaker's trade, with the aim of finally attaining a mercantile career. He began an apprenticeship under George Sherwood, for six years served faithfully at the bench, and acquired the trade thoroughly. His next step was to open in Greenwich a boot and shoe store, which he did in the spring of 1852, at the age of twenty-four years, and has continued the business, thus auspiciously begun, without interruption, during the past forty-six years, being to-day the oldest merchant in Greenwich. He has not confined his attention, however, to this mercantile pursuit. From time to time, as the village grew and changed in character and aims, and different public enterprises were suggested, there were various public improvements demanded, all calling for public-spirited and leading citizens to advocate and support. To this material advancement of the community it would be difficult to find a citizen who has contributed so largely as John Dayton.

Mr. Dayton was one of the founders of the Greenwich Water Company, and one of the first to suggest a site for its reservoir, he and E. C. Benedict making the first preliminary survey which determined its location. The first water used for domestic purposes was turned into Mr. Dayton's home, and one year after the organization of the company he took charge and has since been its superintendent. He was one of the founders of the Greenwich Savings Bank, and has been its first vice-president from the date of its organization. He is a prominent member of the Greenwich Board of Trade.

In politics Mr. Dayton has been a Democrat, and he has frequently been honored by the suffrages of his fellow citizens. For twenty-six years he has served as constable, while for six years he has been deputy sheriff; was warden of the borough for several years, and assessor for many years. During President Johnson's administration he was postmaster. He was elected to the State Legislature for 1870 and 1871, and served both years with credit and distinction. He has frequently been a delegate to the local County and State Conventions, and has for half a century been regarded as a leader of his party.

Mr. Dayton was marrried September 9, 1851, to Miss Matilda Selleck, daughter of Shadrack and Anice (Waterbury) Selleck, and a native of Stamford, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Dayton have one child, Mary Frances, whose home is with her parents. In 1895 he erected his elegant home on Field Point road, Greenwich.

Throughout the long and active business career of Mr. Dayton there is one fact that stands conspicuous: it is that no taint or suspicion of dishonesty has ever been attached to his name. Even through the passion of political strife, when men too often take unwarranted liberties with reputation, he has passed unscathed. Mr. Dayton has been universally respected, and his political enemies have been his warm personal friends. In the fullest sense of the term he has been a self-made man. His judgment has been keen and unerring, and the general recognition of this fact in the community in which he lives gives unusual weight to his opinion in business affairs. Mr. Dayton has attained the age of three-score years and ten. If the records did not show it, the observer would be deceived, for Mr. Dayton is exceptionally well preserved, both in physical and mental powers. He is still active in business affairs, for he belongs to the hardy and long-lived race of his forefathers.

LEVI CURTIS, (deceased.) The Curtis family has long been prominent in the town of Stratford, and the old homestead of the subject of this memoir is one of the noted Colonial estates. The present dwelling house has been occupied by succeeding generations of the Curtis family for more than one hundred and fifty years, and the farm has been in their possession since the settlement of that part of the town, this being the second house erected by them on

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the premises. Elizabeth Curtis (a widow) came with the first settlers, from Massachusetts, accompanied by two sons, William and John, and our subject was of the seventh generation in descent from this honored pioneer, who braved the dangers of the wilderness in order to establish a home for herself and her children.

II. William Curtis married, and had nine children: Sarah, born in 1642; Nathan, 1644; Joshua, 1646; Abigail, 1650; Daniel, 1652; Elizabeth, 1653; Ebenezer, 1657; Zachariah, 1659, and Josiah, 1662.

III. Josiah Curtis, the next in the line of descent in which we are now interested, was married in 1692 to Miss Judson, by whom he had two children: William, born September 22, 1693, and Abigail, February 28, 1696. By his second wife, Mary ——, he had nine children: Eunice, born August 1, 1699; Abraham, May 10, 1701; Benjamin, December 25, 1704; Peter, April 1, 1707; Josiah, January 6, 1708; Mary, July 25, 1711; Matthew, December 1, 1712; and Charles and Mehitabel (twins), born January 1, 1716. Josiah Curtis, father of these children, died in 1745.

IV. Abraham Curtis was married in 1724 to Elizabeth Webb, who died in 1770, and his own death occurred in 1779. They had two children: Stephen, who is mentioned below; and Elizabeth, born November 25, 1729, who married —— Tomlinson, of Huntington township.

V. Stephen Curtis was born June 3, 1727, and died May 8, 1806. He was married in 1746 to his first wife, Jerusha Gould, by whom he had one son, Abraham, born in 1746. In 1750 he was married from the present residence of the family to Sarah Judson, and the following children were born of the union: Jerusha, August 1, 1751; Abraham, February 6, 1754; Stephen J., July 5, 1757; Stephen (2), October 30, 1760; Sarah, August 4, 1763; Bette, February 6, 1767; Phœbe, September 6, 1769, and Levi.

VI. Levi Curtis, our subject's father, was born May 26, 1772, and died February 21, 1854. On January 28, 1795, he married Elizabeth Ufford (or Uffoot), who died May 13, 1853. They had ten children: Stephen, born November 19, 1795; Elbert, June 27, 1797; Phœbe, April 8, 1799; Willis, October 28, 1801; Sarah, January 26, 1804 (she married Isaac Wells, father of Charles C. Wells); Levi, our subject; Betsy, born May 26, 1808; one that died in infancy unnamed; Charles B., born August 17, 1811; and Cornelia, born May 15, 1815.

VII. Levi Curtis, our subject, was born April 11, 1806, and became one of the prominent citizens of Stratford in his day. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and he was frequently chosen by his fellow townsmen to offices of responsibility and trust. Like all of his ancestors from pioneer times, he followed farming as an occupation, and he died June 7, 1874, at the old Curtis homestead, in the northern part of the town. On September 26, 1836, he married Miss Jerusha Lewis, daughter of Eli W. Lewis, and granddaughter of Eli Lewis, both well-known residents of Stratford. She survived him eleven years, her death occurring October 14, 1885. Their two daughters, Misses Celia and Cornelia Curtis, now reside at the old Judson homestead, on Academy Hill, where the maternal great-grandmother, Sarah Judson, was born.

HEZEKIAH BANKS, a venerable and highly esteemed resident of Fairfield township, has been for many years prominently identified with the best interests of that locality, and at the advanced age of eighty-seven years (April 8, 1899) he keeps fully in sympathy with the progressive movements of the time. He derives his vigor of mind and body from a hardy, long-lived pioneer race, of whom a writer has said, "Longevity, honesty, industry and frugality are prominent in this line of settlers." Two districts in Fairfield township are named in their honor, the Banks North and the Banks South districts. As the family is a noted one in this section, the following review of the earlier generations will furnish an appropriate introduction to his own history.

I. John Banks, a lawyer, and Englishman by birth, was the first of the name to locate in this county, and purchased land in Fairfield township in 1649. He had previously spent some years in Wethersfield, Conn., where he was town clerk in 1643, and on removing to Fairfield he at once took a leading part in the affairs of the colony, serving from 1651 to 1666 as representative in the General Assembly. Later he settled at Rye, N. Y., and from 1670 to 1673 he represented that town in the Colony Assembly. While residing in Wethersfield he married a daughter of Charles Taintor.

II. Benjamin Banks, a son of the pioneer, was born August 7, 1703, and died May 19, 1805, having attained the age of one hundred and two years. He had three sons—Benjamin, Jonathan and Hezekiah.

III. Hezekiah Banks, our subject's grandfather, was a farmer by occupation. He died at the age of sixty-four years, in Easton township, this county, and his remains were interred there. His wife, Sarah Couch, was a native of Greens

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Farms, and of their eight children nearly all lived and died in this county. Hezekiah, our subject's father, is mentioned below; Sturgis was a resident of Easton township; Jessup, a surveyor and justice of the peace, died in Bridgeport, February 2, 1863, aged seventy-two years; Walter, a resident of Easton, died March 19, 1887, in his ninety-fourth year; Mary married Sherwood Seeley, and died January 4, 1879, in Easton, aged ninety-six and one-half years; Sarah (Mrs. Joseph Hill) died in Sullivan county, N. Y., September 8, 1868, in her ninety-third year; Patta (Mrs. John Staples) died in April, 1858, at the age of seventy-eight; and Arity (Mrs. William Nichols) died in early womanhood.

IV. Hezekiah Banks, the father of our subject, was born Dec. 12, 1777, in what is now Easton township, and became a successful farmer in that locality, acquiring a handsome competence. He was a powerful man, of robust physique, while he possessed an excellent mind, and was generally respected for his sterling qualities of character. While he was not an office seeker he was a strong supporter of the Democratic party, and in religious faith he was a Congregationalist, belonging to the old Church in Easton township. He had a firm will, and as a disciplinarian was strict and determined. He died October 6, 1872, in his ninety-fifth year, at the old homestead, where he had resided throughout his married life, which extended over a period of nearly sixty-six years. His wife, Ruhamah Betts, to whom he was married December 30, 1806, was born September 4, 1785, near Greenfield, Conn., the daughter of Moses and Mary (Gregory) Betts (Moses Betts died February 19, 1818, aged sixty-three years, and Mary, his wife, died March 4, 1861, aged ninety-seven years and eight months), and her death occurred February 12, 1875, when she was in her ninetieth year, her remains being interred beside those of her husband in Easton cemetery. This worthy couple had six children: (1) William, born April 24, 1808, became a farmer in Fairfield township, where he died September 26, 1882, leaving two children—Moses E., of Stratfield, and Eliza M., widow of Minot Tuttle, of Bridgeport. (2) Mary S., born November 9, 1809, married Ezra Peet, and died December 29, 1889, leaving two children—Frank B., in Bridgeport, and Sarah E., now Mrs. Henry S. Knapp, of Fairfield. (3) Hezekiah, our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (4) Eliza G., born October 15, 1815, died April 2, 1896, unmarried. (5) Moses B., born April 2, 1819, resides in Greenfield, and has two children—Sarah and Lizzie. (6) Sarah A., born January 26, 1822, died July 4, 1834, and is remembered as a remarkably bright and clever child.

V. Hezekiah Banks, our subject, was born April 8, 1812, in what is now Easton township, then Weston, and was reared as a farmer boy, being taught to work as soon as his strength permitted him to assist on the farm. His schooling was limited to a few months in each winter, and although eighty years have passed since he sat in the old log school building as a pupil he vividly recalls the incidents of his school life, and the rude furnishings of the room with its slab seats and open fireplace, at which the scholars were allowed to warm themselves during the school hours on asking permission from the teacher. Among his early instructors were Moses Burr, Hezekiah Bulkley and Burr Wakeman. When sixteen years old he left home to serve an apprenticeship with his uncle, William Nichols, a shoemaker at Greenfield. He intended to remain five years, his wages being $15 per year and his shoes; but a short time before the expiration of his term, his health failed and he gave up the work for a while. He was a careful workman, capable of making the finest goods then known to the trade, and the first pair of boots that he ever wore were made by himself. On resuming his work he was employed as a journeyman at $10 per month, first at Southport and later at Norwalk.

When twenty-one years old he decided to go into business for himself, and, as he had saved about $75, he went to New York City to secure his stock, making the trip from Southport in a sloop market boat, commanded by Capt. Seth Bulkley. He purchased leather, lasts and other necessaries, and opened a shop at Greenfield Hill in the residence of his uncle, Moses Betts, his first customer being Dr. Blakeman. As time passed and his trade increased his uncle built a small shop for him, where he conducted a profitable business for several years. He then formed a partnership with Aaron Jennings and engaged in business at Southport, the work of the shop being in his charge while Mr. Jennings gave his attention to the meat business. As Mr. Banks found his health failing again, he retired from the firm after one year, but on his recovery he began filling special orders for fine shoes and boots from Westport, doing the work at home. In 1837 he bought eighteen acres of land in Fairfield township from Ephraim Middlebrooks, and to this he has added from time to time until he now owns a fine homestead, having resided there for more than sixty years. He built a shop on the farm and there followed his trade for a time, but as his agricultural interests

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increased he devoted his time to them entirely. He has met with good success financially, as he now possesses a comfortable competence as the reward of his industry, and he has the satisfaction of knowing that it has been gained by strictly honest methods. At seventy-five he was still working, keeping pace with the young men in a day's work, but of late years he has permitted himself to rest, leaving the active labor to others. Throughout his life he has taken keen interest in politics, although he was never an office seeker, and since he attained his majority he has not missed a Presidential election, having voted for every Whig or Republican President since Andrew Jackson. He is one of the "pillars" of the Greenfield Congregational Church, with which he united in 1842, on the Sabbath previous to the ordination of Rev. Thomas B. Sturgis. During all these years he has given liberally to the support of the society and its work, and he has helped to build two churches, an academy and a parsonage.

On May 20, 1838, Mr. Banks married Miss Abby Williams, who was born November 22, 1815, daughter of David and Olive (Treadwell) Williams, well-known residents of Easton. She died March 5, 1892, after fifty-four years of happy wedded life, and her remains now rest in Oak Lawn cemetery, in Fairfield township. As an earnest Christian she left a memory which is an inspiration in her family, and among the large circle of friends connected with Greenfield Congregational Church, of which she was a devout member. Four children were born of this marriage, three of whom are living: (1) George W., born July 11, 1839, is a Congregational minister, and has been in charge of the Church at Guilford, Conn., for twenty-five years. (2) Henry W., born September 15, 1841, died February 8, 1896; he was a farmer by occupation and was respected among his associates, being especially active in religious work as a member of the Congregational Church at Southport, in which he held the office of deacon. (3) Dwight M., born March 14, 1847, is engaged in farming at Greenfield Hill, and is a deacon of the Congregational Church at Greenfield Hill. (4) Carrie A., born April 1, 1855, married Simeon Pease, of Trumansburg, N. Y., but now of Greenfield Hill.

HON. JOSEPH G. HYATT, ex-member of the State Legislature from Fairfield county, an educator of note and an official for years in the town of Westport, where he has been prominent both in public and social life, is a native of the town, born September 19, 1852.

Gilbert Hyatt (his grandfather) was engaged in farming operations throughout his lifetime. His wife was Miss Julia St. John, of Norwalk, and shortly after their marriage they settled in that town, and there reared a family of several children, the youngest of whom was James W., the father of our subject.

James W. Hyatt was born in the town of Norwalk, Conn. At the age of eight years, on the death of his father, he was taken to the South, and there reared and educated, residing in the States of Georgia and Alabama. He learned the shoemaker's trade in that section, and worked at same there and later in Westport, Conn., he having returned to Fairfield county when of age. He was twice married, (first) to Ann Quintard, and (second) to Abigail Couch, a daughter of Joseph Couch, a native of the town of Fairfield, Conn., where also the daughter (mother of our subject) was born. After his second marriage, James W. Hyatt and wife located in Westport. His death occurred there February 28, 1888. He was a man of intelligence and an excellent citizen, lending his influence to such measures as tended to the good of the community. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian, while his widow, who yet survives, is identified with the Methodist Church. In his political views he was a Republican.

Joseph G. Hyatt, the only child of James W. by the second marriage, passed his boyhood and received his primary education in Westport. At the age of eighteen years he began teaching school at Greens Farms in his native town. Later he taught in Wilton, and, in all, followed the profession nearly twenty-one years, until 1890. During this period he read law, was admitted to the Bar in 1882, and for a time was engaged in practice. Since 1890 he has much of the time been engaged in public life. In politics he is a Republican, being active and influential in his party. During the administration of President Harrison he served as postmaster at Westport, conducting the business of the office with ability and dispatch; his term extended four months beyond the four-years' term, or administration period. He has served the town as justice of the peace and town clerk, having been elected in 1897 to the latter office, which he yet holds. In 1897 he was chosen a representative in the State Legislature, and performed the duties of that high office in a manner entirely satisfactory to his constituents, as well as to his own credit. He has held many of the minor offices of the town. He takes a great interest in public affairs, and his name is identified with many local movements which have

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been of benefit to the town. He is a member of the Westport Historical Society, and first vice-president of the Reading Room and Library Association. Socially, he is past master of Temple Lodge No. 65, F. & A. M.; is also a member of the I. O. O. F.

On April 14, 1874, Mr. Hyatt was married to Miss Mary A. Comstock, a native of the town of Wilton, and daughter of Charles E. Comstock, of Wilton. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt are members of the Congregational Church.

REV. WILLIAM TOUCEY HILL, M. A., the only child of William Hawley and Emma (Clarke) Hill, was born July 22, 1830, in Redding, Conn. John Reade Hill (our subject's grandfather), of Redding, Conn., descended from the American ancestor, William Hill, who came from England and settled in Connecticut in 1632, and died in Fairfield in 1650. John Reade Hill married Miss Betsey Sanford in 1799, a daughter of Aaron Sanford, of Redding, Conn., who was the first male Methodist and the first Methodist local-preacher in Connecticut. John Reade Hill's children were Aaron Sanford, Moses, William Hawley (born March 29, 1804, and died in December, 1830), Morris, Betsey, Lydia and Joseph.

On his mother's side, also, W. T. Hill came from ancestors long in this country. His mother's mother was Hannah Toucey, wife of Zechariah Clarke, of Newtown, Conn. Hannah descended from Richard Tousey, who came from England and settled in Wethersfield in the seventeenth century. Emma Clarke Hill was born November 11, 1806, and died February 6, 1886.

A few months after his father's death (December, 1830) our subject was taken by his mother to her father's home in Newtown, where she continued to reside and the son grew up. At fifteen he went to Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., and prepared for college; entered Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., in 1850, and was graduated in 1854. In 1855 he joined the New York East Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is still a member. As pastor he has served the Churches in Seymour, Stratford, Winsted, New Canaan, Danbury, Redding and Forestville in Connecticut, and Brooklyn, New Rochelle, Jamaica and Bridgehampton in New York. From 1876 to 1884 Mr. Hill was presiding-elder of the New Haven and the New York East Districts of his Conference, residing in New Haven, where he bought a home. In April, 1899, he retired from the itinerant pastorate, and now resides at No. 37 Howe street, New Haven, and is pastor of the Stony Creek Church as supply.

On August 4, 1854, Mr. Hill married Miss Jane C. Burr, daughter of Linus Burr, Esq., of Middletown, Conn. Their children were Emma Elizabeth, William Burr, Cyrus Foss and Ellen. Of these, the two sons graduated from Yale College in 1881, and William B., from the Yale Law School in 1883. Emma E. graduated from the Yale Art School in 1882, after a four-years' course. Ellen is a kindergartener in the public-school system of New Haven. In 1891 William B. married Miss Illie Clapp, daughter of Dwight P. Clapp, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and is now practicing law at No. 56 Pine street, New York City. Cyrus F. married, in 1885, Miss Kate Stratton Giles, daughter of William A. Giles, of Chicago, Ill., and taught in the "Harvard School for Boys" five years, when he purchased the "Milwaukee Academy", of which he was principal till his death, which occurred November 16, 1889, when he was thirty years of age.

STARR CLIFFORD BARNUM, one of Bethel's enterprising and progressive business men, belongs to a family which is noted for the possession of those admirable qualities.

His ancestors were among the first settlers of this county, and he is of the eighth generation in direct descent from Thomas Barnum, who was born in England in 1625, and died in Danbury, December 26, 1695.

A son of this worthy Thomas Barnum (2), who was born July 9, 1663, and died in 1730, was one of the eight pioneers of Danbury, and his wife, Sarah, daughter of William and Mary Beardsley, was a native of Stratford. In the third generation the line of descent is continued through Ephraim Barnum, who was born in 1710 and died in 1775. Of his wife, Mehitable, but little is known. Their son, Capt. Ephraim Barnum, who gained his title by service in the Revolutionary war, was born in 1737, and died in Bethel, April 17, 1817. In 1753 he married his first wife, Keziah Covell, and after her death he married, in February, 1776, Mrs. Rachel Starr Beebe, widow of Jonathan Beebe, of Danbury, and daughter of Jonathan and Rachel Taylor Starr. Jonathan Starr was a descendant of Dr. Comfort Starr, who was born in England in 1625, and died in 1659. He (Dr. Comfort Starr) had two sons, viz.: (1) Josiah, born in Charlestown, Mass., in 1657. He married Rebekah ———, and for a time resided on Long Island. They came to Danbury soon after its first settlement.

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He was one of the first Patentees of the town of Danbury, its second justice of the peace, and its first town clerk. He died in 1715. (2) Thomas, born October 26, 1658, married Rachel ———. [The maiden names of the wives of Josiah and Thomas are not now known.]

Ephraim Barnum had fifteen children, ten by the first marriage and five by the second, and among his grandchildren was the celebrated showman, Phineas Taylor Barnum. In the next generation the line is traced through Abel Barnum, our subject's great-grandfather, who was a resident of Bethel. Edson Barnum, the grandfather of our subject, resided in the Plum Trees District, in the town of Bethel, and he and his wife, Cynthia Hamilton, reared a family of three children.

James Edson Barnum, our subject's father, was born, April 23, 1845, in New Milford, and in his youth learned the hatter's trade with E. T. Farnam. For many years he followed that business in connection with farming, but on September 9, 1885, he removed to Bethel, where for twelve years past he has been in the employ of the Judd & Dunning Hat Company. Although his early education was limited to the course offered in the district schools of his locality, his native intelligence enabled him to acquire a good fund of practical knowledge on various topics, and he is highly esteemed as a citizen. He is a member of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church at Bethel, and since 1867 has been identified with Eureka Lodge No. 83, F. & A. M. On December 12, 1865, he was married, at Bridgewater, to Miss Laura Erwin, by whom he has had four children, our subject being the eldest. Of the others, Nellie Augusta, born October 11, 1871, died November 6, of the same year; Howard Fenn, born October 17, 1874, died February 1, 1875, and Miss Edith May, born December 19, 1876, is now at home.

The mother of our subject is a member of one of the well-known families of Roxbury, Conn. She was born July 30, 1844, the daughter of Charles and granddaughter of John and Phœbe Erwin, of Roxbury. Charles Erwin, who was born March 17, 1809, spent his early life in Roxbury, and was married in 1833 to Miss Mary Fenn, daughter of Col. David Fenn, of Revolutionary fame, who was pensioned by the government for his services. After his marriage Mr. Erwin located at Bridgewater, where he engaged in farming, and his death occurred there February 15, 1881. His wife passed to the unseen world on December 31, 1874. They had seven children: Sarah A., deceased; Mary J., deceased, formerly wife of Cyrus A. Todd, of New Milford, Conn.; Homer Fenn, who met a soldier's death in the Civil war; Rev. Charles H., a resident of St. Charles, Iowa; Laura (Mrs. Barnum); Darwin, who resides in Orange, N. J.; and Lyman, deceased.

The subject of our sketch was born August 25, 1867, at the old home in the Plum Trees District, and was educated at the common schools of that locality and of Danbury. In 1882 he was apprenticed to G. A. Hickok & Son, hatters, of Bethel, with whom he remained until December 9, 1887. He then purchased his present grocery business from M. W. Sherwood, and by his careful and energetic management he has won a decided success, as is shown by his greatly increased custom, which has necessitated the enlargement of his store. While the demands of his business are now absorbing, Mr. Barnum keeps well informed upon all the movements of the day, and is in full sympathy with any enterprise that promises to benefit the community. He is an Episcopalian in religious faith, and belongs to St. Thomas Church at Bethel. On May 14, 1891, he married Miss Emma Louise Lyon, a prominent member of the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution—Mary Wooster Chapter of Danbury.

Mrs. Barnum, who was born in Danbury, July 18, 1869, traces her ancestry through a long line of descent to the Underhills, a very ancient and honorable family of Huningham, Warwickshire, England. "During the reign of Queen Elizabeth, when the prosperity of the family was at its height, they acquired property in almost every parish within six miles of Eatington, and attained the honors of Knighthood." The arms of the Underhills were "agent a chevron gules between three trefoils slipped vert," and the crest was a "buck trippant." An old genealogical record of Warwickshire states that "William Underhill lyved in the yere of our Lord, 1423," and by his wife, daughter of Stanley, of Bromwick, left Nathaniel Underhill, who married a daughter of ——— Butt, County of Warwick; their son John had a lease for eighty years of the manor of Eatington, &c., County of Warwick, from Sir Ralph Shirley in 1509; he died in 1518. John Underhill, chaplain to Queen Elizabeth, and Bishop of Oxford, was also of the Warwickshire family. The Church of Lower Eatendon, or Eatington, still contains some remains of the brass effigies and inscriptions of the ancient family of the Underhills. Thomas Underhill, eldest son of John of Huningham, married Anne, daughter of Robert Winter; their eldest son was Edward, distinguished by the title of "Hot Gospeller," because of his active part in the religious

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persecutions of the time. He exchanged the life of a country gentleman for that of a soldier and courtier. In 1544, King Henry appointed him one of the men-at-arms, who attended upon his Majesty's person. In 1545 he married Joan, daughter of Thomas Perryns, of London. Edward, their second son and heir, was born February 10, 1555, and, like his father, embraced the life of a soldier and courtier. He was associated with the Earl of Leicester at the time of Queen Elizabeth's visit to Kenilworth, and was afterward bearer of dispatches between the Queen and Leicester when he co nmanded the forces in the Low Countries. After Leicester's death he attached himself to the Earl of Essex, Leicester's successor in the Queen's favor. He accompanied him on his successful attack upon Cadiz, and also his expedition against Tyrme, rebel chief of Ireland. When Essex returned he was killed, and Underhill sought safety in Holland until the accession of King James in 1603, when he applied for pardon and leave to return to England, but without success. When Rev. Mr. Robinson and the separatists fled to Holland he dwelt and communed with them. His son, Capt. John Underhill, whose exploits Whittier has sung, was born about 1600. He served as soldier under the Prince of Orange in the Low Countries. He was strongly urged to go with Governor Carver to the Plymouth settlement in 1620, but declined and Miles Standish came instead. He joined Governor Winthrop, and came as "captain of any militia force that might be employed or instituted, as he had served under the great Dutch Prince in the war of the Netherlands," in 1630; and soon we find him disciplining the Boston militia, where he was held in such high distinction that he was appointed one of the first deputies from Boston to the General Court, and one of the earliest officers of Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. He was sworn freeman, May 18, 1630. His friend, Sir Henry Vane, sent him in 1637 as commander of Colony troops to Saybrook, Conn. The same year he was disfranchised and eventually banished from the Massachusett jurisdiction—his ideas of religious toleration being more liberal than of those around him. In 1638 he returned to England, but was banished again on account of religious opinions. While there he published a book entitled "Newes from America, or a New and Experimental Discoverie of New England," which abounds in quaint passages, and contains an excellent account of the Pequot war, in which he took a conspicuous part. In 1638 he was chosen governor of Dover, New Hampshire. Later he assumed command of the Dutch forces in the wars against the Indians. He was representative from Stamford to the General Court in 1633. In 1644 he became a resident of Flushing, Long Island, but removed to Oyster Bay in 1655. In 1665 he was delegate from there to the meeting in Hampstead by order of Governor Nicoll, and by him was made high sheriff of the North Riding of Long Island. In 1667 the Natinecock Indians conveyed to him a large tract of land which he called Kenilworth or Killingworth. He died July 21, 1672, and was buried on his estate at Killingworth, Queens Co., L. I. His first wife, Helena, came with him from Holland. His second wife, Elizabeth Feke, was the daughter of Robert Feke (whose wife was the widow of Governor Winthrop's son Henry). By his second wife he had two sons, the eldest being Nathaniel, who married Mary Ferris, daughter of John Ferris, one of the first Patentees of the town of Westchester, N. Y. Nathaniel, their eldest son, married Mary Honeywell. He filled various public offices—was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Westchester county in 1759; was elected mayor of Borough of Westchester in 1775. He died November 27, 1775. His son, John Underhill, married Mary Bowne. Of their twelve children, Benjamin was the second son. He was a prominent member of the Society of Friends. In 1768 he married Elizabeth Bonnett, a native of France. They resided in Scarsdale, where he died in 1818. They had eight children. Their eldest daughter, Sarah, married Abram Lyon, a native of Mamaroneck, N. Y. For many years they lived in Somerstown, N. Y., where Mr. Lyon carried on an extensive cooperage business. Several children were born to them. Finally they removed to Southeast, where Mr. Lyon died. He was buried in the old Presbyterian burying-ground at New Rochelle. His wife married, for her second husband, Robert Niffen, of Somerstown.

Monmouth Lyon, son of Abram and Sarah Lyon, was born at Somerstown, December 18, 1795, was married December 29, 1816, to Miss Rebecca Green, who was born in Danbury, February 15, 1798. Her father, Dorastus Green, and her two grandfathers were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. Her maternal grandfather, John Porter, was taken prisoner at the time of the burning of Danbury, and confined in the New York sugar house. Monmouth Lyon, who was prominent in the business life of Danbury, invented the first power-loom machine for weaving ingrain carpets, and it is said that it completely revolutionized the business of carpet weaving. He and his wife were members of the First Congregational Church. Of their eleven children,

William Augustus, Mrs. Barnum's father, was

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the youngest. He was born October 12, 1837, was reared in Danbury, and since early manhood has followed the machinist's trade, in which he is regarded as an expert. He is also the inventor of many improvements in fur-hatting machinery. For many years he had charge of the machinery in the fur-cutting factory of W: A. & A. M. White. Socially, he is identified with Union Lodge No. —, F. & A. M., at Danbury. On May 15, 1860, he was married to Maria, daughter of William and Elizabeth Eaton, who were both natives of England. William Eaton's father was a member of an old Leicestershire family. For a time he held a commission in the British Army. After his retirement from the army he married Katherine Stevens, whose father and brothers were clock-makers and goldsmiths, and the owners of much property in Wiltshire. William Eaton was born in 1800. In 1850 he came with his family to this country and settled at Danbury, Conn., where he resided until his death in 1877. Ezekiel, the eldest son, still a resident of Danbury, served during the Civil war as a member of the Wooster Guards, the "first company of the State of Connecticut to pledge itself to the untarnished honor of the commonwealth and nation." Socially, he is connected with the Masonic order of Knights Templar of Danbury, of which he has held the office of most eminent grand commander, and also with the Order of the Mystic Shrine of Bridgeport.

During the Civil war, Joseph Eaton, the second son, enlisted for three years in Company D, 7th Connecticut Volunteers. He was promoted to sergeant. He was at one time a resident of Bethel, but removed from there to Sing Sing, N. Y., where he took an active part in the political and social life of the place. He has held many prominent offices in the G. A. R. His present home is at Newburyport, Mass. The youngest son, George, is now living at Haverhill, Mass., where he is superintendent of W. B. Thom & Co.'s hat factory.

HON. HENRY PENFIELD BURR, a man of prominence and distinction, now retired and living at Westport, Fairfield county, an octogenarian, is the representative of one of the old and distinguished families of Fairfield county.

Born in the town of Fairfield, Fairfield county, April 3, 1819, Captain Burr is the son of James Burr, who, too, was a native of Fairfield town and county, and the grandson of Major Hezekiah Burr, also a native of the same town and county, and of English extraction.

Major Burr was a farmer throughout his lifetime, and lived and died in the town of his nativity, honored and respected by all whose privilege it was to have had his acquaintance and been associated with him. He was a patriot, and served his country in the Continental army during the war of the Revolution, acquiring his title for meritorious conduct. He married Miss Mary Annabel, and the union was blessed with children as follows: Ephraim died in infancy; James is referred to farther on; Silliman was a farmer in Fairfield county; John was a farmer in Fairfield county; and Ephraim (2) was a sea-faring man, and died in Salem, Mass.; all are deceased. Major Burr died April 24, 1840, his wife on January 8, 1848. In their religious views both were Presbyterians, and in politics the Major was a Democrat.

James Burr (father of our subject) was reared in Fairfield, and became a sea-faring man, following that vocation through life. He was married to Sallie Penfield, a native of Fairfield, daughter of James Penfield, who, too, was a patriot of he war of the Revolution, the family being an old and prominent one of Fairfield county, of English origin. After marriage the young couple located in Fairfield, and there reared a family of six children: Catherine died unmarried; Lewis was a carriage manufacturer in Westport, and is now deceased; Mary died unmarried; Henry P. is referred to farther on; Julia is the widow of Henry Smith, who died in California; and James lives retired in California. The father of this family died November 6, 1826, and the mother passed away on March 19, 1870.

Capt. Henry Penfield Burr until sixteen years of age passed his boyhood in the town of Fairfield. At that age he began learning the carriage manufacturing business, which he afterward followed for some years in Westport. In 1849, during the gold excitement on the Pacific coast, he went to California via Cape Horn. He spent nine years in that State, including the time in making three trips thereto from the East. He made the second and third trips via the Isthmus of Panama. After his California experience he returned to Westport, and there remained until the breaking out of the Civil war. His love of country filling him with that patriotism his ancestors displayed in the war of the Revolution, he recruited a company made up of men principally from Westport, of which he was commissioned captain, and the company, E, became part of the 17th C. V. I., which formed a part of the Army of the Potomac. At the battle of Chancellorsville, Va., he was taken prisoner by the enemy, and was confined in Libby prison at

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Richmond, Va. After an imprisonment of a short time he was released; then participated in the battle of Gettysburg, Penn., after which he went south and there remained until his resignation, March 28, 1864, at St. Augustine, Florida. After an honorable military career, in which he made a good record as a soldier, he returned to Westport and became engaged in the grocery business. During the third of a century that has since elapsed Captain Burr has made a useful citizen, and not been without that recognition that his services and worth have merited. In politics he is a Republican. He has served as town clerk; was postmaster of Westport twelve years, and represented his county in the State Legislature two terms, serving with that fidelity to duty and ability that is characteristic of the man. His business life, too, has been an honorable one, and one marked with good judgment and management. Public-spirited and enterprising, he has been interested in such movements as have tended to build up and advance the town and county. He has been successful. Captain Burr is identified with the G. A. R.

On November 15, 1843, Captain Burr was married to Miss Sarah E. Taylor, a native of Westport, Conn., and seven children were born to the union, namely: Algernon T. is now a resident of Greenwich, Conn., but is engaged in business in New York; Henry E. and Louis D. both died in young manhood; Frank A. is now in the office of the Pennsylvania Steel Company in New York; and three other children, who died in infancy. In 1870 the mother of these children died, and in 1879 the Captain was married to Mrs Maria L. (Hoyt) Olmstead. Mrs. Burr is the daughter of Uriah and Betsey (Akin) Hoyt, the latter of whom was the daughter of Thomas Aikin, a soldier of the war of the Revolution. In religious faith Captain Burr is a Congregationalist, while his wife is a Baptist.

NICHOLS OF NICHOLS. The name Nichols (an abbreviation of Nicholas) is of purely patrician origin, having been invented by the Alexandro-Egyptian dynasty as a cognomen for princes, along with Berenice for princesses, and means "Mastery over the People." [*Patronymica Britannica*, Yale College Library.] By degrees, the brevet acquired the permanence of a surname, eventuating in the historic Nicholas family of Europe, which has given the world two Popes, besides long lines of nobility. In the reign of Edward the Confessor, Count Nicolas de Albini and the other Counts Nicolas of Normandy removed to England, purchasing estates at Lincoln. For a while, the Counts Nicolas called the venerable Lincoln, the city of their adoption, "Nicole," giving out that the latter way was the easier of pronunciation; but this Gallic vestige of papal supremacy did not suit, and Lincoln remained obstinately Lincoln.

Since the reign of Elizabeth, forty coats of arms have been granted the descendants of Count Nicolas de Albini, including those of various peers of the realm. Of these, Sir H. Nicholas wrote the "Historic Peerage of England". The family, time out of mind, has been marked by a penchant for genealogical research, the late John Gough Nichols, editor of the *Herald and Genealogist*, along with his father and grandfather, having devoted his life to antiquarian studies, the memorial of their united labors being a Nichols genealogy of Titanic size, deposited in the College of Arms in London. The genealogist of the Nichols family in the United States is William J. Nichols, son of the late Bradley Nichols, Esq., of Bridgeport.

Sergeant Francis Nicolls, of London, one of the Royal Horse Guards of Charles I, came to New England, becoming, in 1639, an original Colonial proprietor of the township of Stratford, Connecticut. His Colonial grant of landed estate in the township of Stratford, Connecticut, in 1639, inclusive of the site of the town of Nichols, comprised ten thousand acres. He sprang from a family of fighters—lawyers and military men—and was the first military man in the Colony. His uncle, Francis Nicolls, of London and Ampthill Great Court, married a daughter of Lord Bruce. Sir Richard Nicolls, the first English Governor of New York, was a colonel at the head of the British forces in the New Netherlands, and bequeathed a legacy to Sergeant Francis Nicolls, of Stratford, Conn. Among the descendants of Sergeant Francis Nicolls are the Right Rev. William Ford Nichols, the Bishop of California, who married Miss Ada Quintard, daughter of Edward Quintard, of New York, and niece of Bishop Quintard; George Foster Peabody, of Brooklyn; Mrs. Walter Camp, of New Haven; George W. Nichols, of Brooklyn Heights; the Rev. C. W. de Lyon Nichols, of New York; Charles L. Thomas, of Chicago; ex-Governor Nichols, of Louisiana; and Mrs. Oscar F. Livingston (*née* Nichols), of New York. Mrs. Livingston's grandfather, the Hon. Charles Nichols, was Minister to Holland.

Sergeant Francis Nicolls' kinsman, Sir Richard Nicolls, the first English Governor of New York, who named New York and Albany, was in a certain sense the founder of Connecticut, as

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Thomas Hooker, from whom a number of the last two generations of Nichols of Nichols come direct, was of the constitution of the State. In 1662 Charles II granted to Connecticut a tract of land reaching across the continent; however, in 1664, he revoked his gift and presented the largest part of Connecticut to the Duke of York. The final decision of Governor Nicolls, fixing the limits of the State of New York twenty miles east of the Hudson, saved Connecticut, so that he was really the founder of the State of Connecticut. The family name both in New York and Connecticut was spelled *Nicolls*, during the early Colonial period.

Sergeant Francis Nicolls' son, Caleb Nicholls, from whom the Nichols of Nichols descend, was also exclusively a landed proprietor. He married Anne Ward, a granddaughter of Sir Richard Ward, a daughter of Andrew Ward, Esq., of Fairfield, Conn., who, prior to his settlement there, had been Lord of the Manor of Baccons in England. Andrew Ward was commissioned together with Winthrop, Roger Ludlow and two others, to govern the people of Connecticut, when the State stretched nearly down to New York City, besides embracing half of Long Island. As a magistrate he declared war against the Pequots, was also a deputy to the first court held in Connecticut, and took an active part in portioning off the townships of the State. His wife was a Miss Sherman, the granddaughter of Henry Sherman, of Sherman Hall fame, Dedham, England, from whom descended Roger Sherman, the signer of the Declaration of Independence; General Sherman; Hon. John Sherman; Mrs. Bradley-Martin; the Countess of Craven; the Countess Castellane; the late Jay Gould; ex-Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts; George Burroughs Torrey, of New York and Paris; and the Hon. William M. Evarts. Col. Aaron Burr, the third Vice-President of the United States, traced his lineage back to this Ward-Sherman marriage, from which the Peet-Nichols branch of the Nichols of Nichols come, in a double line of descent. Mary Nichols, of Stratford, a niece of Caleb Nicholls and Anne Ward, married Rev. Israel Chauncey, the chief founder of Yale College, and an ancestor of the Hon. Chauncey M. Depew.

Abraham Nicholls, born 1622, a son of Caleb Nicholls and Anne Ward, having inherited from his father and grandfather a proprietary right in the township of Stratford, was the first to erect a homestead on the ancestral estate at Nichols in North Stratford. The wife whom he brought to his lordly domain of three thousand acres was Rachel Kellogg, a daughter of Hon. Daniel Kellogg, one of the founders of Norwalk, who represented Norwalk eight years in the General Assembly between 1670–1683, and his wife, Miss Bouton, a granddaughter of Jean Bouton, the Marquis of Chamilly and Marshal of France. Among the prominent and wealthy descendants of Abraham Nicholls and Rachel Kellogg are George Foster Peabody, of Brooklyn, a kinsman of George Peabody, the philanthropist; the late Bradley Nichols, of Bridgeport, and George W. Nichols, of Brooklyn Heights, who married a Miss Main, the sister of Mrs Robert Allyn, of Hartford. The family of George Foster Peabody and George W. Nichols, of Brooklyn, who are cousins, was related to Sir Joshua Bates, of London, of the firm of Baring Bros. Sir Joshua Bates' daughter, the late Madame Vandeweyer, lived in Windsor Park, near Windsor Castle, and Her Majesty Queen Victoria was present in person at the christening of each of Madame Vandeweyer's children, for whom she stood as godparent. The present Mr. Vandeweyer, of Windsor Park, married a sister of the Earl of Craven. George Foster Peabody, who is well-known in London, is a member of the firm of Spencer, Trask & Co., New York City, president of several railroads, and vastly influential in political movements of the United States.

Capt. Joseph Nichols of Nichols, besides being a hereditary landholder of more than two thousand acres, was prominent in local ecclesiastical and military affairs. He caused the highway to be laid between Stratford and Nichols, the road being known as "The Captain's Highway," and Nichols as "The Captain's Place." He was the uncle of Stephen Burroughs, the astronomer, and married Mary Curtiss, of Nichols, whose family possessed large means and were allied to Governor Welles. Lieut. Nathan Nichols, a son of Capt. Joseph Nichols of Nichols, served on the Committee of Safety during the Revolution, and his grandson, Stiles Nichols, was born in 1761, was the founder of the *Bridgeport Farmer*, one of the most influential newspapers of western Connecticut. Frederick C. Nichols, a prominent citizen of Bridgeport, who has a handsome residence on Golden Hill, is a great-grandson of Stiles Nichols. Frederick C. Nichols' sister, Mary Louise Clark, married Benjamin C. Porter, one of the most celebrated of American portrait painters.

Andrew Nichols, Esq., of Nichols, son of Capt. Joseph Nichols, was one of the wealthiest men of that part of the country, and his great-grandson, Bradley Nichols, who lately died, was the richest person of the name of Nichols in

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Bridgeport. Andrew Nichols married Abiah Plumb, a daughter of Noal Plumb, in direct line from "Thomas Hooker, one of the makers of America." Andrew Nichols, Esq., kept a large number of slaves, and his daughter, Martha, married Col. Lewis Fairchild, of Trumbull, the founder of the present Fairchild fortune. Horace L. Fairchild, a prominent resident of Nichols, is a grandson of Col. Lewis Fairchild and Martha Nichols.

Hezekiah Nichols of Nichols, a son of Andrew Nichols, Esq., succeeded to the homestead and a goodly portion of the estate of Nichols. He was related to the Rev. James Nichols, the last Episcopal clergyman who went to Scotland for ordination, and to the first ordained in America —Rev. Philo Shelton. Hezekiah Nichols married (first) his cousin, Prudence Shelton, a lineal descendant of Governor Welles, and (second) Avice Peet, of whose family name the old Peet mansion in Brooklyn is a significant memorial. Avice Peet's grandniece, Alice Sumner, the sister of Prof. William G. Sumner of Yale College, married Walter Camp.

The late George Kneeland Nichols, of Bridgeport, a son of Hezekiah Nichols of Nichols and Avice Peet, was the chief founder of Nichols as a manufacturing village. He was born in the large homestead house of his grandfather, Andrew Nichols, Esq., which stood at the head of the estate, and had to be taken down along with its extensive slave quarters early in the present century. George Kneeland Nichols married Armina (Platt) Seeley, a daughter of the Rev. Monson Seeley, and a great-granddaughter of Lieut. Nathan Seelye of the Revolution, who is buried in the old Stratfield cemetery. Mrs. Nichols is descended in three lines from Richard Lyon, the first of Fairfield, whose landed property reached twelve miles in one direction. The Rev. Charles Wilbur de Lyon Nichols, of New York, born at Nichols, is the only surviving child of George Kneeland Nichols and Armina Seeley. Among the family heirlooms is an original copy of *Guillim's Display of Heraldry*, the celebrated edition of 1724. George Kneeland Nichols was buried in the cemetery at Nichols, in ground which had been in the possession of the family more than two hundred and fifty years, and the grave is marked by a monument bearing the Governor Nichols coat of arms.

Since the death of David Stiles Nichols, Charles Brinsmade Nichols is the leading representative of the name at Nichols. Harry Nichols French is a grandson of the late David Stiles Nichols, and the wife of the Rev. Dr. John L. Peck, who resides at Nichols, was a Miss Nichols, a great-grandaughter of Andrew Nichols, Esq. The late Charles Lewis Nichols, of New York, born at Nichols, married the beautiful and accomplished Jeanette (Jennings) Burroughs, a relative of Sir Joshua Bates; Walter Nichols, of Bridgeport, is their son. Sir Joshua Bates, who married Lucretia Jennings, of Boston, used to visit in Bridgeport at the house of his wife's relatives, the capacious Stephen Burroughs homestead, which stood near the present railroad station, and almost on the site of the "Atlantic Hotel." Walter Nichols, a son of Charles Lewis Nichols and Jeanette (Jennings) Burroughs, married Eliza L. Nichols, a daughter of the late James K. Nichols, of Bridgeport, formerly of Nichols. Walter Nichols and his wife are second cousins through both the Nichols and Peet sides of their families, and his grandfather Burroughs was, on another line, second cousin to his wife's grandfather Nichols; he is a brother of the millionaire, George W. Nichols, of Brooklyn Heights. Mrs. John V. Singleton, of New York (whose husband's family came originally from Philadelphia), Miss Frances Serena Nichols, of Bridgeport, and Mrs. Lewis Bonnell Crane, of New York, are daughters of the late James K. Nichols and Elizabeth Seeley, of Bridgeport, and great-granddaughters of Andrew Nichols, Esq., of Nichols. Lewis Bonnell Crane, of New York, who married Miss Carrie J. Nichols, is a son of the late Russell Crane, of New York and Saybrook, Conn., a wealthy merchant, whose wife was a daughter of Judge Willard, of Saybrook. Russell Crane's only daughter, Minnie T. Crane, married Edmund Penfold Schuyler, of New York, a son of Cornelius Van Alen Schuyler, whose wife was a Miss Quintard, sister to Bishop Quintard, of Tennessee, and aunt to Mrs. William Ford Nichols (*née* Quintard), the wife of the Bishop of California. Bishop Nichols' father, Charles Hubert Nichols, was born at Trumbull, Conn., two miles from Nichols.

Rev. Charles Wilbur De Lyon Nichols, philanthropist and author, is the only son of the late Gerge Kneeland Nichols, of Bridgeport, and lived at Nichols, his birthplace, until his seventh year; then attended schools at Rochester, N. Y., for eleven years, commencing the study of Latin at eight and of Greek at twelve years of age. He graduated at De Graff's military school, where he was a pupil of Clark, the grammarian, and finally at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass., taking high honors in the classics. Three years were then devoted to the study of vocal music and the ancient classics, until Mr. Nichols' entrance at the Johns Hopkins University, during the summer vacations of his course there attending lectures on the philosophy of Hegel at the Concord

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Summer School of Philosophy, under the United States commissioner of education, the Hon. William T. Harris, LL. D. A thesis written by Mr. Nichols at that time was forwarded by Dr. Harris to Scotland, to the renowned author of *The Secret of Hegel*, as a specimen of what American students were doing on speculative lines. Mr. Nichols' theological training occupied five years—two in the study of ethics and speculative theology at Seabury Divinity School, Minnesota, and the regular three-years' course at the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, New York City. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Henry C. Potter, at St. Thomas' Church, New York City, and to the priesthood at the Church of the Holy Communion of that city. During his diaconate, the Rev. Mr. de Lyon Nichols was assistant to the Rev. Dr. E. Edwards Beardsley at St. Thomas' Church, New Haven, also attending lectures on the philosophy of religion at Yale Divinity School. He was then called to be rector of St. Stephen's Church on the historic Bentley Manor, an outlying portion of the William H. Aspinwall estate, on Staten Island, New York city. Having imported some of the ideas of Henry R. Haweis, the London divine, the author of *Music and Morals*, the Rev. Mr. de Lyon Nichols' Parish was widely known as "The Aesthetic Parish of Staten Island", and its Easter and Twelfth Night festival services were attended by throngs from a radius of more than ten miles. Mr. Nichols was a contributor to the memorial birthday volume presented by Americans to Sir Michael Munkacsy, of Paris, the renowned painter of "Christ before Pilate." For four years he was chaplain of the Department of Public Charities, New York City, and he has made a highly successful dash into literature, "The Greek Madonna" written under the *nom de plume* "Shelton Chauncey," having passed through several editions with a wide circulation in England and on the continent of Europe. He passes three months of each year in literary seclusion at Bridgeport, where he is now completing the MS. of "The Decadents", his story of Blackwell's Island and Newport, into whose plot a pretty sketch of Nichols, his birthplace, is interwoven. Rev. Mr. Nichols is also the author of "The Park City Peerage," a genealogical volume. For one month of each year he sojourns at Newport, the remainder being passed in New York City occupied with various philanthropic institutions, and as Vicar of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Rev. Mr. Nichols is the founder of the New York Sunday Kindergarten, backed by men and women of National repute, and where the system of religious artistic symbolism, of which he is the originator, is brought to bear upon the lives of tenement-house children. He is to inaugurate a much greater philanthropic undertaking on Cathedral Heights, New York City, after an extended sojourn in Europe.

JOHN BEACH NICHOLS, SR., (deceased), was at the time of his death one of the oldest living members of this distinguished family, and for many years was a leading agriculturist of the town of Trumbull, Fairfield county.

Born August 16, 1817, our subject was a son of John Nichols, and a grandson of Andrew Nichols, who was a native of Nichols, and followed farming there throughout his life. At the age of thirty-five he married Hepsey Curtis, by whom he had ten children: Silas, Robert, John (sketch of whom follows), Isaac, Sally, Mary, Patty, Hezekiah, Abiah and Nathan.

John Nichols, the father of John B, Nichols, Sr., was a lifelong resident of Nichols, and in early manhood purchased farming land from the Fairchild's, where he built a house and established his home. Politically he was a Whig, and like the other members of his family he was prominent in the Congregational Church at Trumbull. He was twice married, first to Mary Curtis, by whom he had three children: Abiah, born June 6, 1793; Roswell, born December 1, 1801; and Sidney, born December 3, 1807. The mother of these died May 8, 1811, and for his second wife John Nichols wedded Ruth Beach, daughter of Daniel Beach, of Daniels Farms, town of Trumbull, and by her had five children, whose names with dates of birth are as follows: Ruth Ann, April 19, 1813; a son that died in infancy; John Beach, Sr., August 16, 1817; Comfee Maria, March 21, 1820; and Mary H., February 8, 1824. All of the above are now deceased except Ruth Ann, who is a resident of Elgin, Illinois.

John Beach Nichols, Sr., always made his home at Nichols, where he owned a fine farm. As a citizen he showed much public spirit, and for many years he had been an active supporter of the Congregational Church at Trumbull. In local politics he was influential as a member of the Republican party, serving as selectman, assessor, and member of the board of relief. He was married three times, first November 18, 1840, to Mary R. Brinsmade, who was born February 14, 1820, and they had two children: Horatio Brinsmade, born May 9, 1845, married Laura Fairchild, and died October 19, 1875; and John Wickliff, born April 13, 1847, died

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July 25, 1853. The mother of these passed away February 23, 1849, and for his second wife Mr. Nichols wedded, March 23, 1850, Harriet E. Brinsmade, who was born July 5, 1816, and died June 19, 1860, without issue. For his third wife Mr. Nichols married, August 17, 1864, Catharine E. Plumb, who was born February 4, 1833, and died August 29, 1879, leaving two children: John Beach, Jr., born May 22, 1866, married January 28, 1894, and is now engaged in farming and dairying; and Catharine May, born March 5, 1876, married June 8, 1898, to Lester Shelton, of Booth Hill, town of Huntington, Fairfield county. On May 1, 1899, John Beach Nichols, Sr., died at Nichols, Trumbull, aged 81 years, 8 months, 15 days.

ISAAC ELBERT NICHOLS, a prominent agriculturist of the town of Trumbull, is highly esteemed among a wide circle of acquaintances, his sterling qualities of character commanding the respect of all who know him.

Mr. Nichols was born at Nichols, Conn., February 10, 1827, a son of Isaiah Nichols and grandson of Isaac Nichols, who owned an extensive tract of land in that locality, and passed his life in agricultural pursuits. His first wife was Sally Hawley.

Isaiah Nichols, the father of our subject, was also an agriculturist, owning a large farm in Trumbull. He received a good education for his time, and was much respected for his sound judgment, being often called upon to settle estates. His wife, Abiah Nichols, a daughter of John Nichols, was a devout member of the Congregational Church. They had four children: Anna A., wife of Elbert Edwards, of Daniels Farms, Elliot P., Isaac Elbert, and Sidney W.

Isaac Elbert Nichols was educated in the schools of his native town, and has been engaged in agricultural pursuits since early manhood. The greater portion of his life has been spent at Nichols, but at times he has resided in Bridgewater, Newtown and Fairfield. Politically he is a Democrat, though in early life he was a Whig. By his first wife, Ermina (Gregory), of Tashua, he had no children; by his second marriage, with Miss Henrietta Banks, of Easton, he has a daughter, Ermina M., wife of David E. Plumb, and a son, Charles Banks. The latter, who is now a resident of Monroe, this county, married Miss Mary I. Hubbell, and has two children, Charles Frederick and Theodore Elbert.

Mrs. Henrietta (Banks) Nichols is a daughter of Samuel Banks, and granddaughter of Solomon Banks, both residents of Easton, where they followed the trade of carpenter and joiner. Samuel Banks married Laura Sherwood, and had seven children, of whom the following are now living: Mary B., wife of Charles N. Fairchild; George S., who resides in Easton; and Henrietta, Mrs. Nichols.

LUCIUS CURTIS NICHOLS, a well-known citizen of Trumbull township, is passing the afternoon of life in retirement at his pleasant home near Nichols village, on the road between that place and Huntington.

Our subject was born at Nichols, May 6, 1828, a son of Prosper Nichols, and grandson of Robert Nichols. The latter was a leading farmer of that locality in his day. He married Joanna Peet, and had four children: Ira, Abijah M., Prosper and Charles L.

Prosper Nichols, the father of our subject, was born January 6, 1795, and was reared upon the old farm, but on entering into business life he became interested in the buying and selling of cattle. Later he engaged in butchering at Bridgeport in partnership with Gideon Thompson, and afterward continued the business alone for a time, but finally formed another partnership with Capt. William M. Terry. He was known throughout this section as a careful, honest man, whose business ability was above the average, and for years he was prominent in local affairs as a worker in the Whig party. He was senior warden of Trinity Episcopal Church, Nichols, from its formation until after his second marriage, when he resigned, as his Sabbaths were then spent in Newtown. His first wife, Lucy Curtis, daughter of Daniel M. Curtis, of Nichols, died January 1, 1859, and he was afterward married in Newtown to Mrs. Benjamin Glover. He had five children, all by the first marriage: Charles Carlos, who died in 1845; Samantha, who married David Nichols, and died in 1849, leaving one son, Charles Carlos, now deceased; Eliza, who married Rev. John L. Peck; Lucius Curtis, and Caroline, deceased, who married Edwin Peck, and had a son, George, now a member of the firm of Peck & Lines, of Bridgeport.

Lucius Curtis Nichols was reared to farm work at the old homestead, his education being obtained in the schools of his native place. At the age of sixteen he became an apprentice in the saddle-tree factory of Fairchild, Peet & Co., afterward F. P. Ambler & Sons, where he was employed continuously until the establishment was closed, and since that time he has not been engaged in business. While he has never been

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especially active in politics, he is a stanch Republican, and at all times he has taken a keen interert in the welfare of his community. On November 7, 1852, he married Miss Josephine Elizabeth Curtis, daughter of Sheldon Curtis, of Nichols. She died in August, 1861, leaving one daughter, Idwella Imogene, now the wife of Gideon Tomlinson. They have four children: Josephine Elizabeth, Charles Henry, Jessie May and Lucius Nichols Tomlinson. Of these Josephine recently married Wm. H. Lyon, of Ansonia.

DANIEL M. NICHOLS, a highly respected resident of Nichols, seems to have inherited the military ardor of his ancestry, and during the Civil war he made an honorable record as a soldier, serving from August 25, 1862, to August 31, 1863, as a private in Company D, Twenty-third Connecticut Volunteer Infantry.

Mr. Nichols was born April 16, 1835, at the old homestead at Nichols village, the son of Abijah M. Nichols, a well-known citizen. On completing his course of study in the schools of his native town, our subject was employed by F. P. Ambler & Sons, in their saddle-tree and harness-tree factory, remaining until the business was abandoned.

CHARLES BRINSMADE NICHOLS. This respected resident of Trumbull township is the owner of a large estate near Nichols village, and, like his ancestors for several generations past, he devotes much of his time and attention to agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Nichols was born April 16, 1838, at his present homestead, which has been in the possession of the family since pioneer times. His great-grandfather, Andrew Nichols, was a native and lifelong resident of that locality. John Nichols, our subject's grandfather, was also born at Nichols, and he died there March 1, 1862, at the age of eighty-four years and eight months. By his first marriage, to Mary Curtis, John Nichols had three children: Abiah, Roswell and Sidney, and by his second wife, Ruth Beach, he had four children: John B. (a resident of Nichols), Mary, Maria and Ruth Ann.

Sidney Nichols, the father of Charles B., was born at the old homestead, December 12, 1807, and died April 9, 1867. He was a well-known citizen and took much interest in political questions of his time, first as a Whig and later as a Republican. His wife, Caroline Elizabeth (Brinsmade), who died November 6, 1881, was a daughter of Abraham Brinsmade, of Daniels Farms, and of their two children, Charles B. and Elsia A., the latter died when nineteen years old.

Charles B. Nichols began his education in the schools of his native village, and at thirteen entered a private school at Trumbull Center. Later he attended Hines Institute, at Warren, Conn., and on completing his course there he engaged in general farming at the homestead. In politics he is a Republican, and he has at times held local offices, including that of selectman. He is interested in all that concerns the development of the community, and for years he has been a leading member of the Congregational Church at Trumbull. On January 12, 1870, he was married in Huntington to Miss Hannah E. Nichols, daughter of Nathan B. Nichols, and two children have blessed the union: Elsie E., who died September 5, 1897, and Edith Caroline. The mother of these died February 24, 1899, aged fifty-one years, five months and two days. Mr. Nichols is treasurer of the Village Improvement Association. For several years he served as school treasurer.

AUSTIN SHERMAN NICHOLS, a military veteran, is a leading resident of the town of Trumbull, and enjoys in a high degree the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens. He was born March 10, 1844, at his present homestead in Nichols village, a fine estate which has now been in the family for three generations.

Silas Nichols, our subject's grandfather, was the first of the name to own this farm, and he followed agriculture there for a number of years. He died at the advanced age of eighty-one. He and his wife Sarah had four children: David Plumb, Andrew B., Cynthia, and Harriet.

David Plumb Nichols, father of Austin S., was born and reared in the town of Trumbull, and soon after his marriage to Harriet Sherman of Monroe, this county, settled at the present homestead, where he built the residence now occupied by his son. He was originally a Whig in politics, and on its organization transferred his allegiance to the Republican party, of which he remained a faithful adherent until his death, at the age of sixty-three. His wife survives him and resides at the homestead. They had two sons: Austin Sherman, and Hobart L., who died at the age of thirty-four.

Austin S. Nichols was educated in the public schools of Trumbull and in Easton Academy. In early manhood he took up arms in defense of the Union, enlisting on August 30, 1861, in Company D, Twenty-third Conn. V. I. During his term of service he was taken prisoner at Brashear City,

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but after a couple of weeks he was exchanged, and on August 30, 1862, he was mustered out at New Haven. In November, 1862, he went to New York City to enter the employ of a dealer in oil, and later he was engaged in a commission business there for sixteen years. On the death of his father he returned to the homestead, where he has since given his attention to agriculture and dairying. He still retains his interests in military affairs and belongs to the society of Ex-prisoners of the Civil War and to the G. A. R., Elias Howe Post, at Bridgeport. Mr. Nichols was married in New York City to Miss Harriet Huxford, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and three children have been born to the union: Lester S., who was accidently killed at Bridgeport, by a railway train; Merton, who died at the age of nine years; and Lulu, who died when one year old.

ISAAC WARDWELL, a venerable citizen of Stamford, Conn., now eighty-three years of age, is one of Fairfield county's prominent and successful business men, his commercial career covering a sixty-years' connection with the Rippowam Foundry, of Stamford, now the Stamford Foundry Company, and formerly J. D. Warren & Company.

Mr. Wardwell is of the sixth generation of the family who have lived at Stamford. His great-grandfather came from Rhode Island and built a house on the present site of the Congregational church. His son, William Wardwell, who is next in line of descent, was born in Rhode Island, and came with his father's family to Stamford, where his son Isaac, father of our subject, was born December 28, 1766. There were two other sons in the family, James and William, the latter of whom was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, in which he was wounded. It is quite probable that James also served in that struggle. There were five daughters: Abigail, Sarah, Hannah, Mary and Betsey.

Isaac Wardwell (1) when but a lad of fourteen enlisted in a boy's company, and did sentry duty during the Revolution. He learned the carpenter's trade, and after completing his apprenticeship went to South America, where he remained ten years. He returned to Stamford, purchased what was then known as the Westcott farm, and here passed the remainder of his life, dying February 22, 1841. On March 24, 1799, he married Hannah Knapp, and to this union were born fourteen children: Polly, born January 14, 1800, married Pliney Daniels, and died April 24, 1894, at New Canaan; William, born July 15, 1801, was married on November 19, 1837, to Harriet Webb, and lived at New Canaan; he died October 11, 1843. Rufus, born December 18, 1803, married Mary Gaylor on February 28, 1836; he died in Stamford, July 29, 1876. James (1), born June 30, 1805, died February 14, 1807; Sally, born May 22, 1807, became the wife of William H. Adams; she died March 1, 1875. Isaac (1), born May 7, 1809, died May 11, 1812. Hannah, born November 12, 1810, became the wife of Rev. S. W. Scofield; she is still living, at Stamford. Abigail, born August 20, 1812, died November 11, 1891. Luther, born April 19, 1814, died June 28, 1814. Isaac (2) is the subject proper of this sketch. Betsey, twin sister of Isaac, born December 10, 1815, was married May 7, 1838, to Rev. William C. Hoyt; she is still living in Stamford. Priscilla, born January 15, 1818, died January 28, 1820. A son, born and died January 9, 1820. James (2), born June 13, 1821, died June 24, 1894; he married Sarah C. Rebecca Bishop, on January 22, 1845.

Isaac Wardwell passed his boyhood on the homestead in the town of Stamford, where his birth occurred December 10, 1815. He received a good common-school education, attending at a house that stood on the site of the present St. Johns Park, and later studying at the Stamford Academy, which stood on the ground now occupied by the town hall. In 1832, after his school days were over, he was apprenticed to the carpenter's trade with Edwin Bishop, and served five years. In 1838 he went to work for George E. Waring, in the foundry, and in 1846 he became the junior member of the firm which was then comprised of George E. Waring, James B. Scofield, Jonathan Hall and Isaac Wardwell, Mr. Hall's interest being purchased one year later by J. D. Warren. In 1851 the firm changed, becoming J. D. Warren & Co., and it subsequently became a stock company under the name of the Stamford Foundry Company, of which J. D. Warren was made president. Mr. Wardwell had learned his trade thoroughly, and he soon became a skilled worker in wood, and being of a mechanical turn developed into a first-class pattern maker. Possessing business tact and ability, it was not long before he came to the front in the company, and also in outside business affairs. From the start he served as superintendent, and at this time, although practically retired from active duties, he still devotes some time to the business of the plant. Mr. Wardwell was one of the promoters and builders of the improved Stamford canal, and was also instrumental in the improvement of the harbor. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank

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of Stamford, which is now the oldest national bank in the United States. At the time its charter was granted it was fourth in point of age, but since the other three banks have ceased to exist, the Stamford bank is now the oldest in the country. Mr. Wardwell is remarkably active for one of his years, and to this day enjoys greatly a sail on the Sound; he also delights in the sport of Izaak Walton.

On April 27, 1847, Mr. Wardwell was married to Miss Frederica Louisa Shaw, a daughter of Frederick Shaw, and to their union were born children as follows: Anna Wilkinson, Ida Louisa, I. Franklin and Claison Shaw. The entire family are members of St. John's Episcopal Church, Stamford, Mr. Wardwell having been an active worker as Sunday-school teacher and member of the choir in former years. His residence is on Elm Hill, west of the old homestead, having been built in 1860 on property adjoining the Westcott farm.

I. Franklin Wardwell was born October 10, 1854, and passed his early life attending the schools of Stamford, first the common and later the high school. In the meantime he had commenced the study of dentistry under Dr. E. T. Payne, from whom he had two years' tuition, and he completed his preparation for his profession at the Philadelphia Dental College, in which he eventually became one of the demonstrators, during his second year being made one of the Faculty. After his graduation, in 1876, he became connected with the University of Pennsylvania, as clinical instructor, continuing with the institution in that capacity to the present day. From 1876 to 1878 he practiced in Stamford with his brother, and in the latter year they established the office in West Thirty-eighth street, New York City, which they have ever since conducted, of late years giving their entire attention to practice in the metropolis. Drs. Wardwell are endowed with unusual ability as mechanics, and have made a steam engine, billiard table, etc., which are practical proofs of their ingenuity in this line. Before the electric motor was used in dentistry, having conceived the idea of the use of compressed air, they developed it, constructed the engine, which was a double-action, upright-cylinder affair, and used same until their removal to New York; it was a most desirable piece of mechanism, and could be regulated perfectly as to speed and power.

On June 1, 1894, Dr. I. Franklin Wardwell married Miss Helen Embury, and they have one child, Helen Embury, born October 23, 1896, who was christened on the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of her grandfather Wardwell, and the forty-third anniversary of the marriage of her grandfather Embury. Dr. and Mrs. Wardwell reside opposite the present Wardwell homestead in a stone house built nearly sixty years ago, the Doctor "commuting" to New York daily. He takes great interest in photography, yachting, etc., being measurer of the Stamford Yacht Club, and he has built one of the finest boats at Stamford.

Dr. Claison S. Wardwell was married September 8, 1885, to Miss Mary Bradford, and they have three children: Helen, born June 17, 1886; Joseph Bradford, born February 4, 1888; and Margaret, born December 22, 1894. He resides with his family on Elm street, the second house west of his father's residence.

LEWIS W. BURRITT (deceased) was one of Stratford's substantial citizens, and worthily represented a family which has long been noted for industry, thrift and public spirit. He was born in Stratford September 2, 1802, and passed his entire life there, his death occurring February 1, 1878, and the esteem in which he was held by his fellow townsmen is a convincing testimony to his high character as a man.

His ancestors, William and Elizabeth Burritt, were among the first settlers, and Ephraim Burritt, his grandfather, was born in the town of Stratford, there making his home throughout his life. He married Miss Ufford, also a native of the town, and had the following children: Stephen, who was employed for many years as a laborer in the harbor at Stratford; Thomas, a farmer in the town of Stratford; Ephraim and Abel, who were weavers by trade and also followed farming in Stratford; Phœbe (Mrs. Legrand Wells); Lewis, our subject's father; P. Mary, who married James Cannon.

Lewis Burritt, the father of our subject, was born in Stratford, where he followed the cabinet-maker's trade for many years. He was a Whig in politics, and was active in religious work as a member of the Episcopal Church. He married Esther Frost, a native of Stratford and daughter of Stephen Frost, a house carpenter by trade. They had three children: Lewis W., our subject; Alfred, a retired resident of Stratford, and Ephraim, who died in infancy. Alfred Burritt was born June 14, 1810, in Stratford, and became a cabinet maker, following the trade first in New York City and later in Stratford. He has been prominent in politics as a Whig and Republican, and has held various local offices including that of selectman, while in 1853 he was elected on the Temperance ticket as a repre-

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sentative from his town to the State Legislature. He married Miss Catherine A. Burritt, daughter of David Burritt, of Stratford, and has had six children, of whom the youngest died in infancy. Ransom is a farmer and cabinet maker in Stratford; Miss Fannie resides at home; Charles is engaged in business in Norwalk as a tinner and plumber; Emma married John Rhoades of Brooklyn; and William died in early manhood.

Lewis W. Burritt followed the cabinet-maker's trade in Stratford throughout his active years, and by his judicious management accumulated a handsome competence. His sound judgment and well-known integrity caused him to be frequently chosen to positions of trust, and for many years he served as town treasurer. Politically he was a Republican from the time of the formation of the party, and his advice was valued in the councils of the local organization. He and his wife were leading members of the Episcopal Church in Stratford, and for years he held the office of treasurer in that society. On July 20, 1831, he married Miss Mary E. Wilmot, who was born in New Haven, Conn., September 7, 1805, the daughter of Samuel Wilmot, a native of the city and a representative of a well-known family. She died December 20, 1849, and he afterward married Miss Delia DeForest, daughter of Daniel De Forest, of Stratford. He had four children, all by the first marriage: George H., who died in New York City at the age of fifty years, was in business in the metropolis; Lewis W. (deceased) was also in business in New York; Miss Elizabeth M. is a highly respected resident of Stratford; and Emily L. died in childhood.

ALANSON LYON (deceased), who in his lifetime was prominent in business circles and in the public affairs of the county, where his ancestors before him had figured, was born in the town of Redding, August 21, 1805, having descended from an ancient historic family.

This family traces its origin to Leoni, a Roman nobleman. A branch of the family settled in France, where the name was known as De-Lyon. One of the family went to England with the Conqueror, and some thirty years later accompanied Edgar to Scotland, where he located. Glammis castle and lands came into the family through the marriage in the fourteenth century of one of the successors to Elizabeth, daughter of Robert II. But their good fortune only created jealousy, and De Lyon was assassinated soon thereafter. The castle and lands have ever since remained in the family, although they have been more than once in danger. The succession was unique, Thomas, the eighth Earl, being the last of six brothers who succeeded each other—the elder two as heirs presumptive, and the others as actual earls.

Lemuel Lyon, father of Alanson Lyon, was born in the town of Redding, January 21, 1768, and was educated in its common school. He learned the shoemaker's trade, although he always followed farming as a means of livelihood. He became possessed of considerable property. He married Miss Hulda Sanford, who was born in 1767, and to them came the following children: Rebecca married Curtis Fanton; Susan married William Platt; Eli married Esther A. Northrop; Aaron married Betsey Sanford; and Alanson married Marrietta Skidmore.

Alanson Lyon, after his schooldays were over and he began life for himself, became engaged in the lumber business with a brother. They also manufactured hat boxes, and later our subject manufactured brick; during all of the time however, he was carrying on extensively farming operations. He was a capable business man, full of energy and industry, and made a success of his undertakings. He served the people of the county as deputy sheriff, and was repeatedly elected constable of the town of Redding. His official acts met with the approval of the people, and he was popular with the masses. Politically he was a Whig, and on the organization of the Republican party, he espoused the principles of that party. A man of good information, and of considerable force, he was influential in social and public affairs. He was identified with the I. O. O. F.; and also with the F. & A. M., being prominent in both orders. He married Miss Marietta Skidmore, a daughter of Rufus and Jerusha (Ferris) Skidmore, he a prominent physician of Newtown, Conn. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Alanson Lyon were born the following children: (1) Mary Ella, born July 19, 1851, and married Hobart Brinsmade, a native of Trumbull, Conn., who became principal of a Bridgeport public school, was subsequently European agent of the Wheeler & Wilson Co., but is now a wholesale merchant in St. Louis, Mo.; they have two children—Robert B. and Lewis. (2) Rufus Alanson, born February 21, 1853, was reared and educated in his native town—Redding. He taught school some in that locality, and at the age of nineteen he went to Bridgeport, where he became connected with the Bridgeport *Farmer*. With that publication he remained for a number of years, and became familiar with every branch of the newspaper business. From there he went to New Haven, and for several

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years was identified with the New Haven *Register*. He was then one year with the Bridgeport *News* as its editor, and of which he was part owner. Later he again became identified with the *Farmer*, serving on the editorial staff, being the city editor. For a year subsequently he was the managing editor of the New Haven *Union*. Mr. Lyon is unmarried, and resides with his mother at Redding. (3) Elizabeth F., born May 9, 1855, died in 1861. (4) Jennie A., born in the town of Redding, June 27, 1857, married John Reed, a farmer of that town, and they have three children—Herbert, Bessie, and Ferris.

Peter Ferris, the great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Alanson Lyon, bought a farm in the town of Newtown as early as 1711, and farmed throughout his lifetime. The deed to the farm was given to Danbury, there being no probate office at Newtown at the time the deed was made. He married Martha Northrop, of Newtown. Joseph Ferris, one of their children, was a very conscientious and strict member of the Church of England, and during the Revolutionary war refused to enter the service of the Continental army. At that time such a stand was considered next to treason. His property was about to be confiscated, and but for the acts of his wife it would have been lost. He left, going to Nova Scotia, where he remained eight years, then returned and passed his life in Newtown, Fairfield county, engaged chiefly in agricultural pursuits. He married Abigail Sherman, of Newtown, daughter of Daniel Sherman, who belonged to the family which produced Roger Sherman, of Revolutionary fame. Abigail Sherman's mother seemed to be by nature a doctor, and much of her time was spent in traveling on horseback through that locality, visiting and administering to the sick. The children of Joseph Ferris and his wife were: Daniel, Martha, and Ruth. Daniel Ferris was born in Newtown, and by occupation was a farmer. He married Jerusha Glover, a daughter of Elias Glover, of Newtown, and had children: (1) Jerusha, was married to Dr. Rufus Skidmore, and had children—Jane A., born February 11, 1822, married B. T. Burr (now deceased), who was a merchant of Greenfield, and also engaged in farming; Marietta (Mrs. Alanson Lyon), born June 6, 1825; and Martha E., born January 29, 1827, married James T. Johnson (now deceased), who was a farmer, and later was in business at Bridgeport. (2) Glover was married to Mary Briscoe, and had one child that died in youth.

Dr. Rufus Skidmore was graduated from the Vermont Medical University, in 1817, under the presidency of Daniel Huntington. Early in his professional career he traveled through the South and to Cuba, in search of a suitable place to locate in the practice. But owing to climatic conditions, his health would not permit of a location in the South, so he returned to New England and settled at Newtown, where he passed his life. He was a skillful surgeon and physician, and was frequently called in consultation. In one case there was a lady of the town who had presumably passed into the unknown; her case had been given up by the attending physicians, and she was supposed to be dead, but through some skillfull act of Dr. Skidmore's the patient rallied and recovered, and outlived the Doctor.

WILLIAM MEACHEN, a well-known prosperous citizen of Bridgeport, where for several years he was engaged in the business of market gardening on the spot where a portion of East Bridgeport now stands, but is now living retired, is a native of England, born in 1819, in the County of Norfolk.

Robert Meachen, father of our subject, was of the same nativity, and followed farming pursuits in Norfolk all his days, dying there. He married Ann Bridges, and by her had a family of eleven children—six sons and five daughters. The sons were named, respectively, Charles, Robert, James, William, Edward and Henry. Of these, Charles was a farmer near Cleveland, Ohio, and died there; Robert was a market gardener at New Haven, Conn., and died there; James is a retired market gardener, living in Stratford, Conn.; William (our subject) will be fully spoken of farther on; Edward was a market gardener in Indiana, where he was killed; and Henry is a market gardener at Michigan City, Ind. None of the sisters left their native land.

William Meachen received his education in England, and there commenced to learn the trades of miller and baker, but did not finish them. Afterward he worked on the home farm with his father. At about the age of twenty years he married Miss Ann Carr, who was born in the same neighborhood, a daughter of James Carr, and some eighteen months later (about sixty years ago) the young couple came to the United States, making their first New-World home in Paterson, N. J., where Mr. Meachen found employment as a coachman in a private family, a position he filled twelve years. From Paterson he moved to Jersey City, and for the next fourteen years conducted a lucrative market-gardening business; but selling out at the end of that time, in 1862, he came to Connecticut, and

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in the town of Stratford, Fairfield county, purchased a farm of forty acres of raw land, covered with wild brush, rocks, etc., now the scene of beautiful residences, fine streets and avenues, etc., in fact a portion of the site of East Bridgeport. When Mr. Meachen came here there were no more than six houses to be seen between his place and the city (proper) of Bridgeport. Here he was the first gardener, and followed his old vocation of market-gardening until in 1892 he sold his property, the forty acres above referred to, to Bradley Nichols & Son for $40,000, the same having originally cost him $4,000.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Meachen were born nine children, seven of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Margaret is the wife of Charles Hulah, of Bridgeport; George lives in Stratford; Christianna married George Dew, formerly a merchant, now a farmer in the town of Fairfield; Sarah is the deceased wife of William Paddock, a jeweler in Bridgeport; William, Jr., is a market gardener in Stratford; Charles is a manufacturer of brooms in Bridgeport; and Elizabeth married Thomas Wyle, clothier, of New Haven. Mr. and Mrs. Meachen and all the family are members of the M. E. Church, in which denomination he has been an officer for the long period of nearly half a century, and he gave valuable assistance toward the erection of the M. E. Church building in East Bridgeport.

In politics Mr. Meachen is a Republican; he served as one of the burgesses of East Bridgeport at the time it was a borough, and in earlier days was a member of the school committee several times. He at all times gives liberal support to those measures which he believes calculated to promote the general welfare. Wherever known he is held in high regard, and his friends are legion throughout the county.

HON. SAMUEL BALDWIN BEACH, a wealthy and influential resident of the town of Trumbull, has been identified with the agricultural interests of his locality for many years, while various investments in enterprises in Bridgeport have brought him into prominence among business men of that thriving city.

Mr. Beach was born October 4, 1823, in the Daniels Farms District, of Trumbull township, where his family have been prominent for many years. Ephraim Beach, his grandfather, was a farmer in that locality, and he and his wife, Mary (Edwards), were much esteemed by the early residents.

Ephraim W. Beach, our subject's father, was born in Trumbull township and spent his early years at Daniels Farms, but in 1833 he removed to Chestnut Hill District, of Trumbull, where he made his permanent home, his death occurring there at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. He was a man of ability and influence, and held numerous township offices, including that of supervisor, and at one time he represented his town in the State Legislature. He was also active in religious work as a member of the Congregational Church in Trumbull, in which he served as deacon for many years. His wife, Dorothy (Curtis), who also lived to the age of eighty-eight years, was a daughter of Agur Curtis, of Stratford, Conn. They had the following children: William Agur, a resident of Georgia; Minerva (Mrs. Sterling); Reuben, deceased; Samuel Baldwin, our subject; and Mary, wife of S. G. Beardsley.

Our subject was educated in the public schools of Chestnut Hill District, and has continued to reside there at the old homestead. He has always been prominent in public affairs in his locality, having served as representative in the Legislature from the town of Trumbull. For one of his age he is remarkably well preserved, the fleeting years having touched him but lightly. In 1865 he was married in Easton, this county, to Miss Augusta J. Seeley, and three children have blessed the union: Samuel W., Frances E., and Mary A. The family are prominent socially, and are connected with the Congregational Church at Trumbull, Mr. Beach having been for many years an active worker therein.

JUDGE NICHOLS C. DOWNS, of Stamford, now occupying the Bench of the City Court, has been a conspicuous figure and character of the Stamford Bar, and of the city as a citizen, from the time of his admittance to the Fairfield County Bar, in 1884.

A native of Fairfield county, Judge Downs was born in the town of Newtown, December 12, 1861. Monroe D. Downs, his father, was born in Southbury, New Haven Co., Conn. He married Miss Charlotte Nichols Curtis, a daughter of Nichols Curtis, of Newtown, Connecticut.

Our subject was educated in the public schools of Newtown, and at the Newtown Academy. On the completion of his literary education he began the study of law under the direction of Julius B. Curtis, of Stamford, and was admitted to the Bar in Fairfield county, May 15, 1884. From 1887 to 1893, he was deputy judge of the borough court of Stamford, and since 1893, the date of Stamford's incorporation as a city, he has been judge of the city court. From 1887 to 1891 he was borough attorney for Stamford,

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and from 1893 to 1898 he was corporation counsel for the city. Judge Downs has established a reputation as a careful and painstaking lawyer, conscientious and zealous in the business he undertakes. He is a lawyer of marked ability, and as a judge his decisions have been eminently satisfactory. He is a member of the board of governors of the Suburban Club; and is also vice-president of the Stamford Board of Trade. In 1894 his name was prominently mentioned as a popular candidate for the position of Judge of the Superior Court. On September 5, 1885, Judge Downs was married to Miss Jessie MacDonald, of Brooklyn, New York.

HON. BENJAMIN PENFIELD MEAD, State comptroller of Connecticut, is a man so widely and favorably known throughout the State that he needs no introduction here. His genial personality and official capabilities have won for him the highest esteem of his fellow-citizens, who have shown their appreciation of his worth by placing him in numerous public positions of trust.

Mr. Mead is a native of Connecticut, born September 21, 1849, in Bridgeport. His father, Benjamin Close Mead, was born in Greenwich, this State, and there spent his boyhood days, at the age of twelve commencing a sea-faring life, which he followed for many years. When nineteen years old he became a vessel master, and he ran a packet between Bridgeport and New York in the days before there were steamers, the last boat which he commanded being the schooner "William P. Boggs." Benjamin C. Mead was married at Greenwich to Mary Elizabeth Rich, who survives him, living at Greenwich, where he passed away. Their children, eight in number, are as follows: Louisa Woodruff, wife of Charles T. McKenny, of South Norwalk, Conn.; Mary Elizabeth, wife of James W. Burtis, of New Canaan; Clemence Sophia, living in Greenwich; Benjamin Penfield; Isadore Frances, wife of Fred W. Emerson, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Robert William, of Greenwich; Josephine Frances, wife of Walter R. Parks, of Brooklyn; and James R., residing in Greenwich. The father was an old-time Whig in political sentiment.

Benjamin P. Mead passed his early life in Greenwich, where he received his education, attending first the public schools, and later the Greenwich Academy, from which institution he graduated with honors. At the age of eighteen he went to New York City, where for three years he was engaged as bookkeeper in a storage warehouse and flour store, and then came to New Canaan, Conn., where he embarked in the general mercantile and hardware business as a member of the firm of J. W. Burtis & Co. (afterward Burtis & Mead). Here he has since made his home, and the firm continued to carry on the above mentioned business until January 20, 1895, when, after many years of success, they retired. Mr. Mead's position among the prominent citizens of the town, however, was not only a commercial one. He soon established himself in the confidence of his fellow-townsmen, who honored him with election to almost every office in their gift, and so satisfactory did he prove as a public servant that, although he has been a candidate for office more than twenty terms, he has never been defeated. In 1880 he became town clerk, and the year following was made selectman, continuing in that office seven consecutive years. In 1885 he was sent as the representative of this district to the State Legislature, and again in 1887, during the latter year serving as chairman of the committee on Fisheries, in which incumbency he made an excellent record, bringing about considerable legislation on that subject. In 1885 he was a member of the School Fund committee in the House, and also served on the Claims committee. In 1889 Mr. Mead was appointed State Auditor by Gov. Morgan G. Bulkeley, to fill an unexpired term, his service in that office ending in 1891. He took his seat in the State Senate as a representative from the Twelfth district in 1889, in 1889–90 acting as chairman of the committee on Cities and Boroughs and other important committees, and was re-elected in 1891. Here, as ever, his integrity and sterling uprightness of character was made manifest, especially during the "deadlock" session of 1891, when he made many new friends and sustained his honorable reputation among the old ones by his straightforward conduct. In 1894 he was elected to the office, the duties of which he has since discharged in so able a manner—that of State comptroller. His good judgment, and faithfulness to the interests of the public, have been particularly noticeable, and were rewarded in 1896 by a re-election with the largest plurality received by any candidate on the State ticket. Mr. Mead devotes himself to his public duties with zeal, bringing to his present office all the business tact and acumen acquired in years of successful commercial life, and only gives such time to his private interests as is necessary for the management of his property.

Our subject was married, in New Canaan, to Miss Florence Heath, a daughter of Benjamin N. and Julia A. (Hoyt) Heath, and four children have blessed this union, viz.: Benjamin Heath,

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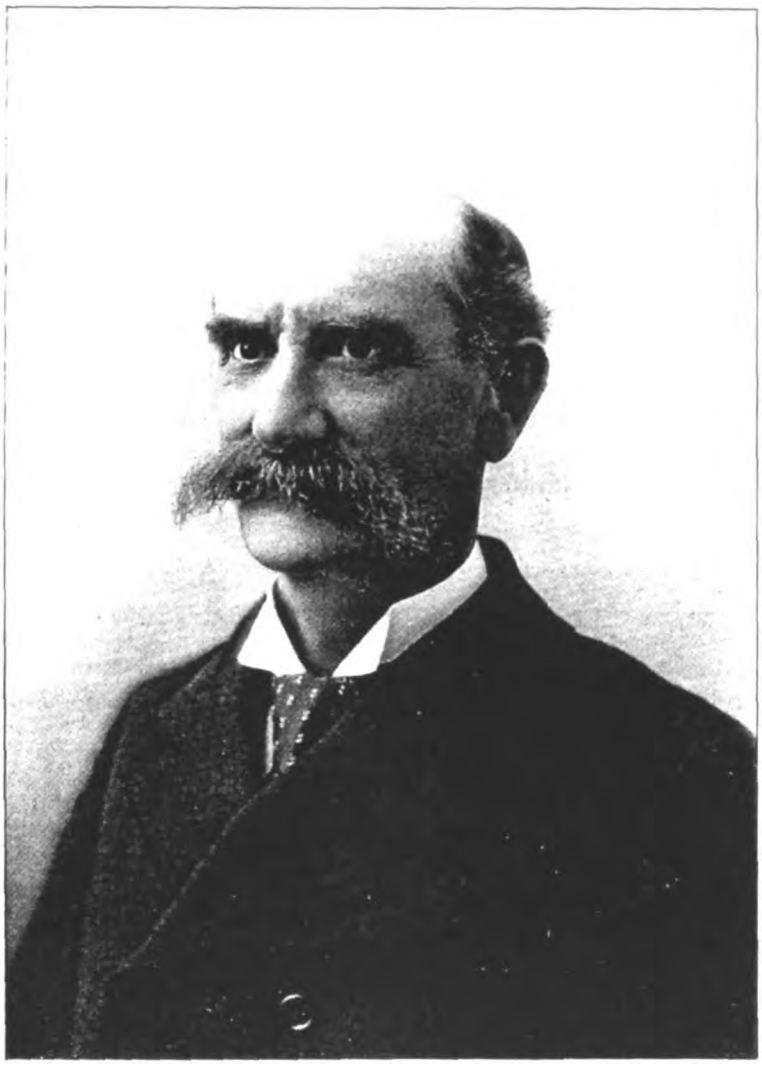

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Harold Hoyt, Stanley Penfield, and Florence Louisa. Mr. Mead is a member of the Congregational Church; fraternally he is an Odd Fellow.

ABEL S. HAWLEY (deceased) was born July 4, 1812, in Brookfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he grew to manhood, and at an early age acquired a knowledge of carpentering and the hatter's trade. For some time he engaged in business there as a carpenter and builder, and in 1857 he removed to Danbury and continued in the same line of work. In 1862 he commenced in the undertaking business, which he followed during his remaining years. His intelligence and his high character, combined with unfailing public spirit, made him a prominent member of the community, and he served for some time as judge of probate. His sympathies were always on the side of progress, and he gave special attention to educational affairs, serving on the school committee many years. Like all of his family he was deeply interested in religious work, and was an active supporter of the Episcopal Church, in which he held the office of senior warden. He took a keen interest in political questions, although he was never an office-seeker, and he was always a stanch supporter of the principles of the Republican party. His death, which occurred December 22, 1891, caused sincere mourning throughout the community, his benevolence and kindly spirit having won the affection and esteem of all classes.

On February 26, 1836, Mr. Hawley married Miss Susan Blake, who survives him. She was born at New Preston, Litchfield Co., Conn., where her ancestors were early settlers. Her grandfather, David Blake, was a soldier in the Revolutionary army. He married Lucy Merchant, of Fairfield county, and their son Joseph, Mrs. Hawley's father, was born in Litchfield county, and became a prosperous business man, his attention being given mainly to the cooper's trade. He married Miss Louisa Osborn, also a native of Litchfield county, and they had thirteen children, of whom none are now living except Mrs. Hawley and her sister Louisa, who married Silas Abbott, of Danbury. The Blake family is of English origin, and has always occupied a prominent position in business and social life. Mr. and Mrs. Hawley had two children: (1) Margaret married Azariel C. Fuller, a native of Litchfield, and died May 28, 1864, leaving two sons—Granville H., a member of the firm of Reynolds & Fuller, undertakers in Danbury; and Charles H., a bookkeeper in Middletown, N. Y. (2) Miss Candace, a lady of unusual intellectual and social gifts, resides with her mother, and is identified in a helpful way with many important social and philanthropic movements.

The Hawley family, which is one of the oldest in this section, traces its descent from Joseph Hawley, a native of Derbyshire, England, who was born in 1603, and crossed the ocean in 1629, landing near Boston, Mass. He afterward settled in Connecticut, and he died in Stratford in 1690. He left five sons: Ebenezer, Joseph, Samuel, Ephraim and John. Of these, Samuel, who was born in 1652, had seven children, among who was a son, Samuel, through whom our subject's line of descent is traced. He had ten children: Jonathan, Nathaniel, Ephraim, Matthew, Obadiah, Francis, Richard, Nathan, Stephen and Benjamin.

Benjamin Hawley, who was born in 1694, had four sons: Ebenezer, Benjamin, Abel and William, who was born in 1732. William Hawley had four children: William, Anna, Daniel and Joseph.

Daniel Hawley, our subject's grandfather, had four children: Lucy, Eleazer, Charles S. and Sidney E.

Eleazer Hawley, the father of our subject, was born probably in Brookfield. In early manhood he engaged in mercantile business in Troy, N. Y., but later he became a farmer in Brookfield. He married Miss Betsey Sherman, a member of another well-known Brookfield family, and had three children: (1) Margaret, married Dr. Eli Barnes, a physician in Brookfield; (2) George, who was a hatter by trade, married Maranda Beardsley, of the town of Brookfield; (3) Abel S. being the youngest.

On the maternal side our subject was descended from Samuel Sherman, who came to America in 1634 from Dedham, County of Essex, England, accompanied by a brother John, and a first cousin of the same name. Samuel Sherman was married after his arrival in this country to Sarah Mitchell, who crossed the ocean in the same ship, and they made their home at Stratford, Conn. Their descendants are now numerous, and among them we may name Hon. John Sherman, for many years United States Senator from Ohio, and now (1897) Secretary of State under President McKinley. The late Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman, whose deeds make a glorious chapter in our country's history, was also a descendant of this worthy couple. To Samuel and Sarah Sherman eight children were born: Samuel, Theophilus, Edmond, John,

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David, Matthew, Nathaniel, and Benjamin. Of these, Samuel had a son Daniel, who had three sons: Ebenezer, Benoni, and Samuel, who was next in the line of descent which we are now tracing. Samuel Sherman had two sons: Justin, and Jotham, our subject's great-grandfather. Jotham Sherman had sons: Lewis, Samuel, Rufus, Jotham, Beers and Cyrus.

SUMNER STOWE. This venerable gentleman of the town of Redding, Fairfield county, is passing the evening of his life where its morning began eighty-seven years ago, he having been born March 16, 1812.

His ancestors were patriots in Colonial days, and again in the days of the early union of the States. Robert Stowe, his grandfather, was a native of England, where his young life was passed, and where his marriage occurred. He emigrated to America long before the troublesome years of the Revolution, and settled in the town of Redding, near Bethel. Here he bought land and became engaged in agricultural pursuits. On the breaking out of the war of the Revolution he left the plow in the furrow, and went forth to battle for that independence which the colonists felt was due them. He not only entered the service of the Continental army, but staid in it throughout the long struggle, and for gallantry and meritorious conduct rose to high rank and honors. His wife was Miss Annie Darrow, who, too, was a native of England. To their union were born children, as follows: (1) Sumner, by occupation a blacksmith, never married. (2) Daniel was born July 4, 1779, in the town of Redding. His chief occupation was farming, but being of a mechanical turn of mind he was engaged in a number of side lines, in connection with agricultural pursuits. He was a good carpenter and very handy with tools. Inheriting patriotism from his father, he went into the war of 1812, and being a musician he served as fifer. He married Lucy Hoyt, daughter of Thomas Hoyt, of Danbury, Conn., but later of Bethel. Their marriage was blessed with children, as follows: Robert H. married Mary A. Jarvis; Almira married Ira Williams; Sally married Jesse Banks; Harriet married Sillamon Judd; Lucy married Horace Couch; Mary married Ager Turney; Polly died in youth; and Sumner is the subject of this review. (3) Abram married Mrs. Julia (Andrews) Osborne. (4) Abigail married Israel Adams. (5) Hulda married Andrew Andrus. (6) Polly married Moses Parsons.

Sumner Stowe received his education in the public schools of his native town, learned the business of comb-making, and worked at it for some years. Next he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and continued in same throughout his long active career, which has been a useful one—one full of good deeds. He has for years been a member of the M. E. Church, and has his name coupled with many movements which have arisen in the past having for their object the elevation of society and the advancement of the morals of the public.

Mr. Stowe married Miss Marinda Beers, born February 17, 1815, daughter of Elijah and Esther (Treadwell) Beers, farmers of New Fairfield, Conn. Mrs. Stowe was one of eleven children. Early in life she united with the Church, and remained a consistent Christian until life's close. Her life was full of good works, she was charitable and kind, ever considerate of others, and on April 1, 1892, when she was summoned higher, her death was keenly felt by a large circle of friends. By her marriage with our subject came the following children: Lorenzo, born October 9, 1835, married (first) Adelia Judson, and (second) Mrs. Sarah Boughton; Leander, born July 3, 1837, died in youth; Ruamah, born January 26, 1839, married William Cole; Leroy, born November 18, 1840, married Fannie Gregory; Lucy M., born February 28, 1844, married E. Albert Bartram; and George W., born January 1, 1854, married Addie Deane.

The Bartram family into which Miss Lucy M. Stowe married have resided for generations in Fairfield county. Isaac Bartram, the grandfather of Albert Bartram, was born in the town of Redding. He served as an artificer in the Continental army during the war of the Revolution. He was a blacksmith by trade, and this, in connection with farming, was his occupation through life. He married Miss Mollie Hamilton, of his native town, and to them were born children as follows: Isaac H., Daniel, Harry, Willis, Hulda, Lucy and Sally. Of these, Isaac Bartram was born in 1785 in the town of Redding. He learned the mason's trade, which he followed for some years, and then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. His marriage with Miss Lydia Platt, daughter of Isaac Platt, who served as a blacksmith in the war of the Revolution, was blessed with the following children: Betsey (Mrs. Charles Rich), Mary (Mrs. Harrington), Sally (Mrs. Aaron Squires), Lillie (died in infancy), Lydia (Mrs. Levi Drew), Adaline (Mrs. Asahel Clapp), Abbie (Mrs. Perry Fairchild), Lucy (Mrs. Charles W. Lockwood),. Huldah (Mrs. Comfort S. Blake), Laura (Mrs. Joel Osborne), Isaac N. (married Miss Helen D. Winans), and E. Albert. Of these,

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E. Albert Bartram is one of the well-to-do farmers and substantial citizens of Fairfield county. He was born in the town of Redding in 1843. After his school days were over, he learned the trade of brick mason, and also that of a stone mason. Later he carried on the milling business for eight years. Still later he became engaged in farming. Mr. Bartram was identified with Eureka Lodge F. & A. M. at Bethel, but is now a member of Hamilton Lodge No. 54, of Sharon, Conn. He is also identified with the M. E. Church of Bethel. He married Miss Lucy M. Stowe, daughter of Sumner Stowe, a farmer of the town of Redding, and to them the following children were born: Arthur L., a machinist of Lee, married Jessie Porter, and has one child—Ethel B.; Leander H., a plumber at Sharon, Conn., married Sarah Brown, and had three children—Harry I., Wilber S., and Chester Raymond; Albert N., who is on a farm in Redding, Conn., married Sarah B. Cravagan, and has three children—A. Howard, Herbert L., and Bernice Alberta; and Eugene I., in the machine shop at Salisbury. On December 22, 1897, he married Miss Ada Fenn, daughter of Lyman Fenn, of Salisbury, Connecticut.

WILLIS TURNEY, who died June 30, 1879, was in his day one of the representative, progressive, well-to-do men of his section of Fairfield county, Conn. He was born January 21, 1803, in Stepney, in the town of Monroe, in the house now occupied by Charles Nichols, and his father, Elijah Turney, was also born in the same place.

Elijah Turney married Eunice Thorp, and they reared a family of six children: Willis; William, who married Jane Hubbell; Walter, who died unmarried; Wakeman, who married Rachel Briscoe; Laura (Mrs. Sherman French); and Mary (Mrs. Wheeler Tousey), of Long Hill. The father was a painter by occupation, following this calling all his life in the town of Stepney, where he was highly respected for his thorough integrity, industry and many sterling qualities. He was also engaged to some extent in carpenter work and cabinet making, and made each of his children a set of chairs. He died in 18—, an Episcopalian in religious faith.

In the common schools of Stepney and Easton, Willis Turney acquired in his youth a good practical English education, of which he made the best use. With Ira Hubbell, of Easton, he learned the trade of tailor, which vocation he followed as journeyman for some time after reaching manhood. In 1832 he commenced business on his own account in a modest little shop in Stepney, where by incessant industry and careful management he succeeded in time in building up a large trade, and, his workmanship being of the best, he became well known in his line all over this section. In 1855, however, he gave up his tailoring business and turned his attention to shirt manufacturing, being the first in that branch of industry in this part of the county, and selling the products of his factory to Judson Bros., who were the first shirt manufacturers in the United States. He was the first to put sewing machines in his establishment, where he employed fourteen or fifteen hands, and his factory soon became noted for the fineness and superior quality of work turned out. Endowed with unusual ability and discernment in business affairs, and strictly honest and straightforward in all his dealings, he acquired an enviable reputation in his community, where none was held in higher esteem. His public-spiritedness led him into active public life, and he was honored by his fellow citizens with election to office in more than one capacity, his principal service, however, being as representative from Monroe to the State Legislature during the "seventies." In President Buchanan's term he was postmaster of Monroe.

On February 26, 1830, Willis Turney was united in marriage with Harriet Curtis, who was born March 5, 1805, daughter of David and Phebe Curtis, who lived on Cutler's farm, in the house now occupied by Frank Wales. Six children were born to this union, a brief record of whom is as follows: (1) Sylvia, born December 18, 1831, is married to Alonzo Eastwood, and lives in the old homestead of David Curtis; they have four children—John (who is mentioned farther on), James (an engineer on the Consolidated railroad), Miles (a carpenter in Naugatuck, Conn.), and Willis. (2) Eligah, born November 26, 1833, died January 30, 1834. (3) Burr, born December 13, 1834, died December 2, 1876, unmarried; he had a dental office in Boston. (4) Laura A., born August 1, 1837, married Andrew Patchen, of Bethel, Conn., and passed away October 22, 1895, aged fifty-eight years, two months and twenty-one days; she left two children—Cora E. (Mrs. Willard Oliver), and William T., who married Mary Dykeman. (5) John, born April 6, 1840, is a farmer of Huntington, Fairfield Co., Conn.; he married Ida Walker, of Trumbull, and they have two daughters (twins)—Ada Frances (who is the wife of Joseph Houghton, of Stratford), and Sarah Edith (Mrs. James Meachen). (6) Henrietta was born

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June 16, 1842. The mother of this family died April 27, 1859.

In 1875, four years prior to her father's demise, Miss Henrietta Turney took hold of his business interests, associating with her her nephew, John Eastwood, and they have carried on the business ever since. Miss Turney has evidently inherited her father's financial ability and business capacity, for she has manifested a most surprising spirit of enterprise and progress in her management of the concern, to which she has given her personal attention and the greater part of her time. After the factory was provided with steam power, the trade was increased perceptibly, and as many as 150 hands are now given employment, the house meanwhile losing none of its former reputation for high-grade work. They turn out negligé shirts, which wholesale for $75 per dozen, have manufactured goods for John Wanamaker, and also made underwear for President Cleveland during his first administration. The industry is one of the most important in this part of the county, and is a credit to the family who founded it and have carried it on.

John Eastwood was married May 17, 1882, to Miss Mary Etta Birch, daughter of Amos Birch, of Brewster, N. Y.; she died in January, 1890, leaving two children—Ida Eliza and Elbert Randall. For his second wife, he was married, June 29, 1892, to Miss Agnes Park, by whom he has had one child, Edna Ruth.

WALTER J. FITCH, one of the most venerable and highly-esteemed citizens, resides upon a pleasant homestead near Norwalk, an ideal spot in which to spend the evening of one's life. He is a native of this county, having been born at Norwalk December 11, 1816. His family is of good old English stock, but his ancestors were early settlers in this section.

James Fitch, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Norwalk, and became a farmer in the eastern part of the town. He married Miss Esther Camp, of Norwalk, and had the following children: Burwell, who died near Norwalk, Ohio, where he had been engaged in farming; Esther, wife of George Nash, a farmer of Westport, this county; Stephen, our subject's father; Mary Ann, who married George Day, a potter of South Norwalk, and a son of Rev. Absalom Day, a Methodist minister; John H., deceased, formerly a farmer in Norwalk; Julia and Susan (deceased), who never married.

Stephen Fitch, the father of our subject, was born in Norwalk May 7, 1792, and passed his life in that locality, following agriculture as an occupation. During the war of 1812 he played an honorable part as a soldier, and throughout his life was an active worker in the Whig organization, and in the Methodist Church in his neighborhood. On December 31, 1815, he married Miss Cornelia Hoyt, daughter of Walter Hoyt, a farmer of the same township. Of the two children of this union, our subject was the elder. Cornelia H., the younger, married James K. Price, a native of Bethel, who is now a hatter in Oakland, Cal. The mother died September 12, 1841, the father on March 31, 1869.

Mr. Fitch grew to manhood in the town of Norwalk, his education being obtained in the local schools. He learned the carriage maker's trade, but finding it uncongenial he did not follow it. On February 3, 1839, he married Miss Huldah A. Foot, who was born in Weston, this county, a daughter of Reuben Foot, a carpenter, and his wife, Mary. Soon after his marriage Mr. Fitch moved to New York, where he was engaged in the ice business until 1853. He then returned to Norwalk and continued that business for about fifteen years, but he has since lived a retired life. His present homestead was purchased soon after his return from New York, and he has made many improvements on the place including the comfortable residence. He and his wife have had three children, none of whom are now living. Mr. Fitch has not taken an especially active part in politics, but he has always felt an interest as a citizen in the questions of his day, and he is a stanch believer in the principles and policy of the Republican party.

NATHANIEL E. ADAMS (deceased). For several generations the name of Adams has been prominently identified with the local history of Fairfield county, and ancestors of this same family have for several centuries been closely connected with the history of England.

Nathaniel E. Adams was born in Greenwich, Conn., July 7, 1807, a son of John (3), a grandson of John (2), both well-known citizens of Greenwich, and a great-grandson of John Adams (1), who settled in Greenwich in 1717.

John Adams was born April 17, 1779, in Greenwich, Conn., and died October 2, 1826. His entire life was passed in the town of his nativity, and there, on February 27, 1804, he wedded Mary Hobby, who was born February 14, 1774. Of this union the following children were born, their names, with dates of birth, being: Mary E., May 23, 1805; Nathaniel E.; Marilda H., September 15, 1809; Susan C., December

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25, 1810; Sarah H., August 10, 1812; John A., August 7, 1814; and Joseph H., January 1, 1817 —all now deceased.

Nathaniel E. Adams passed his boyhood days in his native town, attending the local schools, and the education he there obtained was but the broad foundation for the mental culture to which he attained by the persistent reading and study of a lifetime. When quite young he began the study of architecture, and for some time was located in New York City, where he was engaged in building. The ill health of his wife caused him to leave the great metropolis and seek some quieter home. Accordingly, in 1829, he removed to Stamford, where for a time he was in the coal and lumber business. He then began the real-estate business, by buying a tract of land, opening up and surveying streets, etc., and the section, Washington and Adams avenues, North and Franklin streets and Liberty place, is now a beautiful portion of the village. On the streets that he opened he caused to be planted large numbers of elm and other shade trees, and probably did more than any other one man for the general improvement of Stamford real estate. His was a life of industry, and his last days were brightened by the competence his labors had wrought. True and trustworthy himself, he was a number of times the victim of over confidence in others, and was more than once compelled to go back to very near the foot of the ladder and begin over again. After the cares of the day, he found his recreation in his library, spending nearly all his evenings in study. His memory was almost phenomenal, and he formed the habit of using poetical quotations to aptly illustrate his conversation. He was particularly well versed in the Bible, and took an active part in the Sunday-school work of the Congregational Church. He was first a Democrat, later becoming a Whig and Republican, and took an active part in politics for many years, serving his fellow townsmen as justice of the peace.

On April 23, 1829, in New York City, Nathaniel E. Adams was married, by Rev. Dr. Vermilyea, to Miss Sarah A. Dixon. Six children came to bless this union: Charles W., New York City, born December 11, 1829, married Julia B. Elder, and they had two sons, Charles W. and George Elder; James E., born December 14, 1833, died August 5, 1834; Julia H., born March 14, 1835, is still residing in Stamford [see below]; James E., born February 7, 1840, died April 27, 1877; John, born June 14, 1841, died September 24, 1889; and Franklyn, born December 27, 1845, residing in Stamford. Charles W. Adams died September 30, 1898. The mother of this family was born April 23, 1806, and died April 16, 1890. Mr. Adams passed to his last rest October 21, 1894, and Stamford as a town lost one of its best citizens, and the people a trusty, confidential friend and advisor.

JULIA H. ADAMS was married March 15, 1866, to Albert M. Powell, who was born in Berlin, Md., in 1835. He graduated from West Point in 1860, and remained in the United States service all his life. In "McClure's Magazine" for January, 1898, the late Charles A. Dana, Secretary of War during the Rebellion, in his article "Reminiscences of Men and Events of the Civil War," mentions Lieut.-Col. Albert M. Powell as an officer who "thoroughly understands his business and attends to it diligently." Colonel Powell served on General McPherson's staff, and was chief of artillery in the 17th Army Corps, Department of the Tennessee. He was promoted for his bravery and gallantry in action in the battles of New Madrid, Island No. Ten, Siege of Corinth, Iuka, Port Gibson, Raymond, Jackson, Champion Hills and Vicksburg, and was presented with a "Medal of Gold" after the siege of Vicksburg by order of Major-General McPherson; at the same time being breveted lieutenant-colonel. At Fort Stevenson, Dakota, on June 5, 1868, he was thrown from a new horse, and five days later were sounded his last "taps." Of his death General R. de Trobriand officially makes his report: "A serious loss to the army, and will be especially felt among his comrades and associates in both the Volunteer and Regular service, who would better appreciate his merits as an officer, and his refined qualities as a gentleman." His remains were laid to rest in Woodland Cemetery, Stamford, August 23, 1868. The wedding tour of Lieutenant-Colonel Powell and his bride was to Fort Rice on the Missouri river in Dakota, then a frontier post among the Sioux Indians. One child gladdened the home of this soldier, Julie Adams.

HON. EDWARD H. SMITH. Biographical sketches of those who have attained merited distinction, in any sphere of life, have a charm and force in them that commend them to every sound thinker. We naturally feel an interest in tracing the footsteps of those who have reached elevated positions in public confidence, and have wielded their influeuce for public good, and we thus take pleasure in giving prominent place in this work to the life record of the gentleman whose name here appears.

John (1) Smith (16— 1684), a settler of Milford, Conn., in 1640, is presumed to have been one

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of several from Hertfordshire who could not leave England in 1637, when Rev. Peter Prudden and others from that section of England sailed in the company of Rev. John Davenport, Gov. Theophilus Eaton, Dep.-Gov. Stephen Goodyear, and other persons from London who came to this country in the ships "Hector" and "Martin" in 1637. It is probable he came direct from England to New Haven in one of the three ships which sailed in 1639 to New Haven, viz.: the "St. Johns" (Captain Russell); the "Fair Weather," which reached New Haven before July 28, 1639; and the third ship (name unknown) which arrived soon after, probably bringing the company which settled in Southold, Long Island. From the amount of property (£513, 3, 9) left by him at his death in 1684, it is probable that he belonged to a family of some wealth in England. It has been suggested that he may have been one of the Smiths of Hadden Hall, some of whom came to this country. He married Grace Hawley, who was born in 16—, and died in 1690. By the will of Mrs. Grace Smith, dated November 26, 1689, she gives her property of £61, 11, 7 to her four children, to wit: Ephraim, John, Mary, and Mehitable. Of these,

John (2) Smith (Sergeant), son of John (1) Smith, the settler, was born in 1646 and died in 1732; lived in Milford. He married, January 23, 1672-73, Phebe Canfield (born May 8, 1656, died May 3, 1730), daughter of Sergt. Thomas Canfield (died 1689) and Phebe (Crane) Canfield, of Milford. They are buried in Milford Cemetery. Children: John, Thomas, Samuel, Ebenezer, Joseph, Abiah, Nathan and Joseph. Of these,

Ebenezer (3), born March 31, 1683, died November 4, 1744. In 1709 he removed from Milford to Ridgefield, Conn., and was one of the original settlers of that town. He married January 3, 1710-11, Sarah Collins, who died March 16, 1760. In the Whitney Family book Vol. I, page 27, he is said to be the grandson of John Smith (16— 1684), the settler, and Grace Hawley; this is the only record of the family name of Mrs. Grace Smith (16— 1690) found by the compiler. Their son Daniel (1719-1799) married Betty Whitney (1718-1798); their descendants to the number of over 500 are recorded in the Whitney Family book. Children: Phebe, Sarah, Abiah, Ebenezer, Daniel or David, Job, Abigail, John.

Samuel Smith (of Norwalk) was one of the first or original proprietors of the town of Ridgefield, Conn.; was married to Sarah——, June 13, 1717. Samuel Smith, their son, was born July 9, 1719. The mother died October 22, 1719, and June 21, 1722, the father married Elizabeth ———. Children: Rachel, born March 27, 1723, married ——— Northrop; Sarah, born March 24, 1724, married (first) Job Smith, and (second) Nathan Olmsted; Patience, born February 19, 1727, married Benjamin Hoyt. The father of these died January 25, 1764, his wife Elizabeth in 17—. (The home lot No. 23, in the village of Ridgefield, assigned by lot to Samuel Smith, in quantity about 7½ acres, situated on the corner where the carriage shop now stands, bounded on the south by Daniel Olmsted's lot No. 24, both of which were too moist to build on. They both purchased and built their first homes on lot No. 2; Samuel Smith's house was south of A. Holmes' present residence).

Samuel Smith, Jr., was married May 18, 1743, to Mary Northrop. Children: Samuel, born December 21, 1743; Daniel, born June 17, 1745, married Mary Smith; Sarah, born June 3, 1748, married Daniel Scribner, of ———; Mary, born August 24, 1750; Rachel, born October 23, 1752. The parents of these both died of smallpox, the father on January 20, 1782, the mother on December 26, 1781. Of the above family:

Daniel Smith was married February 25, 1767, to Mary Smith, daughter of David and Mary (Thorp) Smith. Children: Daniel, born January 24, 1768, married Phebe Whitney January 20, 1788; Azor, born October 9, 1769, married Mehitable Fairbanks; Dolly, born September 17, 177—, married John Scott; Sarah, born April 17, 1777, married Caleb Smith; Noah, born March 12, 1774, married Rachel St. John. The mother of these died May 7, 1780, and the father afterward wedded, March 1, 1781, Mrs. Elizabeth Northrop, a widow. Children: Mary, born March 17, 1782; Samuel Andrews, born July 11, 1784; Betsey, born ————, married (first) Belden Scott, and (second) Mathew Whitlock. Daniel Smith died March 7, 1795, in his fiftieth year, and his widow subsequently married Abraham Nash.

Edward H. Smith, the subject proper of this memoir, was born December 27, 1827, in Westport, Fairfield Co., Conn., a son of Samuel Smith, who was born in 1798, and a grandson of Col. Daniel Smith.

Our subject received his education in part at Grammar School No. 14, New York City, under the principalship of Leonard Hazleton, and in part at Wilton, Conn. At about the age of seventeen he left school, and proceeding south to Mobile, Ala., clerked for five years with Henry Smith, clothing manufacturer, with a retail store in Mobile. Henry Smith, relinquishing his business in Mobile, our subject went into the employ

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of John L. Weeks, a broker (whose main office was in New York, being a branch of Brown Bros., brokers of that city), as confidential clerk, remaining, however, but a few months. In 1848 he returned to Wilton, Conn., for one year, and then moving to Ridgefield, clerked for Henry Smith for some time. For a short period he was in business for his own account, and then returned to Henry Smith, with whom he remained till 1854, since when, with the exception of two years, he has been in business in Ridgefield continuously—a period of forty years. For some twelve or fourteen years he was associated with D. S. Sholes in the manufacture of shirts. For the past forty years he has been engaged in general mercantile business. He has all his life been a very busy man, and for the most part a successful one, his golden motto in all his dealings being, "Honesty is the best policy."

In 1849 Mr. Smith was married to Miss Delia J. Gregory, daughter of Lewis P. Gregory, of Wilton, and three children were born to them: Edward L., in partnership with his father; Herbert, a farmer in the town of Ridgefield, Conn.; and Henrietta Maria, who died in July, 1885, the wife of Charles H. Valden.

During the war of the Rebellion Mr. Smith served as first lieutenant in the National Guard of Connecticut, Colonel Scott being captain of his company, and he continued with the organization some six years, being throughout a strong Union man. Socially, he is affiliated with the I. O. O. F., Our Brothers Lodge No. 10, of Norwalk, and with the F. & A. M., Jerusalem Lodge No. 49, of Ridgefield. He is president of the board of education, and has been town auditor for many years. In religious faith he is a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church of Ridgefield, and held office in same for many years.

In his political convictions Mr. Smith was originally a Whig, his first Presidential vote being cast for General Scott, and on the organization of the Republican party he united therewith. In 1859 he sat in the State Legislature. In 1872 he joined what was known as the Liberal Republican party, and in 1873 was sent to the Legislature by the voice of the Democratic party. In 1892 and 1894 he was the candidate on the Democratic ticket for the Senate in the Twelfth Senatorial District, and at the election reduced a normal Republican majority from 600 to less than 150. For three years he was selectman, nominated, however, much against his desire or inclination. For many years he held the office of president of the Ridgefield Agricultural Society, which, under his guidance, became a highly successful organization; was also, for a long period, president of the Ridgefield Improvement Society, and of the local Debating Society. As an orator and public speaker Mr. Smith's eloquence and logic gave him high place, and with pleasure we here reproduce an extract from his Decoration Day speech of May 30, 1893:

"When we recall the fact that a little over a quarter of a century ago there were over three million men, women and children, slaves in this Christian land of ours; men who had no rights to the fruits of their labor and toil; men without a right, without a hope, sold at the auction block like so many articles of merchandise; wives separated from their husbands, children from their parents, your lovely girls, as fair in face and form as any within this hall today bought and sold as young cattle in the streets, I speak of scenes and events which I have repeatedly witnessed in the streets of Mobile and New Orleans, and therefore speak feelingly. When we remember that our forefathers were partakers in this great wrong in the earlier days of the Republic, and only abandoned it when they found it unprofitable; when we recall these facts; and that also from the press, yes, even the pulpit, from the lips of the eloquent and profound exponents of State Craft, argument and appeal implied, if not directly expressed, in defense of the doctrine of the right of the stronger to enslave the weaker, were listened to with pleasure and applauded as the words of wisdom falling from the lips of experience and of judgment, and that, by some, it was accounted the loftiest act of patriotism to intercept and return, under that flag, the poor fugitive in his midnight flight to liberty or death, and a great nation, boasting of its religion and independence, had become so debauched by its professional politicians that it seemed almost ready to adopt the sentiment which might be inferred from the decisions of the highest tribunals in the land. Witness the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Dred Scott case—'the black man had no rights which the white man was bound to respect.' Recalling these facts to mind I wonder at God's goodness to us as a nation, and feel that we ought reverently to thank our God for that first shot fired at Sumter's battlements; for it was the fore-runner of a doomed system announcing a day of deliverance; the breaking of the bonds; the opening of the prison doors that the captives might go free; that no more should be witnessed the scarred and bleeding backs of its victims, no more the sobs of the mother, the wail of anguish from the bruised heart of the father, as they saw their little ones torn from their embrace and home.

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"Reverently I can but feel that that shot was a messenger from God, proclaiming that no more should the soil of his chosen land be pressed by the foot of a slave, but by men, free men, no more to be called chattels, articles of merchandise, but by a man, a soul responsible to his God, an American Citizen. What a triumph for humanity! What a victory for Justice!

"And as we come together to testify our respect and gratitude to the fallen by decorating their graves with flowers, the first fruits of the new birth of Spring, we should rejoice that the lives, the labors, the heroic devotion of the men who composed the most sublime army of the world, fought not for enslavement, but for freedom; not for destruction, but for preservation; not for personal aggrandizement, but for national honor; and that unmanned by no danger, neither discouraged nor disheartened by any defeat, but with the courage and enthusiasm of the Crusaders of old in their fight for the Holy Land, their steady tramp, tramp, tramp, as they went marching on, ceased not until that stainless old flag floated untrammelled over a free land, and they had established the sublime truth, enunciated in the Declaration of Independence, and which for nearly a century had been a living lie in our national life: That all men are born free and equal and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights among which are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

HON. WILLIAM EDGAR RAYMOND (deceased) occupied for many years a leading position in the community, and his death, which occurred February 6, 1890, caused sincere mourning among a large circle of friends whom his sterling qualities of character had won for him.

He was a worthy representative of one of the most respected families in the county, tracing his descent from Richard Raymond, who came from France with two brothers in Colonial times. According to tradition the two brothers settled in New London, Conn., and Richard, who was a mariner by occupation, located first in Salem, Mass., whence, on October 20, 1662, he came to Norwalk, this county, where he engaged in the coasting trade with the Dutch and English settlers on Manhattan Island. In 1664 he removed to Saybrook, Conn., and beyond this we have no record of him except that he and his wife Judith were members of the First Church at Salem before 1636.

John Raymond, the next in the line of descent to our subject, was a resident of Norwalk in 1665. He married Mary, daughter of Thomas Betts.

Thomas Raymond, a son of John, was married November 15, 1701, to Sarah, daughter of Abraham Andrews, of Waterbury, Conn.

Comfort Raymond, the great-grandfather of our subject, resided at New Canaan, and attained the advanced age of ninety years.

William Raymond, our subject's grandfather, served in the Continental Army, and his discharge and receipt are on file in the comptroller's office at Hartford. From 1777 to 1780 he was a member of Col. Zebulon Butler's regiment, and was so seriously wounded that he became permanently crippled. About 1785 he removed from Norwalk to the eastern part of the town of New Canaan, where he spent his remaining years. In 1860 he married Priscilla Haydon, by whom he had a large family of children—sons and daughters—all becoming in after life a credit to their parents. With the exception of the youngest, Samuel, the sons settled in other States, and their descendants have made the name respected wherever it is known.

Hon. Samuel Raymond, our subject's father, began at an early age to show the practical sagacity which later won him a prominent place in business and political life. As his father's little farm gave but a small return for the work bestowed upon its rough soil, he secured permission to enter the employ of a neighboring farmer, one Matthias St. John, with whom he remained for some time, and who afterward married an older sister of his young, enterprising assistant. After a time Mr. Raymond was bound out to learn the shoemaker's trade, but at the age of twenty he purchased his freedom and went to Walton, Delaware Co., N. Y., where he remained one year. He then returned to New York City and engaged in the manufacture of shoes, in which he was moderately successful, later entering mercantile life in New Canaan, in which he continued until 1842, when he sold the business to his three sons. His ability and public spirit made him prominent in local affairs from early manhood, and as time passed he became known as one of the chief advisors of the Democratic party in this State. For thirteen years he represented his town in the Legislature, and for one year he was a member of the State Senate. He was a champion of many important measures, and, being well versed in law, was the author of many Bills which were passed during his service in the Assembly. His memory was remarkable, and as he was an extensive reader he was a formidable opponent in debate. While he was a strong partisan, his sense of right and

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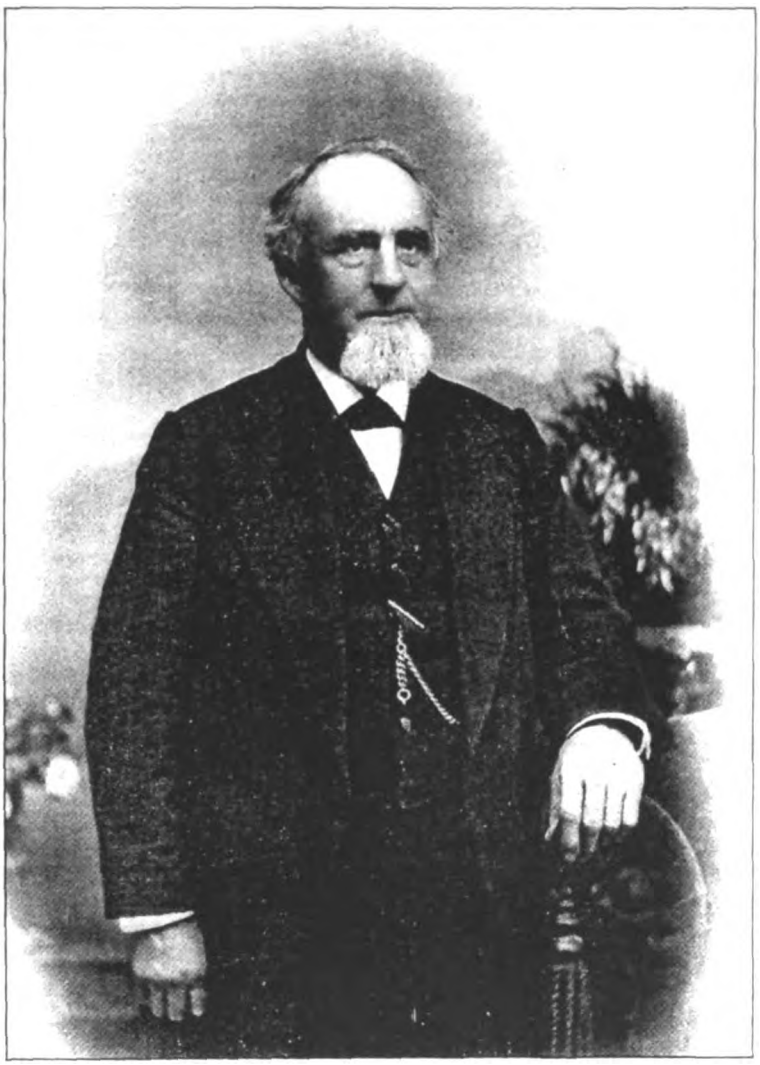

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honor was so keen that he could never be drawn to support any measure of which he did not personally approve, and on one occasion when he defied a party caucus in a matter relating to the banks of this State, he was "read out" of the organization. From 1842 to 1845 he held the office of sheriff of this county, and his last years were spent in retirement, his death occurring in 1865, in his eighty-second year. His wife, Polly (Selleck), to whom he was married in 1808, was a daughter of Jacob Selleck, a prosperous farmer of the same town, who purchased "the Shaker farm" at the time that society decided to sell and remove to Lebanon, N. Y. Our subject was the youngest of four children, the others being Charlotte, Charles, and Thomas.

William Edgar Raymond was born March 1, 1821, in New York City. In 1842, at the age of twenty-one, he engaged in mercantile business with his brothers, as has been said. Later, the elder son retired, and then our subject purchased the entire business, which he continued alone until 1857. He then sold out and went to Iowa, where he acquired a large interest in government lands. At the time he had some intention of engaging in banking there; but as he did not like the prospects on closer view, he returned, in the fall of the same year, and located permanently in this county. As a trustee and, later, as president of the New Canaan railroad, he did much to insure the success of that enterprise, and at all times he was ready to promote any project for the improvement of this locality. He was a worthy and influential member of the Congregational Church, warm and generous in his friendships, liberal in his charities. He also took great interest in political affairs, holding various offices of trust and responsibility. In 1859 he was elected to the State Legislature, and in 1873 he was chosen to the office of State Treasurer, which he filled ably for the term of four years. In his last report to the General Assembly he recommended an issue of four and one-half per cent bonds to cover the State indebtedness, and adoption of his plan caused a saving of many millions of dollars to the tax-payers.

On February 16, 1852, Mr. Raymond married Miss Mary A. Comstock, a member of one of the most prominent families of the town of Wilton. Her great-grandfather, Deacon Nathan Comstock, was the owner of a tract of 300 acres of land in that town, and was one of the leading citizens of his day. In 1740 he united with the Congregational Church, and his name is mentioned as a deacon in the records for December 15, 1766. He was married March 7, 1738-39 by Rev. Mr. Gaylord, to Bethiah Strong, of New London, Conn., by whom he had two sons, Samuel and Strong.

Strong Comstock, Mrs. Raymond's grandfather, was a farmer by occupation. He married Abigail Westcott, and had two sons, Jabez and Samuel. After her death he married Betty Betts, and had children: Susan, Katherine, Edward, William, Nathan, and Polly.

Samuel Comstock, the father of Mrs. Raymond, was born and reared in Wilton, where he received a common-school education. After his mother's death he was adopted by his uncle, Major Samuel Comstock, who is mentioned more fully below. He was active in local politics, holding the office of selectman for some time, and was a leading member of the Congregational Church. His wife, Anna (Dunning), was a daughter of David Dunning, a prominent resident of Wilton, who enlisted during the war of the Revolution and served in Captain Comstock's regiment throughout that struggle. The children of Samuel and Anna Comstock were as follows: George W., died in Louisville, Ky.; Samuel Le Grand married Susan, daughter of Col. George Middlebuck; Eliza Ann married William Chapman Thorpe, of Camillus, N. Y.; James, married Harriet, daughter of Andrew Betts; and Susan E., William, and Henry, and Mary (Mrs. Raymond).

David Dunning, great-grandfather of Mrs. Raymond, was one of the earliest pioneers of Wilton, and his name is found as one of the signers of the petition for the organization of the parish, in May, 1726.

Major Samuel Comstock was born in 1739. He was the son of Nathan, who was the son of Samuel, who was the son of Christopher, who was the son of Frederic Komstohk, who was born at Frankfort, Germany, March 18, 1575. He married Mary McDonald, of Edinburgh, Scotland, January 11, 1611. Major Comstock joined in the Revolutionary army May 9, 1775, with the rank of captain, and was subsequently promoted to that of major. He was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati. In 1800 he was elected as a member of the State Legislature from the town of Norwalk. He married Miss Mercy Mead, daughter of Col. Theophilus Mead. He died in 1824.

THE FARMER, a daily and weekly newspaper of Bridgeport, is published by a corporation of which H. B. Stiles is president, and Floyd Tucker is secretary and treasurer.

The Republican Farmer was started in Bridgeport in 1810 by Stiles Nichols, who brought it

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from Danbury, where it had been published since 1803. It became a daily in 1850, when under the proprietorship of the late William S. Pomeroy. It was subsequently under the management of James L. Gould and Henry B. Stiles, at the corner of Wall and Water streets, and later still in the Waller building, No. 21 Fairfield avenue. Mr. Gould left the concern in 1890. On January 1, 1891, Mr. Stiles and Floyd Tucker became proprietors. Later it became incorporated. The following is a sketch of several of the men who have been identified with the paper through the present century, and in whose lives is the paper's history.

WILLIAM SEYMOUR POMEROY was born in Hartford, Conn., December 25, 1809, and was the eldest of six children. While he was yet quite young his parents moved to Canandaigua, N. Y., where he remained with them until he was sixteen, when he returned to Hartford and entered the office of the *Hartford Times*, as an apprentice. In that situation he remained several years, devoting himself with rare fidelity to the service of his employers, and acquiring a good knowledge of the printing business. Before his term of service had expired, however, he became so impressed with the advantages which a better education would give, that he bought his time of his employers, and devoted one year to study, attending during the time a private school in Manchester. His studies completed, he returned to the office of the *Times*, and resumed his occupation as a compositor. It was there that he became acquainted with Hon. John M. Niles and Hon. Gideon Wells, who, in after years, proved their friendships for him by establishing him in business in Bridgeport. They saw with what fidelity he served his employers, and appreciating his character, and having full confidence in his ability and integrity, they selected him, when the time came, to perform an arduous but pleasant duty—to establish in Bridgeport a paper that should advocate the claims of Andrew Jackson to the Presidency.

The Republican Farmer, then edited by Stiles Nichols, although a Democratic organ, gave its support to Henry Clay, and it was thought advisable by the leaders of the Jacksonian Democracy, prominent among whom were Messrs. Niles and Wells, not to leave this section of the State to the political control of the friend of Mr. Clay. Accordingly, in November, 1831, Mr. Pomeroy came to Bridgeport, and started the *Bridgeport Messenger*. He was enabled to do this by the assistance of his Hartford friends, who supplied him with funds, and in other ways contributed to the success of the new organ. The first number was issued November 26, from the old office of the *Connecticut Courier*, on Water street, between Bank and State streets.

The Messenger was published for one year, or until November 21, 1832, when, Jackson having been elected, and the particular mission for which the paper was founded accomplished, its publication was suspended, not, however, until an arrangement had been made for merging it with its rival, *The Farmer*, by which Mr. Pomeroy became part owner and editor of the latter paper, the firm name being Stiles, Nichols & Co. With *The Farmer* Mr. Pomeroy was connected from that time until his death. Mr. Nichols withdrew January 1, 1842, in favor of his grandson, Charles B. Nichols, when the firm name was changed to Pomeroy & Nichols. The latter's connection with the paper ceased December 23, 1846, when Mr. Pomeroy became sole editor and publisher. He continued to conduct the paper alone until 1855, when the firm became Pomeroy & Morse. On September 8, 1856, the *Daily Farmer* was established, and both that and the *Weekly* were regularly published until August 24, 1861, when the office was destroyed by a mob. What remained of the material, together with the "good will" of the establishment, was sold at auction to close up the business of the firm, and was purchased by the late E. L. Simpson, for Mrs. Pomeroy. On December 13, 1861, the publication of the *Weekly* was resumed by Mr. Pomeroy, who found a host of friends in the sterling Democracy of Fairfield and Litchfield counties, and on September 23, 1864, the *Daily Farmer* was resuscitated. In 1866 the veteran editor found it necessary, on account of failing health, to again reorganize his establishment, and the partnership of Pomeroy, Gould & Co. (William S. Pomeroy, J. L. Gould and H. B. Stiles) was formed.

Mr. Pomeroy was all his life an ardent, uncompromising Democrat, and in early years took a prominent part in politics. His bold and decided stand for Jackson in 1831 gained for him a host of friends, and when in 1832 the unity of the Democratic party was restored, and he became identified with *The Farmer*, the number of his friends was greatly increased. The gallant service rendered by him in the Presidential campaign was not forgotten, and as his fellow citizens came to know him and to appreciate more fully his many sterling qualities of head and heart, they took delight in paying him honors by electing him to positions of trust and responsibility. He was twice elected from the town of Bridgeport to the Legislature—once in 1837 and again in 1850. He was also nominated for Con-

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gress in 1841, just after the celebrated "Hard Cider Campaign," when the district was almost hopelessly Whig, and was defeated by Hon. Thomas B. Osborne, then of Fairfield, and a very popular man with his party. In 1844 he was run for the State Senate, but was again defeated, by only twenty-four majority.

The nomination and election of James K. Polk to the Presidency were earnestly advocated by *The Farmer* in 1844, and, some time after his inauguration, Mr. Pomeroy was rewarded by being appointed collector of the port for the district of Fairfield. In this position he remained until the inauguration of Zachary Taylor in 1849, when he was removed to make way for a friend of the administration. He was re-appointed in 1853 by President Pierce, and continued to hold the office until the coming in of Mr. Lincoln in 1861. He never afterward held public office, except such as were conferred upon him by his town or city. At the time of his death in 1870 he was one of the assessors of Bridgeport, an office to which he was elected the spring before he died. To the discharge of all his public duties he brought a clear head and an honest heart and a faith in Democratic principles that never was shaken. He believed that the constitution of his country was the palladium of its people's liberties, and for all the great principles of the Democratic party he entertained a singularly earnest affection. A warm supporter of Jackson, he imbibed much of that earnest statesman's patriotism, and, like him, was uncompromising in his opposition to the enemies of the Constitution and the Union. The singular obstinacy with which he adhered to his political convictions, and the fearlessness with which he defened them against all comers, are well-known to his friends hereabouts. He had witnessed the rise, growth and final success of the Republican party; was perfectly familiar with its designs; believed that its leaders contemplated the overthrow of State Rights and the building up of a vast central despotism; and all the powers of his singularly earnest nature were devoted to the task of exposing the objects of the party, and making the designs of its leaders known to the people. But notwithstanding his firm and earnest convictions, he was peculiarly cautious and sagacious in his political advice and leadership. In his conduct of *The Farmer*, he was always earnest and outspoken, and yet always aimed to keep within the pale of journalistic courtesy to his opponent. Indeed we do not know that he ever penned anything that could be justly excepted to. We are not aware that even during the exciting days of 1861 any complaint was ever made in reference to his management of the paper; but, however that may have been, the fearless attitude of *The Farmer* brought down upon it the vengeance of a mob, at a time when the senior editor was confined to his bed with sickness (where he had lain for three months), and the office was sacked. All the material, presses, forms, type and tools, together with the editor's books and private papers, were completely destroyed. The accumulated property of a lifetime, gained by patient toil in the service of a party devoted to the Union, was in one brief hour swept completely away. The blow was a severe one to Mr. Pomeroy. He had lost all, but his faith in the saving grace of Democracy was only strengthened by the event, and with a sad heart but undaunted spirit he set about to acquire means to renew his life struggle. In this, by the help of his political friends, whose confidence in him was unlimited, he was entirely successful, and in a few months a new office with new material was at his disposal, and the old *Farmer* once more appeared to battle for the Constitution and the rights of the people.

In 1826 Mr. Pomeroy was married to Frances E., daughter of Zerah Eaton, of Hartford, who survived him; one daughter only—May S., born in 1839 and died in 1856—blessed their marriage.

JAMES L. GOULD retired from *The Farmer* in 1890. He had been managing editor for a quarter of a century. At the time of his retirement an acquaintance wrote of him: "When actively and successfully engaged in the practice of the law as a member of the Fairfield county Bar I knew him. As a judge of probate for the district of Bridgeport I knew him, and I have known him for the last twenty years that he has been editor and one of the proprietors of *The Farmer*, a man of high character and great worth. In whatever position he has been placed he has always exhibited the true characteristics of manhood, and has discharged every duty devolving upon him with great fidelity and marked ability. But as a journalist he has spent the greater portion of his life, and as such he may be more appropriately spoken of at this time—at his retirement, with the exception of the Hon. A. E. Bun, of the *Hartford Times*, Mr. Gould is believed to be the oldest and most experienced. For twenty years he was unfaltering in his devotion to the interests of *The Farmer*. Seldom absent from the office a day, exemplarily punctual in his arrival and departure, vigilant and actively engaged every moment, and kind to and considerate of employes, he has been an example worthy to be copied by all who wish to be successful in business engagements. While he

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successfully and faithfully managed the business of *The Farmer*, he has never neglected the interests of Bridgeport. He advocated measures which in his judgment would result beneficially to the public, and which would contribute to the material prosperity of the people of Bridgeport. Politically he was trained in the school of the old Jeffersonian and Jacksonian Democracy, and has been all his life a true exponent of its teachings. *The Farmer*, during his connection with it, has fearlessly and consistently advocated the tenets of the Democratic faith, and while never attempting in any way to dictate or control nominations, insisting only that they should be good men and true Democrats — it has always given the warmest support to all regularly nominated Democratic candidates."

Since the incorporation of the paper a few years ago, H. B. Stiles has been the president of the company, and Floyd Tucker secretary and treasurer. Their long identity with the paper — Mr. Stiles since 1866 and Mr. Tucker since 1871 — associated with such men as Pomeroy and Gould, it is not to be wondered that, on their assuming ownership and afterward management, the general tone and scope of the paper should remain the same. Democrats each of them of the old Jefferson and Jackson type, *The Farmer* still continues to advocate the same old sound Democratic principles as it has during the whole century of its existence. Mr. Tucker is a journalist of large experience and ability. He has been the editorial writer and news editor much of the time through his long connection with the paper. Mr. Stiles was born in Southbury, Conn., December 12, 1820. He held the position of foreman in the office of the New Haven *Register* from 1852 to 1866; removed to Bridgeport in 1866, and became a member of the firm of Pomeroy, Gould & Co. He has served terms in the common councils of both New Haven and Bridgeport. Floyd Tucker is a native of Redding, Conn., and was educated principally in the Easton (Conn.) Academy. After four years' residence in New York City he became a member of the editorial staff of *The Farmer*, in 1871, where he has since remained, being now, and since 1891, business manager of the paper.

CHARLES R. BROTHWELL (deceased). The growth of a modern American city is a wonderful thing, and fortunate is he whose lot is so cast that he can watch and note the successive stages by which the village expands its boundaries, enriches its productive resources, and acquires the complex and multiform organizations which make up the impulses and energies of urban life. The growth of Bridgeport has been interesting, like that of other cities, and among those few who witnessed its rapid progress from small beginnings was the late Mr. Charles R. Brothwell. He could remember when the city had but 3,000 to 4,000 inhabitants, and when all its business was done on Water street. And, while he individually was a spectator of this kind, it can be said that his ancestors had similarly, and by successive steps, watched the progress of the nation from its earliest infancy, for he came of Revolutionary stock.

It is family history that Joseph Brothwell, the great-grandfather of our subject, was one of a party attending a ball in England, in 1750, when a detachment of men surrounded the party and escorted the young men to a British man-of-war, which soon set sail for America, after the voyage anchoring in Long Island Sound. Young Brothwell, resenting this species of impressment, with a companion, jumped overboard, and succeeded in reaching land. He located at Bridgeport, and later, during the Revolutionary war, joined the American army. He was of Welsh-English extraction. He married Miss Beach, and his son, Benjamin Brothwell, grandfather of our subject, married Anna Fairweather. Their son, Joseph Brothwell, was born at Fairfield, Conn., in 1790, and became a farmer. He married Anna Keeler, a native of the same town, born in 1800, a daughter of Patrick and Eunice (Hubbell) Keeler. Joseph Brothwell died in 1873, at the age of eighty-three years. They had three children: Emily, who married Charles Plumb, and died in 1866; Charles R., the subject of this sketch; and John M., who married Ann Eliza Middlebrook.

Charles R. Brothwell, who, since 1863, was the real-estate agent for P. T. Barnum, was born in Fairfield, Conn., June 21, 1833. He was educated in the district schools, and at the age of sixteen years began to work steadily on his father's farm, the property now known as Brooklawn, the home of Bridgeport's fashionable Country Club. Several years later he learned the carpenter's trade. In 1863–64 he traveled with General Tom Thumb and wife, Commodore Nutt and Minnie Warren, visiting all cities in America. From 1865–68 he had charge of the carpenter work of Barnum's American Museum, on Broadway, New York, and after it was destroyed by fire the second time (in 1869), he returned to Bridgeport, where he afterward made his permanent home, having charge of Mr. Barnum's extensive property, and, from the time of

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the great showman's death, he managed it for the heirs. Mr. Brothwell died July 31, 1898.

Our subject was married in 1856 to Jane E. Jennings, of Easton, Conn. They had one child, Wilbur A. Brothwell, who is now treasurer and superintendent of the Russell Jennings Manufacturing Company, of Deep River, Conn. He married Lizzie M. Wilson, daughter of Aldenson and Catherine (Knapp) Wilson, and has one son, Charles Ransom. For his second wife Mr. Brothwell married, in 1870, Anna Bell F. Banks, daughter of Col. Horace Banks, of Greenfield Hill, Conn. By this marriage he had four children, two of which are living: Nellie S., wife of Attorney Sidney N. Lockwood, son of the late Judge D. B. Lockwood; and Barbara. Mr. Brothwell, as is also his widow, was a member of Christ Episcopal Church. She resides at No. 18 Courtland street, Bridgeport.

In politics Mr. Brothwell was a Republican. He was one of the original members of the Board of Public Works at Bridgeport, held the office continuously some twelve years, and devoted a great part of his time to that branch of the city government, one of his principal interests being the building of the bridges, especially the lower one, which has the distinction of being the first bridge in the country to be operated by electricity. Not only did Mr. Brothwell introduce the electric motors for operating draws, but he provided a swinging stop-latch which, with the yielding abutment, makes it possible to operate the draw very quickly. He also provided the swinging gates placed at either end of the bridge for the safety of the public.

Many large schemes of the real-estate world of Bridgeport originated with Mr. Brothwell, not least among which was the reclaiming of that tract of land adjoining Sea Side Park, east of Cedar creek, which added eighty acres of taxable property to the city. He was president of the Board of Trade for two years (1891–92), and in various ways was closely identified with the best interests of Bridgeport, of which he was esteemed as a pioneer and as a valued citizen.

BELDEN BAIN BROWN. As "good Americans, when they die, go to Paris," so the successful New York business man, looking about for a thoroughly satisfactory place in which to spend his years of leisure, naturally turns to this favored region, where picturesque scenery and a refined and cultured social life combine to make an ideal home. The subject of this sketch, who was for some years connected with Wall Street, made choice of Stamford as his permanent residence, and he and his family are prominent in the best social circles of that locality. Mr. Brown is still identified with the business world, the care of his investments occupying much of his time and attention, but he wisely mingles recreation with financial affairs, being especially expert as a wheelman and on the golf links.

Mr. Brown comes of an excellent ancestry, and his great-grandfather, Capt. Isaac Brown, who married a Miss Belden, was a well-known sea captain. George Brown, the grandfather of our subject, was born at Stamford, but for some years of his early life was a resident of New York City. Later he returned to Stamford, where he engaged in the hatter's trade, and his death occurred there in 1851. He married Miss Mary Benedict, a native of Norwalk, this county, and of their eight children two died in infancy; Edward F. and Elizabeth M. are residents of Stamford; and Charles, George L., Samuel D., and Catherine are deceased.

The late George Lockwood Brown, our subject's father, was born in New York City March 5, 1817, but was educated chiefly in Stamford. He started in business life as a clerk in a dry-goods store in Providence, R. I., and after leaving Providence he came to live in Stamford and had his home there until 1874, when he moved to Brooklyn, and remained there until 1883, when he retired from business and lived in Washington, Conn., until his death in 1891. During his residence in Stamford he was largely interested in many public enterprises, and helped to organize the First National Bank, of which he was a director for many years. He was married (first) to Miss Catherine Bain, of New York City, and (second) to Miss Mary Brinsmade, and of the first union there was one son, Belden Bain.

Our subject was born February 17, 1846, in New York City, whence he came to Stamford in childhood, and with the exception of seven years spent in Brooklyn, has lived there ever since. He engaged in a brokerage business in Wall street with his father, continuing until 1883, and since returning to Stamford to reside he has been connected with the Grey Rock Land Company, at that place, as secretary. He and his family are identified with St. John's Episcopal Church, at Stamford, and he is a member of various social organizations, including the Wheelmen's Club and the Wee Burn Golf Club. On January 13, 1870, he was married in Stamford to Miss Ida M. Hoyt, and four children have blessed the union: Mary Benedict, Sarah Hawley (deceased), George Lockwood, and Belden Bain, Jr.

Mrs. Brown belongs to a wealthy and promi-

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nent family, well-known in this section and in the metropolis. Her father, the late George A. Hoyt, was born August 16, 1811, in Stamford, where he received his education, and in early manhood he engaged in the clothing business in New York City. In 1851 he removed to Stamford, where he purchased a large amount of real estate, and for some years he held the office of president of the Pennsylvania Coal Company. He died there December 3, 1887. He was twice married, and by his first wife, Miss Sarah E. Hawley, he had four children, as follows: Francis S., a resident of Morristown, N. J.; Georgianna, wife of Albert S. Swords, of the same city; Ida M., wife of our subject; and Elizabeth, who married E. A. Day, of Elizabeth, N. J. Mr. Hoyt's second wife was Jennie P. Smith, daughter of Truman Smith, of Connecticut.

REV. CHARLES WALTER BOYLSTON, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Riverside, Conn., is a representative of an old Colonial family, and among his ancestors and relatives are many whose names will occupy a lasting place in the history of this country. The first ancestor of whom we have a definite account was Henry Boylston, of Litchfield, Staffordshire, England, who is mentioned in the records of that town.

II. Thomas Boylston, only child of Henry, married and had a son Thomas. III. Thomas Boylston, son of Thomas II, embarked for America at London in 1635, on the ship "Defiance," and on his arrival settled at Watertown, Mass. IV. Dr. Thomas Boylston, son of Thomas III, was a noted physician in his day, and became one of the first settlers at Brookline, Mass., locating there in 1665. Among his children were three sons: Dudley, Zabdiel, and Peter, whose daughter, Susanna, married John Adams, of Braintree, Mass., and became the mother of John Adams, President of the United States. Dr. Zabdiel Boylston took a notable part, about 1721, in the introduction of inoculation as a preventive of smallpox. V. Dudley Boylston resided in Brookline, Mass. He had five sons and five daughters, the names of the sons being: Joshua, Caleb, Richard, Dudley and Edward.

VI. Edward Boylston served an apprenticeship to the wheelwright's trade in his youth, and later went to sea. During the Revolutionary war he enlisted in the Continental army, and for some time was stationed at Newton, Mass., and Peekskill, N. Y. While on his way to visit his family at Elizabethtown, N. J., he was captured by the British, by whom he was most cruelly treated, and for a time he was incarcerated in the notorious Jersey prison ship. His name appears with the rank of captain of Wheelwrights in the Continental forces on the pay rolls of Major Eayr's company, Colonel Flower's regiment (artillery), where credit is given for services from January 1, 1777, to December 1, 1779. [See Massachusetts State Records Vol. XX, pages 1 and 28.] His name also appears on the account of Captain Howe's company, as captain of Wheelwrights Corps, at Springfield, pay being allowed for services from January 1, 1780, to December 31, 1780. [See Massachusetts State Records Vol. XXI, part 4, page 69.] In 1781 he married Lydia Worthington, and his death occurred in December, 1814. He had four children: Richard, Zabdiel (who died in 1810), Samuel, and Catherine.

VIII. Samuel Boylston, our subject's grandfather, was born in March, 1789, and died in August, 1863. He was a resident of Springfield, Mass., and was connected with the United States Armory there. His wife, Clarissa Chapin, was born February 27, 1793, died June 19, 1872, and they had four sons and four daughters.

IX. Richard H. Boylston, our subject's father, was born in Springfield, Mass., August 3, 1828, and for many years was engaged in the manufacture of baby carriages, having headquarters at No. 102 William street, New York City, with factory at Green River, Vt., and later at Rowayton, Conn. He married Miss Emeline Grant, of Windsor, Conn., and Charles W. Boylston was the only issue of this marriage.

Rev. Charles W. Boylston was born December 17, 1854, at Springfield, Mass., but his boyhood was mainly spent in New York City, where he attended public and private schools for several years. His preparation for his collegiate course was completed at the school in Burlington, N. J., and he then entered Trinity College, at Hartford, Conn., where he was graduated in 1878. He had long cherished the intention of entering the ministry, and in 1881 he finished a course in Berkley Divinity School, at Middletown, Conn., being ordained deacon in the same year. His ordination as priest followed, and his first charge was the parish of St. James, at Glastonbury, Conn. In 1883 he became rector of St. Andrew's Church, at Norwich, Conn., and on May 1, 1885, he took charge of the parishes of Grace Church, Long Hill, and Trinity Church, Nichols, where his devoted labors have brought gratifying results. Among the qualities which have contributed to Mr. Boylston's success in his chosen calling is an unfailing courtesy, and he is

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deservedly popular in social life. In 1881 he united with the Masonic Fraternity at Glastonbury, and at present he is a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, and Jerusalem Council, No. 16, at Bridgeport, and Hamilton Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templar; in 1897 he was grand chaplain of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Connecticut. While at Trinity College he became a charter member of Beta Beta Chapter of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, in which he still retains membership. In 1881 Mr. Boylston was married at Glastonbury to Miss Eliza Bates Smith, a descendant of Thomas Wells, one of the early Colonial Governors of Connecticut, and two children have blessed this union: Clarence A. and Christine.

On January 1, 1899, Mr. Boylston removed to the town of Greenwich, Conn., and became the rector of St. Paul's Church, Riverside, in that town.

JOHN WATSON BACON, president of the Savings Bank of Danbury, Conn., has been so intimately identified with some of the most important movements for the development of this and other sections of the country, that the omission of his name and history from this work would leave a noticeable blank. His successful career emphasizes the fact, too often overlooked in these days, that wealth and position may be obtained by judicious efforts on lines which are helpful to the community at large, and strengthens the hope that some day our great generals of finance and commerce may unite their forces to develop the resources of this land that there may be no man lacking profitable employment, and no helpless children suffering for the necessities of life.

Mr. Bacon's kindly but dignified countenance furnishes a true index to his character, and beneath his quiet and unassuming manner one instinctively feels the presence of a sympathetic nature. Yet one sees also the stamp of a firm will, ready to carry out inflexibly any plan or purpose once resolved upon, and realizes that kindness and consideration for others is not incompatible with manly decision and force of character.

Mr. Bacon was born June 9, 1827, at Hartford, Conn., a son of Leverett W. and Sarah (Watson) Bacon, and was educated in that city, graduating from Trinity College in 1846. He received the first appointment in his class, and for one year had charge of an Academy at Essex, Conn. He then began the study of law under the direction of Hon. Isaac Toucey, of Hartford, but in 1848 he adopted the profession of civil engineering, his first work being the laying out and construction of the New York & New England railroad from Hartford to Willimantic. This work included the building of the Union Depot and the bridge at Hartford, and the making of the heavy rock cut at Bolton Notch. On completing this enterprise he spent two years in the survey and construction of the Danbury & Norwalk railroad, and later he was recalled to Hartford to take a position as superintendent of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill railroad between Providence and Waterbury, now the New England railroad. He remained five years, and then went to West Virginia to develop and operate some extensive coal mines and salt works at West Columbia, on the Ohio river. Two years later he returned to Connecticut, locating at Danbury, and in July, 1859, he was appointed superintendent and chief engineer of the Danbury & Norwalk railroad. This position he held until January 1, 1877, building the Ridgefield branch in 1869, and the Shepaug branch in 1872. In the fall of 1877 he was appointed by Gov. Hubbard on the board of railroad commissioners, and served for ten years under the administrations of both political parties. In 1877 he was elected a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and for some years past he has been one of the commissioners appointed to make a topographical survey of this State, the results of their labors being now embodied in a large atlas, recently published.

About thirty years ago Mr. Bacon became a director in the Savings Bank of Danbury, which was incorporated in 1849, and for some years past he has been its president. He is also a director of the Danbury National Bank, and president of the Danbury Mutual Fire Insurance Company. During his residence in Danbury he has given active support to all projects for public improvement, and in 1860 he constructed the water works, of which he had charge for sixteen years. In 1860 he also organized a joint-stock company known as the Danbury Public Hall Company, and purchased the old Congregational church, which stood on the site now occupied by the soldiers' monument. The building was refitted, and served as a public hall until the opening of the present Opera House in 1873. In 1871 the Agricultural Society of the town seemed likely to die of inanition, and Mr. Bacon reorganized it, forming a stock company of which he was president for several years, and still is its treasurer. Under the new and energetic management the annual fairs have been very largely attended, and taken front rank among the fairs of

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New England. Mr. Bacon is also the president of the Danbury Cemetery Association, one of the trustees of the Public Library, and in fact it would be difficult to mention any public enterprise of importance in that locality in which he is not or has been more or less directly connected. Educational affairs formerly received his especial care, and for many years he was a a member of the board of education, He was also for about twenty years chairman of the society committee of the First Congregational Church.

On December 20, 1852, Mr. Bacon married Miss Caroline E. Botsford, daughter of Dr. Russell B. Botsford, who was for many years a leading physician of Danbury. Her mother, whose maiden name was Eliza Whittlesey, was a daughter of Matthew B. Whittlesey, a prominent lawyer of Danbury. Mr. and Mrs. Bacon have three children: Sarah W.; Eliza W., wife of Hon. G. M. Rundle, mayor of Danbury; and John R., now a well-known physician of the same city.

JOSEPH TOMLINSON, of Huntington, County of Fairfield, Conn., residing in the borough of Shelton, was born December 27, 1828, in Southbury, that State. He is a son of Joseph Tomlinson (3), born in the year 1802, who was a physician, practicing in Southbury for some years. In 1836 he went to Milford, and in 1839 to Huntington Center, where he followed his profession during the remainder of his life. He was one of the successful and substantial practitioners of Huntington, and is well remembered by many to this day. For some time prominent in politics, he was at one time deputy sheriff, and was also postmaster at Huntington for some years. In his youthful days he was a Whig, later becoming a Republican, and he remained a true friend of that party until his death. Religiously he was a member of the Congregational Church at Huntington Center, and he died in that faith in April, 1865.

Joseph Tomlinson was educated in the public schools in South Britain, Milford and Huntington, and at a select school at Huntington Center, conducted by Hezekiah Rudd, a noted instructor of his day, who had a large school, in which many of the prominent men received the finishing touches to their education. When seventeen years of age Mr. Tomlinson entered a store in Birmingham, and there remained four years. After teaching school a short time he then went to New York City as bookkeeper with William R. Robinson & Co., wholesale dry-goods merchants, remaining thus engaged for three years. In 1854 he returned to Huntington, and in the spring of 1855 went into what was then called the Manufacturers Bank, as bookkeeper, holding this position until he resigned in April, 1866, after which time he served for five years in the same capacity in the Derby Savings Bank. While thus occupied he became interested in the manufacture of pins, hooks and eyes, becoming the chief promoter and starter of the Star Pin Company, one of the first stockholders, and also first secretary and treasurer, holding this position from the beginning of the enterprise until 1875, when the business was removed to Shelton and the management of the same to New York City, where Mr. Tomlinson remained until 1879; he then sold out his stock and retired from the firm. During 1879 and 1880 he was engaged with Cyrus Brewster in the manufacture of corsets in Derby, and in 1881 he was appointed assistant town clerk. Elliott P. Curtiss, the town clerk, having removed from Huntington, Mr. Tomlinson was elected clerk of the township to fill the vacancy thus caused, and to this office he was re-elected annually until October, 1897, when the term by recent action of the Legislature was changed to two years. In 1889 the office of probate judge was created, becoming an office *de facto* May 1, and to this incumbency at a special election Mr. Tomlinson was chosen, against the united opposition of Derby and Huntington, and he held it from the time it was established up to January 1, 1899, when he was debarred by the constitutional age limit. In 1893 the town court of Huntington was established by the Legislature, and Mr. Tomlinson was appointed judge of the same, and held the office by re-appointment until January 1, 1899, when he was disqualified by the age limit. Mr. Tomlinson has also held the office of assessor of the borough of Shelton for several years, and at the election held in March last he was elected treasurer thereof.

Judge Tomlinson has always been a consistent and strong Republican since that party was organized. He has been justice of the peace since 1881. He has been collector of taxes of the town of Huntington since 1880, and in all his public as well as private offices has been faithful to his duties and honest in their discharge. Since 1893, when the Shelton Savings Bank was started, he has been its secretary and treasurer, and he is secretary and treasurer of the Plumb Memorial Library, this being an elective office by the directors. He was also secretary and treasurer of the Shelton Loan & Savings Association from its organization in 1889 until it was

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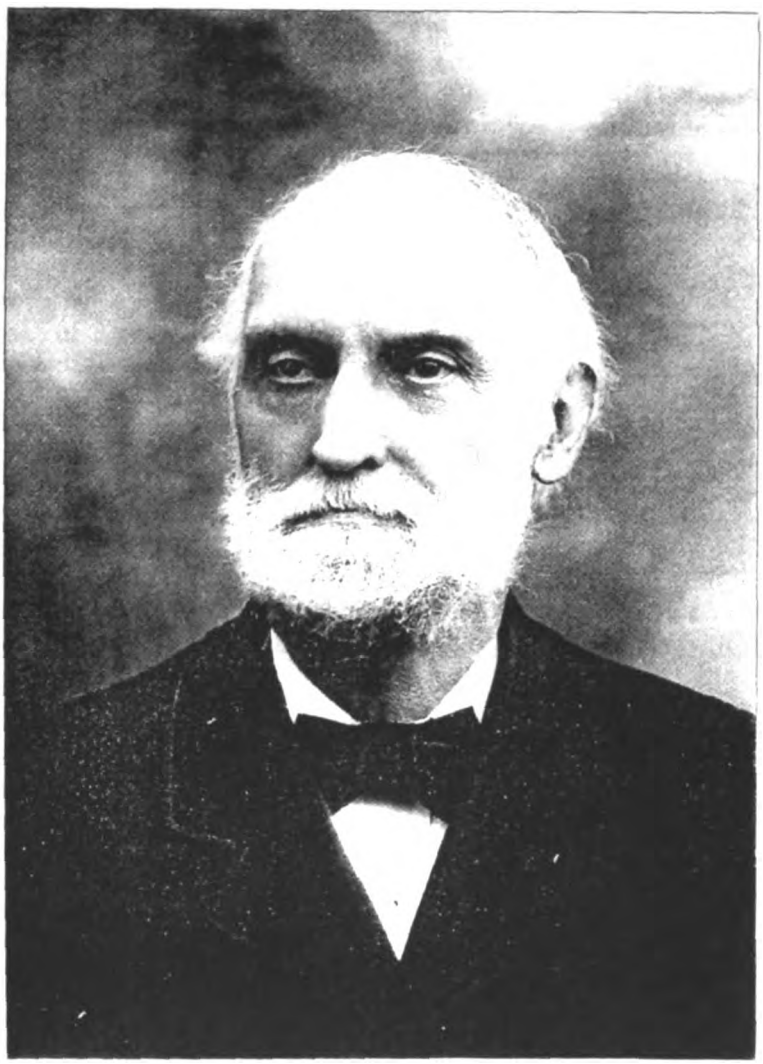

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closed in 1897, and he has always been active in promoting every movement calculated to advance the material and moral interests of Shelton. Besides all the offices enumerated above, he has held the position of secretary, treasurer and manager of the River Side Cemetery Association since its organization, having been one of the projectors thereof. He is a member of the Sons of Temperance, and, religiously, of the Congregational Church of Shelton, taking an active part in the work of the Society as one of its deacons during and ever since its organization.

Judge Tomlinson was married, in December, 1857, to Miss Annie Tappan Brewster, daughter of the Rev. Cyrus Brewster, formerly of New London, Conn., but latterly of Huntington. Judge and Mrs. Tomlinson have had five children: Helen, born in September, 1858, is living at home; Rosalie, born in 1860, is married to Rev. Charles W. Shelton, of Derby, one of the field secretaries of the American Home Missionary Society; Joseph, born in 1863, graduated from Yale College in 1885, and is now editor and publisher of the Sioux Falls (S. Dak.) *Argus Leader;* Annie, born in 1870, graduated from Wellesley College with the class of 1890, took an extra year in history and political economy at Yale College, and subsequently taught in the high school at Brookline, Mass., to the principal of which institution, Daniel S. Sanford, she was married in July, 1898; Cyrus, born in 1875, is city editor of the Ansonia (Conn.) *Sentinel.*

REV. FRANKLIN KEELER HAWLEY is a native of the town of Brookfield, and now occupies the old Hawley homestead there, which has been in his family for several generations. His education was begun in the district schools of that locality, and later he attended the Cheshire Military Academy. In December, 1893, he was ordained at Danbury to the ministry, and he has ever since been engaged in evangelistic labors. One feature of his work which has brought notably good results is the enterprise known as the John N. Hawley Bible School, which he conducts at his own home. He married Miss Julia Alice Turrell, daughter of Edwin G. Turrell, and two interesting children, John T. and Ruth F., have blessed the union.

The Hawley family, from which has sprung many of the most prominent citizens of New England, traces its line of descent from Joseph Hawley, who was born in Derbyshire, England, in 1603, and in 1629 crossed the ocean and landed near Boston, Mass. Later he settled in Connecticut, and his death occurred at Stratford in 1690. He had five children, of whom (1) Ebenezer and (2) Joseph left no issue. (3) Samuel, born in 1652, had seven children: Nathan and Ephraim, who had no children; Joseph, who had three sons—John, Ezekiel and William; Thomas, who had four sons—Ezra, Thomas, Ebenezer and Samuel; Ebenezer and Benjamin, who had no children; and Samuel, born in 1674, who is mentioned farther on; (4) Ephraim, born in 1659, had four sons: Jehiel and Abiah, who had no issue; Gideon, who had two sons—James and Zachariah; and Daniel, who had four sons—Ephraim, Edward, Frederick and William. (5) Capt. John Hawley, born in 1661, had six children: Nathan, who left no issue; John, Jr., who had one son, John; Comfort, David and Daniel, who left no descendants; and Henry, who had three sons—Henry, Enos and Parson, the last named being the father of two sons, Joel and Edward.

In the fourth generation the branch of the family in which we are now interested was continued by Samuel, son of Samuel. This ancestor had ten children, of whom (1) Jonathan, left one son, Israel. (2) Nathaniel left a son of the same name. (3) Ephraim, (4) Matthew, and (5) Obadiah left no issue. (6) Francis and (7) Richard probably had families, but the names have not been preserved. (8) Nathan had six sons: Ephraim, Andrew, Nathan, Samuel (who had a son, Samuel), Nehemiah, and Abraham (who had two sons—Lemuel and Willett, of whom the latter left three children, Jeremiah, Joseph and James). (9) Stephen had three sons: Benjamin, Nehemiah and Hezekiah. (10) Benjamin, born in 1694, is the next in the line of descent.

In the fifth generation we find the following children of Benjamin IV: (1) Ebenezer had no issue. (2) Benjamin had seven children: (a) Phœbe; (b) Mary; (c) Sallie; (d) Jabez, who had three children—Jerusha, Sallie, and Daniel B., the father of Esther, Elmer and Henry; (e) Robert N., who had three children—Angeline, Robert (father of Asa H.), and Harriet. (f) Isaac N. had four sons—Edson N. (father of Julia, Arthur, Clarence, and Clara), Homer N. (father of Willis N.), Edgar, and Arthur. (g) Benjamin had the following children: Mary Ann, Frederick, Susan, Juliette, William (father of Anna, William, and Edward), Margaret, and Sarah. (3) Abel had three children: (a) Lemuel; (b) Betsey, and (c) Jotham, who had three sons, J. Bradley (father of Bradley); A. Sherman (father of Olive, Ferris, Marietta, and Herson, who had two daughters, Helen and Josephine), and Tyrus, father of Jotham Burr (who has one daughter, Hattie), Royal De

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F., L. Marshall, and S. Caroline. (4) William, born in 1732, had four children: William (father of Elisha), Anna, Daniel and Joseph, who is next in line of descent. Daniel was the father of four children: (a) Margaret; (b) Eleazer, who had two sons, George, and Abel (father of Margaret and Candace); (c) Charles who had four sons, Hiram F. (father of Caroline, and Agnes); Waite N. (father of Jennie and Addie); Charles S. (father of Charles S.) and Sidney E.; (d) Sidney, who had one son, Henry (father of Charles, Fannie, Carrie and Howard).

Joseph Hawley, son of William, was born in 1762, in the town of Newtown, Fairfield county, and was the father of the sixth generation of the branch of the family to which the subject of this sketch belongs. Joseph had three sons: (1) William C., born in 1789; (2) John, born in 1791, and (3) Glover, born in 1803. Of these, (1) William C. had three children: Gertrude, Joseph (father of Theodore, Mary, Charles, Frederick and Josephine) and John B. (2) John N., our subject's grandfather, is mentioned more fully below. (3) Glover had three children: William G., Martha E. and Mariette H.

Hon. John N. Hawley, the grandfather of our subject, was born in 1791, in the town of Newtown, and in early manhood settled upon the present homestead in the town of Brookfield, where he followed agricultural pursuits, his death occurring in 1862. He was a prominent man of his time and locality, serving as a member of both houses of the State Legislature, and he was also identified with religious work as a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Brookfield. He married (first) Harriet Norton, (second) a Miss Fairchild, and had two sons: Asa N., by first wife, and John N., by second wife.

Hon. John N. Hawley, Jr., the father of our subject, was born at the homestead in Brookfield, where he spent most of his life, agriculture being his chief occupation. Politically, he held an influential place as a Democrat, and at one time he represented his district in the lower branch of the Legislature. His education was better than ordinary, as he attended Newtown Academy in his youth, and he was especially gifted as a musician. His wife, Clarissa W., was a daughter of Ira Keeler, a leading resident of Brookfield. They had three children: Charles B., a well-known vocal musician, who married Miss Hattie Buckley, and resides in New York City; Franklin Keeler, the subject proper of our sketch; and Clara F., who married C. W. Keeler, and their family consists of two sons: David H. and Ray D.

WARREN WARNER PORTER. In 1596 there was born in Dorset, England, John Porter, and as he grew to young manhood the glowing tales of the wonders of the New World thrilled his adventurous spirit, so he sailed away to found a new home and a new family on the western shores of the Atlantic, at Salem (now Danvers), Mass. He married Mary ——, and they became the parents of the following children: John, Samuel, Joseph, Benjamin, Israel, Mary, Jonathan and Sarah. John Porter, emigrant, was a man of considerable enterprise and prominence; he served as deputy to the general court of Massachusetts. His will, still preserved on the records of Essex county, shows that he died possessed of several farms—more than a thousand acres in all—besides his homestead, which he divided among his legatees.

Joseph Porter, the third in the above mentioned family, married Anna, the daughter of Major William and Anna Hatborn, and by this marriage became the father of twelve children: Joseph, Anna, Samuel, Nathaniel, Mary, William, Eleazer, Abigail, Hepsibah, Joseph, Ruth and Mehitable. William was the representative of the third generation of the line we trace, and he married Phœbe Dorman, by whom he had the following children: Ruth, Judith, Benjamin, Seth, Anna, Phœbe, Jonathan and Jabez. The father of this family is given the title of "Deacon" on the records.

Benjamin, the third son of Deacon William Porter, married Dorothy Ashley, and became the father of a large family: Benjamin, Phebe, Moses, Micaiah, Eli, Ruth, William, Job, Seth, Daniel and Noah. The last named, and youngest in the family, was the grandfather of Warren Warner Porter, whose name opens this review, and to him and his wife, who in her maidenhood was Asenath Smith, was born one son, Noah, September 26, 1792, and died October 8, 1855. He wedded Nabby Cummings, and to them were born eleven children, namely: Elijah F., born December 19, 1815; Reuben C., June 13, 1817; Lyman, June 1, 1819; Joseph E., July 9, 1821; Ransom N., May 21, 1823; Catherine A., May 19, 1825; Royal H., August 21, 1827; Anna J., July 14, 1829; Noah Dexter, November 27, 1831; John Dexter, August 11, 1835; and Warren Warner, the subject proper of this review.

Warren Warner Porter, whose long term as principal of Grammar School No. 8, at Bridgeport, has endeared him to the citizens of this growing city, is a native of New Salem, Mass., born July 27, 1837. He was educated in the district schools of his native village, at the New Salem Academy, and, also, later at the Philip's

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Exeter Academy, New Hampshire. When at an age the boys of this generation are engrossed in the sports so dear to the boyish soul, our subject, just fifteen years of age, began to teach school. His education was not yet complete, and he attended school some time after this. For two years he taught in the New Salem Academy, and then for several years taught in various district schools in different towns in Massachusetts—Hardwick and South Deerfield, and in the graded schools at Petersham.

In 1855 he went to Illinois, which at that time was a frontier State. Vast stretches of wild prairie then occupied many portions of the State now occupied by some of the best farms in the world. Land that then sold for $2.50 and $3.00 per acre now sells for $100.00. For several years he taught school in Illinois, then in 1859, going still farther, he taught in what was known as Sand Hill Academy, near Greenwades, on the Brazos river, in Hill county, Texas. Here he found frontier life unadulterated by the fads of society. The academy was built of logs; it had no glass windows; no door. A hole sawed in the logs admitted the light, and another sawed for the entrance and exit of pupils and teacher, also, on one or two occasions, for the hogs that ran wild in the woods, and that here took refuge from the cold "northers." The chimney, seldom needed for fires, was built of rough stones for the first four or five feet, and then of sticks daubed with mud. A steel plow-share, suspended by a cord in the fireplace, served as a bell, while a hammer with a rude handle was used as the bell tongue. The seats were slabs split from trees, with wooden legs driven into the round side to give them elevation. The only desks were two long boards hung to the wall by wooden hinges and propped up by sticks when in use. The pupils had been accustomed to study aloud, after the manner of the Chinese. Yet in this primitive school Mr. Porter found some bright minds. Some of the more advanced were perusing Algebra and Latin. The rule of the preceding teacher had been to classify a pupil as in higher English, if he had begun to study fractions, which was considered a great compliment by the pupil, and gave to the instructor an extra dollar a month as tuition.

Political excitement ran high, and all Northern people were held in suspicion. A clergyman from Illinois was given a text to preach from. He spoke with moderation, advising obedience on the part of the slave, kindness and humanity on the part of the master. The doctrine was not heroic enough, hence the minister was taken out and whipped, and only rescued from the mob by being thrust into jail. Mr. Porter's age made him less an object of suspicion, as he was not supposed to take an active interest in politics. However, he was informed that a party had called at his boarding house one day during his absence, and that he must beware. He was under the necessity of completing his term of school in order to draw his tuition for teaching, although very distinct mutterings were heard. His mail was tampered with, though perhaps it was fortunate for him that it was so. His brother, Hon. R. H. Porter, now of Keene, N. H., realizing the situation, wrote him a letter with the hope and expectation that it would be intercepted. In it he said, "Although you have always been a Democrat, the people of the South may not understand you, etc., and I advise you to come North." Though democratic in the true meaning of the word, Mr. Porter had never voted the ticket of the Democratic party, but the letter was what Mr. Porter needed to restore confidence, and he was not troubled after this. The State was in a blaze of excitement before he could get away. Three men were hung in Dallas on the day that he came through, on suspicion of stirring up a negro insurrection, and it was not until our subject had crossed the Mississippi river, and stepped on free soil, that he felt safe, and this day he sets down as one of the happiest of hislife.

During this trip to Texas, he stopped some time in Kansas, in Linn county, where he located two quarter-sections of land, which he held for several years after the war, when the fuller settlement of the State brought them into market. Here too, he meet John Brown, the quiet-appearing man, resembling General Grant in appearance, who afterward aroused the country in his effort to free the slave. His farm was in close proximity to one located by Mr. Porter. The trip from Illinois to Texas and return was made on horseback, before there were any railroads in that part of the country, and he can give many interesting recollections of the trip through Missouri and the Indian nations. It was in 1860 that he returned to Illinois, and he there taught school that winter; but when school opened in September, 1861, the young pedagogue had donned the "blue," and with sabre instead of pen he set forth, a private of the 7th Illinois Cavalry, sworn to defend, as best he could, the insulted flag of the Union. He was soon promoted, reaching the rank of first lieutenant, and served three years, accompanying Grierson from Lagrange, Tenn., to Baton Rouge, La. He was present at the surrender of Fort Hudson to General Banks, and witnessed the stirring spectacle

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of a whole Rebel garrison laying down their arms, and departing on parole; and he was detailed with his company to escort the paroled prisoners without the Federal lines. Although he took part in many battles and skirmishes, he bore a charmed life, and throughout his three years of constant and active service at the front he was never wounded. Only two of the engagements in which he took a conspicuous part will be mentioned here. In the autumn of 1863, the Rebels under General Chalmers made an attack on Colliersville, a station on the railroad between Memphis and Corinth. The place was garrisoned by a small force of infantry, and the 7th Illinois Cavalry. The pickets were driven in, and Lieutenant Porter was sent with about forty men to reconnoitre and send back information, and, if possible, keep back the enemy until reinforcements could arrive from an adjoining station. He proceeded but two or three miles before meeting the enemy. Deploying his men as skirmishers, with a dozen or so in reserve, he directed them to keep well under cover of the woods, and every man to give out orders at the top of his voice, as if there was a large army, and then to fire at everything that looked like a Rebel.

This caused the Rebel column to halt; they were afraid to advance until they, too, had thrown out a skirmish line, and their column had deployed in line of support, as they were obliged to cross an open field. Then Lieutenant Porter ordered his men back across another open field, and General Chalmers followed cautiously. These tactics delayed the enemy an hour and a half. The line fell back until the firing could be heard at the railroad station where the infantry were stationed. They supposed that the company under Lieutenant Porter was having a hot time of it. In the meantime he had sent in couriers with advices as to the progress of the enemy, and for supplies of ammunition. "Send out and tell Lieutenant Porter to come in," said the surgeon, "we shall not have any of the fun here if he does not return." The enemy were preparing for a general charge, and it was so reported to the commandant at the stockade. By this time the 2d Iowa Cavalry had arrived, and taken position behind the embankment of the railroad. The Colonel sent orders for Lieutenant Porter to retire to the rear of the stockade. The Rebels followed with a yell, only to be met by a volley from the stockade, and from the reinforcements behind the railroad track. Still on they came, and General George, now senator from Mississippi, who led the Rebel left, was captured with his hands almost on the field piece mounted in front of the 2d Iowa Cavalry. The enemy were badly repulsed; the delay of the Rebel column by the tactics of Lieutenant Porter with his forty men against more than fifteen hundred had in all probability saved the place. In the unfortunate raid upon Guntown, made by General Sturgis, Lieutenant Porter was in command of the non-veterans of the regiment, and his command was ordered to act as rear guard in the first day of retreat. The *National Tribune* has obtained from Lieutenant Porter a series of articles, and we quote from the issue of June 24, 1894:

About this time we were sent on a raid under General Sturgis to Guntown, Miss. It was the most disastrous expedition in which I ever participated. The force consisted of cavalry, artillery, and two brigades of infantry. A train of 200 supply wagons accompanied us. We were out 12 days. My command turned out 100 men. Sometimes we were assigned to the advance, sometimes to act as rear-guard, sometimes we were sent out miles on the flank. While in the advance, our command made several brilliant little dashes. Near Danville we drove out the enemy and secured the bridge before the enemy had a chance to destroy it. On another occasion our videts signalled "Come on!" The command came to their support in a full run, and captured eight horsemen before they had time to regain their steeds. They were in a farm house talking to some ladies. Ah, dear ladies, who can balance the great ledger account that stands charged and credited to the allurements of your smiles! We give you credit for this success. On the morning of the fight we were sent off on the right flank, then recalled, then remained in line waiting, while one command after another moved to the front and then to the rear. Our army was whipped out piecemeal. The cavalry opened the attack early in the morning. The infantry were hurried up, but were exhausted before they came to the support. The cavalry had also spent the best of their energies before the infantry arrived. The enemy meantime were receiving reinforcements by the railroad. Their shells began to screech frightfully near. Twice I moved the command a short distance to get them out of range. It is the most trying place that one can be put, to be placed under fire and have no chance to fire back—to be set up as a target. The regiments came back one after another. Then came our first orders to take real part in the action. "You must hold the enemy in check and cover the retreat of the infantry." It was a great undertaking for 100 men to hold in check a force that had driven 5,000 from the field. But we would show our good will. I ordered the men to dismount, and the led horses were sent to the rear in charge of a reliable sergeant.

We lay down under cover of some piles of fence-rails and awaited their on-coming. "It is no use," said the infantry, as they retreated past us. The retreat was, as yet, with deliberation and in order. We had not long to wait. The enemy came on with triumphant yells. Our men awaited in silence. We opened upon them with our carbines. They were breech-loaders and could be fired rapidly; but the men fired with deliberation. The enemy halted and took shelter behind the trees. It was impossible for them to advance in the face of such a murderous fire. Serg. John R. Sperling was wounded and arose to go. Lieutenant La Grange (never a braver officer), the next in command, thinking the men were about to break, cried, "Are you cowards? Stand your ground!" The Lieutenant had taken no pains to shelter himself from the fire. The Sergeant, brave and cool as his superior, was sent to the rear. From ten to twenty rounds were fired. We held them at bay in front of us, but they were lapping around us on both sides and gaining our rear. After consulting Lieutenant La Grange, I gave the order to fall back to the led horses. The officer in charge had held them safe for our coming. We mounted

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under fire, and retreated to the cover of the woods. Here we formed in two lines, firing and retreating alternately as the enemy charged upon us. The retreat had become a rout. Some of the wagons stuck in the mud. The horses were cut out and the wagons abandoned. The artillery was in rear of the wagons, and could not be drawn past them. It, too, was abandoned. One hundred and forty-one wagons and sixteen pieces of artillery went to swell the spoils of the enemy. This was the famous Chicago Battery, afterward recaptured from General Hood by our regiment at Nashville.

We were driven back upon the straggling infantry. Many of them were utterly exhausted in the broiling sun while hastening to the fight. They threw away their knapsacks, their guns, everything that could impede them, for they knew that if captured the horrors of Andersonville awaited them. They ran with their tongues lolling out of their mouths. They caught hold of the stirrups of the cavalrymen and of the tails of their horses to help them along. We were obliged to fire over their heads at their approaching captors. Some scattered from the line of march and were hunted down by the enemy's flankers, or, escaping, came straggling into Memphis a week afterward. It was nightfall before, in answer to repeated applications for assistance, we were relieved. The pursuit continued through all the next day. One thousand, six hundred and eighteen prisoners went to crowd the death-pen at Andersonville. Three hundren thousand rounds of small-arm cartridges, besides a large amount of other ordnance stores and provisions, fell into the enemy's hands. The march out occupied ten days; the return was made in a little more than two. Such was the inglorious result of this undertaking. Troops that never knew fear before, though tried in many a conflict, had been defeated, and fled panic-strciken and demoralized before one-half their number, simply because they had been improperly commanded. * * *

The veterans had come back from furlough during our absence, and greeted our return to camp. They brought little mementoes with pleasant messages from home that made us half forget for the time the disasters we had just suffered. Our anticipation of going home increased as our term of service diminished. A mother's kiss was awaiting us; a sister, whose untiring devotion had nursed away our sickness, would meet us with outstretched arms; our brothers would make ready the fatted calf; our old neighbors and friends would join in giving us greeting. And that special friend, our hearts beat faster as we thought of her. What blissful anticipation! Comrades, I cannot paint the picture half bright enough, even with the dark back-ground of our recent catastrophe to give it the contrast.

After his term of enlistment had expired, Mr. Porter returned to Illinois, remaining there three or four years, during one of which he taught school. He then returned to the East, and located at Deerfield, Mass., and for four years took charge of the Meadow Mills—saw and grist mills; his next change was his removal to Bridgeport, and here for a year he had control of, and was partner in, the Slate Marble Mantel factory, of the Slate Marble Mantel Company; he then accepted a position as principal of one of the Bridgeport schools, and here for a quarter of a century he has led the youthful minds through the grammar grades.

On July 19, 1864, Mr. Porter was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Keith, of Enfield, Mass., daughter of Danforth and Betsey (Hart) Keith, and to this worthy couple four children have been born: Herbert W., Mabel Anna, Grace Inez, and Edith May. Mr. Porter has for several years been identified with the Olivet Congregational Church Society, in which for several years (during the time the church edifice, costing from $20,000 to $30,000, was being erected) he was treasurer of the society. Politically he is a stanch Republican, and for a short time served on the Bridgeport school board. He is now a trustee of the Fairfield County Teachers Annuity Guild, a society for the pensioning of superannuated or disabled teachers; was one of the trustees of the Bridgeport Mutual Insurance Company, and was for several years its vice-president and the auditor of its accounts. As a member of Elias Howe, Jr., Post No. 3, G. A. R., he joins his old comrades, and with them endeavors to perpetuate the memory of our soldier dead, and to extend the influence of that noble trio of the G. A. R.—"Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty." Mr. Porter's liberality and benevolence have drawn many friends to him, and he is greatly beloved by all who know him.

HON. CHARLES A. WEED. This well-known resident of Stamford holds, in an enviable degree, the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens, as is shown in his frequent election to positions of trust and responsibility. While he has served in numerous local offices he has also been chosen three times to represent his town in the State Legislature, and in every position he has discharged his duties with ability and fidelity.

Mr. Weed is a member of one of the old families of Fairfield county, and his grandfather, Abashia Weed, a native of Stamford, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, was a prosperous farmer of that town throughout his active life, was selectman of the town, and with his wife, whose maiden name was Susannah Hoyt, was highly respected in the community. Ebenezer Weed, our subject's father, was born in North Stamford, and also followed farming as an occupation. He was not especially prominent in political life, but in a quiet way he took much interest in public questions, his allegiance being given to the Democratic party. He died in the year 1843. He married Miss Maria E. Andrews, a native of New York City, and had the following children: Charles A., Miles H. (deceased), Caroline E., Martin E. (a resident of Stamford) and Cornelia M.

Charles A. Weed was born in August, 1831, on the same farm which he now owns and occupies with his two sisters. He was educated in North Stamford, attending first the common schools, and later an academy conducted by James Betts. In early manhood he took charge of the home farm, and his able management of

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the place has won for him an excellent reputation as an agriculturist. Being an ardent Democrat, he began at an early age to manifest an interest in practical politics, and in 1856 he was elected to the Legislature which met in New Haven in May. In 1878 and 1879 he was again elected, and from 1857 to 1863 he held the office of deputy sheriff, while at various times he has served as assessor, selectman, registrar of voters and member of the board of relief. He was also United States deputy marshal in 1860, assisting in taking the census.

MISS JULIA M. WAKEMAN. The first ancestor of the Wakeman family, which has long been prominent in this section, came to America in 1631 from England, and settled at Fairfield, Conn. Their descendants are now numerous, and while many are to be found in this county, others have located in different parts of the United States. Some of them have been in Fairfield, Conn., two hundred and fifty years, as recorded by Robert Wakeman, who has been some twenty-five years engaged in collecting the Genealogy of the Wakeman families, and items of interest that have been handed down from generation to generation. Seth Wakeman resided in Sherman, Conn., and perhaps elsewhere before settling there. He served in the Revolutionary war in 1776, and received a pension from the Government up to his death in 1835; after his decease the pension was awarded to his widow Mary (or Molly, as she was usually called) until she died in 1845. He married Miss Mary Stratton, of the same town, and had the following children: Joseph, born in 1784, married Sylvia Arnold; Rebecca, born in 1787, married Isaac Buckley; Walter, born in 1788, married Almira Winchell; Eunice, born in 1791, married Foster Crosby; Hull, our subject's father, is mentioned more fully below; Cynthia, born in 1796; Diamond, born in 1798, and Miles, born in 1802, never married; Harriet, born in 1804, married Orson Page; William, born in 1808, married Elizabeth Croocker; and Laura A., born in 1810, did not marry.

Hull Wakeman, the father of our subject, was born in 1793, in the town of Sherman, where he acquired a good practical education in the common schools of that day. He became a successful agriculturist, and was prominent in local affairs as a member of the Democratic party, being frequently elected to office in the township. In the war of 1812 he was drafted, but did not serve, hiring a substitute in the person of Aaron Wakeman; son of Gideon Wakeman, who did duty in his stead. Hull Wakeman's wife, whose maiden name was Rheuamah Banks, was born in 1793, a daughter of Nathan and Drucilla L. Banks, owners of a fine farm in the town of Sherman. Ten children were born of this union, of whom nine lived to mature age: (1) Levi, born in 1815, was a farmer and speculator in cattle. He married Miss Charlotte Crane, and had four children—Martha C., who married James Palmer; George, who married Miss Callie Vosberge; William A., and Thaddeus. (2) Elvira, born in 1817, married John Caldwell, and has one son, William, who married Mary Hopkins. (3) Miss Harriet, born in 1819, was reared and educated in the schools of the town of Sherman, and has always resided at the old homestead. (4) Caroline, born in 1822, died in 1887, unmarried. (5) Drucilla, born in 1824, married Stephen Joyce, and has had five sons — William H., who died unmarried, in 1876; John F., who married Miss Ida Way; Allen, who married Miss Emma Warner; Alonzo, who married Miss Frankie Marcy; and Robert, who died unmarried, in 1889. (6) Miles H., born in 1826, died in 1852. (7) Linus A., born in 1828, went to the South, and after being employed for some time as a cashier in various banks, located in Savannah, Ga., where he engaged in the banking business. He married Miss Nellie Corkins, and died in 1895, leaving two children, Nellie A. and Charles H. (8) William S., born in 1831, has followed agriculture and mercantile business throughout his life; he resides in Nantucket, Mass. He married Miss Mary A. Hallett, and has had two children—F. Merwin, who was in the Civil war on the Union side until his enlisted time expired, when he was mustered out of the service; and Marion E., who died in 1878, in childhood; (9) Miss Julia M.; and (10) Miss Josephine R., born in 1836, died in 1892.

Miss Julia M. Wakeman was born in 1834, at the old homestead in the town of Sherman, and was educated in the schools of that locality. She possesses fine mental qualities, and has always taken an interest in the progressive movements of the time, her ability and force of character giving her much influence among her acquaintances and friends.

WILLIAM SANFORD BEARDSLEY (deceased) was born February 12, 1808, in Redding Ridge, Fairfield Co., Conn., at the old home of his father and grandfather. He was seventh in the lineal descent from William Beardsley, of Stratford (1639), in whose line the name of William is repeated six times. He was also sixth

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in descent from Samuel Beardsley, one of the nine founders of the Stratford Ecclestiastical Society in 1694. In 1726 Samuel's son William and his wife Elizabeth were enrolled as Communicants of the old Episcopal Society of Stratford under the teachings of Dr. Samuel Johnson, and this line has continued in that faith until the present time.

In 1836, during the ministry of Dr. Gurdon S. Coit (for it was at that time the old stone church was built on the corner of Broad and Cannon streets), William S. Beardsley became a member of that Church. He received his education in the public schools of Redding and Newtown, in what was known as the Dodgington District, attending school aud working on his father's farm until sixteen years of age. Though his opportunities for an education were limited to the meager school advantages of his day, as found in the country, yet he laid a foundation upon which he built a superstructure of information garnered from a keen observation of men and things, and almost a century of ripe experience. He was emphatically a man of sound judgment and discretion. At the age of sixteen, as he says, he went to learn the carpenter's and joiner's trade with Hiram Parmley as journeyman carpenter for one year, and worked in Saugatuck (now known as Wesport). At the age of twenty-two he built the first Congregational church at Danbury.

In 1830, when in his twenty-third year, he came to Bridgeport and went to work on the building of a church where the South Congregational church now stands. After this was completed, with his brother, Aaron T. Beardsley, James Jennings and thirteen other carpenters, he combined and took a contract to build a bellows factory in Fairfield. For one year he had five in company with him, after which a co-partnership was formed with Aaron T. (his brother) and James Daskam, under the firm name of Beardsley & Daskam, which business was continued for thirty-six years. The firm became master builders, and many of the principal buildings of Bridgeport, such as North church, the Baptist church (where the Court Exchange building now is), the present South church, Christ church, residence of Nathaniel Wheeler, Frederick Wood and others on Golden Hill, the court house on State street, the old "Sterling Hotel" and the "Stanley Hotel," the former post office (now the People's market), and many of the banks are specimens of their handicraft. Upon the dissolution of this partnership his brother started in the lumber business, while he still continued to carry on the building business alone for many years. Finally he retired from the carpenter business, as accumulation of property to rent and other business required his attention. In 1836 the two brothers built the house on Main street, in which they resided. The old building in the back yard was their first carpenter shop, and at a high tide the water of the harbor would come over the street nearly to the shop door. Afterward they purchased land on the corner of Broad street and South avenue, and put up a large building for their increasing business. Springing from steady Puritan stock, the son of a New England farmer of a family of eleven children, he by his life exemplified the principles inculcated by his parents in youth. By following a life of uprightness, strict integrity, sobriety and perseverance, he amassed a handsome competence entirely free from speculation, a judicious investment of his earnings in real estate and mortgages.

On June 9, 1837, Mr. Beardsley was married in Monroe, this county, to Miss Nancy J. Nichols, who was born March 11, 1812, and died April 8, 1893. Two children blessed this union: Amelia J. (deceased), and William N., who is mentioned more fully farther on. The subject of this sketch was fond of religious work, was a teacher in the Sunday-school and a leading member of the former St. John's Episcopal Church at Bridgeport, formerly located on the present site of the new post office. He was afterward a member of Trinity Church. In his advanced age he attended regularly the South Congregational Church, on account of its close proximity to his home, this being the last church that he ever built. He died January 14, 1899, at the advanced age of ninety years and eleven months, leaving behind the record of a well-spent life spanning nearly a century.

Jesse Beardsley, grandfather of our subject, was a well-known farmer of the town of Redding. He married Miss Ruth Lyon, and had eight children: Aaron, Levi, Jabez, Daniel, Jesse, William, Lois and Miriam.

William Beardsley, our subject's father, was born in Redding April 29, 1777, and in early manhood engaged in farming there, but finally settled upon a farm in Newtown, where he died February 11, 1858. His wife, Molly (Sanford), who was born August 20, 1774, died September 17, 1825, and he afterward married Mrs. Esther M. (Jackson) Taylor. By the first marriage he had ten children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Lois, April 4, 1799; Lydia, November 21, 1800; Jesse, July 9, 1802; Polly Ann, May 19, 1804; Ruth, February 16, 1806; William Sanford, February 12, 1808; Aaron T.,

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August 8, 1809; Caroline, August 24, 1811; Anna, June 19, 1813; and Sarah M., July 7, 1819. By the second union there were two children: Eliza and Emily. All of the above are deceased except Sally M. and Eliza.

The late Aaron T. Beardsley, brother of William S., was educated in Redding and Newtown, and became a partner in our subject's late business in Bridgeport. He was a man of fine mechanical abilities, and was much esteemed as a citizen. In the business he gave his attention particularly to the interior decoration of the building on which they were employed. The organ case so much admired in Christ Church was designed and built by him. He was often engaged as inspector on the erection of buildings, and was known for his insistance in having the work and material right, and according to specifications. For many years he was vestryman in Christ Church and Trinity Church at Bridgeport. He died in that city June 8, 1895. On June 1, 1832, he married Miss Mary Curtis, who was born June 7, 1811, and died October 14, 1861. She was the daughter ot Matthew and Polly (Lacey) Curtis, the former of whom was proprietor of the first paint store in Bridgeport. Five children were born to Aaron T. and Mary Beardsley: Marietta, who died April 16, 1897; Harriet, who married William H. Edwards, of Saginaw, Mich.; Miss Rebecca, who resides in Bridgeport; Georgiana, wife of John Beardsley, of Hartland, N. Y.; and Florence E., who married (first) Ora B. Warner, who died, and (second Stimpson Stacey, of Chicago, Illinois.

WILLIAM N. BEARDSLEY, the only son of the late William S. Beardsley, was born December 19, 1845, in Bridgeport, Conn., and there received his education in the public schools and in Emory F. Strong's Military Academy, where, at the age of nineteen, he became assistant teacher, as well as instructor in bookkeeping and penmanship, for at an early age his knowledge of bookkeeping had found him ready employment, so his services were often in demand outside of school hours. Desiring, however, a thorough knowledge of business law, he finally decided to take up this study in the office of Judge Gould, and later finished with recitations with Lawyer Warner. His decided ability, however, as an inventor, and his inclination for mechanical and general business life, made the legal profession comparatively uninviting, and, an opportunity offering, he entered the employ of George Lovell, in the ornamenting department of the Howe Sewing Machine Company, taking charge of the pay-roll, which, not keeping him fully employed, he also worked, learning the ornamenting business. Later on he spent some five years in the steam, gas-fitting and plumbing business until 1874, when he was offered a position as paymaster of the Union Metallic Cartridge Company. This was at the outbreak of the Russian and Turkish war, which soon necessitated the employment of more than one thousand hands, and gave him an opportunity to show his executive ability. Experiments in rifles and ammunition had long been his favorite recreation, so a position with this company seemed particularly attractive to him, and when four years later the president of the Union Metallic Cartridge Company organized a new business under the name of the Bridgeport Gun Implement Company, he was chosen as secretary, but still continued in the employ of both companies until 1883, when the growth of this new business and changes made it necessary to devote his entire time to the new company as Bridgeport manager and treasurer. His early workshop training and varied factory experience now stood him in good hand, and his experiments in early years led to his assisting by the invention of many valuable articles protected by patents, which they have been extensively engaged in manufacturing, thus requiring his erecting a new and larger building onto the old factory property and giving employment to a largely increased force of hands. The death of his father in 1899, W. S. Beardsley, the subject of our sketch, makes it necessary to give his attention to the management of his father's affairs, and it is not without regret he now severs connection with the firm he has been identified with for nearly a quarter of a century.

On November 18, 1868, Mr. Beardsley married Miss Amanda E. Smith, daughter of Silas Smith, a descendant of one of the pioneer settlers of New Milford. They have one son, Leon William Smith Beardsley, now a student in Yale Law School. Mr. Beardsley and his wife are identified with St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Bridgeport, Henry M. Sherman, pastor, under whose teaching Mr. Beardsley was a scholar in St. John's Episcopal Church Sabbath-school of which the present St. Paul's Church is a branch.

DAVID WELLS PLUMB (deceased), formerly vice-president and a director of the Birmingham National Bank, was a son of Noah Plumb, of Trumbull, who was born May 3, 1782, and who, on November 22, 1804, married Thankful Beach, who was born November 16, 1783. After her death Mr. Plumb married, April 8, 1807,

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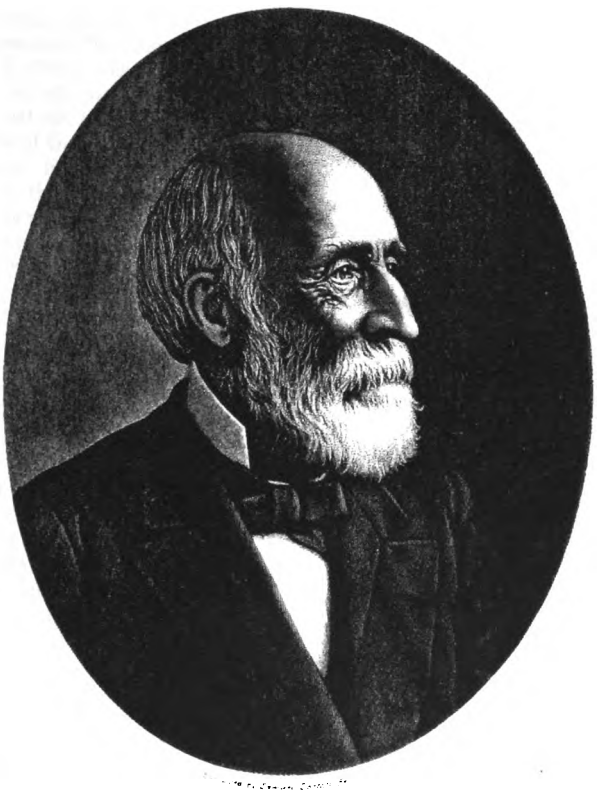

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Uvania Wells, who was born November 15, 1784. Noah Plumb was a son of David Plumb, of Stratford, who married Mary Beach, December 29, 1776. David Plumb was born June 25, 1751, and Mary Beach was born March 11, 1758. He was a son of Noah Plumb, of Stratford, who was born in 1709, and who married (first) Abiah Platt, in 1738, and (second) Abigail Curtiss, November 23, 1761. Noah Plumb was a son of Joseph Plumb, of Milford, who was born in 1671, and who married Susannah Newton, who was born in 1673. Joseph Plumb was a son of John Plumb, of New London, who was born in 1634, and who married Elizabeth Green about 1662. John Plumb was a son of George Plumb, of Taworth, County of Essex, England.

David Wells Plumb, the subject of this sketch, was born in 1809. He was a man of intelligence and patriotism, interested in all of the mercantile life of Ansonia, Birmingham and Shelton. He was physically strong in all of his powers, and was of great will force. He never used a stimulant in his life, nor did he ever use tobacco in any form. He became president of the Star Pin Company, of the Silver Plate Cutlery Company, also of the Housatonic and Shelton Water Companies, and at his death he was president of the Library Association. The Plumb Library building was erected after his death, in accordance with his often expressed wishes. It is one of the finest library buildings in the State, and is a worthy memorial of its projector. Mr. Plumb appreciated to the fullest extent the value of knowledge to the young, and of libraries as tending most powerfully to extend the knowledge needed by all good citizens, and he was himself well informed as to the politics, history and geography of his country. He was an original and deep thinker and, while not a professor of religion, yet had correct and liberal views on religious subjects. In the truest sense of the phrase, he was a self-made man, was of exact method in his habits, and his entire life was regulated with the greatest care. His death occurred June 29, 1893, when he was in his eighty-fifth year. Upon his death the directors of the Birmingham National Bank adopted the following resolutions:

"Mr. David W. Plumb, for twenty-two years vice-president and director of this bank, died at his residence in Shelton, on the evening of the 29th of June last, at the age of eighty-four years and nine months. Upon us, his associates and fellow directors, falls the duty of placing upon record our appreciation of his work and worth.

"His was a long and busy life, the earlier years of which were years of trial and struggle. His courage, his patience and perseverance, and, above all, his indomitable will and intelligent determination, overcame all obstacles, and won for him a success most richly deserved. With ample resources, so worthily gained, having established himself in his new home on the heights, and, looking out from its commanding position, as he surveys the scene of his future activity, this thoughtful man doubtless outlines the plan of his life. His purpose is revealed in the important part taken by him in carrying to destined completion that great public work known as the Housatonic Water Company; in fostering and encouraging new enterprises; in adding another name to the long list of towns made strong and prosperous by the thrift and energy of New England manufacturers; in contributing to the endowment of a hospital in the place where he was born; and in the gift which made possible and actual a public park in the place where he died.

"As in adversity he had shown himself equal to all its exigencies, so his spotless integrity, sound judgment, independence in thought and action, coolness in time of financial or other excitement, and faithfulness to duty, revealed him equally well equipped for the difficulties, may it not be said, greater difficulties, which prosperity brings. As adversity could not depress, so prosperity could not elate him. Mr. Plumb was a man of character, strong character, simple in his tastes and ways, of pure life, happiest at his home. His fondness for reading, and a most retentive memory, made his knowledge extensive, accurate and responsive to call. His opinions were his own, and when formed were not easily changed.

"Summoned many times by a confiding constituency to the legislative councils of the State, his fidelity was as conspicuous as his knowledge of the needs and aids, which wise legislation should supply, was varied and accurate. With him public office was indeed a public trust. In his death this bank has lost an intelligent, efficient and faithful officer, one who, believing that the acceptance of office involved the obligation of fulfilling strictly all its duties, was uniformly present at its meetings, and by his watchful care and wise counsel rendered invaluable services to this institution.

"The members of this board keenly feel the loss of a courteous and most intelligent member, association with whom has given them the highest appreciation of his character and worth. To the family of Mr. Plumb they tender their sincere condolence, and direct the secretary to transmit to them this expression of their own loss and their sympathy with them in their bereavement." [July, 1893.]

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ABIJAH M. JONES was born in the town of Wilton, Conn., July 5, 1818, and received his earlier education in the common schools of the neighborhood of his home. He afterward entered Prof. Hawley Olmstead's school, where he was graduated at the age of seventeen years, securing a good education for his time. On laying aside his books he commenced his life work, that of farming. In 1848 he bought the old Stewart farm, at that time owned by Moses Stewart (professor of theology at Andover (Mass.) Theological Seminary), the grandfather of Elizabeth (Stewart) Phelps. Mr. Jones has been extensively engaged in fruit growing, in the culture of asparagus, and in dairying. During the training days (a custom in vogue a little before and after the year 1838) he was captain of a militia company. In politics he was first a Whig, in 1856 becoming a Republican, and has recorded his vote for every Republican President candidate since. While he has taken little active interest in politics, yet he has held some of the local offices of trust, such as assessor etc., and he has been a delegate to many conventions. In religious matters he is a member of the Congregational Church, and has been an officer in same for many years.

On June 17, 1841, Mr. Jones was married to Elizabeth Law, daughter of David and Mary (Aldis) Law, the former of whom was a manufacturer of shoes at New Canaan, Conn., and at New Orleans, La. She was born March 29, 1817, and was educated at Miss Seely's Seminary, New Haven, Conn.; she died February 22, 1893, after a married life of nearly fifty-two years. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones were born seven children, as follows: (1) John A., who died March 18, 1870, at the age of twenty-seven. (2) Elizabeth L., born June 17, 1844, a brief sketch of whom follows. (3) Mary A., born May 12, 1847, died December 4, 1869. (4) Isabella A., born September 4, 1850, educated at Wilton Academy by Professor Olmstead, and married William H. Benjamin, of Wilton; they have no children; William Benjamin was born in New York, and educated in Wilton, Conn., they are now with our subject. (5) David L., born February 18, 1853, in the town of Wilton, Conn., was educated in the common schools and at Professor Olmstead's academy, Wilton, and has always followed farming; politically he is a Republican, in religious faith he is a member of the Congregational Church; he married Mary C. Seymour, and they have two children—Christie L., and Helen. Mrs. David L. Jones is a daughter of a railroad commissioner, William O. Seymour, of Ridgefield, Conn., and was educated at Mt. Holyoke Seminary, Massachusetts. (6) Nellie B., born March 24, 1859, died unmarried October 15, 1882. (7) William A., born May 7, 1863, is a good farmer, and is still at home; he is a member of the Congregational Church.

Elizabeth L. Jones, daughter of the subject of this sketch, was born at New Canaan, Conn., and educated at Professor Olmstead's school at Wilton. She married Joseph C. Ayers, a shoe manufacturer of New Canaan, and had two children: Emma E., who died at the age of seventeen years; and Jennie M., who married Elbert Adams, of Great Bend, Indiana. The mother of these children died April 3, 1871, at the age of twenty-seven years, and the father then married Miss Xarepia Barnet, by whom he had one child. Joseph Ayers died in May, 1897.

Lieut. John Jones, great-grandfather of our subject, was a descendant of General Jones of Oliver Cromwell's army, and who married Cromwell's sister. He (John Jones) was born in the town of New Haven early in the last century, a son of William Jones, who left England soon after the restoration of Charles II, probably 1860–61. This William Jones (Gov.) married a daughter of Governor Eaton, lieutenant-governor of New Haven, afterward devoting most of his life to farming. When yet a young man he removed to Ridgefield, where he married.

Jacob Jones, son of John Jones, and the grandfather of our subject, was born at Ridgefield, and was there educated, ever afterward devoting himself to farming. He married Miss Ruth Morgan, a daughter of Caleb and ——— (Banks) Morgan, the former of Ridgefield, the latter of Redding, and by her had the following children: James, Stephen, Russell (who married Eliza Jelliff), John (our subject's father), and Abigal (married to Samuel St. John).

John Jones was born in the town of Ridgefield, Conn., September 11, 1792. After completing his education in the common-schools of the time he devoted the rest of his life to farming, except during the war of 1812, in which he took an active part; afterward, during the training days, he was a captain of artillery. He was three times married, first time February 19, 1815, to Miss Anna Middlebrook, who was born November 21, 1788, in the town of Wilton, a daughter of Summers and Susanna (Beal) Middlebrook, the latter of whom was a sister of the wife of Dr. Isaac Lewis, who for a long time was pastor in Wilton and Greenwich. Michael and Abia (*née* Summers) Middlebrook, parents of Summers Middlebrook, removed from Fairfield to Wilton. To the marriage of John and Anna (Middlebrook) Jones came children as follows:

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Samuel, born July 3, 1816, died May 11, 1826; Abijah M., the subject proper of this sketch, born July 5, 1818; Charles, born July 19, 1820; William, born December 12, 1822, married Ann Knapp; and Elizabeth, born March 6, 1825.

Charles Jones, next younger brother of the subject proper of this sketch, was born at Wilton, and after attending the common schools was prepared for college by Prof. Hawley Olmstead, of Wilton. He then attended and graduated from Yale College in 1843. For a number of years, in fact for the rest of his life, he practiced law in New York, and at one time he was representative of Wilton in the Legislature of the State. This was before he took up his residence in New York, where he became a very prominent man in his profession. He was a candidate for city judge of Brooklyn; was chairman of the State Central Committee that at the convention nominated General Grant for President. On April 15, 1852, he married Miss Mary Anna Moore, by whom he had children: (1) Mary, who married Herbert Ogden, and had one son, Charles Jones Ogden, who is studying in college; and (2) Margaret, who married Frederick Middlebrook, by whom she has one son and one daughter; Herbert Ogden and Frederick Middlebrook are both lawyers in New York City. Charles Jones died September 2, 1892.

Elizabeth Jones, only sister of our subject, and the youngest member of the family, was educated in Wilton, her native place, and married Edwin Gilbert, president of the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company, at Georgetown, Conn. They have no children.

William Jones, youngest brother of our subject, was born in the town of Wilton, Conn., and after completing his education followed farming the rest of his life. He married Miss Ann Knapp, a daughter of a prosperous and prominent farmer of Ridgefield. To this marriage there was born one son, William, who married and settled in New Haven. The husband and father died January 19, 1850.

John Jones, the father of our subject, for his second wife married Mary Thorp, daughter of Samuel and Sallie Thorp, of Westport, and to this marriage there were born two children: Sophia W., who died in infancy October 7, 1832; and Samuel, who studied law in New York City, became a very prominent man in his profession, and was United States Commissioner, holding several other important offices. For his first wife he married Phebe Lockwood, by whom he had one child, Edward Fairfield (single), who is traveling agent for the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company. The mother of this child dying, Mr. Jones married Miss Mary Lockwood, and by her had one child, Florence, unmarried, and living with her mother. Samuel Jones died in 1873, and his widow married Daniel Davenport, a lawyer of Bridgeport, by whom she had one child, Beatrice. John Jones for his third wife married Mrs. Mary Berry Grimes, by whom he had no children. He (John) died February 27, 1886, aged ninety-four years.

David Law, grandfather of the wife of the subject of this sketch, was born in Northumberland, England, and was educated there. Removing to Scotland, he there married a Scotch lady, Jacoba Wallace, a descendant of the historic William Wallace. David Law and his wife came to the United States, settling in the City of New York, where he established a shoe-manufacturing business, which he followed the rest of his life. The childrnn of David and Jacoba Law were Isabella and David, the former of whom remained single.

David Law, the younger of the two, and father of the wife of our subject, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, came to the United States with his parents, and was educated in the City of New York. There he learned the shoe-manufacturing business of his father, and removing to New Canaan, Conn., established there a manufacturing business of his own. He also established a similar institution at New Orleans, La., and followed the business of manufacturing shoes the rest of his life. He died December 25, 1835. He married Mrs. Mary Adams (*née* Aldis) daughter of Charles and Widow Barnaby Aldis, of England, the former of whom, a draper and tailor by occupation, and something of a sporting man, lived on the Raydon estate near Yarmouth. Mrs. David Law, by her first husband, Captain Adams (who was lost at sea), had two children, William, who was a silversmith, and president of the board of aldermen of New York City; and Mary, who married Dennie Sayer, a banker of New York. By her marriage with David Law, she had children as follows: David, who died of yellow fever in New Orleans in 1832; Elizabeth, wife of our subject; and James, Alexander and Henry, mention of whom follows.

James Law was born in New York City, was educated there and learned the trade of silversmith, at which he worked most of his life. He was twice married, first time to Eliza Knapp, of Stamford, by whom he had two children: Mary, who married Wyland Keith, a manufacturer of drugs at Stamford, Conn.; and James, who is also married. By his second wife, James Law had two children, both of whom died young.

Alexander Law was born in New Canaan, Conn., was there educated in the common schools

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and in New Haven, after which he engaged in mercantile business, having a large cast-iron hollow ware foundry in Jersey City, and a store in New York City. He married Miss Polly Savory, of Carver, Mass., and by her had one child, Emma W. Law, who married Charles DeMerit, of Boston, Mass., by whom she had two children—Charles and Harold, the former of whom is practicing medicine in Baltimore, Md. Alexander Law died February 22, 1894.

Henry Law was born in New Canaan, Conn., and was educated in the common schools of that place. Having learned the plumber's trade he was engaged in that business most of his life, twenty-two years of which were spent in California. He married Amelia Endros, by whom he has one son, Henry, at present engaged in the furniture business in New York, is married and has two children. Henry Law died in 1886.

AMASA A. MARKS, owner of the magnificent villa and grounds known as "Willowmere," at Sound Beach, is one of the many retired business men of New York City who have found the charming region along the shore of Long Island Sound, in Fairfield county, Conn., an ideal place for a life of repose after years of turmoil in the commercial world. He has had his residence here since 1871, and during that time has been one of the most active citizens of the place, prominently identified with its improvement and progress along various lines, and manifesting a keen interest in the welfare of his adopted town, where his zeal and effective work are thoroughly appreciated. He has been a no less active worker, however, in business circles, and the Marks establishment, located at No. 701 Broadway, in New York City, has been a landmark of the metropolis for years, and ranks high in its line. In the making of artificial limbs Mr. Marks has long been regarded as an authority, and he is widely known as the inventor of many important devices and improvements now in general use.

Mr. Marks is descended from good New England stock, prominent among his ancestors being the Tuttles, Ives, Coopers and Eatons, all of whom were in their day useful and honored citizens, and many of whom bore an important part in the early history of our country. Abraham Marks, the grandfather of the gentleman introduced by this sketch, was a farmer by occupation and lived in Milford, Conn. He married a Miss Merwin, whose father was a Rovolutionary soldier, and they had a family of five children, as follows: Abraham, John, Levi, Content and Nehemiah.

Levi Marks was born in Milford, Conn., received his education in the public schools of the home neighborhood, and was reared to farming, which he followed, engaging also in teaming between Waterbury and New Haven, Conn., until 1836; he was one of the pioneers in that line in his section. He remained at home until his marriage with Miss Esther T. Tuttle, who was born in Bethany (then Woodbridge), Conn., and was the daughter of Amasa Tuttle, a farmer. This union was blessed with six children, viz.: Mary E., who died at the age of seventy-five at the home of her brother Amasa, unmarried: Minerva C., who married Elias Clark and removed to Cuyahoga county, Ohio; David B., who followed the profession of dentist; William, who died at the age of ten; Amasa A.; and Eliza J.

Amasa A. Marks was born April 3, 1825, in Waterbury, Conn. He received all his schooling before he was sixteen, and after he was seven years old he attended only in the winter time, even then going only one full term of three months. His father was engaged in teaming, and our subject became an expert ox-team driver at an early age, for he commenced work when a mere boy and had plenty of opportunity in this line. When sixteen years old he began life on on his own account, obtaining employment as a farm hand, and before he was twenty he was given charge of the Woodruff farm, a large and well-known property near New Haven, receiving at first twelve dollars and later fifteen dollars per month, the latter being then the highest wages paid for this service. Mr. Marks next embarked in the milling business for himself, buying a small mill at a cost of two hundred and fifty dollars, and paying forty dollars from his own savings, going into debt for the remainder. After running the mill three years he sold it, and having now some capital he went to New Haven, where for a short time he carried on a sawmill and turning business, in 1851 locating in New York City, and commencing work as a journeyman in the same line. It was not long, however, before he started in business on his own account, and in 1853 he and his brother, David, formed a partnership for the manufacture of artificial limbs. Our subject had but one hundred dollars to invest, and that was borrowed, and although his brother was the patentee of a limb it was a constant struggle for the first four years, and David withdrew from the partnership within a short time. Mr. Marks had become interested in this branch, his sympathies being aroused by

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the large number of cripples at that time found in all our large cities, when prosthetical art had not reached its present stage of development, and moved by an humanitariun impulse he had set himself to work to devise some means of ameliorating the sufferings of these unfortunates. The result of his labors was an artificial leg quite superior to the noisy, clumsy one then in use, and far more comfortable to the wearer, and in 1863 he invented the rubber foot, a new feature, which was the means of giving his business its first important impetus, and from that time on he met with most encouraging success. Continued study and experimenting led to discoveries which in a short time brought Mr. Marks prominently before the public and gave him a high reputation in this line, and his name became synonymous with progress in the science of prosthesis, governments, corporations, hospitals, societies, etc., being quick to recognize his talent and adopt his productions, for he is the inventor of such useful devices as the rubber foot, the adjustable knee-joint, and the rubber hand with ductile fingers. Through his enterprising business methods these products of his thought and experiment have become known and used in every country on the globe, and he has been repeatedly honored at expositions, etc., with medals, first diplomas and premiums. In 1864 he received a contract from the United States Government to furnish artificial limbs to the unfortunate soldiers and sailors of the war of the Rebellion, and he has since carried a perpetual contract to renew these limbs as required. The American Institute in its palmiest days acknowledged Mr. Marks as the authority in his profession, the Franklin Institute has awarded him its medals in recognition of his inventive skill, and the press has often presented his achievements to the public with glowing encomiums.

Mr. Marks removed his business from its first stand to No. 307 Broadway, and in 1863 to No. 575 Broadway, being a tenant of W. B. Astor for eighteen years; thence he located at No. 691 Broadway, and later at his present quarters, No. 701 Broadway. He remained sole proprietor until ten years ago, when his sons were taken into co-partnership, but the firm name remains the same, and the Marks establishment has been, as above remarked, a land mark in New York for nearly a half century, and has attracted notice and patronage from many distinguished persons, of both this country and foreign lands. Santa Ana, the Mexican warrior, made his first visit to New York for the purpose of having Mr. Marks replace the limb he lost in 1838, during the French assault on Vera Cruz, and General Larranaga, the Peruvian Revolutionist, Iglasius, the son of the president of Peru, Okuma, Japanese count, are among the world-renowned people who have been able to substantially appreciate his productions. As will be judged by this brief narration of his business career and success, Mr. Marks is an indefatigable worker, and like his father he is a man of strong character, sincere in all his actions, and progressive and impressive in everything he has undertaken. It is through his efforts and study that the science of prosthesis in New York, and indeed, in the United States, has been brought to its present high state, and he is deservedly honored by all who realize the importance of this art from any point of view.

In 1850 Mr. Marks was united in marriage with Miss Lucy A. Platt, of New York, daughter of Charles Platt, and seven children blessed this union, namely: Charles A., who was educated for the Episcopal ministry; George E. (a member of the firm), who graduated from Union College; Lucy E., who died in 1863; Frederick, deceased in 1866; Mary, who died young; William L. (member of the Marks firm), and Anna A. (unmarried), who lives at home. The mother died at the age of sixty-three years, and her remains rest in Sound Beach. Mr. Marks resided in New York City until 1871, since which time he has had his home in Sound Beach, selecting the beautiful spot now known as "Willowmere" for his residence, which he had built. He first purchased twenty-five acres, and he has been constantly improving and beautifying his grounds until his property is now one of the most charming in this region. The grounds border the waters of Long Island Sound for over half a mile, and are equipped with every convenience for comfort or luxury, no expense having been spared in this direction. A reservoir of 40,000 gallons capacity, supplied from living springs, furnishes water to the house. Mr. Marks has been equally zealous in the improvement of the town where he has chosen to reside; it was he who suggested the name "Sound Beach" when the place was named. He has given liberally of his time and means to all worthy enterprises, and was particularly influential in having the railway station at Sound Beach established. Although retired from business, he has continued his interest in local afiairs, and works hard and zealously for the progress of Greenwich and particulary Sound Beach. Though past "three score and ten" he is the picture of health and vigor, and his unassuming manners and habits have made him popular with all classes in this part of Fairfield county.

Mr. Marks cast his first Presidential vote for

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Martin Van Buren in 1848, and is a stanch Republican to this day, taking a deep interest in the welfare of the party and keeping himself well posted in public issues. For twelve years he served as school visitor in Greenwich township, during the greater part of that time acting as chairman of the board; he was an active worker for the new schoolhouse in Sound Beach, which at the time it was erected was the best in the town. He was a most efficient member of the board. Mr. Marks has been justice of the peace. Religiously, he is a prominent member and liberal supporter of the South Beach Congregational Church Society, and he acted as chairman of the building and finance committee when the present beautiful stone house of worship was built. Fraternally, he is a member of Manitou Lodge No. 106, F. & A. M., New York, and, socially, he holds membership with the Riverside Yacht Club.

HON. CHARLES MILLS, of Westport, is one of the ablest and best-known citizens of Fairfield county. As the representative of his town in the State Legislature in 1885 and 1886, he did notable service, and in private life he has given his influence toward developing and sustaining the interests upon which the progress of a community depends. His fine farm in Westport is a model, his artistic taste and his sound practical judgment as an agriculturist combining happily in its management.

Mr. Mills comes of good Colonial stock, and his grandfather, John Mills, who was born probably in the town of Westport, served eight years in the Revolutionary army under Washington, enlisting when he was but sixteen years old. After the war closed he settled upon a farm in Westport, where his remaining years were spent. In politics he was a Democrat, and he and his wife, whose maiden name was Frazier, were members of the Congregational Church. They reared a family of nine children, as follows: Moses, who engaged in farming in Massachusetts; Seth, a farmer in Weston, this county; Samuel, a resident of Greens Farms, where he was engaged in farming and also followed the mason's trade; John, our subject's father; David and Ebenezer, who were farmers in Westport; Charity, who married Hezekiah Mills, a blacksmith by trade and a veteran of the war of 1812; Mary, wife of Robert McClure, a machinist of Stamford; and Sally, who married Samuel Barlow, of Westport.

John Mills (2), the father of our subject, was born at Greens Farms, in the town of Westport, where he followed farming for many years, his death occurring in 1855. For about thirty years he followed the trade of stone mason in addition to the management of his homestead. Like his father he was a Democrat in politics, and a devout member of the Congregational Church, the family having always taken an active part in religious work in their locality. His wife, Sarah (Batterson), who died in 1883, was a daughter of Burr Batterson, a well-known citizen of Westport. Our subject is the eldest in a family of three children, the others being John, a farmer and stone mason now residing in the town of Westport; and David, a carpenter in Bridgeport.

Hon. Charles Mills was born February 25, 1833, on the old homestead at Greens Farms, and during his youth he learned the details of farm work by assisting his father. He also learned the stone-mason's trade, which he has followed at intervals up to the present time, and, as he possesses marked ability in various lines, he has at times turned his attention to other occupations, making a notable success in each. He has speculated profitably, but he has especial reason to be proud of his skill as a landscape gardener, many of the most attractive estates in town having been improved under his direction. His farm, which contains eighty acres of choice land, is devoted to general crops, and he has the reputation of raising larger and better crops to the acre than any other farmer in the township. His beautiful dwelling house was built in 1882, previous to which he resided at the old homestead at Greens Farms. He is a stanch Democrat, and, aside from his service as a representative, he has held various township offices, including that of highway surveyor. At one time he was appointed justice of the peace, but declined to qualify. Though not a member of the Church, he believes in Christianity, and any movement which promises to benefit the community receives from him hearty sympathy.

In 1855, Mr. Mills married Miss Mary E. Hoyt, daughter of Ezra and Hannah (Weed) Hoyt, of Stamford, and granddaughter of Seth Hoyt, a Revolutionary soldier. Eight children blessed this union: Mary E., who married John Tyler, of Maine, and died January 27, 1897; Charles E., a farmer and stone-mason in Westport; Albert W., a farmer and stone-mason, residing in Greens Farms; Martha E., who is at home; Edward P., a carpenter at Bridgeport; Hattie A., who married Edward McElwee, a farmer in Westport; and Robert R. and Leroy, who are engaged in farming in Westport.

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COL. WATSON JOHN MILLER, president of the Derby Silver Company, Shelton, was born in Middletown, Conn., November 23, 1849, a son of Watrous Ives and Ruth Lucretia (Prout) Miller. He is descended from notable stock on both paternal and maternal sides, Thomas Miller, one of his ancestors, having come from England about 1630 and established himself in 1660 at Middletown, where he erected and operated successfully its first mill. Governor Benjamin Miller, another forbear, had the title of Governor of the Colony of Connecticut in Colonial times, and thereby secured to his prominent descendant the right to enroll himself among the members of the Sons of the Colonial Wars. From the maternal branch of his family Mr. Miller is lineally descended from Timothy Prout, who came from England to Boston about 1640, and after residing there some thirty years or more removed to Middletown, Conn., where he took an active part in encouraging many of its most important enterprises, not the least of which was his interest in the building of the first sailing vessel ever launched upon the Connecticut river at Middletown.

The subject of this sketch received his education at the Middletown High School, and later was a student in the Chase Institute, a school, by the way, of unique character, which ranked among the first of its day in excellence and importance, and from which many of the most prominent men of this and other States were graduated. From the Chase Institute Colonel Miller repaired to the New Haven Business College, where he received the foundation of that thorough mercantile training which has subsequently characterized his successful commercial career. In March, 1868, he first entered into the manufacture of silver-plated ware in his native town, and six years later, in 1874, he removed to New York, residing in that city for about five years or so, and continuing there with the Webster Manufacturing Company in the same business of silver-plated ware manufacture which he had formerly carried on in Middletown. In the meantime the Derby Silver Company, of Shelton, Conn., desiring a secretary, treasurer and general manager, and realizing Colonel Miller's value as an organizer and able director, promptly opened negotiations with him with a view to securing his services. A mutually satisfactory conclusion was reached, and in 1879 Colonel Miller removed to Shelton, where, ten years later, he became president as well as manager of the company, whose capital and surplus is now five hundred thousand dollars, and the growth of whose business is largely due to his rare personal abilities, untiring energy and capable management. The excellence of the goods made by the Derby Silver Company, and Colonel Miller's long connection and successful association with the concern, place him easily in the first rank of silverware manufacturers in the country.

Mr. Miller has repeatedly declined political honors, to the regret of his townsmen, who, on several occasions, have urged him to accept the nomination for representative from the town of Huntington, in which Shelton is located. Upon the election of Governor Coffin, the subject of this sketch was appointed a member of his staff, and, since becoming colonel, has acted in the capacity of aide-de-camp to His Excellency, the Governor, who is at the same time his most hearty friend. Besides having held the prominent position aforesaid, Colonel Miller is one of the founders and president of the South End Land Company, president of the Shelton Savings Bank, the Riverside Cemetery Association, the Shelton Building and Loan Association, and a director in the Home Trust Company, the Derby and Shelton Board of Trade, and has succeeded the late Edward N. Shelton as a director of the Birmingham National Bank. He is also a prominent thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Mystic Shrine, and also a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston.

Colonel Miller's residence in Shelton is one of the handsomest in the State, and from his charming home he dispenses most hospitable entertainment to his host of appreciative and eminent friends. In 1874, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Susie J. Waite, daughter of Alonzo Waite, of Chicopee, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM F. H. LOCKWOOD, a prominent young business man of Greenwich, is the representative of one of the prominent families of Fairfield county, Conn., where his ancestors have figured conspicuously through a period of two hundred and fifty years.

Mr. Lockwood is of the eighth generation of the family in America from Robert Lockwood, the immigrant, who came from England and settled in Watertown, Mass., in 1630, thence removing to Fairfield county, Conn., in 1646. An extensive genealogy of the family prepared some ten years ago shows over four thousand descendants of this Robert Lockwood. It also shows that one hundred and forty-seven of them served in the war of the Revolution and earlier wars with the French and Indians, giving the rank of service from private to that of brigadier-general.

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From these descendants have come men who have held honorable places not only on the roll of fame in military lines, but whose genius, tact, intelligence and learning have given them places honorable and high in the professions and business world.

The line of descent of our subject is as follows: Robert Lockwood, the immigrant, Jonathan, Gersham, Nathan, Thaddeus, Ira, Hanford, William F. H.

The Lockwood family trace their genealogy as far back as 1465, when Ann, the only daughter of Richard Lockwood, married Thomas Henshaw, who thereby became possessed of a large estate in Staffordshire, England.

Lieut. Jonathan Lockwood, of the second generation, and Lieut. Gersham Lockwood, of the third generation, were prominent and influential men of Greenwich, Connecticut.

Thaddeus Lockwood, of the fifth generation, was a farmer by occupation. He married and had a large family. He was a good man and citizen, and lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years, dying in about 1812.

Ira Lockwood, of the sixth generation, was born October 19, 1769, on a farm in the town of Greenwich, and resided on the place nearly seventy-seven years. He was a farmer, and one of the most successful ones in the town, though not an extensive one. He commenced life poor, but by his energy, industry, economy and good management he became well off. It is related of him that at one time during the war of the Revolution he was standing guard, though not a soldier, and one dark night he heard the footsteps of something coming, and three times he called out: "Who comes there?" No answer coming, he fired, when he discovered he had shot a colt, thinking it was a Tory. He married Clementine Mills, and the marriage was blessed with children as follows: Alva, Lydia, Ira, Ralph and Hanford, all now dead. Of these, Lydia married Isaac Ostrander, of New York City, and had a large family. In his political views Ira Lockwood (the father) was a Whig. He served as constable and collector of the town of Greenwich a number of years. During the earlier part of his life he and his wife were identified with the Baptist Church, both later becoming members of the Episcopal Church.

HANFORD LOCKWOOD, of the seventh generation of the family in the county, and the father of the gentleman whose name opens this sketch, was in many respects quite a remarkable man, a very useful one in the community in which his long life was passed, as well as a most successful business man and prominent citizen. He was born June 7, 1808, on the farm on which his father before him was born, and was there reared to habits of industry and economy, working on the farm through the summer seasons, and attending the neighboring schools in winters until fifteen years of age, when he went to New York City and became a clerk in the employ of William J. Romer, a grocer, receiving for his services five dollars a month. At the close of the first year he had saved more than thirty dollars (which he gave to his father), besides having properly clothed himself. This was the beginning of a successful business life. Owing to sickness he returned home, and there remained two years, working on his father's farm; subsequently he returned to New York and entered the grocery-store of his brother-in-law, Isaac Ostrander, as clerk, receiving eight dollars per month for the first year's work, twelve for the second, and fifteen dollars for the third.

Young Lockwood passed the summer in which he became of age at home, and in the fall and winter following he was engaged in teaching school, receiving for his services twelve dollars per month. In the following spring he engaged to teach for one year the school in what was known as "Nash District," receiving for his services fifteen dollars per month, and "boarding round." In after years he related that he had a good time and made many warm friends. During the period of this school work he made the acquaintance of Susan, daughter of James Nash, the man who had engaged him to teach the school, and on October 6, 1830, they were married. In April, 1831, he went to New York City, and there engaged in the grocery business. He continued therein twenty-one years, when he retired from active employment, returned to his native town, and resided on the old homestead where he was born until in February, 1878, when he settled at Greenwich.

In early life Mr. Lockwood became interested in the cause of religion, under the influence of one Mary Ostrander, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, under the ministry of Rev. William Jewett, becoming one of the most devout Christians and active workers in the Church at Greenwich, and laboring unceasingly throughout his life for the cause of Christ. From the very beginning of his identification with the Church he took hold of the work of his home Church, and remained to the day of his death officially connected therewith, having served in various capacities, among them as steward, trustee, recording secretary, licensed exhorter, and superintendent of the Sunday-school. His liberality to the Church was in keeping with his

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earnestness as a worker. He not only gave to his own Church but to the Churches of other denominations. He attributed his success in life more to his early Christian training than to any other cause, which, no doubt, led him to such close and liberal relations to it. He was also a friend to the poor, and gave much to charity. Mr. Lockwood was as prominent and influential in business circles as he was in the Church. He was a shrewd business man and financier, and met with eminent success in his undertakings; a good manager and far-sighted, his investments proved his wisdom in making them; success followed also his farming operations. For years he served as president of the Greenwich Trust, Loan & Deposit Company, and to his efforts and ability is due the firm foundation on which that institution now rests. He was enterprising and progressive, and did much toward the advancement of the interests of his locality. A man of high honor and integrity, and of great usefulness as a citizen, his death, January 27, 1896, caused a loss to the community which was keenly felt. He had so lived that "His death seemed to him a most pleasant event."

Mr. Lockwood was twice married, his first wife, Susan (Nash), passing away October 27, 1869, and she was interred at Stanwich, Conn. On January 31, 1872, Mr. Lockwood was again married, this time to Mrs. Fannie Lounsbury, widow of S. D. F. Lounsbury, and daughter of William and Anna (Brown) Roscoe. Mrs. Fannie Lockwood was born in the town of Greenwich, but late in her 'teens moved with her father's family to Port Chester, N. Y. She is a great Methodist and a worker in the auxiliary societies of the Church at Greenwich; she united with the Church when a child of twelve years. Mrs. Lockwood is one of four children. For fourteen years she was successfully engaged in school teaching. To Hanford Lockwood and his wife Fannie was born a son, William F. H.

William F. H. Lockwood, whose name opens this article, is a native of the town of Greenwich, born May 22, 1875, on the old homestead where his father and grandfather first saw the light. He was liberally educated, receiving the advantages afforded by the best schools of the country, and inherits from his intelligent parents much of their ability. He is energetic, progressive, ambitious, and a bright future evidently awaits him. He is one of the most prominent of the young men of Greenwich, and is simple in his bearing, entirely without ostentation. On December 27, 1897, Mr. Lockwood was elected a member of the board of directors of the Greenwich Trust, Loan & Deposit Company, which company ranks high among such institutions in the United States, and to occupy such a position is no little honor to one so young. Mr. Lockwood is a Republican in political preference.

On December 18, 1895, our subject was married to Miss Daisy Lucile Jackson, of Middletown, N. Y., whom he met at the Centenary Collegiate Institute, Hackettstown, New Jersey.

REV. BENJAMIN MOWATT YARRINGTON, deceased.

Through the clear silence of the moonless dark,
Leaving no impress of the road it trod,
Straight as an arrow cleaving to its mark,
A soul went home to God.
Alas! they cried, he never saw the morn,
But fell asleep, outwearied with the strife—
Nay, rather he arose and met the dawn
Of everlasting life.

On March 19, 1898, in the "first watch of the night," there passed from earth a beloved and venerated citizen of Greenwich, whose long and useful life has left a lasting impress upon that community. Mr. Yarrington had served fifty-six years as rector of Christ Church (Protestant Episcopal) and as rector emeritus for three years, making fifty-nine years continuous labor in that parish, and the present prosperity of the Church is due, in the main, to his untiring efforts. During his residence in Greenwich the little village developed into a wealthy and thriving town, and his sympathies and energies were freely given to advance its best interests. He was a man of fine intellectual gifts, courteous manners and commanding presence, and his self-denying zeal as a pastor and public-spirit as a citizen met with appreciative recognition by the people of all denominations.

The Yarrington family is of English origin, and the American branches are descended from three brothers who settled in this country in Colonial times, one brother locating in Virginia, where his descendants are now numerous. Our subject's grandfather, William Yarrington, was a soldier in the Revolutionary army, and Uriah Yarrington, the father of our subject, served in the war of 1812, while during the Rebellion members of the family, including several of our subject's nephews, took part on both sides of the controversy. Uriah Yarrington was born January 24, 1780, one of a family of ten children, and became a builder by occupation. He was not blessed with a strong constitution, and he died at Flushing, L. I., at the early age of thirty-seven. His wife, Ann Tier, survived him many years, passing away at the age of eighty-

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two in our subject's home at Greenwich. Five children were born to this estimable couple: Jacob, who died in California at the age of eighty-eight; Ann E. (deceased), who married Melancthon Hoyt, D. D., a noted clergyman of the Episcopal Church; William, who died in New York in early manhood; Benjamin M., our subject; and Charles, who died in New York.

Rev. Mr. Yarrington was born at Flushing, L. I., March 15, 1812, and received his academical education chiefly in New York City under Dr. Edmund D. Barry, a famous educator of that day, who conducted a classical school in which many able clergymen were instructed in youth. From childhood Mr. Yarrington cherished the hope of entering the ministry, and on leaving Dr. Barry's school he pursued a course of study with Dr. Clarkson Dunn, of Newton, N. J., later entering the general theological seminary of the Episcopal Church located in New York City. When near the end of his course there, overwork brought on an illness which compelled him to abandon his books, but after "rusticating" for a time in western New York, he returned to his studies at the seminary. He was obliged to proceed slowly for fear of a relapse, but after two years he was ordained as a deacon on December 23, 1838, at St. Thomas Church, New York City, being presented by Dr. Hawks and ordained by Bishop Onderdonk. On April 28, 1839, he received a call to the Church at Greenwich, and his acceptance marked the beginning of one of the longest pastorates known in the history of the denomination. The Church had been in existence for many years, and previous to 1826 the building was located on the top of Put's Hill. It was around that building that the British gathered to watch Putnam's famous ride. In 1821 the old structure was blown down by a gale, and a small wooden building was erected at the present site. In 1856 the congregation had outgrown this building, and it was replaced by the present handsome stone edifice, which was consecrated January 14, 1857. At that time it was considered one of tne finest churches in the State. In April, 1889, the church was enlarged by an addition on the southeast side, and it was consecrated in a service of blessing by Bishop Williams. This was a fitting memorial to crown Mr. Yarrington's work of fifty years in the parish.

Mr. Yarrington could never be induced to take a vacation. Being a strong and robust man he did not feel the need of rest. He was rarely, if ever sick, and during all these years scarcely missed a Sunday. In 1884, after a severe attack of pneumonia, he was persuaded to take a short rest, and went to Saratoga, but a few weeks later he came back with his health fully restored. He knew no Church or Creed when appealed to by those in want or distress, and was always ready to officiate at a funeral or wedding, whether the parties were Church-goers or not. During the fifty-six years of his rectorship he baptized 1,235 persons, attended 1,112 funerals, performed 248 marriage ceremonies, confirmed 648 applicants, and made 12,646 pastoral calls among his parishioners. From the bare handful of communicants—twenty only—when Mr. Yarrington came to Greenwich, the parish has grown to 275 communicants in the Mother Church, with Calvary Chapel, Round Hill; Emanuel, at Glenville, St. Paul's Riverside and Byram Chapel, prosperous auxiliaries of the present organization, 1,340 families having been under his pastoral care. A few years ago Riverside Chapel was made a distinct Church, and as the time passed Mr. Yarrington's duties became so arduous that an assistant was appointed.

On Sunday, February 10, 1895, Mr. Yarrington resigned as rector of Christ Church, having been its pastor for fifty-six years. He read his resignation from the pulpit, as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN—I have a few words to tell you that I have postponed saying for some time because my heart antagonized my lips; it is this: The 28th day of April will complete my ministry of fifty-six years in your service, when I shall resign the sweet and pleasant work entrusted to me by your honored fathers. You have my grateful acknowledgment of your unvarying kindness. And your sainted parents and kinsfolk, how I admired and loved them they never knew, but they shall know some future day, if God permits. I have only to add that you, their children and representatives, will always have my poor prayers for your prosperity. God bless you.

On March 2, 1895, at a parish meeting, Mr. Yarrington's resignation was accepted, and the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That the members of Christ Church, Greenwich, whilst viewing with sorrow the severance of such long and close ties as have existed between their reverend rector, the Rev. B. M. Yarrington, and their predecessors and themselves, yet recognize his right at his advanced age to retirement and a restful period from the labors which now devolve upon him, and therefore do hereby accept his resignation, taking effect April 28, prox.

Resolved, That the wardens and vestry are hereby authorized to offer the free use and occupancy of the rectory to Mr. Yarrington during his natural life, and in case the wardens and vestry shall hereafter deem the said rectory needed for any future minister in charge, they be authorized to hire and supply for the free use of Mr. Yarrington of some other suitable residence in the parish, the expense thereof to be borne by this Church, and ample notice to be given to Mr. Yarrington of such contemplated change.

On Sunday, July 7, 1895, the Rev. M. George Thompson became rector of Christ Church, and Rev. Mr. Yarrington rector emeritus.

Mr. Yarrington was the oldest rector in the State, and had the record of being the longest in active service in any one parish of any minister

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in the United States. The silver-headed cane given to the rector who has been longest in service in this diocese was held by Mr. Yarrington for a number of years, and he valued it very highly for the honor connected with it.

On October 2, 1834, Mr. Yarrington married Miss Margaret King Dominick, who was born May 10, 1815, the daughter of Jacob F. and Isabella (Needham) Dominick, of New York City, where her family has long been prominent. The only child of this union, Benjamin M., Jr., died in infancy, and during their sixty-three years of wedded life Mr. and Mrs. Yarrington made a practice of having some of their nephews and nieces constantly with them. In 1872 they spent four months in Europe, accompanied by a niece, and during that time they visited the principal cities of the Continent. The house in which they resided for more than half a century, a white cottage next door to the church, was built for them in 1844. On October 2, 1884, they celebrated their golden wedding, a reception being given at their home, and a large number of friends and acquaintances met to show their esteem and offer congratulations. Time treated them kindly, vigor of mind and body remaining in spite of advancing years. In his youth, Mr. Yarrington was an ardent admirer of good horses, and throughout his life he took pleasure in driving a spirited team. He was of a retiring disposition, never seeking publicity, and at various times he purposely evaded opportunities for gaining public notice. His keen interest in educational progress was shown by his long service as a trustee of Cheshire Academy, and he also held a similar office in connection with the Theological Seminary in New York for many years. While he never took a share in political work, his sympathies were with the Democratic party, and he was also keenly alive to the important and various movements of the day.

SHADRACH M. BRUSH, a venerable gentleman of Stanwich, Fairfield county, now over four-score years of age, which in main have been passed among the people of Fairfield county, where he has been one of the leading citizens and active business men, was born December 11, 1818, in the house in which he now resides in Stanwich.

Benjamin Brush, his grandfather, was an agriculturist of the town of Greenwich. He married Semantha Reynolds, and of their children, Edward, the eldest, was born in the town of Greenwich. He became a civil engineer by profession, and soon after the war of 1812 moved to Franklin county, Ind., where he was among the pioneers, driving through from Connecticut to that then far-away point. There he was employed in the construction of the Whitewater canal. He was a man of intelligence and capacity, and became prominent in the early public affairs of Indiana. He served as a member of the first Legislature of that State, and was known as Captain Brush. Physically he was almost perfect, being powerfully built. He married Ann Ingersoll, who was a native of Stanwich, a daughter of Nathaniel Ingersoll. The children born to the marriage of Captain Brush and his wife were: Elma C., who married Job L. Husted, and died in 1896 at Greenwich; Joseph E. (deceased), who for twenty years was postmaster of Greenwich (he married Mary Wright); Shadrach M., our subject, is again referred to farther on; Rebecca A. married L. C. Hoyt, and died at Long Ridge, Fairfield county; Mary A. married Hobby Husted, and died at Greenwich; and Semantha, a teacher, died unmarried. The father of these children died August 10, 1825, at Ft. Wayne, Ind., from typhoid fever contracted while at work on the construction of the canal previously referred to. Ft. Wayne being some distance from the place of residence of his family, they never knew where his remains were interred. After his death William Rundle, who had married Fannie Brush, a sister of the deceased, went out to Indiana and drove from there to Connecticut, bringing the family back to their old home, where the children were reared and where the mother died.

Shadrach M. Brush, after the death of his father and the return of the family to Fairfield county, lived with his grandfather until seventeen years of age, attended school through the winters and worked on the farm the rest of the year. For two winters he attended the Greenwich Academy. At the age of nineteen he entered as a clerk the store of Joseph Brush, an uncle, at Cos Cob. He remained there several years, then went to Stanwich, where he taught school one winter. He next joined his brother Joseph E. in business at Mianus, with whom he remained several years. Later he was engaged in the lumber and coal business. After the partnership with his brother was dissolved he took as a partner Joseph Horne. Later, on selling out, Mr. Brush went to the farm on which he now resides, intending to there remain, but after farming some three years he again turned his attention to business, engaging in same at Mianus. He built up a good trade and established a flourishing business at that point. In after years he gave up several branches of the business, and latterly carried a stock of coal and

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lumber only. He built a dock, etc., there. He finally disposed of these interests and moved to Greenwich, where he established a lumber and coal business, and for years conducted it successfully. His partners at Greenwich were Henry Webb and George Waterbury. For about forty years Mr. Brush resided in Greenwich. Since retiring from active business some years ago, his family have lived at the old Ingersoll homestead, which stands on property purchased by his ancestors from the Indians. He has been a successful business man, and a self-made one; is a man of good judgment, and has been a very useful citizen in the several communities in which he has lived, and has enjoyed the esteem of his fellow-citizens.

In politics Mr. Brush was first a Whig, then became a Republican. He has been active and influential in party affairs, and has held various positions of trust and honor. Three times he was a candidate for the State Legislature, and once elected. He has ever been a temperate man, never uses tobacco, nor do his sons. On June 6, 1848, he married Miss Emeline M. Ingersoll, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Hobby) Ingersoll, born September 4, 1820. To this union were born children as follows: William P., a civil engineer, who died in New York City at the age of forty years; Semantha Reynolds is at home; S. Augustus is a resident of Greenwich; Henry L. also lives in Greenwich; and Emily Ingersoll is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Brush celebrated their fiftieth anniversary June 6, 1898. Both are members of the Congregational Church at Stanwich. He has been largely indentified with Church work; for ten years was an elder of the Presbyerian Church, the edifice for which society he helped to erect, and he is now a deacon in the Congregational Church at Stanwich.

ARNOLD C. HAWES, D. D. S., who passed to the unseen life April 7, 1895, was a prominent resident of Noroton Heights, and for many years was a leader in the various progressive movements of his locality. His life was prolonged beyond the ordinary limits, as he had entered upon his ninth decade when death called him, but to the last he showed the same kindly interest in all that concerned the welfare of the community in which he had made his home.

Dr. Arnold Hawes was born November 5, 1813, in Massachusetts, a son of Samuel and Polly (Moore) Hawes, both of whom were natives of that State and spent their lives there. After acquiring an academic education he prepared for his profession, and in time he became so proficient that he felt justified in opening an office in New York City, where from the first he met with success. In 1865 he built a summer residence at Noroton Heights, and here spent much of his time while continuing his practice in the metropolis, but after 1880 he made his home there all the year round. The society of the place was most congenial to a man of his refined tastes, and he soon identified himself with it, taking an active part in the Masonic Fraternity as a member of the F. & A. M., and in religious work as a member of the Episcopal Church, in which he held the office of warden. In politics he was a stanch Republican, but he never sought official honors.

On February 25, 1853, the Doctor married Miss Eliza Cooke Wardlow, daughter of James and Eliza Cooke Wardlow, lifelong residents of Massachusetts, where Mr. Wardlow was a merchant for many years. Mrs. Hawes has two sisters living: Mary, wife of Amos B. Hawes, of Providence, R. I., and Miss Charlotte C. Wardlow, of Noroton Heights. Her fine mental gifts have made Mrs. Hawes a valued addition to the best social circles of her neighborhood, and she is actively interested in the work of St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Noroton.

PETER S. SCHUTT is a typical representative of the class of citizens found in this community, men who after years of activity in the business world delight in the peaceful seclusion of this, the most popular residence town along Long Island Sound, where amid beautiful natural surroundings and congenial social conditions they can enjoy to the full the wealth they have amassed. For thirty years Mr. Schutt has been one of the most prominent residents of Riverside, Fairfield county, and he has taken an active and substantial interest in the progress and development of the place, where he is regarded as a liberal, public-spirited man, and a citizen worthy in every way of the respect and esteem of his fellowmen.

Mr. Schutt is a native of New York State, born July 30, 1818, in Roxbury, Delaware county, where his father, John S. Schutt, was for years a well-known man. The family is of Dutch origin, the first American ancestors being three brothers who came from Amsterdam and settled in Dutchess county, N. Y., in Greene county, N. Y., and Ithaca, N. Y., respectively. John S. Schutt was born in 1790 at Catskill-on-Hudson, and was the son of Solomon Schutt. He married Miss Catherine Overbaugh, of Catskill, daughter of Peter Overbaugh, and they be-

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came the parents of eleven children, of whom Peter S. was the fifth in the order of birth; he and four daughters are all who survive of this large family. John S. Schutt was a prominent Whig in his time and place, and served for years as collector in Delaware county, becoming widely acquainted during his long career as a public servant and active politician. He was a large man, six-foot tall, and was well preserved up to the last, being a temperate man in every way except as regards smoking. He was especially well posted in the managment of distilleries, in which he had wide experience, providing his large family with every comfort, and rearing them well. He passed away in 1870, when about eighty years old, and his wife lived to the advanced age of eighty-nine. Both were buried at Bristol, Ulster Co., New York.

Peter S. Schutt attended the log school in the vicinity of his boyhood home in Delaware county, in the days when public schools were provided with only the most primitive equipment, and for some years after commencing work he was engaged at farming, when a boy of eighteen receiving ten dollars per month at farm work. When twenty years old he set out from his home, with all his extra clothing in a bundle, and walked forty miles to Catskill, N. Y., where his uncle, Peter Schutt, kept the "Falls House," and also the "Plank House." He worked for his uncle two years, during the summer season taking charge of the hotel for him, and in the spring of 1839 he went to New York City, where he commenced his business life as clerk in a grocery store at No. 47 Jay street, receiving fifty dollars and board as his first year's wages. Later he was employed at the corner of Twenty-seventh street and Third avenue, and still later in the wholesale provision house of D. B. & W. Moses, in West street, where he remained six years as salesman and bookkeeper. In 1846 he embarked in the provision and produce business on his own account, in Barclay street, as a member of the firm of Schutt & Potter, from which he retired three years later, and he spent the following winter in Cuba. Upon his return he engaged in the same line in partnership with John Moses, under the firm name of Schutt & Moses, their place of business being in Fulton street, near Greenwich, and after a year he took another partner, with whom he also continued for a short time. He then abandoned the provision business, engaging in pork packing and general packing at Nos. 444-446 Greenwich Street, which he conducted from 1861 until his retirement into private life in the fall of 1867. Mr. Schutt was an energetic and tireless worker during his commercial career, and he met with unusual success, accumulating a handsome competence, which he fully appeciates and knows how to enjoy. For years he was a member of the Produce Exhange in New York City.

Mr. Schutt was married in 1850, in New York, to Miss Jane Cunningham, by whom he had no children. His present wife was Miss Alice Palmer, of Cos Cob, Fairfield Co., Conn., daughter of Denham Palmer. Mr. Schutt took up his home in Riverside in 1868, buying his first home here from George Hobby, and later purchasing a residence nearer the Post road, which he occupied until 1890, when he acquired the property on which he now lives. The dwelling was the first erected in the section of Riverside where it is located, and was built by Dr. Hudson. Mr. Schutt was one of the charter members of the Riverside Yacht Club, was vice-commodore of the club during the first two years of its existence, and later served as trustee, being one of its most active members until his resignation two years ago. He is still fond of aquatic sport, however, and owns a naphtha launch, from which he derives much pleasure. He is a well-preserved man, mentally and physically, and at the age of eighty looks no older than many men of sixty. Quiet and unostentatious in his habits, he is nevertheless well known and liked, and he has taken a lively interest in the social and public life of the community where he has made his home for so many years. Formerly he was quite active in local politics, and he was once nominated for representative from Greenwich township. He is a Democrat in political faith, and cast his first Presidential vote for Martin Van Buren; but in local affairs he looks to the fitness of the candidate rather than to his party connection. While in New York City Mr. Schutt united with the Odd Fellows and Masonic Fraternities.

JAMES WILSON (deceased). Among the honored citizens of Bridgeport, who have gone to their rest, was the venerable James Wilson, who after a brief illness passed away at his home, No. 305 Seaview avenue, Bridgeport, June 4, 1898, at the advanced age of eighty-two years and ten months.

Mr. Wilson was born July 31, 1815, at Enfield, Conn., a son of David and Zeviah (Parsons) Wilson, the former of whom was also a native of Enfield, where he spent his youth and followed the occupation of farming all his days. In this family were six children besides our subject, namely: Sons—Orvin P., George C., David and Parsons;

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daughters—Elizabeth and Susan—all now deceased.

Our subject spent his boyhood days at Enfield, and attended the public schools. He remained on the home farm for a time, but desiring a change learned the harness maker's trade, which he followed for a time, and then returned to the farm. After staying on the home place for a short time, he again started out in the world, and began a varied business career. He first entered the chair business at Springfield; then went to Hartford, where for several years he was in the harness business; then to Enfield and later to Ware House Point, following the same line, finally locating at Springfield, Mass. At the last named place he was employed in the United States Armory for a number of years, and then went to Hartford and took a contract for the making of Sharp's rifles at the time of the Crimean war. In 1857 he came to Bridgeport, and took a contract for making parts of sewing machines in the Wheeler & Wilson factory. He built the foundry operated under the firm name of Wilson, Parsons & Co., but finally sold out to Parsons & Landon, and then started the Monumental Bronze Works, in which he continued for some time. He was also one of the projectors and charter members of the Bridgeport Horse R. R. Co., remaining a director until the property was acquired by the Traction Company. At the time of Mr. Wilson's coming, Bridgeport was a place of about seven thousand inhabitants, and he witnessed its rapid development to a beautiful city of nearly seventy thousand, at all times earnestly striving to do his part in aiding every movement that would advance home interests.

On November 5, 1838, at Ware House Point, Conn., Mr. Wilson was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Parsons, daughter of William and Sally Parsons, of that place. They became the parents of four children, two only of whom are living at this writing: James E., a mechanical engineer, and Charles H., a metallurgist and founder.

Mr. Wilson was always somewhat conservative in politics; in early life was a Whig, and later a Republican. He was frequently called upon to represent his fellow townsmen in the various councils, serving as alderman, one term as councilman, and two terms as justice of the peace. Socially, he was a member of the I. O. O. F., having joined at Springfield in 1844, and was a member of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; he became a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 3, F. & A. M; Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M., and Hamilton Commandery, No. 5, K. T., of Bridgeport, and he faithfully discharged the duties of every position to which he was called. He was proud of his record, to which he frequently alluded in the following words: "During my varied experiences I have never been sued and never sued anyone, and I don't owe any man a dollar." A man of sterling integrity and unquestionable probity, he left an honored memory and a good name, unsullied and exemplary.

HON. LOUIS KUTSCHER, SR. This well-known citizen of Bridgeport is now less active in business and political life than formerly, but his long and useful career has won for him a prominent place in the community. His history is that of the typical German-American, displaying thrift, enterprise and public spirit, and as a citizen he is held in high esteem.

The Kutscher family originated in the Province of Hanover, Germany, the ancestral home being at Clausthal on Harz. Frederich Kutscher, our subject's father, was born and reared there, learning the carriage maker's trade in his youth. He married Louisa Zeuner, a native of the same place, and in 1854 they came to America, locating at Rahway, N. J., where he followed his trade for some years, his death occurring in 1866. His wife died eight years before, passing away in 1858. This worthy couple were members of the German Lutheran Church, and their family was reared in that faith. Of their eleven children the eldest, Frederick (now deceased), was a carriage maker in New Haven; Lena (deceased) married Ernest Loewe in Germany; Louis is the subject proper of this sketch; Charles is a grocer in New Haven; four died in infancy; Julius is a carriage maker in New Haven; Rachel married a Mr. Wurr, a mechanic in New Haven; and Louisa married William Beckman, a barber in the same city.

Mr. Kutscher, our subject, was born October 14, 1834, at the old home in Germany, where he grew to manhood. He learned the carriage maker's trade with his father, and after coming to America with his parents he followed that business for a number of years. For some time he remained in New Jersey, but in 1857 he removed to New Haven. Later he went to New York City for a time, but he returned to New Haven, and was married in that city, in 1859, to Miss Helen Droege, a native of Hamburg, Germany. For a year and a half affer his marriage he made his home on a farm near New Haven, but in 1868 he removed to Bridgeport where he has since remained. During his residence in Bridgeport he has been engaged in the manufacture of Weiss

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beer, but of late years he has been living in retirement, his business being continued by his son William.

Mr. Kutscher has always felt a keen interest in politics, and while he was a Republican for some time after his arrival in this country he is now a Democrat. In 1888–89 and 1890–91 he represented his town in the State Legislature, and he has held a number of other positions, being now a member of the board of local charities, while he also served for some time on the board of relief at Bridgeport. He belongs to the German Lutheran Church, and is connected with numerous fraternal organizations, including the I. O. O. F.

Mr. and Mrs. Kutscher have had ten children, of whom the following are living: William, who conducts the old brewery; Louisa, wife of Garry Sanger, a policeman at Bridgeport; Bertha, who married Fred Schuessler, formerly of New Haven but now of Bridgeport; Louis, Jr., president of the Hartmann Brewing Company at Bridgeport; Minnie, wife of Charles Beardsley, of Stratford; and Oscar, a tool maker at Bridgeport.

CHARLES H. SEAMAN, a most highly-respected resident of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., has made his home here for over half a century, and he and his estimable wife hold an honored place among the old residents of the community with whose interests they have so long been identified.

Mr. Seaman is descended from a family of English origin, his first ancestry in this country, Capt. John Seaman, coming from England, and settling in Long Island, in 1660, being a landowner in Hempstead, L. I. He was twice married, first to a Miss Strickland and (second) to Martha Moore, and he had a family of six sons, among whom was John, Jr., the great-great-great-grandfather of the gentleman whose name opens this sketch. His son, Jonathan, was the father of David, the great-grandfather, who was born October 15, 1709. The latter's son, David, was born August 30, 1739, and was married January 27, 1762, to Miss Hannah Hicks, who was born February 18, 1743, and came from a very select Long Island family.

David Seaman, son of David and Hannah (Hicks) Seaman, was born February 16, 1774, on Long Island, and on January 16, 1798, married Miss Abigail Mott, also a native of Long Island, born January 22, 1776. Her father, John Mott, was born April 17, 1748, and on October 17, 1771, wedded Martha Summers, who was born August 4, 1755; he died October 30, 1828, his wife on August 8, 1805. Mr. Mott was a farmer by occupation. To David and Abigail (Mott) Seaman were born seven children, as follows: Martha, February, 14, 1799; Hannah, November 15, 1801; John M., September 14, 1803; Elizabeth H., October 11, 1806; Lucinda, July 12, 1808; David, October 8, 1814; Charles H., February 21, 1819. Of these, Martha was married, on April 6, 1820, to Zophar Mead; she died May 29, 1869, in New York, and was buried in Woodlawn cemetery. Hannah became the wife of Col. Thomas Mead, and died November 18, 1880, in Greenwich. John M. was prosperously engaged in the butcher business in New York City for many years, and in his later years was a prominent politician in the metropolis, served as alderman, and was identified with various public institutions; he died November 7, 1884. Elizabeth H. was married November 28, 1831, to Clarkson Crolius, and died July 27, 1854, without issue; her husband was a prominent Whig and Republican in New York City, where they resided, and was a political leader in the Sixth ward. Lucinda was married in April, 1853, to John H. Paillon, and died November 16, 1851, in New York; Mr. Paillon was also a prominent member of the Whig and Republican parties in New York City. David was a butcher by occupation, and in his later years engaged in real-estate dealing; he died April 28, 1881. David Seaman, the father of this family, was a striking example of the industrious, self-made man, one who, by prudence and good management, rose from an humble position to one of affluence. He was a butcher by trade, doing business at was known as the Old Fly Market in New York, at the site of the Fulton Market of the present day., and when he commenced he used to bring his meat in a row-boat from Long Island, and carry it on his shoulder to the market. His business increased steadily, and he became what was in those days considered a rich man, accumulating a large property and establishing his family in an elegant home at the corner of Christy and Stanton streets, New York, where he passed his closing years. He departed this life October 7, 1828, and was followed to the grave by his wife on February 18, 1832. Both were laid to rest in a vault in St. Stephen's Churchyard, and afterward removed to Woodlawn, where the other members of the family have been laid. They worshiped at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, on the corner of Broom and Christy streets.

Charles H. Seaman was born February 21, 1819, in New York City, at the family home at the corner of Stanton and Christy streets, and

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obtained his preliminary education in the schools of his native city. He was fast friends with his father, and after the latter's death, which occurred when our subject was but little over nine years of age, he became a student in the academy at Greenwich, Conn., then conducted by Mr. Sherwood and Rev. Mr. Clark. Here he attended for about three years, until called home by the serious illness of his mother, and, as circumstances shaped themselves, he did not return, completing his schooling in New York City. When about sixteen he entered the dry-goods store of John Lloyd & Co., in Pearl street, where he remained four years, in about 1838, coming to Greenwich again. He boarded in Greenwich and in New York City, as business demanded, until 1844, when he and his wife commenced housekeeping on the "Sackett Homestead," living in an old house which stood a short distance east of their present residence, which Mr. Seaman completed in November, 1856, and has since occupied. In addition to this home and the commodious grounds around it he is the owner of twenty acres of valuable residence property in Greenwich, and he has lived retired for a number of years past, engaging only in the light labor necessary to keep his grounds in order, and which really is more like exercise than work. From the age of twenty-five Mr. Seaman has been troubled with a slight defect in his hearing, and this has proved no small handicap to him in business life, so that he has led a very quiet existence for the most part. He and his wife share the esteem and veneration of all their neighbors and friends in Greenwich, and they are passing their days in peaceful enjoyment of the ample competence which Mr. Seaman acquired in his earlier years.

On August 28, 1840, Mr. Seaman was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Sackett, who was born May 8, 1820, in Greenwich, daughter of John and Mary (Mead) Sackett, and granddaughter of Justus Sackett, a Revolutionary soldier. John Sackett came of an excellent family of this locality, and was considered one of the most intelligent representative farmers of his day in Greenwich. His first wife, Mary (Mead), died at the age of thirty-five years, and for his second wife he married Miss Cornelia Olmstead, by whom he had several children. He lived to be over seventy years old. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Seaman, namely: (1) Edgar, (2) Mary A., and (3) Ella H., the latter of whom died March 7, 1863. The son was born September 9, 1841, and made his home with his parents until his death, on December 4, 1895; he was engaged in business in New York, where he was employed during his earlier manhood, later having a partnership in a business house. (2) Mary A. is the widow of Edwin Lyon, and lives in North street; she had two children—Ella H. and Walter S., the last named dying February 12, 1894. Mr. Seaman originally supported the Whig party, becoming a Republican on the formation of the new faction, and until recent years he cast his ballot regularly, though he never took any active part in politics or aspired to office of any kind. In religious connection he and his wife are Congregationalists. This devoted couple have already seen fifty-eight years of happy wedded life, and it is the wish of all who know them that they may be spared to many more years of health and happiness.

ROBERT HUBBARD, M. D. (deceased). In the lives of all men who have attained pre-eminence in honor and success there is a fascination to the general public. Human nature is attracted irresistibly to those unusual qualities, or to the unusual development of the more ordinary traits, which separate the man of mark from the generality of his fellowmen. There are lessons to be learned and inspirations to be obtained from the details of these biographies. An insight into the career of the late Dr. Robert Hubbard is certainly helpful to the young man who is ambitiously and hopefully starting out in life's journey.

Doctor Hubbard, who in his lifetime was a leading citizen and physician of Bridgeport, late assistant medical director and acting medical director United States Volunteers, and in 1879 president of the Connecticut Medical Society, was born April 27, 1826, in Upper Middletown (now the town of Cromwell), Middlesex Co., Conn. He was a descendant of one of the pioneer and prominent families of Connecticut, the first American Hubbard having emigrated from England to the Connecticut Colony about 1660. Branches of the family are now found in many parts of the Union.

Jeremiah Hubbard, the father of our subject, was one of those hardy New England seamen to whom American shipping of a generation ago was indebted for its remarkable vigor and growth. He was a native of Upper Middletown, and for many years sailed a vessel in the West Indies trade. He was equally at home on land, owning in Middlesex county an average farm, from which he wrested a part of his livelihood. He was a man of simple habits, intelligent, brave, honest, hard-working and God-fearing, a sturdy

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specimen of the old-time "Yankee salt." He married Elizabeth Roberts, a native of Middletown, and a daughter of Winkham Roberts, a prosperous farmer, whose lands included, in part, the beautiful site of Connecticut Hospital for the Insane. The family of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Hubbard consisted of eight sons and two daughters.

Robert Hubbard, the subject of this sketch, was the eldest of this large family, and upon his young shoulders was placed much of the responsibility and labor of conducting the farm in his father's absence. His opportunity for an education was meagre. He attended the district schools with fair regularity until the exacting cares of the farm made greater demands upon his time. It was not from choice that his daily visits to the little school house became fewer each year, for he possessed a genuine thirst for knowledge. Immediate prospects for obtaining a better education were very shadowy indeed. His father needed his services, and besides he felt it unjust to ask from his father any aid or privilege which could not be extended to his other brothers also. But an opportunity soon presented itself. Mr. (afterward Rev.) Jared O. Knapp, the principal of the academy, offered him his tuition in return for his care of the schoolroom, and another kind family friend, Mrs. Gridley, of Cromwell, offered him board and lodging in compensation for services to be rendered upon her place. The boy's good mother, eager to see his ambition gratified, added her own entreaties to his, and thus secured his freedom from the farm. Emancipation from the monotonous and ill-requited drudgery of the farm was perhaps the first desire of young Hubbard. Aside from his growing taste for study he had no other ambition than to enter upon a business career. At the academy he found many pupils of both sexes, his juniors in years, and much farther advanced in their studies. By close application he soon placed himself on an equal footing with them. Having finished "Day's Algebra," he acquired some knowledge of chemistry and studied a little Latin; then resolved to obtain a collegiate education, and the remaining two years of his academic course were directed with that end in view.

The path to the goal of his ambition was steep and difficult. A season's farm labor yielded him fifty dollars in cash, other occasional employments adding slightly to the means at his command. Hard labor and long hours interfered sadly with study, but in 1846, at the age of twenty, he had finished his preparatory course. In that year he was admitted to Yale College. At the close of his Freshman year he was offered the position of principal at the academy at Durham, Conn. He accepted, expecting to return to Yale and complete his course. But a year later a medical friend, Dr. Benjamin F. Fowler, of Durham, induced him to undertake the study of medicine. His previous training had well fitted him for the task, and he made rapid progress in the preparation for the profession which he had now resolved to adopt as his lifework. When his second year as principal of the academy had expired, he resigned that position and entered Dr. Fowler's office as a student. Remaining there for a year, he then placed himself under the tuition of Dr. Nathan B. Ives, an eminent practitioner of New Haven, becoming a member of his family. During the two years spent with Dr. Ives, he regularly attended the Medical School of Yale College. In 1851 he was graduated at this institution with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and had the additional honor of being valedictorian of his class.

In February, 1851, he removed to Bridgeport, his future home, and with twenty-five dollars (borrowed money) in his pocket, and an indebtedness of two thousand dollars incurred in receiving his education. But the way now seemed clear to the young practitioner, and he entered upon his professional career with a courageous heart and high hopes. Modestly opening an office in a drug store on Wall street, and boarding at the "City Hotel," he minimized his expenses and became self-supporting from the start.

By degrees his practice enlarged. Suavity of manner, and conscientious labor, rapidly won for him friends, and he was soon in the possession of a handsome income. In May, 1854, he formed a co-partnership with Dr. David H. Nash, which continued unbroken for seventeen years. In 1861, when the war of the Rebellion broke out, he was a practitioner of a standing so high that, upon the recommendation of the State Medical Society, of which he was an honored member, he was appointed, by Governor Buckingham, a member of the board of medical examiners, to investigate the qualifications of all applications for surgeoncy in the regiments then being recruited in Connecticut. In 1862 he himself took the field as surgeon (with rank of major) of the Seventeenth Regiment Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. A few months later he was promoted to brigade-surgeon in General Sigel's corps, and shortly after the battle of Chancellorsville he was again promoted, this time to the rank of surgeon of division in General Devin's command. In recognition of meritorious service

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on the field during the battle, he was raised to the rank of medical inspector, and assigned to the staff of General Howard. At the battle of Gettysburg he served as medical director-in-charge of the Eleventh Corps. When the same corps was ordered to Lookout Mountain, he was again assigned to serve as its medical director, and also as staff surgeon to General Hooker. He participated in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge and Ringgold, and was conspicuous for his devotion to the wounded upon those bloody fields. Arduous campaigning and intense mental strain, consequent upon his heavy responsibilities as a medical officer, finally impaired his health to such an extent that he was compelled to leave the field.

Resigning from the army, Doctor Hubbard returned to Bridgeport, and after a brief rest assumed private practice. In the hope of obtaining relief from a severe attack of sciatica, which probably had its origin while he was in the army, he took a trip to Germany. While abroad he visited many of the principal hospitals and other medical institutions. A second trip to Europe was made in 1883, and a third in 1885.

In 1879, he was elected president of the Connecticut Medical Society. He was an active member of nearly all the leading medical societies, and contributed several interesting and valuable papers and addresses to the literature of his profession. He was the preceptor of many of the prominent physicians of Bridgeport and other cities to the number of about fifty, among whom are Doctors Godfrey, Garlick, Lauder, Lynch, Wright, Gordon, and others in Bridgeport, and Dr. Dudley, of Chicago. The last five years or so of his life were confined to his office work and consultation. He had thousands of warm and appreciative friends in all parts of the State, not least among whom were the veterans who remembered his services for his country on the battle fields.

In the public affairs of Bridgeport Doctor Hubbard took an active interest from the time of his arrival there. In 1874 he was elected to represent the city in the State Legislature. In 1875 he was nominated for Congress, by the Republicans of the Fourth Congressional District of Connecticut, his opponent being the Hon. William H. Barnum. Though defeated he gained rather than lost in personal popularity, and in 1876 he was again elected to the State Legislature. In the following year he was renominated for Congress. His opponent, Levi Warner, was elected by a small majority. Urged in 1879 to again become the standard bearer in the Congressional race, he declined, although Republican victory was clearly foreseen. The exacting requirements of his professional labors induced him to take this course.

Doctor Hubbard was married April 15, 1855, to Miss Cornelia Boardman, youngest daughter of Sherman and Sophia Hartwell, honored residents of Bridgeport. Mrs. Hubbard died in 1871. The children of this marriage were as follows: (1) Sherman Hartwell Hubbard (the only son), who was a graduate of Yale Law School, and subsequently enjoyed a large and favorable practice at Bridgeport, with patent laws a specialty, died in 1891; he married Miss Comete Ludeling, eldest daughter of Hon. John Ludeling, former chief justice of Louisiana, and they had one son, John T. Ludeling Hubbard. (2) Sophia Todd Hubbard, wife of Charles M. Everett, vice-president of the Vacuum Oil Company, Rochester, N. Y. (3) Cornelia E. Hubbard, wife of Courtlandt H. Trowbridge (son of the late Henry Trowbridge, of New Haven), an importer and ship-owner, engaged in the West Indies trade, in New Haven, Conn. They have two children, Virginia and Henry Trowbridge.

On July 18, 1897, Doctor Hubbard, while ascending the steps of his office, lost his balance and fell heavily to the stone sidewalk, causing a fracture of the skull, from the effects of which he died next morning, at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. C. F. Stead, in Bridgeport. No event caused such genuine and universal sorrow in the city of Bridgeport, where the name of Doctor Hubbard is a household word and a synonym of kindness and ability. As a physician of forty-six years experience in peace and war, he occupied the first rank, while his ability as a surgeon was recognized all over the country by those high in the ranks of that profession. He possessed a natural aptitude for the practice of medicine, and to this he added a faculty for thorough investigation which made him pre-eminently successful. As a man he was universally beloved and respected. His services were available alike to rich and poor, and there are hundreds of people in the city who will bear him in grateful remembrance.

BENAJAH GILBERT, (deceased), who in his lifetime was a prosperous farmer of the town of Wilton, was born in South Salem, Westchester Co., N. Y., June 25, 1815.

After obtaining his early education in the common schools, Mr. Gilbert attended a select school in which he studied the classics, and later he attended Prof. Hawley Olmstead's academy in Wilton. For a few years afterward he taught

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school, and then turned his attention to farming. From 1843 to 1849 he was a resident of Virginia, and in 1849–1850 was in the coal and timber business in Ulster county, N. Y., in the latter year going to Wilton, Conn., and purchasing a farm. He after that was engaged in agriculture. During training days he was a member of a militia company, was always a strong Republican in politics, and held several of the minor offices of his town, having been treasurer thereof for seven years, and filled other places of honor and trust. Early in his life he united with the Presbyterian Church, and while he lived in Virginia he was elder of the Church of which he was a member. At the time of his death he was a member of the Congregational Church at Wilton, and was a deacon of same. In 1843 he married Fannie M. Keeler, daughter of Isaiah and Lucy Keeler, the former of whom was a farmer of Wilton. She was born November 20, 1813, and had the following children: Josiah, born July 15, 1845, in Virginia; George K., born December 19, 1846; and Charles B., born March 9, 1855. Benajah Gilbert, the father, passed from earth September 21, 1897.

Josiah Gilbert, eldest son of the subject, was educated in the district schools of Wilton, and also at Prof. Edward Olmstead's academy at Wilton, Conn. Since then he has followed farming. As a Republican he has held the position of selectman of his town for the past six years. He married Elizabeth Olmstead, by whom he has three children: Edward O., Thomas J. and George H. George K. Gilbert, second son of the subject, after completing his education became engaged in mercantile business, and is now in the custom house in New York. He married Miss Elizabeth Marvin, by whom he has two children: Earnest M. and Walter M. Charles B. Gilbert, youngest son of the subject, after finishing his early education in the district schools, and Prof. E. Olmstead's Wilton Academy, attended Williams College, and graduated at that institute in the year 1876. He has been principal of the high schools in Minnesota and Wisconsin, and is now superintendent of the public schools of Newark, N. J. He has also been superintendent of schools in the West. He married Miss Jennie Weed, and has no children.

As to the ancestry of the Gilbert family the following running genealogy may be of interest: Josiah and Elizabeth Gilbert were the early American ancestors of the family. They lived in Wethersfield in 1651. Their son Josiah was born in 1659; his son John, in 1679, and his son Josiah, March 24, 1697. He had a son, Benajah, born May 10, 1743, who married Eunice ——, born in 1746, and they became the grandparents of our subject; Benajah was engaged in farming and running a sawmill. Their children were as follows: Hannah (1), born August 5, 1770, died in 1775; Lois; John, born in 1778, died young; Eunice; Hannah (2); Rhoda; Eliza; Mary and Josiah.

Josiah, the youngest child, was the father of our subject. He was born in the town of South Salem, N. Y., and was there educated in the district schools. He was engaged in farming most of his life, and he also ran a sawmill for some years. Politically, he was a strong Republican, and held several minor town offices. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, of South Salem, and was an elder in same. He married Miss Sallie Hoyt, daughter of David and Rebecca Hoyt, of South Salem, N. Y., and by her had the following children: Lucy, who married Richard Hoe; Benajah, who married Fannie M. Keeler; John, who married Miss Sarah C. Ball; Joseph, who married Martha J. Crosby; and Thomas, who married Mary L. Lawrence.

CHARLES A. HAWLEY is best known to the citizens of Stamford and Fairfield county, Conn., as the president of the Stamford National Bank, with which he has been identified for over thirty years, and which he has served in his present capacity for twenty years. He is a native of that thriving city, having been born there November 5, 1821, and comes from a good old family of Fairfield county, where the Hawleys have lived for several generations. Mr. Hawley's great-grandfather, Milton Hawley, lived and died in the town of Huntington, this county, where the grandfather, Cyrus Hawley, was born. His son, Charles Hawley, father of Charles A., was also born in the town of Huntington, in that part now known as Monroe.

Charles Hawley was in his day one of the bright lights of the legal profession in Fairfield county, and was well known and respected throughout the State of Connecticut. His boyhood was spent in Monroe, where he received his early education, attending boarding school, and he afterward entered Yale University, whence he graduated in 1816. For the three succeeding years he devoted himself to preparation for the profession he had decided to adopt, attending the then famous Litchfield Law School, and in 1819 he began practice, settling in Stamford. His native intellectual gifts, cultivated in the best schools of the day and vitalized by an uncommon industry and capacity for work, soon won for him a foremost position at the Bar of Fairfield county,

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and one of the largest and most lucrative practices of his time and place. His best talents were devoted to his professional work, and his eminence as a lawyer and jurist best filled the measure of his ambition and won for him his greatest successes—those which brought to him the highest gratification as well as more substantial rewards. The wide scope of his information, both as a student of general literature and as a learned lawyer, his shrewd judgment in regard to men and things, the clearness, force and originality of his style as a pleader at the Bar—these and many other characteristics gave him a marked pre-eminence among the leading members of a profession which, in his time, included several who for learning, eloquence and general intellectual equipment will bear no unfavorable comparison with the foremost men of the legal profession in the present day. Ability of such high order, however, could not go unrecognized by the community in general, and in 1821 Mr. Hawley was elected to the State Assembly as representative from the town of Stamford. In this capacity he served seven sessions up to 1829, and in 1830 he was elected to the office of State senator from the Twelfth district. In the spring of 1838 his name was placed on the State ticket for lieutenant governor, his election followed, and he distinguished himself in this, as in other walks of life; but he never forsook his profession for the political arena, devoting himself to it exclusively for many years, retiring eventually on account of advancing age. He passed away January 23, 1866, at his home in Stamford, living to see the beginning and triumphal end of the great Civil war, in which his country was engaged for the preservation of the Union, and his death was widely mourned, especially in the town of his adoption. Mr. Hawley was married, in Stamford, to Mary S. Holly, daughter of David Holly, and their family consisted of eight children, viz.: Charles A.; Martha C., who is in Europe; Jane D. F., living in Stamford; Marianna (deceased); Emeline, of Stamford; Elizabeth K., in Europe; Maria A. (deceased); and Francis M.

Charles A. Hawley was reared in Stamford, and here received his elementary training, attending private schools in this town and a boarding school in the town of Monroe. For some time he studied in the office of William T. Minor, subsequently entering his father's office, and attending to his private business. In 1866 he became connected with the Stamford National Bank, and in 1878, upon the death of John W. Leeds, he was chosen president of that concern, an office which he has filled continuously to the present time. The Stamford National Bank is the successor of the old Stamford Bank, which was chartered by the State in 1834, and the building, which stands on a triangle lot at the junction of Main and Bank streets, is one of the architectural features of the business part of the town of Stamford. The interior finish is admirable, the woodwork being of cherry, the floors tiled, and all the appointments tasteful and handsome. The main floor is used jointly by the Stamford National Bank, the Stamford Savings Bank and the Stamford Safe Deposit Company, and Mr. Hawley is a director in the last named organization and vice-president of the Stamford Savings Bank. He is also connected with other Stamford corporations, and is in the foremost rank of the successful business men of the place, his ability, keen judgment, high principles and long experience in financial affairs giving his opinion a value in commercial circles wherever he is known. His enterprise and unusual qualifications in his line have brought to him the measure of success in business life which his father attained in the legal world, and he is indeed a worthy representative of one of Fairfield county's best families, and a citizen of whom Stamford may well be proud.

Mr. Hawley was united in marriage, November 12, 1866, in Stamford, to Miss Alice E. Holly, daughter of William Wells Holly. They have no children. They attend St. John's Church, in which Mr. Hawley is a vestryman. Fraternally, he is a member of Union Lodge, F. & A. M., of Stamford.

LUTHER PRESCOTT HUBBARD, in whom was worthily represented the eighth generation of a family that has reflected honor to citizenship and credit to the name for nearly three centuries in New England, died at Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., September 18, 1894.

The Hubbard family is an old and numerous one in New England, where the progenitors in this country first located. It comes from excellent English stock, and is one whose members have filled honorable positions in England, have occupied important political positions, and maintained throughout high rank as merchants, bankers and professional men. For a long time a Hubbard was governor of the Bank of England; some have occupied seats in Parliament; others have been distinguished as philanthropists and for acts of benevolence. The American branch of the family descends from three brothers who came from England during the early part of the seventeenth century and settled in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Their de-

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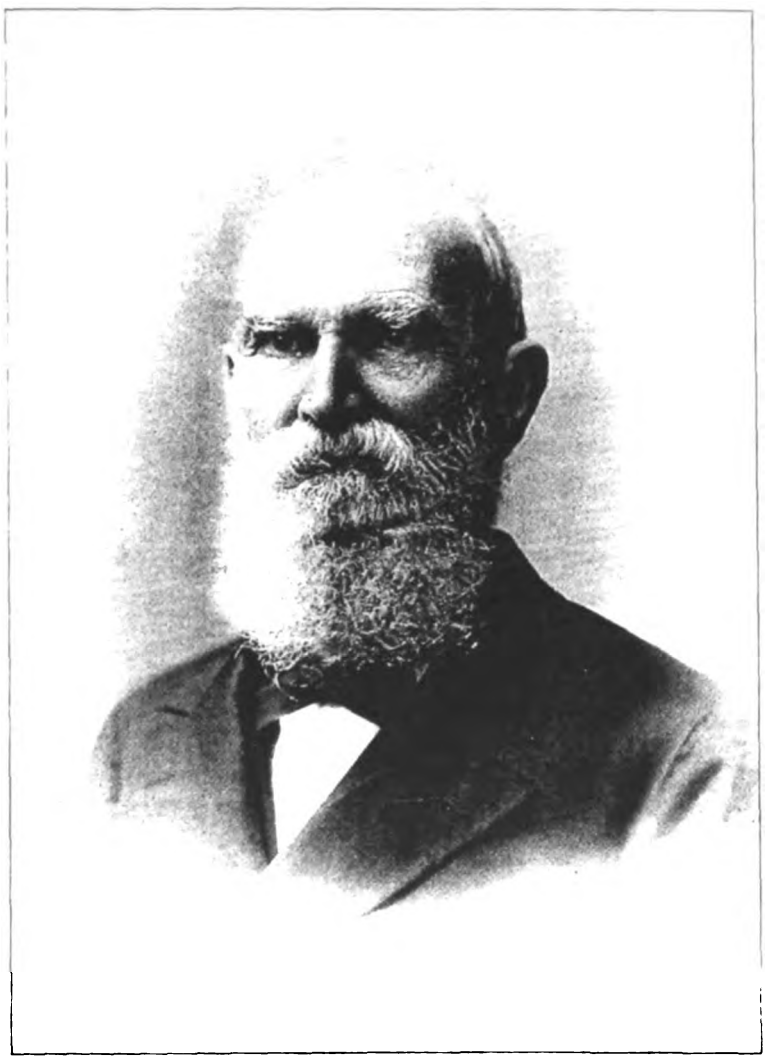

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scendants are scattered over the entire United States, and among them are found men who have filled many positions of honor, trust and responsibility — such as judges, governors of States, and members of Congress. For many years, Hon. Samuel Hubbard, of Boston, was chairman of the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Luther Prescott Hubbard, the subject proper of this biographical notice, descended from as follows:

(I) George Hubbard (one of the three brothers above referred to) was born about the year 1600 in Somersetshire, England, and on coming to America settled in the portion of Wethersfield, Conn., now called Glastonbury. Lands were assigned to him, which have ever since been occupied by the family. He was a man of considerable note in the colony, and at its commencement he made a deposition respecting the purchasing from the Indians of the lands of Wethersfield by the General Court, which deposition was ordered to be printed. He was a member of the first General Court, in 1638, and of several subsequent courts. In 1644 he removed to Milford; from there, in 1648, to Guilford. By his wife, Mary, he had four sons and five daughters, of whom:

(II) John resided for a time in Hadley, Mass., whence he in 1660 removed to Hartford, Conn. He died in 1705, the father of two children, the youngest of whom was

(III) Jonathan, born January 3, 1659, settled in Concord, Mass., in 1680. He married Hannah Merriam, of that locality, a member of a noted old family in Colonial days, and there he died in 1728, the father of eleven children—seven sons and four daughters—of whom

(IV) Thomas, the ninth child and sixth son, was born August 27, 1696. By his wife Mary he had an only son,

(V) Nathan, born February 23, 1723-24, at Concord, Mass. He married Mary Patterson April 2, 1745, and by her had a family of twelve children—three sons and nine daughters. He was a farmer by occupation, and made his home in Groton, Mass., was kind, benevolent and hospitable, a man of irreproachable character, and lived to an advanced age.

(VI) Thomas, the eldest child of the above, was born December 28, 1745, and died May 25, 1807. He was twice married, first time to a Miss Conant, of Townsend (who bore him one son, Thomas), and on October 1, 1777, he wedded Miss Lois White, of Lancaster, Mass., of one of the first families of the town. She was born April 30, 1747, and died March 26, 1834, the mother of the following children: (1) John, born October 3, 1778, died November 8, 1845; he was a successful farmer. (2) Abel, born October 5, 1779, died November 3, 1852, in Boston, Mass.; he was a prominent builder, and erected in Boston some of the best dwellings of his time. (3) Nathan, born March 12, 1781, died in Portland, Maine, in 1826. (4) Luther, the next in order of birth, will be more fully spoken of farther on. (5) Amos and (6) Jonas (twins), born December 13, 1783. Amos was a farmer by occupation, a great Bible student, and a man of unusual general information; he died at Amhert, N. H., January 30, 1858. Jonas married, settled in Providence, R. I., and died about 1825, childless. (7) Hannah, born August 28, 1785, died June 23, 1786. (8) Anna was born January 5, 1787. (9) Phineas, born March 8, 1789, died January 23, 1852; he was a mason by trade, and also followed agricultural pursuits in Hopkinton, Mass. (10) Lucy, born March 20, 1791, died February 10, 1832, unmarried.

(VII) Luther, commonly known as "Major Hubbard," was born August 13, 1782, and died in Manchester, N. H., March 2, 1857. For many years he was an extensive monument dealer in Hollis, N. H., doing a large business, was widely known and respected, and it is said of him that "he probably never had an enemy." On December 18, 1806, he was married to Hannah Russell, who was born July 9, 1781, and died at Manchester, N. H., December 12, 1870, the mother of the following named children, all born at Hollis, N. H.: (1) Luther Prescott, the eldest, will be more fully spoken of farther on. (2) Mary A. was born December 25, 1808. (3) Hannah, born November 9, 1811, died at Hollis, N. H., May 18, 1834. (4) Thomas, born November 20, 1813, died July 21, 1815. (5) Thomas Russell, born October 15, 1817, was a typical self-made man, having risen from a farm hand to a merchant in Nashua, N. H.; for a time he was in business at Fall River, Mass., thence moved to Manchester, N. H., where he purchased a a sash, door and blind factory, with a lumber business in connection, and was eminently successful; he built for himself a magnificent home in Manchester, and owned also a cottage at Rye Beach, where the family spent the summers. His aged parents died at his home. He served as an alderman of Manchester, and for two consecutive terms represented that city in the State Legislature. (6) William, born November 3, 1821, died at Fall River, Mass., in 1848. (7) Sarah C., born October 30, 1824, was the youngest.

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(VIII) Luther Prescott Hubbard, born June 30, 1808, at Hollis, N. H., attended the district schools of his native place, after which he was for a short time a pupil at the Pinkerton Academy. He was twice married, first time November 28, 1832, to Miss Sarah Ogden Johnson, born September 11, 1812, in Elizabeth, N. J., a daughter of Jonathan W. and Mary A. (Woodruff) Johnson, and children as follows came to this union, all born in New York City: Theodore Frelinghuysen, born March 16, 1834, died December 27, 1840; John Cleveland, born April 20, 1836, died January 22, 1841; and Luther Prescott, Jr., born January 20, 1840, now treasurer of the Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mills Company. The mother of this family died December 29, 1840. She was a woman of excellent social qualities and rare personal beauty. On November 29, 1848, Luther P. Hubbard married Miss Mary Cummings Tenney, who was born in Hollis, N. H., November 19, 1819, a daughter of Hon. Ralph E. and Phœbe Colburn (Smith) Tenney. A brief record of the children by this marriage is as follows: (1) Frederick A. is the eldest; (2) Miss Mary Tenney was born in Hollis, N. H., October 12, 1855; (3) John Theodore, born in Brooklyn, N. Y., October 2, 1857, died February 2, 1882 (he was engaged in the insurance business in Minneapolis, Minn.); (4) William Norris, born November 2, 1860, at Greenwich, Conn., is a physician in New York City; (5) Benjamin Farley, born at Greenwich, Conn., January 20, 1863, died in 1884, at Greenwich. He was a very brilliant young man, and when he was but twenty-one years old his writings appeared prominently in the New York *Observer*, *The Christian Union*, and other religious papers.

In his early manhood Luther Prescott Hubbard was a stone cutter, working on the Bunker Hill monument, "Tremont House," Quincy Market, and other buildings in Boston, and, later, was a contractor for stone work in New York City. But more than sixty years of his life was devoted to the interests of the sailors, being connected with the Bible Society, and the New York Port Society. At the time of his death he had been for thirty-four years the financial agent of the American Seamen's Friend Society. He had also been for forty years the honored secretary of the New England Society in the City of New York. James C. Carter, in eulogizing their late secretary, said to the Society: "His unostentatious life, free from all selfish ambitions, filled with industry, with devotion, with usefulness, in which every duty to God and man was faithfully performed—these eighty-six years without a stain—this constitutes of itself an achievement, a noble accomplishment, of which his family, his children, and we, his associates and friends, may well be proud."

Mr. Hubbard was for several terms warden of the borough of Greenwich, and he was a member of the standing committee and for a number of years clerk and treasurer of the Second Congregational Church. But he never sought office or position. He enjoyed his books and his friends, the latter easily made and never abandoned, and they could always depend upon him. His recollection of faces, names and dates was remarkable. While strong in his opinions, he was courteous and charitable toward those with whom he disagreed, and his voice was often heard in debate, in town, school and Church meetings, but no one ever saw him lose his temper. He possessed considerable literary ability, and for many years was a regular contributor to the "Sailors Magazine," the New York *Observer*, and other periodicals and papers. In 1872 he published a volume entitled "Descendants of George Hubbard from 1600." He also published in the year 1872 a circular entitled "How a Smoker got a Home," editions of which have appeared annually, and have been spread broadcast throughout this and foreign countries, and since his death have been circulated by the W. C. T. U. Therein Mr. Hubbard gives his own experience with tobacco as both a chewer and smoker. He says he began the use of tobaccco at the early age of twelve years, chewing first, then smoking, and continued a slave to the habit several years, or until he united with the Church, when he soon afterward abandoned both indulgences, and, to use his own words, "was emancipated from a slavery worse than Egyptian bondage." He now saved up the money that he would otherwise have spent in tobacco, and in course of time purchased, with the accumulated savings, a beautiful property in Greenwich, commanding a fine view of Long Island Sound. Some interesting statistics are also given by him in the "Circular," from which we glean the following: "My smoking was moderate compared with that of many, only six cigars a day at six and one-quarter cents each, equal to $136.50 per annum, which at seven per cent. interest for sixty-one years, amounts to the small fortune of $118,924.26." Continuing, Mr. Hubbard, says: "Great as this saving has been, it is not to be compared with improved health, a clear head and steady hand, at the age of over eighty-five years, and entire freedom from desire for tobacco in any form."

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WILLIAM D. B. FERRIS (deceased). The future historian will have in this volume a veritable "treasure trove," preserving as it does in substantial form the histories of the men and women who have been and are prominent in various lines of progress. In the following sketch mention is made of the Ferris and Blackman families, whose names are held in the highest esteem in this section, having always been associated with the sterling qualities that constitute good citizenship.

The late William David Baldwin Ferris, who was for many years a leading agriculturist of Newtown, was a great-grandson of Squire Zachariah Ferris, a prominent pioneer of that locality. The Ferris homestead, a fine estate near Newtown village, has been occupied successively by five generations in a direct line, as follows: (1) Zachariah Ferris (great-grandfather of our subject); (2) Abel Ferris (the grandfather), who died May 21, 1824, aged seventy-two years, five months, eleven days, and Abiah, his wife, who died September 10, 1842, aged seventy-nine years; (3) Gideon Baldwin Ferris (the father of our subject); (4) William D. B. Ferris; and (5) George B. (now deceased), son of the last named. The line of descent is traced through Jeffrey Ferris, a pioneer of Greenwich, to England and France. The members of the Ferris family have always been connected with agricultural pursuits, and as substantial and progressive citizens have taken an active part in local affairs, being especially interested in religious work and in the support of the Episcopal faith. Besides the record in Newtown cemetery of Abel and Abiah Ferris, above given, are found the following: John Ferris died 1758. Abraham Ferris died 1789, aged sixty-eight years; Mrs. Betsy Ferris, his wife, died August 28, 1759, aged thirty-six years. Johnathan Ferris died September 21, 1850, aged sixty years.

Gideon Baldwin Ferris, the father of our subject, was born in 1793, and died September 7, 1849. His wife, Charlotte, who died in the spring of 1868, was a daughter of William Northrop, and granddaughter of David Northrop, the owner of a large tract of land in Hopewell District, town of Newtown. Gideon Baldwin and Charlotte Ferris had three children: Harriet, born probably in 1815, who married Starr Skidmore, son of Wheeler Skidmore; William David Baldwin, our subject; and Jared Beers, who died April 5, 1832, aged three years, one month and nine days.

William D. B. Ferris was born February 14, 1823, at the old homestead near Newtown, in the "Head of the Meadow" District. He received a good English education in the Newtown Academy and in a private school at Taunton conducted by Mr. Peck, in which institution he continued his studies until he reached the age of twenty years, and as he was always fond of reading he became more than ordinarily well-informed. He inherited a portion of the estate of his parents, and later purchased the interest of his sister. About 1864 he bought the Capt. Hart Shepard farm of 100 acres, to which he soon added some sixty acres, making in all nearly three hundred acres owned by him. In 1869 he removed to the last mentioned farm, where he made his home until his death on July 12, 1885. He was a man of excellent judgment, and while by disposition he was retiring and modest he was enterprising as a business man and progressive as a citizen. Politically, he affiliated with the Republican party, but official honors had no charms for him. For many years he was a leading member of Trinity Episcopal Church at Newtown, with which his family is still identified.

On November 25, 1857, Mr. Ferris was married, by Rev. Mr. Early, to Miss Maria Louise Blackman. Three children were born to this union: (1) George Blackman, born June 16, 1864, was married January 8, 1890, to Miss Bertha E. Clark, daughter of Albert Clark, of Trumbull, this county, and five children were born to them, their names with dates of birth being as follows: Elsie Clark, February 10, 1891; Herbert Curtis, April 20, 1892; George Mallett, September 25, 1893; Arthur Judson, April 14, 1895; and Charles Blackman, August 17, 1897. The father of these died January 31, 1899, of pneumonia, the result of a severe cold, and the sympathy of the entire community went out in unstinted measure to the widowed mother in her affliction. He was an industrious, successful farmer, and an honest straightforward citizen. (2) Charles David, born January 12, 1867, now occupies the Shepard homestead. (3) Hattie Louise, born October 14, 1875, resides at home with her mother.

Mrs. Maria L. Ferris was born April 26, 1835, in the State of New York, a daughter of Donald Blackman and a granddaughter of Joseph Blackman, a prominent resident of Newtown, who owned an extensive tract of land in what was known as "The Rackets". Donald Blackman was born September 15, 1804, in the house now occupied by Albert Turner, and died in Trumbull township, this county, March 7, 1866, in his sixty-second year. He inherited a portion of his father's homestead, and later acquired by purchase the interest of his sister, Mrs. Peck Blakeslee. For some time after his mar-

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riage, with the exception of two or three years spent at Carmel, Putnam Co., N. Y., he made his home there, but in 1840 he bought a farm of about eighty acres in Trumbull township, this county, where he resided for more than thirty years. He was a thorough-going, energetic business man, meeting with success in his various enterprises, and accumulated a handsome property. In politics he was a Democrat, taking, however, no active part in public affairs, yet his interest in local advancement was shown in many ways, and during his life he did much for the cause of religion, being especially identified with the work of the Episcopal Church. On February 10, 1833, he was married, by Rev. S. Stratton, to Miss Louisa Platt, daughter of Eli and Betsey (Underhill) Platt. She passed to the unseen life August 6, 1896, having survived her husband many years. They had four daughters, viz.: (1) Maria Louise (Mrs. Ferris); Harriett Brown, born November1, 1839, was married January 10, 1861, to David Curtis, of Newtown, and died July 30, 1869, aged twenty-nine years and nine months; they had two children—one that died in infancy, and Lottie A., born in 1866, who died in 1868. (3) Sarah Elizabeth, born June 22, 1845, became the second wife of David Curtis; they had one child, Hattie Louise, born in 1873, who died in 1891. (4) Charlotte Augusta, born November 22, 1846,died June 16, 1866.

FREDERICK A. HUBBARD is a native of Hollis, Hillsboro Co., N. H. born November 17, 1851. Since the age of seven years, however, he has resided in Greenwich. He was educated in the public schools and in the local academy, of which latter institution Prof. Frank Shepard was then the principal. After graduating from school, he entered upon the study of law with the firm of Evarts, Southmayd & Choate, in the City of New York, two years later entering the Law School of the University of the City of New York ; graduating in the class of 1875 with the degree of LL.B.

Mr. Hubbard was admitted to practice in the the State of New York in 1875, and, later in the same year in Connecticut, whereupon he opened an office in Greenwich, where he has since been active and successful in the practice of his profession. Mr. Hubbard, though often importuned to accept, has never held any public office. In National matters a Republican, in local matters the ties of party rest lightly on his shoulders. Being by nature a methodical man, and having inherited from his New Hampshire stock a thorough dislike for waste, his criticisms upon the methods of public officials are often outspoken and sometimes expressed with vigor ; but the result to the body politic has been admirable. He is a man of means, and this, with the natural independence of his character, has made him a power for good in governmental matters.

In business he is strict, accurate and industrious, carefully guarding the interests of clients; preferring an office practice to the vexations of the Court room, he yet controls a large proportion of Greenwich litigation. Notwithstanding he is so engrossed in business, he has always devoted a considerable time to literary pursuits; from a young man he has been a contributor to periodicals and newspapers, and his friends feel that he would have made his mark in literature if he had not devoted himself so closely to his profession. His home surroundings indicate the man—a well-selected library of standard works with choice bric-a-brac and curios.

On August 1, 1883, Mr. Hubbard was married to Agnes Helena Waterbury, daughter of George P. and Ellen F. (June) Waterbury. Mrs. Hubbard is a musician of merit, and her grace and housewifely qualities serve to make their domestic life bright and cultured. Two sons—Carleton Waterbury, born April 25, 1884, and Drexel Tenney, born August 22, 1886—give promise of being men worthy of the family traditions. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard are active members of the Second Congregational Church.

Mr. Hubbard belongs to the Masonic Fraternity, and for more than twenty years has been a member of the local Masonic Lodge, Acacia No. 85. He is also a life member of the New England Society of the City of New York. In the borough, and everything pertaining to its progressiveness and welfare, he takes keen interest. He has been interested in real estate in Greenwich, and is one of the largest tax-payers in the borough. He is a trustee in the Greenwich Savings Bank, and for several years has been its counsel.

Take him all in all, Mr. Hubbard shows, in his every-day walk of life, many of the traits of his sturdy New England ancestry, modified by the more active life and bustle of the closing days of the Nineteenth Century.

PROFESSOR BENEDICT STARR, of Danbury. The Starr family is one of the oldest in this section, and the distinguished educator whose name opens this sketch is of the sixth generation in direct descent from Capt. Josiah Starr, one of the founders of the town of Danbury, and of the eighth generation from Dr. Comfort Starr

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who came from Ashford, England, about the middle of the seventeenth century, and died in Boston, Mass., January 2, 1659.

It is not known how long the Starr family had their home at Ashford, and the earliest record in existence connected with the name is that of the baptism of Margaret Starr, January 5, 1583. Ashford, once called the "Manor of Esshetford," is a small town forty-five miles southeast of London, in the county of Kent, a locality famous from the earliest period of English history as the battle-ground between the sons of the soil and hordes of invaders of various nationalities. The most conspicuous building in the little town, and one of especial interest to us, is the grey old parish church, known as "St. Mary's." It is a large structure, with three aisles, three chancels, a transept and a beautiful stone tower, and the date of its erection is now only to be surmised. Among its ancient tombs are some bearing the dates of 1490, 1564, and 1591, and these must have seemed to Dr. Comfort Starr as old and remote as are our Colonial relics to us, when he worshiped within the stately building. He was evidently a man of standing, as in 1631 he was warden of St. Mary's Church. At a vestry meeting held in 1634 it was voted that "Comfort should lend to Jno. Langford the sum of £12 on the security of his house, it being copyhold." In 1634, only a short time before he came to America, he was one of the committee to make repairs upon the old edifice. Dr. Comfort Starr was a "chirurgeon" (or surgeon as the word is now spelled and pronounced), and seems to have been a man of wealth, as he owned an estate at Ashford, which he retained until his death. When he came to the New World he brought three servants, which a man of small means could hardly have afforded in those days. His wife, Elizabeth, died June 25, 1658, aged sixty-three, and, as has been noted, he passed away in the following year. They had eight children, all born in England: Thomas, born 16—; Elizabeth, born 1621; Comfort, born 1624; Mary, born 16—; John, born 16—; Samuel, baptized March 2, 1628, buried April 16, 1633, in Ashford, England; Hannah, baptized July 22, 1632; Lydia, baptized March 22, 1634.

II. Thomas Starr, the eldest son of Comfort, evidently lived in Duxbury, Scituate, Yarmouth, and in Charlestown, Mass., where in 1654 he was clerk of the Writs, and he died there October 26, 1658. He was a householder, with small income. Of his wife it is only known that her name was Rachel, and it is probable that she went, after his death, with her younger children to Hempstead, L. I. Their children were: Samuel, born 1640; Comfort, born 1644; Elizabeth, born 1646; Benjamin, born February 6, 1647–48; Jehosaphat, born January 12, 1649–50; Constant, born 1652, died October 5, 1654, at Charlestown; William, born March 18, 1654–55, died December 13, 1659, at Charlestown; and Josiah, who was the founder of the Danbury branch.

III. Capt. Josiah Starr, the youngest son of Dr. Thomas, was born September 1, 1657, in Charlestown, Mass., and was an infant when his father died. He was one of the seven patentees named in 1702 when town privileges were granted to Danbury, and was elected the first town clerk, the second justice of the peace, and was afterward surveyor. In 1710 he was commissioned lieutenant, in 1713 captain of the first company or "train band," and for three years he was justice of Fairfield county. In 1702 he was elected deputy to the "General Court," a position of great honor and distinction, to which he was annually chosen as long as he lived. He died January 14, 1715–16, and was interred in the ancient burial place in the rear of the present jail. His wife Rebekah died July 15, 1739, aged seventy-four years, and was buried beside her husband. Their children were: Thomas, born 16—; Benjamin, born 1683; John, born 1684; Hannah, who married a Mr. Dibble and had two sons; Rachel, born in 1690, and married Capt. John Benedict; Josiah, born 1693; Samuel, the great-great-grandfather of our subject; and Comfort, born October 20, 1706, and died May 11, 1763, leaving £800 by will to the city of Danbury for the perpetual maintenance of a school there, the instructor to be capable of teaching Latin and Greek as well as the "three R's."

IV. Samuel Starr, son of Captain Josiah, was born in Danbury about 1700, and married Abigail Dibble, who died July 24, 1791, aged eighty-eight years. They had six children, viz.: Samuel, our subject's great-grandfather; Rachel, who died August 12, 1824; Silvanus, born 1736; Caleb, born February, 1739; Abigail, who died November 27, 1767, in her twenty-sixth year; and Peter, born September 17, 1744.

V. Samuel Starr, son of Samuel, was born July 28, 1732, and died of smallpox October 18, 1770. He was married April 1, 1752, to Ann ———, born November 5, 1731, and they had eleven children, whose names and dates of birth and death are here given: Noah, March 24, 1753, 17—; Abigail, July 22, 1754, May, 1813; Sarah, March 27, 1756, January 30, 1819; Ann, November 7, 1757, October, 1827; Peter, November 1 (?), 1759, April 13, 1812; Platt, July 29, 1761, 17—; Hannah, June 29, 1763, Febru-

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ary, 1828; Eunice, August, 1765, May, 1813; Mary, August 1, 1767, 17—; Olive, July 11, 1769, December 2, 1833; Samuel, April 1, 1771, 18—.

VI. Peter Starr, son of Samuel, and the grandfather of our subject, married Deborah Smith or Weed (?), who died May 6, 1812, aged fifty-one years. Five children were born to them: Smith, October 3, 1784; Rory, July 22, 1786; Anna, born June 29, 1788, died July 20, 1844; Harry, July 26, 1795, and Orlando, September 5, 1804.

VII. Rory Starr, son of Peter, and the father of our subject, was born in Ridgebury Parish, and received a common-school education. He was a great reader, with a wonderful memory, and was noted as a man of few words and many deeds. He possessed decided mechanical genius, and for many years followed carpentering in Danbury, where he framed the first house put together by the square rule, now the common method, but then considered impossible. He was greatly interested in reading of the invention of the circular saw in England, and was the first to put it into practical operation here. He dammed a small stream that ran through his grounds, built a mill, and put up a circular saw and turning lathe to run by power, and numbers of people from far and near came to see these wonderful inventions. This mill was the beginning of the business carried on successfully, many years by himself, next by his son George, and now, 1897, by his nephew, Daniel Starr, who has conducted it for twenty years. Rory Starr represented the town in the General Assembly in 1831–1832–1833, and was a member of the Senate one year. An active Christian, he was for years a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and throughout his life he exerted a wide influence for good. He married Sarah, twin daughter of Stephen Bronson and Eunice Wildman Benedict. She was born April 23, 1790, and died April 30, 1850; and his own death occurred February 17, 1845. Of their five children, William, born April 12, 1813, was learning the trade of printer in Bridgeport, when he died November 13, 1830; George, born August 26, 1815, carried on the business established by his father, for many years. He was twice elected to represent his town in the Connecticut Legislature, in 1858 and 1861; Peter, born May 23, 1820, was scalded, and died March 7, 1823, from his injuries; Benedict, the subject of our sketch, is mentioned more fully below; Mary, born March 5, 1828, was married July 13, 1852, to Noah Knapp Barnum, who was born December 24, 1824, the son of Darius and Maria Knapp Barnum. He was a prosperous merchant in Savannah, Ga., before the Civil war, and later conducted a mercantile business in New York City.

Professor Starr was born August 4, 1822, at the old family residence on Elm street, Danbury, and his education was begun in the schools of that city. In 1838 he entered the seminary at Amenia, Dutchess Co., N. Y., and from 1840 to 1844 he pursued a course in the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn. On graduating from that institution he taught two years in the academy at Danbury, and then conducted a private school in the same place for two years. In 1849 he went to Newark, N. J., to teach in the Wesleyan Institute, where he remained until 1856, and for two years of this time he was principal. His next work was in the Wesleyan Female College at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he spent five years as Professor of Mathematics. In 1861 he established a private school at Hamilton, Ohio, but he left this position in 1866 to establish "Starr's Institute," a boys' boarding school, in the village of Seven Mile, Butler Co., Ohio. With his marked ability as a teacher and disciplinarian, developed by extensive and varied experience, he could not fail of success in such an enterprise, and he remained there eighteen years, building up in the meantime a flourishing institution. After an interval of rest, occasioned by the death of his wife, he resumed his professional labors, going to Chattanooga, Tenn., in the spring of 1887, to fill a place in the university there during the absence of one of the professors. In the fall of the same year he returned to Danbury, where he has since been engaged in private teaching. He is a member of the board of education in his city, and spends much of his time among the local schools. As there are seventy-five teachers in the township, the task of visiting each is no light one, but Professor Starr has done a most effective work in counseling and inspiring these faithful and hardworking instructors.

While the Professor is not a politician, he has always affiliated with the Republican party, and is a steadfast supporter of its principles. He is an ardent advocate of the temperance cause, and for many years was connected with the Sons of Temperance and the Temple of Honor. Early in life he united with the M. E. Church, and wherever he has lived he has taken deep interest in the work of the denomination, serving in various offices, including that of steward. As Sunday-school superintendent he has ever given assistance to the cause in different places.

On April 8, 1846, Professor Starr married Miss Frances Eliza Andrews, who was born in

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Danbury, November 7, 1819, a daughter of Capt. Oliver Andrews and his wife, formerly Mrs. Eliza Ferry Raymond. Mrs. Starr died in Danbury, April 20, 1885, leaving one son, Oliver Andrews Starr. A daughter, Sarah Frances, born March 10, 1857, died September 28, 1859.

Oliver A. Starr was born November 1, 1848, and went to Boston, Mass., in 1871, as salesman and bookkeeper for a business firm, and remained until 1893, when he engaged in the shoe business at Charlestown, Mass., under the firm name of Starr & Spaulding. In 1890, he married Miss Annie Hook, of Charlestown, Mass., a daughter of Aaron and Anstrice (Levey) Hook, of Boston, Massachusetts.

ELONZO SETH WHEELER, president of the Saugatuck Manufacturing Company, at Saugatuck, one of the largest business firms in this county, is a man of marked ability and enterprise, and his many inventions in connection with his business are now in practical use in all parts of the United States. Although he is now less active than formerly, the impress of his energy and careful management remains upon the operations of the firm in which he has so long been a chief factor, his connection with the business having lasted continuously for more than sixty years.

Mr. Wheeler was one of the first in this country to engage in the manufacture of covered buttons, and for forty years the silk and velvet buttons made by this firm have been in demand. Among the patents taken out by him is one for the "rivet pants button" which is now so popular throughout the country, and the success of this and his other devices has done much to enlarge the trade and advance the reputation of the company. The plant occupies a large brick building, and the greater portion of the product is shipped to the general offices in Broadway, New York, although orders from all sections of the United States are at times filled directly from the factory. The stock is held exclusively by members of the Wheeler family, and our subject's son, E. Sterne Wheeler, is now serving as secretary and treasurer. The business was established in 1837 at Naugatuck, Conn., under the firm name of Hopkins & Wheeler, our subject being the junior partner, and in the spring of 1860 it was removed to Saugatuck, the firm name being changed to E. S. Wheeler & Co. In 1875, when articles of incorporation were taken out, the present name was adopted. At the time of the removal to Saugatuck, our subject's brother, Hon. Jonathan Wheeler, was one of the firm, and on its incorporation he became its president, which office he held until his death in February, 1886.

The Wheeler family is of English extraction, but has long been identified with this country, our subject's grandfather, Ager Wheeler, having been a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Capt. Samuel Wheeler, the father of our subject, was born in South Britain, Conn., where he followed agricultural pursuits during his active life. He is descended through his mother, Oria Hinman, from Titus Hinman, one of the very first settlers of Woodbury, Conn., 1672. Hon. Jonathan E. Wheeler, our subject's brother, mentioned above, was one of the leading Democratic politicians of this State, and for many years he represented his locality in the Legislature and Senate of Connecticut, his ability and public spirit being recognized by his fellow citizens irrespective of party lines.

Our subject was born March 29, 1816, at the old homestead in South Britain. At an early age he began to give evidence of practical business sagacity, and his energies found an appropriate channel in the establishment of the manufacturing business which has occupied his attention. He has a handsome residence at Saugatuck near the factory, and is regarded as one of the most prominent citizens of that locality. In politics he is a Democrat, as are all the members of his family, and he is an adherent of the Episcopal Church, in which faith he was reared. He has always taken an active interest in local improvement—in fact, the family name is a synonym for public spirit. Among the important movements fostered by him we mention especially the building of the bridge at his town across the Saugatuck river, while Hon. Jonathan Wheeler was in the State Senate.

Mr. Wheeler and his wife, who was formerly Miss Caroline Smith, of Naugatuck, hold an enviable position socially. They have five children: Robinson H., Clarence L., Kate W., Bertha C. (Mrs. Hazelton), and E. Sterne.

JEDUTHAN PECK, one of the oldest citizens of Riverside, Fairfield county, who is ripe in honors as well as years, is now retired from the labors of a long and active life, and is spending his declining days in the midst of ease and plenty upon a part of the old Peck homestead which has been in the possession of the family for over a century.

Mr. Peck is a native of Fairfield county, born at Mianus, March 17, 1811, and is a son of Capt. Solomon and Mary (Ferris) Peck. The father,

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who was a son of Joseph Peck, was born March 15, 1768, and was married, December 29, 1799, to Miss Mary Ferris, who was born February 6, 1782, a daughter of Jeduthan Ferris, whose home was on the old Post road east of Mianus. After his marriage Captain Peck always resided at Mianus, and was engaged in the boating business. Although he started out in life for himself in limited circumstances, he was very successful in his business ventures and accumulated much wealth, leaving to his family a comfortable property. His death occurred June 2, 1816, and his remains were interred in the Sound Beach cemetery. He was a large man, weighing considerable, and was held in high regard by all who knew him. After his death his widow removed to what is now Riverside avenue, where she reared her family and spent her remaining days, dying there in 1845. She was also laid to rest in the Sound Beach cemetery. Our subject was third in the order of birth in their family of four children, the others being as follows: Solomon, born December 31, 1802, was a boatman and lived at Mianus, where he died. He married Caroline Selleck, and left a family. Emeline, born December 29, 1805, married Lemuel Wells, and went to St. Catharines, South America, where her death occurred. John F., born November 16, 1814, died July 5, 1839.

Mr. Peck was only five years old when his father died, and at an early age he began to assist his mother in the care of her property. On November 23, 1845, he was married, in Port Chester, N. Y., to Miss Frances M. Jessup, a native of Fairfield county, Conn., born February 14, 1826, along the Post road in Riverside. Her parents were Samuel and Susan (Dibble) Jessup, the former a native of Sound Beach, Conn., the the latter of Bedford, N. Y. By occupation the father was a farmer. In his family of ten children, Mrs. Peck was the ninth child and fifth daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Peck have four children: (1) Samuel J. married Mary A. Underhill, and lives at Riverside. (2) Isaac A. married Emma L. Underhill, and has two children—Anita and Marion. (3) John F. is engaged in agricultural pursuits upon his father's farm. (4) William J. also assists in the operation of the old homestead at Riverside.

After his marriage Mr. Peck located where his mother had lived for some years previous to her death, and when the estate was divided he took the portion he has since occupied, along Indian Head road. Most of the farm was still in its primitive condition, and he has erected all of the buildings upon the place. As his health was poor, his sons assumed the management of the place as soon as old enough, and in connection with its operation have successfully engaged in the dairy business. They are upright, reliable business men, who command the confidence and respect of all with whom they come in contact. In politics Mr. Peck is a Democrat, and in religious connection his wife is a faithful member of the Sound Beach Congregational Church. For fifty-three years they have traveled life's journey together, sharing its joys and sorrows, and now in their declining years they are surrounded by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who appreciate their sterling worth.

PECK FAMILY. One of the oldest families of Connecticut, and one whose representatives in each generation have played an important part in public affairs, bears the name of Peck. In 1643 the records show the name of Joseph Peck, and tradition says he came over from England in 1637 on the good ship "Hector" with Governor Eaton and Rev. John Davenport. Certain it is that he left New Haven in 1649, and settled in Milford, where we find his name recorded as a Church member in 1652. He was twice married, his first wife being Mrs. Alice Burwell, widow of John Burwell, who died at Milford, Conn., in 1649; he was one of the first Free Planters under the first Planters' Agreement at Milford, dated November 29, 1639, having previously removed from Wethersfield to Milford. Joseph Peck's second wife was Miss Marie Richards. He died in 1701, leaving six children, namely: Elizabeth, baptized in 1651, married October, 1677, to Sergeant Thomas Hayes; Joseph (II), baptized 1653; John, baptized 1655; Mary, baptized 1670, married William Northrup; Ann, baptized 1672; and Hannah.

II. Joseph Peck settled in Milford, and made that place his home until his death, which occurred March 1, 1731. He married Mary Camp, in January, 1678 or 1679. She was the daughter of Nicholas Camp, who was one of the original settlers and Free Planters of Milford under the first Planters' Agreement at Milford, dated November 29, 1639, having previously removed from Wethersfield to Milford. Mr. and Mrs. Peck became the parents of eleven children: Joseph (2), born 1680, married Abigail Baldwin, January, 1706 or 1707; Mary, born December 15, 1682; John, born September 4, 1683, died November 27, 1709; Jeremiah, born 1687, married Hannah Fisk, August 20, 1713; Samuel, baptized 1690, married Martha Clark, May 5, 1714; Ephraim, baptized 1692, married Sarah Ford, November 7, 1716, and died July 23, 1760;

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Henry (III), born 1695; Elizabeth, born 1697; Nathaniel, born 1699; Abigail, born September 25, 1701; and Heth, born October 3, 1703, married Hannah Camp, February 26, 1729 or 1730, and died May 4, 1797. From 1702 to 1709 Joseph Peck served as sergeant ensign in the training band, and was Lieutenant-Deputy to the General Assembly in the years 1701, 1702, 1703, 1704, 1707, 1710, 1711, 1713, 1714, and 1718.

III. Henry Peck, seventh child of Joseph Peck, resided in Milford. On April 1, 1745, he bought a farm of 105 acres of John Glover of Newtown, and in 1750 deeded this land to his son—Henry (IV). Henry Peck (III), was twice married, his first wife being Ann Ford, to whom he was married February 8, 1722 or '23; she died December 28, 1726; she was the granddaughter of John or Thomas Ford, who settled in Milford about 1646. On July 4, 1729, Henry Peck (III) married his second wife, Mrs. Mary Northrup, widow of Amos Northrup. She was the granddaughter of Joseph Northop, who was one of the early settlers in 1639, having removed from Wethersfield. Mr. Peck was the father of four children: Henry (IV), born December 7, 1723; Ann, born August 15, 1725, married Jesse Lambert, and died July 3, 1809; Benjamin, born November 16, 1726, married Mary Smith (he served as a captain of a company from Milford throughout the Revolutionary war), and Mehitable, born October 3, 1735, married Colonel Allen. Henry Peck (III) was very prominent in the affairs of the town. He was appointed ensign of the militia in May, 1742, and four years later was made lieutenant. He was deacon in the Congregational Church for a number of years, and died November 19, 1762.

IV. Henry Peck, son of Henry Peck, and great-grandson of the founder of the family in America, was born December 7, 1723, and moved in 1745 to Newtown, now Brookfield, parish of Newbury. He became a very wealthy farmer for those times, and was one of the highly honored members of the community. Of the old Puritan cast, pious and most conscientiously strict, he faithfully lived up to all the requirements of his creed, and served as deacon in the Congregational Church many years. Kind-hearted and benevolent, he held greater charity for the doings of others than he allowed for himself, and in the cause of truth and Christianity he labored without ceasing. In the political affairs he too acted well his part. In 1763 he was commissioned ensign, and as justice of the peace he served throughout the years 1773, '74, '75 and '76. He married Rachel Lambert, of Milford; she was a granddaughter of Jesse Lambert and Deborah Fowler, daughter of Capt. William Fowler and granddaughter of William Fowler, magistrate and one of the first Planters of Milford under the first Planters' Agreement at Milford dated November 29, 1639, having previously removed from New Haven to Milford. After the death of this wife, January 29, 1792, Mr. Peck wedded Abiah Peck, of Newtown. Abiah Peck (*née* Smith) was the widow of Gideon Peck of Newtown, and the mother of Amarillis Peck, who married John Peck, he being the son of Henry Peck, of Brookfield. The children of Henry Peck were: (1) Mary, born December 25, 1752, married David Jackson. (2) David, born March 21, 1755, died April 23, 1843, married Isabella Nichols; he was a patriot of the Revolution, serving under Washington throughout the war. (3) Jesse L., born May 31, 1757, died May 10, 1773. (4) John (V), born December 3, 1759, died February 9, 1839. (5) Rachel, born February 7, 1762, died October 3, 1796. (6) Henry, born March 3, 1766, is mentioned in full later on. (7) Amos, born April 5, 1769, married November 27, 1792, Miss Lucy Blackman, and died March 23, 1835. Henry Peck (IV) died October 4, 1808.

V. John Peck, of the fifth generation of this family in the New World, carried on extensive farming operations in Brookfield, where he was born December 3, 1759. He was faithful to the teachings of his father, became a worthy member of Church, and was at the helm in guiding the little political ship of his town. He had an abundant charity for the shortcomings of his fellowmen, and an ever-ready hand to aid the struggling ones. When the old watchman in the church tower rang out the "Independence" bell, its echoes awakened all the latent patriotism in John Peck, and he enlisted in the Continental Army, serving throughout the war, late in life receiving a pension for his faithful services. On December 23, 1784, he married Amarillis Peck, who was born July 31, 1764, daughter of Gideon Peck, and died December 16, 1785. After the death of his wife, he was again married, this time, on January 11, 1787, to Clarina Wheeler, who was born July 16, 1767, and died November 7, 1835. By each marriage Mr. Peck became the father of one child; John A. (VI), born December 9, 1785, died August 27, 1864; and Amarillis, born December 4, 1787, died January 11, 1794. Mr. Peck died February 9, 1839.

VI. John A. Peck, son of John Peck (V) and Amarillis, his wife, passed his life in Brookfield except that portion spent in the service of his country during the war of 1812. For his service

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in the army he was paid in land warrants. On February 17, 1811, he was married to Huldah Keeler, who was born January 30, 1789, and died October 20, 1842. Nine children were born to this union: Henry W., born May 1, 1812, died July 26, 1864, married Johanna W. Platt, December 16, 1846; George W., born September 22, 1813, died May 7, 1898, was married November 6, 1836, to Mary Andrews; Amarillis, born October 21, 1815, died August 8, 1887, married November 7, 1836, to Medad R. Kellogg; Clareny, born August 2, 1817, died February 18, 1888, married October 11, 1835, to Sherman Foote; John L., born April 12, 1820, married February 24, 1854, to Sarah T. Law, and died February 6, 1887; Arza C. (VII), born June 8, 1822; Lucy Ann, born October 31, 1824, married October 21, 1846, to Edwin Smith; Adaline, born January 30, 1827, died December 19, 1846, and Alfred A., born October 27, 1830, died April 20, 1855. On July 1, 1847, John A. Peck (VI) was again married, his second wife being Sally H. Payne, who was born April 19, 1795, and died August 29, 1860. John A. Peck died August 22, 1864.

VII. Arza C. Peck was educated at Brookfield, but at the age of twenty-one he left his native hills and became an extensive importer of goods from Russia, East India, China and Japan, and has become a prominent factor in commercial circles at New York. On February 20, 1862, he married Janie Bodes, and of this union have come two children: John A. (VIII), born September 6, 1863, married on February 24, 1885, to Miss Agnes E. Freedman, by whom he has one child—John A. (IX), born October 15, 1885, and William H., born May 15, 1866, married April 29, 1891, to Lizzie Stackpoole, and has one child—Reginald.

HENRY PECK, son of Henry Peck (IV), passed nearly the allotted three-score and ten years in the town of Brookfield, where he engaged in farming, and his old home farm still remains in the possession of his family. On May 26, 1791, he married Hannah Northrup, by whom he had seven children, all now deceased, as follows: Hannah (who married Elias Sturtevant), Henry L., Harriet, Harmon, Henrietta, Hiram and Hetty. Henry Peck died August 29, 1834.

HENRY L. PECK, who in his day was one of the most highly honored and respected citizens of the town of Brookfield, was born in that town May 4, 1797. In his early manhood he went south, locating at Darien, Ga., but after a few years, owing to illness amongst his kinspeople at the North, he returned to Brookfield Center, and engaged in the mercantile business. Honest and upright, his business principles assured him a success seldom attained. He continued in this line of work until his death, at the age of sixty-six, during the exciting days of the rebellion. On October 19, 1828, he was united in marriage with Eliza Smith, daughter of Preserve Smith, and to them were born three children: (1) Henry died in infancy. (2) Harriet E. married Robert T. Clarke, and became the mother of three children—Henry P., of Columbia, S. C., married Julia Hurd, and has one child—Nancy B.; Mary Toucey, who married W. C. Haight, of Bridgeport, and has two children—Alton and Marion; and Charles R. (3) Henry S., whose sketch follows. The mother of this family, Eliza Smith Peck, lived until November 4, 1893, and hers was a familiar face among the philanthropical workers, but after ninety years there came a morning when her place was empty, for she was no more.

HENRY S. PECK (deceased), youngest child of Henry and Eliza Peck, was born January 6, 1834, and was educated in the public schools and also at the select school at Brookfield. At the close of his school career he entered his father's store as a clerk, and there acquired the rudiments of a business knowledge that afterward developed the man of remarkable business acumen, sound judgment, and unimpeachable integrity, the commercial men knew and respected. When his father died he assumed the management of the store, and for some years carried it on alone. In 1872 he built the present store, and admitted Alfred Somers as a partner. This firm became one of the largest and most prosperous in the county, and after the death of Mr. Peck on October 2, 1884, Mrs. Peck continued partnership with Mr. Somers under the old firm name of Peck & Somers. Mr. Peck's ability was not allowed to confine itself to one line, but he was called upon to lend his light in assisting corporations outside of Brookfield, being one of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Danbury, and also of the Savings Bank of Bridgeport. The courts frequently appointed him to positions of responsibility and trust. His best loved interests were those centered in Brookfield, and to the development and material advancement of his own town he devoted time and means liberally. In 1879 he represented his town in the Legislature, elected on the Republican ticket. He was, above all else, a truly domestic man, and in his own home found his truest happiness. To his aged mother, he was the model son, kind and considerate, allowing no day to pass that he did not go to her with words of cheer, dutifully looking after her comfort all his life. In all affairs of the Con-

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gregational Church, which faith he had professed in 1862, he took a lively interest. To its financial needs he was a willing and liberal contributor. On October 4, 1865, Henry S. Peck was united in marriage with Eliza G. Fairchild, daughter of Hiram Fairchild, and this union was blessed with two children: Henry Lyman, born December 12, 1870, died December 6, 1890, and Mary Fairchild, born August 21, 1874. This happy family circle was first broken in 1884 when the father passed peacefully away to join that "Choir Invisible, whose music is the gladness of the world;" then in 1890 Death's angel again knocked at the portal, and the widow's son, Henry Lyman, just on the verge of manhood, answered the final summons, leaving the mother and sister to mourn the loss of a devoted son and brother. He had just entered upon his second year at the School of Technology at Boston, and after graduating from there anticipated taking a special course at Yale. Doubtless his life would have been both brilliant and successful. He was an earnest student, and to the advancement of science he intended devoting his life. He was the sixth Henry Peck in the direct line, and the last male descendant bearing the name of a family who have for generations been inhabitants of the town strongly identified with all its interest.

The Fairchild family, from which came Mrs. Eliza Fairchild Peck, widow of Henry S. Peck, is directly descended from one Thomas Fairchild (I), who was born in Scotland, and died in Stratford, Conn., in 1670. His children were John, Thomas (II), Samuel, Zachariah, Dina, Emma, and Bethia. Thomas Fairchild (II) was born in 1644, and was the father of John, Josiah (III), Priscilla, and Emma. Josiah Fairchild (III) was born in 1664, and was the father of Edward (IV), who was the father of Jonathan, Ebenezer (V), Moses and James. Ebenezer Fairchild (V) married Sarah Kimberly, and the following children were born to them: Edward, born May 4, 1752; Peter, March 12, 1756; Huldah, August 30, 1759; Phebe, December 5, 1762; Clement (VI), May 2, 1764; Abiah, October 14, 1766; Truman, November 25, 1769, and Abram, ———, 1772. Clement Fairchild (VI) always farmed in Newtown, Conn.; he married Sarah Platt, and by her he had a daughter, Lucinda, who became the wife of John Williams; Beman, born April 12, 1792, married Polly Ann Fairchild; Hiram (VII), born January 7, 1796; Lucia, born March 9, 1801, married Asel Beebe; Luzon, who died September 2, 1820, at the age of fourteen years, seven months and twenty-seven days; and Phœbe.

Hiram Fairchild (VII) was educated in Newtown, where he afterward engaged in the manufacture of combs, later going to Brookfield. He engaged in the mercantile business in Brookfield Center, where for a time he was a partner of Henry L. Peck. He finally sold out his interest to Mr. Peck and engaged in farming. Mr. Fairchild was twice married, his first wife being Sarah Northrup, to whom he was wedded January 20, 1824. By this union there was one son, Clement, born May 20, 1827. The wife died December 20, 1830, followed by the little son, November 28, 1832. For his second wife he wedded, December 27, 1831, Betsey Gelston, daughter of Rev. Maltby Gelston, of Sherman, Conn. This union was blessed with three children: Sidney Hawley, born November 3, 1835, died September 18, 1892; Sarah Lucia, born August 18, 1837, and Eliza (Gelston) Peck, born February 11, 1839. Hiram Fairchild was a member of the Congregational Church, and in politics was an ardent Republican. His dignified bearing and courteous manners marked the typical gentleman of the old school. He passed to his eternal rest in 1888, and on February 9, 1894, at the age of ninety-two, his widow, Betsey (Gelston) Fairchild, went forth rejoicing to a happy reunion on that silent shore.

JOHN S. JONES, the proprietor and able editor of *The Westporter-Herald*, a semi-weekly newspaper of Westport, Fairfield county, is one of the most widely known men of the county and most useful citizens in his locality.

Born May 10, 1835, in Westport, Mr. Jones is the great-grandson of John Jones, a farmer of the town of Ridgefield, where his birth occurred, and of whom it is said that he was the first man of the locality to offer his service to the Colonial Government at the inception of the war of the Revolution, in which he enlisted and served valiantly, becoming a lieutenant. He was of Scotch origin on his father's side. Daniel Jones, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Ridgefield, and he, too, followed agricultural pursuits. He married Elizabeth Pardee, and had the following named children: Isaac, Alva, John, Elizabeth, Philo W., Sally and Phœbe. Of these, Philo W. (our subject's father) was born May 27, 1802, in Ridgefield town, and with all of the other children was there reared on a farm. He came to Westport in 1828, and followed his trade, that of a harness maker. He was a warden of Christ (Episcopal) Church; was a Whig in politics; was influential in local affairs, and served as sheriff of Fairfield county. He

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married Rebecca Lobdell, a daughter of Josiah Lobdell, of English extraction.

John S. Jones in boyhood attended the district school of his neighborhood, where he received his entire education. He learned the plumber's and tinman's trade, which he followed for nine years, and at his next move, in a business sense, he engaged in the house-furnishing business, conducting same some eight years. He was appointed postmaster of Westport during President Johnson's administration, and performed the duties of the office in a business-like manner, making a good official. In 1867 he commenced the publication of *The Westport Advertiser*, a weekly paper, which was in existence until 1874. The next year he issued *The Westporter-Herald*, which he has since continued to publish, and which has had a successful career. The paper has ever been a newsy sheet, ably edited and successfully managed. Mr. Jones has just retired from the presidency of the Connecticut Press Association. In his political views he is a Democrat. Back in the "sixties" Mr. Jones was for five years assistant town clerk, and for a period of thirty years he was clerk of the Probate Court, holding the office under four judges. He has served as president of the Board of Trade. He was one of the organizers, in 1884, of the Connecticut State Firemen's Association, and the only secretary it has ever had, and he was also one of the organizers of the Westport Fire Department, and the only Chief Engineer the department has ever had, having performed the duties of a fireman for upward of forty years. For thirty-one consecutive years Mr. Jones has been clerk of the Church of the Holy Trinity, and for ten years he has been junior warden of the parish. Socially, too, Mr. Jones has shown great fidelity to duty, and has linked his name with societies and orders through which it will be recalled long after he himself has passed from earth. He is the oldest member and was the first secretary of Temple Lodge No. 65, F. & A. M., of Westport, and has held all of the offices in the same excepting master and senior warden. He is now, and has been, marshal of the lodge for a decade, and is secretary of the Masonic Relief Association. He is an officer in the Sons of the Revolution. He was one of the members appointed to represent the State at the National Exposition held at Atlanta in 1895, and was secretary of the Connecticut Board. He was one of the organizers of the Westport Water & Electric Light Company. He is also secretary of the Saugatuck Historical Society, and president of the Westport Board of Trade.

On November 25, 1857, Mr. Jones was married to Mary Elwood, a daughter of Capt. Shelton Elwood, of the town of Westport, and the union has been blessed with two children: Mary L., now Mrs. Robert K. Gault, of Westport; and Willis S., who is assisting his father in the office of *The Westporter-Herald*, as local editor.

HON. LYMAN DENNISON BREWSTER comes from an old New England family, the first representative of which landed at Plymouth Rock from the "Mayflower" in 1620. His grandfather removed from Preston, Conn., to Salisbury, Conn. Daniel Brewster, the father, was by occupation a farmer. The Judge was born at Salisbury, July 31, 1832. He prepared for college at the Williams Academy at Stockbridge, Mass., and also at the Salisbury schools; in 1855 he graduated from Yale College. Although he was unable to give himself a thorough preparation, his career was marked by fair scholarship, and he stood among the oration men of the class and was class poet. In 1857 he spent the season in Europe, traveling in England, Switzerland, Germany and other countries.

Judge Brewster's legal studies were pursued in the office of his uncle, Hon. Roger Averill, and he was admitted to the Bar June 21, 1858. On January 1, 1859, he formed a partnership with E. R. Fry, and this lasted one year. From 1860 to 1870 he was in partnership with Mr. Averill, his old preceptor. In 1870 he was appointed the first judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Fairfield County, and served for four years. Mr. Brewster has also been associated with Samuel Tweedy, Esq., in the practice of law for eight years. The partnership of Brewster, Tweedy & Scott, which followed, was dissolved in 1892, since when he has occupied the old office over the Savings Bank, where he has been located since 1870. In 1894 he admitted Samuel A. Davis as a partner. In 1870, 1878 and 1879, Mr. Brewster was a member of the Connecticut House of Representatives from Danbury. In 1880 and 1881, he was State Senator and chairman of the Judiciary committee. In 1878 he was appointed by Governor Hubbard a member of the committee to simplify legal procedure in the State. He was on the commission that made the new code of the State of Connecticut in 1879. Since his judicial and legislative terms, the most noticeable thing of his professional history has been his connection with the Tilden will case, in which, as one of the counsel for the heirs, he spent a good share of four years in making out briefs and looking up the case.

Mr. Brewster is a member of the American

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Bar Association, and for several years has been chairman of the committee on Uniform State Laws, and is one of the State Commissioners on Uniformity. In August, 1896, he was elected president of the Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, and re-elected to that office in 1897 and 1898. At Danbury he has been interested in public matters to a marked degree, and for sixteen years served as acting school visitor. He has been chairman of the book committee in the Danbury Library since it started, about 1869. In 1868 he was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Ives, daughter of George W. Ives, of Danbury. Mr. Brewster, in public life, has displayed the qualities of an honest and public-spirited citizen. He is one of the best-known members of the Bar in the State, serving often on important committees.

E. W. HARRAL, president of the Fairfield Rubber Company, has for many years been regarded as one of the ablest business men of this section. While he has been prominently identified with other enterprises, the business of which he is now the head may be said to represent best his energy, skill and judgment as a manager, for he has been associated with it almost from the beginning, and to his efforts its present prosperous condition is mainly due.

Mr. Harral comes of excellent ancestry, being descended in the paternal line from an old Southern family whose members for several generations have been influential citizens of Charleston, S. C. Dr. George Harral, our subject's grandfather, was a successful physician of that city and Savannah, and Henry K. Harral, his father, was born and reared in Savannah, acquiring the education common to youths of good family. He owned two plantations in South Carolina, but much of his time was spent in Bridgeport, Conn., where he was extensively engaged in the manufacture of saddles and harness. As a citizen he was much esteemed, and for seven years he served as mayor of Bridgeport. He died May 10, 18—, in Augusta, Ga. On the maternal side Mr. Harral traces his descent from the Peet family, of England, and his ancestors in this line were among the early settlers of Stratford, Fairfield Co., Conn. Its members took an active part in the early wars, and by reason of his relationship to them, Mr. Harral enjoys the right of membership in the various societies open only to descendants of Colonial families. An extensive genealogy of the Peet family has recently been completed. Mr. Harral's mother, whose maiden name was Sarah A. Peet, was born in Bridgeport, the daughter of William Peet, and her death occurred in New York City, December 17, 1867. Our subject was one of six children—five sons and one daughter—and among his brothers were Maj. W. W. Harral, of Gen. Butler's staff, and Henry K. Harral, of Folkstone, England.

Our subject was born December 12, 1845, in the city of Bridgeport, and after completing a course of study in the local schools he attended Marlborough Churchill's Military School at Sing Sing, then the leading institution of the kind in the United States. When the Civil war broke out he promptly displayed his sympathy with the Union cause by enlisting in the 14th Conn. V. I., but, owing to his youth, he was rejected. For ten years he was associated with Lacey, Meeker & Co. in the manufacture of harness and saddles, and for four years he was general agent for the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company, of Bridgeport, his duties requiring him to travel over the Southern States and the Pacific slope. In 1880 he retired from that position, and soon afterward he became connected with the Fairfield Rubber Company, then in its infancy. Since 1881 he has made his home at Fairfield, and he and his family are prominent in the best social circles of that city. He is a public-spirited man, helping generously in any worthy movement, and he takes an active part in religious work as a member of the Episcopal Church at Fairfield, in which he holds the office of senior warden. Political honors have no attraction for him, and while his sympathies are mainly with the Democratic party, he votes independently, his ballot having been cast for McKinley in 1896. His first wife, formerly Miss Julia Crissy, of New Canaan, this county, died, leaving one son, Crissey De F., now a resident of Bridgeport. By his second marriage, with Miss Ellen B. Wheeler, daughter of Nathaniel and Huldah (Bradley) Wheeler, of Bridgeport, Mr. Harral has one daughter, Mary W.

REX L. PALMER, who is now living retired in Greenwich township, is a worthy representative of one of the old and honored families of Fairfield county. He was born February 17, 1820, in a house which was built in 1756 and occupied the site of his present residence. His father, Abel Palmer, was born in the same house, June 1, 1773, a son of John and Hannah (Smith) Palmer, the former of whom died when Abel was quite young, leaving a family of six children, namely: Sons—Abel, Zabed, Smith and Ishael. Daughters—Mrs. Naomi Knapp and Mrs. Bailey. Of the sons, Zabed and Smith were soldiers in

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the Revolutionary war, in which struggle Zabed was killed.

Throughout the greater part of his life Abel Palmer engaged in agricultural pursuits, but for a time taught school through the winter months, while in the summer season he still continued to follow farming. He well remembered Gen. Washington, for he was standing on the bridge when the General passed through North Mianus when traveling on the turnpike between New York and Boston. Mr. Palmer was then only a small boy, and the great man laid his hand upon the lad's head and made some remark to him. Abel Palmer married Sarah Davis, a native of Greenwich, and a daughter of John Davis, and to them were born the following children: Hannah, who married Walter June, and died in Illinois; John R., a stone mason, who died in Greenwich; Caroline, who married Horace Dann, and died in Troy, N. Y.; Julia, who married John Liney, and died in the same city; Lloyd, who died in West Fornes, N. Y.; Clara, who married George Hopperton, and lives in Newark, N. J.; Jane, who married Darius Clark, and died in Cos Cob, Fairfield Co., Conn.; Catharine, who married Dean Werden, and lives in Mianus; Susan, widow of Horace Dann; and Rex L. This is a family noted for longevity, all living to be over eighty years of age, and Mrs. Clara Hopperton is now ninety-four years of age. The father died in 1860 in his eighty-eighth year, the mother passing away in 1874, aged ninety-two, and both were laid to rest in Sound Beach cemetery. He was a large, erect and powerful man, very polite and refined, and was highly respected by all who knew him.

During his boyhood and youth Rex L. Palmer pursued his studies in the Steep Hollow school, and among his teachers were William Grigg and a Mr. Hamilton. Our subject was reared a farmer boy, and throughout life has mainly followed that pursuit. In 1849 and 1850, however, he traveled with Van Amburg & Co.'s show, as a keeper of animals, and for several years was engaged in the stove business at Port Deposit, Md., keeping several wagons on the road selling stoves. He inherited the old home farm in Greenwich township, Fairfield Co., Conn., and in connection with its operation he engaged in cider making for many years, establishing the business in 1870, and it is still carried on by his son Frank T.

On October 16, 1855, Mr. Palmer wedded Miss Mary M. Thomas, who was born in Kent county, Md., September 2, 1826, a daughter of William and Eliza (Pierce) Thomas. She is the fourth child and second daughter in a family of twelve children, consisting of five sons and seven daughters. Her father was a wealthy planter, owning 300 acres of land and twenty negroes. He had been educated in two colleges, and practiced law for a time, but abandoned that calling because, as he said, "He had to lie to be successful." Mr. and Mrs. Palmer have two sons: Frank T., who owns and operates a cider-mill in North Mianus; and Ray L., who is connected with the Mianus Electric Company.

Mr. Palmer uses his right of franchise in the support of the Democracy, and held the offices of assessor and justice of the peace until old age debarred him. He also served on the grand jury, and was prominently identified with the public affairs of his township. He is the oldest male representative of the family, but still possesses a good memory and is well preserved for one of his years. His wife is a member of the Methodist Church, and both are held in high regard by the entire community.

JAMES H. REDMAN, who made his home in Riverside, Fairfield Co., Conn., from 1892 until his death on November 26, 1898, in his seventieth year, was one of the many citizens living retired in that beautiful place who have helped to make it what it is, one of the most popular residence towns along Long Island Sound. There is probably no place of the same size in this region where refinement and wealth, with all its accompaniments of luxurious and pleasant surroundings and yet nothing of ostentatious display, are so generally evident, and Mr. Redman found a charming home in this ideal spot, where, amid congenial social conditions, he passed his days in the quiet enjoyment of the ample means which he had acquired.

The Redman family is of English origin, and their location in America dates back to 1680, in which year our subject's first American ancestor, coming from Yorkshire, England, settled on land now embraced in the city of Philadelphia, in which city and also in Trenton, N. J., many of his descendants are yet living. His son, Thomas Redman, was born in 1684 in Philadelphia, and was married in 1706. From ancient records are gleaned the following: In 1721 the Assembly passed the law regulating party walls in Philadelphia, which is in force to-day, and Thomas Redman was one of four to be the first regulators. On May 1, 1729, the House took into consideration the necessity of a house for the Assembly of the Province to meet in; appropriated £2,000; on October 15, 1730, purchase of grounds was made; 1732 ground was broken and the work

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divided to the different trades. John Parsons and Thomas Redman were the stone masons and cellar diggers, and some of the bricklaying was done by this firm. This building, at first called the "State House," has been known for years as "Independence Hall."

Mr. Redman's father, Charles H. Redman, was born in 1798 in Trenton, N. J., the eldest of the two children of Samuel and Susanna Redman, viz.: Charles H. and Wolloston. He was reared in Trenton and there received his education, which was gained in a six-months' attendance at the public schools. The success which came to him in his business career would be unusual for anyone whose sole capital to commence with was only a stock of energy and ambition, but when the lack of schooling is also to be taken into consideration it is nothing short of phenomenal, and the extraordinary business capacity which he displayed in all his transactions as well as the determination to advance in spite of heavy odds against him can scarcely be realized or appreciated by this generation. His father dying when he was but thirteen years old the family were left in anything but comfortable circumstances, and the boy was still in his "teens" when he went to New York City and commenced work as an apprentice in the shop of his uncle, Jesse Redman, who was a cedar cooper by occupation and the pioneer in his line in that metropolis. He picked up the business so rapidly and showed such rare interest in it that it was not many years before the uncle retired and he succeeded him, working hard early and late to keep up with the patronage which had come to him, and keep his affairs on a solid financial basis. During the time he was learning his trade, and even after he entered the business for himself truckmen and drays were not so numerous in New York City as now, and he often carried the finished product from his shop to market on his own shoulders, using the same means of transportation to bring the raw material in the shape of large cedar timbers to the shop. At first he was able to fill all his orders himself, but as his trade widened he took other help until he gave employment to a large force of workmen, and his market, from being a merely local one, was extended as far south as the Carolinas.

Mr. Redman continued in the manufacturing business until shortly after his wife's death, when, in the spring of 1844, he retired, and having had little opportunity for seeing much of this country during his active years he spent much of his time in travel. He could not be contented, however, with a life of mere leisure, and he continued to attend personally to the numerous interests which he had acquired as increasing prosperity had enabled him to add to his possessions, looking after every detail connected with his various real-estate holdings, etc. He had many tenants, some of them renting from him for thirty years, and he was kind in his treatment of all, settling many an unpaid rent bill by simply cancelling it; an eviction was never known among his tenants. He was a director in the Old Bowery Bank, the Butchers & Drovers Bank, the Pacific Bank, the Broadway Insurance Company and the Park Insurance Company, and he continued to fulfill all the obligations imposed on him by these interests up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1878. He was active and well preserved to the last, his death being the result of injuries to his hip, which he sustained by being thrown from a wagon. He left an estate of half a million, acquired by his own industry and good business management, and, what was more valuable to a man of his disposition and training, an unsullied reputation for integrity and uprightness in his dealings with all, and the record of an honorable self-made man. He was one of the early members of the Mechanics Society of New York City, now called the Mechanics Institute, and served for years on the library committee connected with same.

In 1816 Mr. Redman joined the military organization then known as the Eleventh Regiment of Artillery, and for many years his enthusiasm seemed to center in military affairs, few members of that well-known body having a wider acquaintance than he. He retained membership until 1844, when he resigned, having risen to the rank of lieutenant of the Ninth Regiment, as the organization was then known. For many years his name was the only one of that spelling which appeared in the New York directory, and among his acquaintances in the city were numbered some of the best citizens, for although he was quiet and unassuming in his manners and habits he had a large circle of friends, all of whom entertained for him the highest respect. He was originally a Whig in political sentiment, and later a stanch Republican up to the time of his death.

Mr. Redman was married in New York City to Miss Mary Ann Tappan, who came of an old family of that city, and they reared a family of five children, as follows: James H., whose name introduces this sketch; William H., who is mentioned elsewhere; Joseph, who died in New York, leaving a family; Angeline A., who is the widow of Charles Bell, and lives in New York; and Harriet, who became the wife of Richard E. Stilwell, and died in New York leaving a family

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of seven children. Mrs. Redman passed away in 1843, and the home was broken up shortly afterward, Mr. Redman having no permanent abode until his daughter Harriet married, after which he made his home with her. He was reared a Quaker, his parents and immediate ancestors all belonging to the Society of Friends, but after his marriage he attended the Presbyterian Church, of which his wife was a member, and although he never united with that denomination he was quite active in its interests, serving as trustee of the Church where he worshiped, and taking a prominent part in all its enterprises.

James H. Redman was born June 17, 1829, at No. 185 Hester street, New York City, where all his brothers and sisters were also born, and like them he received the advantages of the private and select schools of his native city, attending also the select school for boys conducted by Prof. Thomas P. St. John, at Ridgefield, Conn. In 1845 he graduated from Pennington (N. J.) Seminary, and soon after this he commenced learning the business of jewelry manufacturer, in which he began at the bottom of the ladder, working at first at sweeping, "blowing the sweep," and other menial duties, and rising as he won promotion until he became a partner in the house. For a number of years he was traveling salesman for various jewelry firms, going to large cities only, and continued in this line until his retirement in 1878. He made his home in the Borough of Brooklyn, New York City, until 1892, when he removed to Riverside, taking up his residence in the commodious and pleasant home where he lived, and in the remodeling and beautifying of which he spared neither pains nor expense, the dwelling and grounds giving ample evidence of their owner's taste and interest in this direction. Mr. Redman was like his father, quiet and retiring in disposition, avoiding publicity in every way, but he was nevertheless popular and well liked by all his neighbors, and he was looked upon as one of the substantial and valuable citizens of the community in which he made his home, and took considerable interest in the social life of the locality. He was a member of the Riverside Yacht Club. While living in Brooklyn he was a member of the Amphion Musical Society.

In 1853 Mr. Redman was married, by Rev. William M. Adams, to Miss Cecelia Allen, of New York, and two children blessed this union, namely: James E., now of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Mary A., Mrs. Robert M. Mitchill, Jr., of Oradell, N. J., who has two children—Robert M. and Cecelia R. Mrs. Redman passed away in 1874; and in 1881 Mr. Redman married a widow, Mrs. William H. Hollingshead, *née* Henrietta Manning. She had two children by her first marriage—Charles G., of New York; and Carrie B., Mrs. Clarence W. Taylor, also of New York. Mrs. Redman is an active member of the Methodist Church at Mianus, Fairfield county, to which her husband also belonged. He was a Republican in political belief, a regular voter but no politician, though he took a deep interest in the success of his party. While in Brooklyn he was a member of the Ward Association.

On September 14, 1847, Mr. Redman joined what was then Company B of the Twenty-seventh Regiment, and which became afterward the famous Seventh Regiment, and rose from the ranks to the position of orderly sergeant. This military organization is one of the best-known in New York City, and is the same which his father belonged to when it was known as the Eleventh Regiment. At the time of his decease he was a veteran member in good standing.

HON. DAVID H. MILLER, ex-member of the General Assembly from the Redding district of Fairfield county, who for many years has been a prominent business man of Georgetown, is a native of England, born in the City of London, August 12, 1831.

Capt. John H. Miller, his father, was born in London, England, and throughout his lifetime was connected with the English army. He was captain of a company stationed in the West Indies. He married Sarah Nevill, and to them were born as follows: (1) John H. was a native of London, came to America, and for a time was engaged in the manufacture of showcases in New York. Later he became a farmer, and in 1849, on the discovery of gold in California, he was one of the pioneers in that field. He visited various countries, and died some years ago in the city of Buenos Ayres, Argentine Confederation, South America. He was a delegate from California to the National Convention at which General Fremont was nominated for the Presidency of the United States. Mr. Miller was an educated man. He spoke a number of languages, and was at one time the editor of one of the Sacramento newspapers. (2) David H. is the subject of this sketch. Nathaniel Nevill, the father of Mrs. Sarah Miller, was born in Pewsey, County of Wilts, England, where he served a five-years' apprenticeship at the business of boot and shoe manufacturing and tanning. Having served out his time, he began carrying on the same business for himself, and soon became one of the prominent men in that line of business in London, the

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product of his factory going to various countries, including the United States and Canada. He married Sarah Pulbrook, and their children were: Richard, Eliza and Sarah.

David H. Miller attended private schools in his native city until he was twelve years of age. His father having died when he was but a lad, he was taken when about twelve years old by his stepfather into his office, where he was employed through the day, at night attending school. He obtained a knowledge of the banking and importing business in London, and at the age of fourteen years came to the United States with D. M. Peyser. Immediately on his arrival in New York he was made cashier in D. M. Peyser's store in that city. He held this position some years, and was then engaged in the manufacturing of show cases until 1851. In that year he returned to London, England, and entered the employ of his stepfather, with whom he learned the curled-hair business. After becoming thoroughly skilled in this, he returned to the United States in 1852 and established on Pecks Slip, New York City, a factory for carrying on the business he had just learned. Some time after this he became acquainted with Edwin Gilbert, of Georgetown, Conn., and becoming interested in the factories at Georgetown he transferred his business from New York to that point. He has since resided there, and for forty-three years he has figured quite conspicuously in the social, business and public affairs of the village and county. He is extensively and favorably known throughout this section of the country. Before the Civil war he was a member of the Eighth Regiment New York Washington Grays. During the war he was major of the 23d Conn. V. I., and served upward of one year. He has served four years as justice of the peace, and at the present time he holds a commission as notary public. He is secretary and treasurer of the school district; is vice-president of the Fairfield County National Bank at Norwalk, and is vice-president and secretary of the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company, of Georgetown. Mr. Miller is a stanch Republican, and was instrumental in organizing the first Republican Club of Georgetown during the Fremont campaign. In 1881 he was elected to the General Assembly from Fairfield county, and served one term with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. Mr. Miller is a staff officer in the Putnam Phalanx, of Hartford, which was organized in 1858. He is a member of James E. Moore Post No. 18, G. A. R., of Danbury, also of the Army and Navy Club; fraternally, he affiliates with Ark Lodge No. 39, F. & A. M., of which he has been secretary for the past twenty-nine years; is a member of Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, and of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, of Bridgeport. In his religious views he is an Episcopalian.

In 1855 Mr. Miller was married to Miss Catherine Welling, who was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1833, and coming when a child to New York City. The children born to the marriage are: (1) Samuel J., born November 18, 1856, received a good common-school education, and in boyhood learned the wire business. Beginning at the "bottom round," he was steadily advanced from one position to another until he became director and superintendent of the company's works at Georgetown, Conn., and Chicago, Ill. He served five years as regimental clerk to the Connecticut National Guard. In his religious affiliations he is a member of the Episcopal Church of Wilton, of which he is treasurer. He married Miss Esther A. Cannon, of Cannon Station, a daughter of Charles Cannon, of the town of Wilton, and had two children—D. Henry and Mary C. (2) Mary C. married Joseph A. Gray, a prominent lawyer of Norwalk, and they have six children. (3) David H., Jr., is engaged in the oyster business at Norwalk. He is vice-president and treasurer of the Raymond & Comstock Hat Mnfg. Company, and interested in the Blacking Cabinet Manufactory, both of South Norwalk. He is a member of the Old Well Hook and Ladder Fire Company of South Norwalk. He married Miss Josephine Getler, and they have one child. (4) Catherine W. is at home. (5) LOUIS P. MILLER was born April 10, 1865, at Georgetown, received his education in the village schools, and by his own efforts has worked his way up to the very creditable position he now occupies—that of assistant superintendent of the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company, of Georgetown. He is a member of Ark Lodge, No. 39, F. & A. M., of Georgetown, of Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., and of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, of Bridgeport, also of Pilgrim Lodge, I. O. O. F.; of Ridgefield. He married Miss Etta Bates, daughter of Seth P. Bates, of Kansas, but formerly of Redding, Conn., and they had one child that died in infancy. (6) Charles J. is still single, and is the manager of the Chicago store for Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company. (7) Julius W. learned the machinist's trade, and established himself in that business at South Norwalk. He is unmarried. (8) Sarah J. is also single. She is a graduate of the South Norwalk High School (having been valedictorian of

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her class), also of the State Normal School, and is now engaged in teaching in the schools of Stamford, this county. (9) Bessie E. graduated from the South Norwalk High School, and was also valedictorian of her class; later she was graduated from the State Normal School; she is now teaching in the schools of Stamford.

HON. MOSES SHERWOOD. This well-known agriculturist is a worthy representative of one of the oldest and most highly esteemed families of this county, and many of its members for several generations past have made their home on Sherwood's Island, in the town of Westport. He is a direct descendant of Thomas Sherwood, who came from England in 1634, settling in this county, the line of descent being traced through Thomas (2), a son of the pioneer; Samuel; Daniel; William; Daniel; and Silas B. Sherwood, our subject's father.

Daniel Sherwood, our subject's grandfather, was born in the town of Fairfield, but settled in early manhood upon Sherwood's Island, then a wilderness. He married Catherine Burr, of the town of Westport, and had ten children, all now deceased: Ebenezer, a miller and farmer in the district of Compo, town of Westport; Catherine, who married Ebenezer Diamond, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a merchant and shipowner; Eunice, wife of Ephraim Barr, a farmer of Fairfield township; Daniel, a farmer in Westport; Abigail, who died in infancy; Abraham, a merchant at Westport, who also ran a "market boat;" Silas B., our subject's father; and Francis, Frederick and Franklin (triplets), who were sea-faring men.

Silas B. Sherwood, the father of our subject, was born on Sherwood's Island, January 29, 1805, and followed farming there throughout his active life. Politically he was a Democrat, and in religious faith he was a Congregationalist. His death occurred at his home on Sherwood's Island, May 8, 1861, and his wife, Anna Coley (Taylor), daughter of Jessup Taylor, of Westport, died February 4, 1861. Our subject was the youngest in a family of four children, the others being: Silas B., Jr., who died December 8, 1896, was a farmer by occupation, and was a leading Democrat of the town of Westport, serving many years as judge of probate, and representing his town ably in the State Legislature. Jessup T., who was also a farmer, died at the age of thirty-two years. Catherine S. married William Burr, a farmer of Fairfield township, and is still living.

Moses Sherwood was born May 16, 1839, at the old homestead on Sherwood's Island, and has always resided in that locality. He is a progressive and enterprising farmer, planting mixed crops, and making a decided success of fruit raising. Like others of his family he takes an influential part in local affairs, and he has many times been elected to office on the Democratic ticket. In 1883 and 1884 he served as a representative in the Legislature, discharging the duties of the position with fidelity. He and his family are identified with the Congregational Church at Westport, Conn. On December 11, 1862, he married Miss Eliza F. Andrews, daughter of Ebenezer T. Andrews, of Easton, this county, and three children have blessed the union: Henry M. died January 20, 1896; M. Wesley assists in the management of the homestead; and Anna T. is at home.

WILLIAM HENRY HOLLY, well-known in Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., as the bookkeeper of the Stamford Savings Bank, is a descendant of a family that has been identified with Stamford since 1642. Three brothers of the name of Holly came to New England in 1625 in the "Mayflower," this being its second trip.

Nathan Holly, great-grandfather of William H., was born in Stamford, and on October 11, 1763, married Hannah Jager, by whom he had three children, namely: Isaac, Sarah (born May 7, 1766), and Nancy. Isaac Holly was born in Stamford May 26, 1768, and died January 26, 1827. He was first married to Levina Bishop, by whom he had nine children, and by his second wife, Elena Bishop, he had five.

George Talbot Holly was born March 6, 1822, in Stamford, where he passed his youth and early manhood. On October 4, 1852, he wedded Sarah J. Kellogg, daughter of Martin Kellogg, and in 1854 they removed to Missouri, where they resided some eighteen years, Mr. Holly engaging in mercantile business. After returning to Stamford he carried on merchandising in partnership with Alex. J. Holly, in 1884 retiring from active life. He passed away May 4, 1897, leaving three children—Charles Frederick and George T., living in New Mexico; and William Henry, whose name introduces this sketch. The youngest child, Isaac, died in infancy. During the Civil war Mr. Holly served the Union as a member of the 41st Mo. V. I., of which regiment he was quartermaster. Many years ago he was captain in the local military organization in Stamford. He was a member of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church of Stamford, and, fraternally, belongs to Union Lodge, F. & A. M.

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William Henry Holly, named for his uncle, who established the Stamford *Advocate*, the first newspaper published in Stamford, was born March 3, 1859, at Savannah, Andrew Co., Mo., and there received his early education. After the family returned to Stamford, he attended high school here, and then commenced clerking in the grocery business, at which he was employed altogether for about seventeen years. During this time he was in the employ of Frederick H. Ayres, Ferris & Nolan and Hale & Totter, wholesale dealers in New York City. In 1889 he formed his present connection with the Stamford Savings Bank, and has held the position of bookkeeper there ever since, giving entire satisfaction in this capacity. His stability and trustworthiness have been marked characteristics of his service, and he is greatly respected by all his associates, in either business or private life.

Since 1888 Mr. Holly has been a member of the Connecticut National Guard, and he has been prominent in the affairs of his regiment. On July 19, 1892, he was made regimental inspector of rifle practice, with the rank of captain, and on January 9, 1897, he was promoted to the position of brigade inspector of small arms practice, and ordnance officer on the staff of the brigadier-general, with the rank of major. In fraternal connection, he is a member of Union Lodge, F. & A. M., Stamford; of Stamford Council No. 999, Royal Arcanum; and of Puritan Lodge, No. 43, I. O. O. F. He is a member of the common council of the city of Stamford (1899–1900). In matters of religion, he unites with St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church at Stamford.

GEORGE IRVING, secretary of the Sewing Machine Cabinet Company, of Bridgeport, is one of the successful business men of that town, and is also prominent in municipal affairs, being an able and faithful champion of the interests of the people.

Born March 28, 1850, in Albany, N. Y., Mr. Irving is a son of George and Mary (Gulley) Irving, both now deceased. His father, who was a carriage-body maker by trade, was a native of Dublin, Ireland, but was of English ancestry, while the mother was born in Devonshire, England. They were married in this country, and for some time resided in Albany, whence they removed to Bridgeport. They had two children: George, our subject; and a daughter who died in infancy.

Our subject was two years old when his parents made their home in Bridgeport, where his education was obtained. On leaving school he went to New York City, and for about sixteen years was employed as a shipping clerk by A. T. Demarest & Co. and John C. Ham. In 1882 he returned to Bridgeport, and he has since been connected with the Sewing Machine Cabinet Company in a responsible capacity. Politically, he is a Republican, and he has always taken keen interest in the questions of the day. At times he has been chosen to office by his fellow-citizens, and at present he is serving as alderman from the Tenth district of Bridgeport. In 1883 he married Miss Anna T. Harvey, daughter of William H. Harvey, of New York, and they have one son, Harvey C. Mr. Irving and his wife are held in high esteem among the people of Bridgeport, and he is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church.

CHARLES OLMSTEAD, an industrious and popular agriculturist of the town of Redding, Fairfield county, near Branchville, is a native of the county, born February 5, 1822, and received his education at the common school of the locality.

For a trade Mr. Olmstead learned shoemaking, but did not follow it long, and when he was twenty-three years old he commenced peddling, a vocation that gave him a good deal of experience in various parts of the country, especially in the South, where he sold goods for some time. Later he became traveler for the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company, of Georgetown, Conn., and with that firm remained some fifteen years, at the end of which time, in company with Sturgess Bennett, he embarked in a general store business at Georgetown, which partnership was dissolved after three years. Mr. Olmstead next took up the timber business, but gave that up after ten years; and it may here be mentioned that at one time he carried on a butcher market at Georgetown. Purchasing his present farm near Branchville, he has since carried it on successfully.

During the Civil war Mr. Olmstead enlisted, in 1862, in Company E, 23rd Connecticut Regiment, and served one year. In religious faith he is a member of the M. E. Church, with which he united sixty years ago, has held all the offices in same, at the present time is trustee and steward, and for many years was superintendent of the Sabbath-school. Politically he is a zealous Republican, originally a Whig, and cast his first vote for Fillmore; among other offices held by Mr. Olmstead was that of assessor of his town.

In 1844 our subject married Miss Elizabeth Fillow, who was born at Redding, in May, 1825,

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a daughter of Joseph Fillow, a farmer of that town, and three children were born to them, to wit: Charles O., a brief notice of whom follows; Laura A., wife of Charles A. Jennings; and Clarence L., married to Flora Dyckman. Of these, Charles O. was born in the town of Redding, studied medicine, graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York, and became an expert surgeon, with practice at Cross River, N. Y. He was president of the New York Medical Society, and was a prominent Freemason. He died in March, 1893; his widow is yet living; no issue.

Abram Olmstead, father of our subject, was born in the town of Wilton, and was a lifelong farmer. By his wife, Rachel St. John, he had children: John, married a Miss Lockwood; Charles is our subject; Jane is the wife of Ezra Bronson; and Julia married Andrew Raymond.

Nathan Olmstead, grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Wilton, Fairfield county, and was also an agriculturist all his days, owning a large tract of land on Olmstead Hill, in the town of Wilton. He was a member of the Congregational Church, and one of the most highly respected citizens in this part of the State. He married a Miss Middlebrooks, and had five children: Nathan, who never married; Aaron, who wedded a Miss Scribner; Abram, father of our subject; Hannah, who never married; and Polly (Mrs. Keeler).

REV. GEORGE W. NICHOLS, D. D., the well-known clergyman and author, who is now living in retirement in Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn., was for many years prominent in the work of the Episcopal Church in this State. His family became identified with the county at an early date, and his grandfather, Ephraim Nichols, who was born in the town of Fairfield, did gallant service as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, taking part in several battles, including that of White Plains. By occupation he was a farmer, and his remains are interred at Greenfield Hill. He married Miriam Bradley, and they had one daughter, Ellen, who died young, and four sons, of which our subject's father, Rev. Samuel Nichols, D. D., was the third in order of birth. The eldest, Capt. Charles Nichols, was a farmer at Greenfield Hill, where his death occurred. William and Bradley H. were also successful agriculturists in this county, and the former was for many years a justice of the peace.

Rev. Samuel Nichols, D. D., was born in the town of Fairfield, and grew to manhood on the old homestead at Greenfield Hill. He completed his education at Yale College, graduating in 1811, and for some time he had charge of an academy at Herkimer, N. Y., where he met and married Miss Susan Warner, daughter of G. J. Warner, and granddaughter of George Warner, a native of England. This family was prominent in Revolutionary times, some of its members being active in the cause of freedom. Soon after his marriage Rev. Samuel Nichols, D. D., removed to Bedford, Westchester Co., N. Y., where he remained twenty-three years as rector of St. Mathew's Episcopal Church, but his last years were spent at the old home at Greenfield Hill. His wife died in New York State. They had nine children, of whom our subject was the eldest; Effingham H., formerly a lawyer in New York City, is now living in retirement; William, who is also retired, was a real-estate dealer in New York City; Samuel and John are engaged in agriculture in Fairfield county; Alexander R. T., a resident of Greenfield Hill, is a leading politician of this section, and has served as a member of the State Legislature; Charles is deceased; Maria and Susan are still living, and the latter has gained fame both as an artist and writer.

The venerable subject of these lines was born May 12, 1817, in Fairfield, Herkimer Co., N. Y., and was a child when his parents removed to Bedford. After completing a course in Bedford Academy he entered Yale College, where he was graduated in 1835, and he then went to New York City to take a course in the Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, on graduation, in 1837, being ordained as a clergyman. He had charge of various parishes in this State during his active career as a minister, and he retired about twenty years ago, making his permanent home in Norwalk, where he purchased a pleasant residence, calling his home "Waldegrave Cottage," after the Earl of Waldegrave, from whom he is descended. In the course of his life he has made many choice friends, one of the earliest and most intimate being Chief Justice John Jay. He has been married twice, but both wives have passed to the unseen life, leaving no children to brighten his home. A highly cultured mind and scholarly habits enable Mr. Nichols to make his leisure pass pleasantly, and his pen has been used to good purpose on different topics. He has published several volumes: "Letters from Waldegrave Cottage;" a volume entitled "Miscellaneous Sermons" (a valuable addition to literature); "Memories of Childhood," and "Fragments from the Study of a Pastor," all of which have added to the reputation of the

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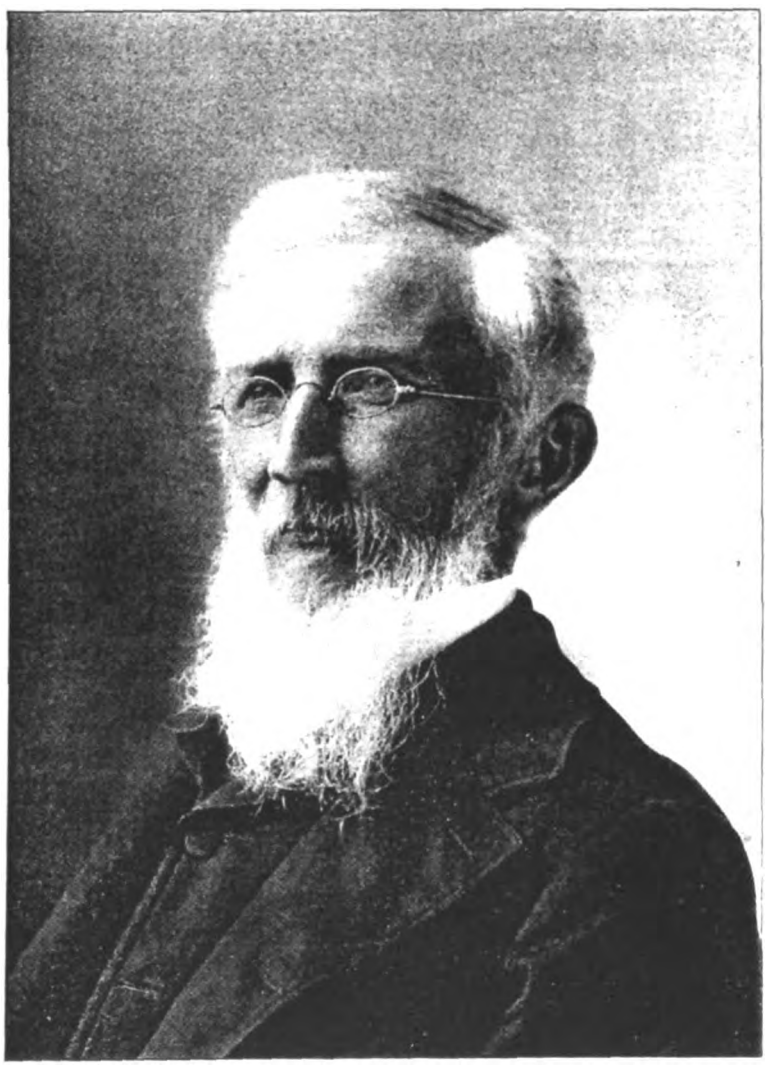

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author as a writer and scholar. His "Letters from Waldegrave Cottage," many of which were originally published in Frank Leslie's "Sunday Magazine," edited by Dr. Talmage, have attracted special attention, and at the time of their appearance in book form were warmly welcomed, especially by those who were familiar with the persons and places described, though the book also won many admirers by its high moral tone and the scholarly touches which give it a permanent value as a work of literature. Mr. Nichols having had the rare pleasure of being a friend of the first chief justice of the United States, his reminiscences of him and other noted persons of his acquaintance, delightfully mingled with historical recollections and interesting descriptions and full of admirable moral lessons, lends a peculiar charm to the work, which affords much food for thought to the careful reader.

From an article in *The New York Church Press* March 6, 1886, we excerpt the following: "The aim of the author has been to afford interest and to do good. In this he has succeeded remarkably well. His topics are varied and diversified, blending personal reminiscences with social questions, ecclesiastical relations and theological discussions, whilst the style throughout is simple and ornate, at once captivating and instructive. The writer enunciates sound views and imparts useful information, and his 'Letters from Waldegrave Cottage' will be prized by those who know Mr. Nichols as a gift of friendship, and by those who read them for their own merit as the outpouring of a scholary mind and a generous soul."

The Church Record, published at Southport, Conn., said: "The author's extensive acquaintance with men and affairs for more than a generation past enables him to weave together facts of the present with reminiscences of the past. Great men in the Church's story, who appear to us of the younger generation to belong to an age long past, are to the writer's mind but a step removed from the present. Of them, and of events that now make history, of scenes and customs which in our swiftly changing social life have already become matters of bygone days, he speaks with the power of an eye-witness, and gives an air of reality to his notes and observations. Mingled with these remarks upon men and events (that belong to the best class of pleasant gossip, which is never improper, and always increases our knowledge of human life) are other letters that deal with deeper and holier themes of the Christian faith, reverently, and yet in the same friendly and conversational manner. Altogether this volume belongs to a class of literature that is too little cultivated to-day, and may be read with pleasure and profit during many a leisure hour."

CATHARINE STURGES, who departed this life April 5, 1897, in Wilton, was a highly esteemed member of one of the well-known families of Fairfield county, Conn. She was born November 29, 1816, and received a good education, in part at the public schools of her town, in part at Olmstead Academy, in Wilton, under the preceptorship of Hawley Olmstead, L. D. She attended the services of the Episcopal Church at Wilton, in which town she passed all of her long and useful life. She was possessed of a keen and vigorous mind and sound judgment.

Miss Sturges was one of the seventh generation from (I) John Sturges (or Sturge), who married Deborah Barlow, and died November 24, 1686, aged sixty-two years; they had a son (II) Jonathan, born about 1652, who married Susannah Banks, and died November 29, 1711; they had one son (III) Peter, who married Hannah Jennings, and died May 6, 1757, aged seventy-three years; they had a son (IV) Daniel, baptized February 3, 1713, who on November 5, 1741, married Mary Beers, and died January 29, 1773; they had a son (V) Daniel, who was the grandfather of the subject of this memoir.

(V) Daniel Sturges, born October 15, 1745, in the town of Greenfield, Conn., received his education in the public schools of the locality. During most of his lifetime he followed agricultural pursuits, and he was remarkable for his great physical strength. In the war of the Revolution he was a patriot soldier, and was present at the battle of Valley Forge. He married Miss Naomi Bradley, and their children were as follows: Joseph, who married Amelia Ogden; Samuel, who married Mary Hurlbut; (VI) Erastus, father of our subject; and Increase. After the death of his wife, Naomi, he removed to the West, having married a second time, and having children by this marriage also, about whom little is known.

(VI) Erastus Sturges, born in 1779, in the town of Greenfield, Conn., attended the public schools of his neighborhood, then living in his boyhood with a Mr. Finch, of Wilton, the ancestor of Frank and Henry Finch, of Wilton. In 1833 he left a farm on "Dumpling Hill," near Cannon, having purchased near Wilton Centre what is now known as the Erastus Sturges Homestead, and there passed the rest of his days, dying January 20, 1846. He was a well-informed man, self-educated and self-made. Politically,

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he was a Whig, and was honored as few men of his day and age were with election to numerous local offices of trust, such as selectman of his town, justice of the peace, and judge of his county, being well-known in Connecticut at the beginning of or early in the present century. Moreover, he served as a member of the State Legislature thirty-three years, being elected consecutively for twenty-two years. He was a born leader of men, one of the most influential in his town, and was possessed of undoubted integrity, a trait transmitted to his children. He married Miss Abigail Sturges, who was born February 4, 1788, daughter of Ezekiel and Hannah (Morehouse) Sturges, of Wilton, the former of whom was one of the largest landholders in the eastern part of the town. By this union there were children as follows: Henrietta, who was born December 22, 1804, and died January 4, 1824; Isaac Morehouse, born July 6, 1807, and died October 30, 1877, and Aaron Bradley, born in September, 1809, neither of whom married; Mary, born April 16, 1812, married George A. Davenport, and died March 1, 1884; Angeline, born November 29, 1816, and died in 1877; and Catharine, the subject of this sketch.

Isaac Sturges, brother of Miss Sturges, was born at Wilton and there educated, attending the school of Hawley Olmstead. Later he studied law in Norwalk, Conn., and was admitted to the Bar in 1837. For some time he practiced his profession at Newtown, later removing to Bridgeport, where he followed his profession some thirty years. He became a very prominent man in his profession, and enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him.

Aaron Sturges, the other brother, was always a farmer. He died suddenly August 7, 1856, at at the age of forty-seven years. Tradition tells of his remarkable memory. Angeline, the twin sister of Catharine Sturges, was a most generous, unselfish woman, possessed of high practical ability, and was much esteemed and beloved by all who knew her best.

WESLEY L. CLARK, secretary and treasurer of the Derby Silver Company, was born October 24, 1857, and is a son of Joseph M. Clark, whose sketch is embodied herein. In the Derby or East Side public school he received a good academic education, and after leaving school entered the Derby post office as clerk, remaining there ten years, acting as clerk, however, only during the first year, the other nine years being assistant postmaster. This period of ten years ended September 1, 1882, and he was then employed as bookkeeper for the Derby Silver Company, which position he retained until he was elected secretary and treasurer of the company, at its annual meeting in 1889, and this position he has filled ever since. Mr. Clark has been successful in whatever he has undertaken, and is one of the prominent younger business men of the town. He is a member of Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., of Derby, and of the Derby and Shelton Board of Trade. As a Republican, Mr. Clark has always been interested in the success of the party, and while not a member of any Church, yet contributes toward the support of and attends the Congregational Church of Shelton. He is secretary and treasurer of the South End Land Company, director in the Shelton Savings Bank, and in the Shelton Building and Loan Institution.

Mr. Clark was married, in 1879, to Ida M. Rockwell, daughter of Lorenzo Rockwell, of Derby, Conn., and has two sons, viz.: Walter R. and Earnest W.

Besides Wesley L., Joseph M. Clark and wife had the following children: Howard E., born August 21, 1859, now a pattern-maker of Middletown, Conn.; Myrtie M., born August 21, 1861, married to Noyes D. Baldwin, a liveryman of Derby, Conn.; Joseph L., born in 1864, now a burnisher in the Derby Silver Company's factory; and Bessie S., born in the year 1875, living at home. Joseph M. Clark was a joiner by trade, and was in the employ of the Derby Lumber Company from the time he learned his trade until July, 1896, a period of forty-five years. While not actively engaged in political affairs, yet he has always sympathized with and aided the Republican party, in his own quiet way. He is an attendant of the Congregational Church, and an excellent citizen in every sense of the word.

Following is a brief ancestral history of the Clark family, which will be found of more than ordinary interest: George Clark, the planter, with his wife, Sarah, and two children, emigrated from England to America in the year 1637, in company with John Davenport and his congregation, from Kent and Surrey, near London, together with several other parties of wealth and respectability, the whole forming a considerable colony of persons, who early in the year 1637 left England to escape persecutions on account of their religious belief, to take up their abode in the New World. They landed at Boston, Mass., where they remained about one year; but for several reasons Mr. Davenport and his companions decided to leave Boston and to make their permanent settlement at New Haven, Conn., then

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known by the Indian name of Quinnipiack. They sailed from Boston March 30, 1638, and reached Quinnipiac in about two weeks.

In the year 1639 a part of Mr. Davenport's congregation, including George Clark (1), removed from New Haven and settled at Milford, then known by its Indian name of Wopowage, it being about ten miles westerly from New Haven. George Clark (1) continued to reside at Milford during the remainder of his life. He was a "free planter" and a man of considerable property and influence. He was many times a deputy or representative from Milford to the general court of New Haven and Connecticut, the two colonies being separate and distinct until their union May 11, 1665, under the name of Connecticut. He died in 1690 at about eighty years of age, leaving a good estate. His wife, Sarah, died July 19, 1689. They had nine children.

George Clark (2), third son of George Clark (1) the planter, was born at Milford, New Haven county, Conn., the Church records at Milford showing that he was baptized April 30, 1648. He resided in Milford until his death, which occurred in the year 1734. He was much esteemed and respected. His wife was Deborah, daughter of Nathan Gold, and by her he had four children.

George Clark (3), the youngest son of George Clark (2), was born at Milford, Conn., in the year 1686, and was baptized September 26, but the precise date of his birth is not known. He was married to his wife, Mary, probably in the year 1722, continuing to reside at Milford until his death, which occurred in the year 1762. He had six children—three sons and three daughters.

Hezekiah Clark, first son of George Clark (3), was born at Milford, Conn., in the year 1723. He was married about the year 1746 to Mary Peck, of Bethany, New Haven county, Conn., purchased a farm in Bethany, and lived there after his marriage until 1776. In that year he entered the Revolutionary army, and while in the service of his country was attacked by malignant dysentery, of which he died the same year at the age of fifty-three. He had thirteen children. Aaron Clark, third son of Hezekiah Clark, was born at Bethany, September 30, 1758. He married Elizabeth Fowler, of Orange, and continued to reside at Bethany until the spring of 1809, when he removed to Orange, in the same county, where he died May 7, 1848. His wife Elizabeth died May 11, 1862, at the advanced age of ninety-seven years. They had six children.

Aaron Clark, Jr., son of Aaron Clark, and grandson of Hezekiah Clark, was born November 10, 1796, at Bethany, Conn. He married Lovisa Merrick early in 1819, and afterward lived at Orange, Conn., where he died in 1886. His wife Lovisa died there January 6, 1873, at the age of seventy-nine. They had eight children. Joseph M. Clark, son of Aaron and Lovisa Clark, was born September 11, 1831. He married Julia Ann Riggs, and now lives in Derby, Conn. A brief account of his life has already been given.

Edward Riggs, the head of the Riggs family in this country, came from England and settled at Roxbury, Mass., early in the summer of 1633. He had a wife and two sons and four daughters, his son, Edward, being about twenty years of age. Within three years of his arrival he buried his wife, his son John, and two daughters. Edward Riggs (2), son of Edward (1), married Elizabeth Roosa in 1635. In 1637 he was a sergeant in the Pequot war, and greatly distinguished himself in rescuing his commander and twelve of his companions from an ambuscade, and was afterward known as "Sergeant Riggs." Nothing further is known of him until 1646, when he settled at Milford, Conn. In 1654 he, with Edward Wooster and perhaps one or two other families, settled at Paugasuck (afterward Derby)—Wooster by the side of the river where Derby village was established, and Riggs on the hill a mile east, where his descendants have until recently resided and held property. The house of Edward Riggs stood by the rock a few rods west of the present house, a Mr. Finney being the present owner. This first house was the one where Whalley and Goff, the judges of Charles I, took refuge in 1661, as recorded by President Ezra Stiles in his history of those celebrated and honored men. In being the protectors of those refugees the Riggs family will bear lasting honors by true lovers of constitutional liberty.

Edward Riggs being one of the company which purchased the claims of Mr. Goodyear to Paugasuck lands in 1653, made his choice of a farm before any division of the lands was made, and secured a beautiful location and good land. Here he remained until 1666, when he became one of the planters of Newark, N. J. His wife Elizabeth was the only woman there the first summer. His children, except Samuel, removed with him. Samuel Riggs, son of Edward Riggs, married (first) Sarah, daughter of Richard Baldwin, of Milford, June 14, 1667, and settled on his father's homestead, which he probably inherited. He married (second) Mrs. Sarah Washburn, May 6, 1713. He was a man of great ability and business capacity, and was honored to the end

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of his life. He was a representative for several years, made justice of the peace and served in many other offices. He built the first house in Seymour, and gave to his son at that place 200 acres of land with houses and other comforts, in 1708. He was made ensign in the train band in 1790, and always thereafter bore that title. He had nine children.

Capt. John Riggs, son of Samuel Riggs, married Elizabeth Tomlinson, February 23, 1700, and lived on his father's homestead, which the father had deeded to him at the time of his death, September 24, 1755, when he was seventy-eight years of age. He was a man of solid worth, honored in many offices, and was commissioned captain in 1722; was appointed by the State one of the commissioners to divide Woodbury into two societies in 1723; was appointed on a committee of seven for the State to investigate the question of the "western lands," made a report in May, 1731, according to which five towns were laid out—Colbrook, Hartland; Winchester, Barkhamsted; Torrington, New Hartford and Harrington. He had five children. Lieut. Joseph Riggs, son of Capt. John Riggs, married Mabel Johnson, February 20, 1740.

The next in line was Joseph Riggs, born July 20, 1746, and died May 15, 1822. He married Elizabeth Johnson, who was born March 14, 1753, a daughter of Joseph Johnson. His second son, Ranford Riggs, was born in 1783, and died April 10, 1832. He married Deborah Baldwin, who was born in 1782, and died in 1868. She was a daughter of Dr. Silas Baldwin, of the Revolutionary army. His son, John S. Riggs, born in 1805, died in 1870. He married Maria Pardee, who was born in 1812, and died April 3, 1850. Their daughter, Julia Riggs, born December 18, 1832, married Joseph Clark, born September 9, 1831.

LEWIS FAMILY. Edmund Lewis and his wife Mary, the former aged, at the time, thirty-three years, the latter aged thirty-two years, with their two children embarked April 10, 1634, on the good ship "Elizabeth" (Capt. William Andrews), at Ipswich, England, and arrived in Boston some time during the following June. Rev. John Sherman was a passenger on the same vessel. Edmund Lewis and his wife first located at Watertown, Mass., whence they removed, in 1643, to Lynn, in the same State. Edmund was admitted a freeman at Watertown, May 24, 1636, and was one of the selectmen of the place, 1638. He died at Lynn, January, 1651; Mary, his wife, died September 7, 1658. Their children were: John and Thomas, both born in Ipswich, England, the former in 1631, the latter in 1633; James, b. in Watertown, Mass., January 15, 1635–36; Nathaniel, b. in Watertown, August 25, 1639; an infant (unnamed), b. in Watertown, October 27, 1642, buried November 6, 1642; and two b. in Lynn, Mass. (unnamed), in 1645 and 1648, respectively.

WILL OF EDMUND LEWIS, OF LYNN, MASS.

Lini the 18th of the 11th mo. 1650. Memorandum that I, Edmund Lewis, beinge sick and weake but of perfect remembrance, doe make and confirm this my last will and testament as followeth:

First, my will is that my land at Watertown shall be soald and that my eldest son John Lewis shall have a double portyon, and the rest of my children namely the five youngest to have every one of them a licke portyon of my Estate. Secondly, my deare and loveing wife to have the third of all my whole Estate. Thirdly, I desire that my wife may have a cow over and above towards bringinge upe of my youngest children. Fourthly, my desire, my wife to be my whole executor to dispose of my body and goods according to my will. Fifthly, My request to my son John is to give his Mother a Cow to help her towards the bringinge upe of my Youngest children. Sixthly, my request to my Son Thomas Lewis is to give his Mother halfe of his Sheepe to help her as aforesaid. Seventhly, My desire and meaninge is that the Cow I ask for of John and the Sheepe I ask of Thomas is of them that they now have in their possession. Also my request is to Thomas Hastines to be my supervisor to assist my loveinge wife. (Signed) EDMUND LEWIS.

(Signed) JOHN DEAKIN,
EDWARD BURCHAM.

This will was brought into Court the 25th 12th Mo. 1650–1, and Edward Burcham Sworne to the truth of it, and the Court ordered that the children shall have their several porcyons paid them at the age of twentie and one years." [Lewisiana, November, 1895, Page 72.]

Benjamin Lewis, the settler at Stratford, Conn., is supposed to be the child born in Lynn, Mass., 1648, of Edmund Lewis (and his wife Mary), the settler at Lynn, Mass. In 1669 Benjamin Lewis was one on a list of forty persons to help to establish a village at Wallingford, Conn. By the New Haven Colony. ["Lewisiana," February, 1897, Page 115—(By Helen Perry Maxwell, New York City). "On the records at New Haven, Conn., there is no mention of Benjamin Lewis, in the County Court Records, and but one in the Colonial. This made March 17, 1686–87, commencing 'The lands of Benjamin Lewis sometime planter and inhabitant of Wallingford as they are recorded to him——'. Evidently a man of wealth as there were nine parcels of land, and the records cover a whole page in the book."]

Benjamin Lewis was a surveyor in 1673 in Wallingford, and came to Stratford about 1677. The following year the Congregationalists commenced building a new church, which was com-

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pleted in 1681. Benjamin asked to be employed thereon, as he was a carpenter. They asked for his recommend, and he, taking off one of his buckskin gloves, placed it upon one of the timbers that were scattered around, and holding a stick of wood on the glove made with a broad-axe a wooden pin without in the least cutting the glove. Benjamin Lewis married Hannah, daughter of Sergeant John Curtis and Elizabeth Welles, in 1671.

James Lewis received his commission as captain, October, 1717, copy of which follows:

BY HIS HONOUR'S COMMAND.

Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq: Governor and Commander-in-Chief of His Majestie's Colony of Connecticut, in New England. To James Lewiss, Gent. Greeting.

You, being by the General Assembly of this Colony, accepted to be Captain of the Second Company or Train-band in the town of Stratford. Reposing Special Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and good Conduct. I do by Virtue of the Letters, Patents from the Crown of England to this Corporation, me thereunto Enabling, Appoint and Impower you to take the Said Train-band into your Care and Charge, as their Captain—Carefully and Diligently to Discharge that Trust, Exercising your Inferior Officers and Soldiers in the use of their Arms, and Commanding them to Obey you as their Captain—for His Majestie's Service. And you are to observe all Such Orders and Directions as from Time to Time you Shall receive either from Me or from other, your Superior Officer, pursuant to the Trust hereby Reposed in you. Given under my Hand and the Seal of this Colony in New Haven---the 26th Day of October---In the fourth Year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George, King of Great Britain, &c. Annoque Dominni, 1717.

(Signed) G. SALTONSTALL.

James Lewis, son of Capt. James Lewis and his wife, Hannah Judson Lewis, m. December, 1730, Naomi Sherman, daughter of Nathaniel Sherman, son of Samuel the settler, and who, after death of James Lewis, became the widow of Timothy Sherman. She d. January 27, 1797. He was living April 4, 1763. James Lewis (2), d. before Aug. 8, 1764, and Naomi Sherman Lewis m. Timothy Sherman, of Old Mill Green, who d. Jan. 5, 1789. Timothy Sherman and Naomi Sherman Lewis Sherman are buried in the Episcopal cemetery. James Lewis and Naomi, his wife, were Episcopalians.

Benjamin Lewis (1) was living in 1714, and is thought to have been living in 1718. In 1680 he bought of Nathaniel Foote his house and lot, represented in 1898 by the ground occupied by the Stratford Library building grounds, and it is thought by some that the land extended north to the highway directly south of the present Congregational church and west to the swamp.

[One account says: Benjamin Lewis came to Stratford in 1667–68, and bought of Nathaniel Foote what is now (in 1898) the Sterling property, but which did not extend south of the Congregational cemetery roadway. He was in Wallingford in 1669–1675, and was in Stratford in 1677, and in 1710 sold his Stratford house and land to the Congregational Society for Rev. Timothy Cutler.]

Children of Benjamin Lewis, the settler at Stratford, Conn., and Hannah Curtis, his wife (b. February 16, 1654, d. October 21, 1728); John b. September, 1672, in Wallingford, Conn.; Mary, b. November, 1674, in Wallingford, Conn., married in 1679 Samuel, grandson of Thomas Fairchild, the settler; Capt. James, b. 1677, in Stratford; Edmund, b. 1679, d. 1757, aged seventy-eight years; Joseph, b. 1683, m. Phebe Judson, daughter of Capt. James Judson (d. 1757–8); Hannah, b. 1685, m. Joseph Jones, 1705; Martha, b. 1691, m. James Judson, son of Capt. James Judson; and Benjamin, b. 1696, m. Sarah DeForest.

Capt. James Lewis, son of Benjamin, the settler, m. November 11, 1702, Hannah, daughter of Capt. James Judson and his wife, Rebecca Welles, daughter of Thomas Welles (2), and widow Hannah Pantry, who was daughter of William Tuttle and wife Elizabeth, (first) settlers at New Haven, Conn., in 1639. Thomas Welles (2) was son of Governor Thomas Welles, of Hartford and Wethersfield, Conn. Capt. James Lewis d. January 20, 1766; his wife Hannah (Judson) d. July 2, 1756, and they are buried in the Episcopal cemetery at Stratford. ["In the Congregational cemetery at Stratford is a gravestone on which is inscribed: 'Here Lyes the Body of Capt. James Judson, Esq.' (the father of Capt. James Lewis' wife")—Mrs. Helen Perry Maxwell, in "Lewisiana."]

The children of Capt. James Lewis and Hannah Judson, his wife, were: John, b. Dec. 20, 1703, m. Sarah Sherman; Mary, b. May 18, 1706, m. Rev. John Goodsell; James, b. Oct. 12, 1708, m. Naomi Sherman; David, a graduate of Yale College, b. June 5, 1711, m. Phebe Curtis, 1734; Ephraim, b. 1718, m. Sarah Everett (lived in Huntington); Abigail, b. 1722, m. Nehemiah Beardsley.

James Lewis (2) m. Naomi Sherman December, 1730. He died before August 8, 1764, but was living April 4, 1763. Naomi d. Jan. 27, 1797. Their children were: Rachel, b. March, 1732–3, m. Nathaniel Wheeler in 1755; George (a shoemaker and a high Whig), b. March, 1734–5, m., 1758, Mary, daughter of Elnathan Wheeler; James, b. 1740, m. Sarah Lewis, daughter of Rev. Thomas Lewis and Joanna, daughter of David Booth, of White Plains, Trumbull; Eli (a cabinet maker), b. Jan. 19, 1738, d. Dec. 24, 1818, m. Naomi Walker, daughter of James Walker and Jerusha (Nichols) Dec. 6, 1764; Elizabeth, b. Aug., 1746, m. 1770 Benjamin Brooks;

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Abigail, b. Sept., 1754, m. Mr. Peet; James Lewis (3) m. about 1771–72, Sarah Lewis, daughter of Rev. Thomas Lewis and Joanna (Booth); James (3), died Aug. 13, 1779, and is buried in the Episcopal cemetery; his wife Sarah died Dec. 15, 1844, and is buried in Union cemetery.

Eli Lewis (1) (above), son of James (2) and Naomi (Sherman) Lewis, had by his wife Naomi (Walker) the following children: Jerusha, b. Oct. 12, 1765, d. Nov. 10, 1796, m. John Booth, Jr. (their daughter, Lucy Booth, m. Ira Curtis, of Bridgeport Point, whose son, Lewis Curtis, resides in Bridgeport). Jeames Walker, b. Oct. 16, 1767, d. May 11, 1772. Hepzibah, b. May 22, 1772, m. Elam Wooster, of Huntington; she d. March 18, 1855. Eli Walker, b. Jan. 21, 1776, sketch of whom follows:

Eli Walker Lewis (above) m. Rebecca Curtis Dec. 24, 1801. She was b. Aug. 7, 1771, a daughter of Silas Curtis and Hannah (Birdseye). A brief record of their children is as follows: Jerusha, b. Nov. 22, 1802, m. Levi Curtis, Jr.; Mary Eliza, b. Dec. 3, 1803, m. Jesup Banks; Eli, b. Jan. 19, 1806, is spoken of more fully farther on; and Harriet, b. May 20, 1809, d. Dec. 29, 1853. The mother of these died Jan. 30, 1823, the father on Nov. 20, 1858. He was a farmer and school teacher; was selectman 1824 to 1831; representative 1842–1843; warden of Episcopal Church for more than forty years. The following copy of resolution speaks for itself:

STRATFORD, April, 1849.

Mr. Eli Walker Lewis: Sir: At a meeting of the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, Stratford, held at the house of Samuel C. Nicoll on Monday evening April 16, 1849, the following vote was passed unanimously: Voted, That the thanks of the Wardens and Vestry of this Church be given to Mr. Eli Walker Lewis for his devoted and faithful services, as Warden of said Church for more than forty years, and the assurance that in his retirement from said office he carries with him the best wishes of the Society for his temporal and eternal welfare.

(Signed) On behalf of the Wardens and Vestry,
CLAUDIUS B. CURTIS,
Clerk of the Episcopal Society, Stratford.

Silas Curtis, of Oronoque, Stratford (bapt. June 14, 1743), m. Hannah Birdseye, February 17, 1765; she was born Dec. 15, 1746, a daughter of Rev. Nathan and Dorothy (Hawley) Birdseye. Rev. Nathan Birdseye, b. Aug. 8 (Lords Day at noon, and one week after Queen Anne's decease), 1714 (son of Joseph Birdseye and Sarah Thompson), m. April 17, 1739, Dorothy, daughter of Rev. Thomas Hawley, first minister of Ridgefield, Conn. Dorothy Hawley was b. February 27, 1719–20; he d. Jan. 28, 1818, aged 103 yrs. 5 mo., 9 days.

Rev. Thomas Hawley (Ridgefield), m. Abigail (Madam Hawley, as she was called), b. 1687, daughter of Deputy Governor Nathan Gold, of Fairfield, Conn., and Hannah Talcott, daughter of Lieut-Col. John Talcott, of Hartford, Conn. She died April 17, 1749, aged sixty-four years.

Deputy Governor Nathan Gold, of Fairfield, Conn., son of Major Nathan Gold and Martha, widow of Edward Harvey, m. December 8, 1663, Hannah, daughter of Lieut-Col. John Talcott, of Hartford, Conn., and Helena, daughter of John Wakeman, first treasurer of the New Haven Colony.

Lieut.-Col. John Talcott, of Hartford, Conn., son of John and Dorothy (Mott) Talcott, m. Helena Wakeman, daughter of John Wakeman, of New Haven, and Elizabeth Hopkins. John Wakeman, b. 1601, m. in Worcester, England, in 1629, Elizabeth Hopkins.

John Wakeman, first treasurer of New Haven Colony, was son of Francis Wakeman, of Hereford, England, who m. Anne Goode, in 1589. Francis Wakeman d. September, 1626. Anne, his wife, died January, 1621.

Major Nathan Gold, came from St. Edmonsbury, England, to Fairfield, Conn., and was an early settler there 1644–49; he m. Martha, widow of Edward Harvey; he died March 4, 1693–4.

Rev. Nathan Birdseye, Oronoque, Stratford, was a son of Joseph Birdseye (who was b. Feb. 22, 1681–2, d. June 25, 1757); he m. Sarah, daughter of Ambrose Thompson and Sarah, daughter of John Welles (1) and Elizabeth Bourne. Joseph Birdseye was son of John Birdseye, Jr., and Phebe, daughter of William Wilcoxson; he m. June 10, 1708, Sarah, daughter of Ambrose Thompson; she d. May 3, 1726; he d. June 25, 1757. John Birdseye, Jr., m. Dec. 11, 1669, Phebe, daughter of William Wilcoxson, b. about 1650; he d. 1697, aged fifty-five years; she died September 20, 1743, aged ninety-two years. Deacon John Birdseye (1) came to America in 1636, came to Wethersfield, Conn., where he m. Phillipa, daughter of Rev. Henry Smith. He came to Stratford about 1649 and d. April 4, 1690.

Rev. Thomas Hawley, of Ridgefield, who m. Abigail Gold, was son of Lieut. Joseph Hawley, of Northampton, Mass. Rev. Thomas Hawley was first minister of Ridgefield, and town clerk; was son of Lieut. Joseph Hawley, of Northampton, Mass., teacher, preacher and "trader," b. 1654, m. Lydia (b. Feb. 13, 1656), of Windsor, Conn., daughter of Capt. Samuel and Mary (Wilton) Marshall. Lieut. Joseph Hawley was son of Thomas, the settler at Roxbury, Mass., and Mrs. Dorothy (Harbottle) Lamb. Lieut. Joseph Hawley (b. 1654) was son of Thomas Hawley, the settler at Roxbury, Mass., who m.

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(first) Emma, who d. Nov. 29, 1651, and m. (second) Mrs. Dorothy Harbottle, widow of Thomas Lamb; she died 1699; he d. April 21, 1676.

Eli Lewis, b. Jan. 19, 1738, son of James Lewis (2) and Naomi Sherman Lewis, m. Naomi (b. Feb. 13, 1744), daughter of James Walker and Jerusha Nichols, daughter of Richard Nichols, December 6, 1764.

James Walker, b. July, 1715, brother of the Hon. Robert Walker, and son of Deacon Robert Walker, m. Jan. 4, 1738–9, Jerusha, daughter of Richard and Comfort (Sherman) Nichols; she was b. March 27, 1717, and d. July 8, 1803; he d. June 9, 1796. James Walker was a justice of the peace many years. [Mr. Orcutt, the historian of Stratford, was positive that Comfort Sherman was a daughter of Theophilus Sherman; he said a deed owned by Nichols family proved it.]

Comfort Sherman was a daughter of Theophilus Sherman, who was a son of Samuel the settler and his wife Sarah (Mitchell), who was daughter of Matthew and Susan (Butterfield) Mitchell, the settler at Stratford.

Deacon Robert Walker, b. May, 1668, son of Joseph, m. Aug. 1, 1695, Ruth (b. Aug. 31, 1667, daughter of Deacon Timothy Wilcoxson and Johannah, daughter of John Birdseye, Sr.); he died in 1743, his wife in 1769, aged ninety-five years.

Joseph Walker, b. in Boston, July, 1646 (son of Robert Walker, of Boston, Mass.), came to Stratford when a young man, and in 1667 m. Abigail, daughter of Rev. Peter Prudden, first minister of Milford, Conn.; he d. in November, 1687; she d. in 1717.

Robert Walker, said to be of Scottish descent, born in 1607, was a weaver from Manchester, Lancashire, England. He came to Boston, Mass., where he united as a member of the Church in 1632, and was one of the founders of the "Old South Church" in 1669. He died May 29, 1687; his widow, Sarah, died December 21, 1695.

Rev. Peter Prudden, first minister of Milford, Conn., married Joanna Boyce, of Edgeton, Yorkshire, England. They were married just before they left England. He was a Church of England clergyman, and preached in Herefordshire, England. They came in the ship "Martin," or "Hester," which sailed before April 30, 1637, and arrived in Boston June 26, 1637. He brought with him, to Milford, people from Wethersfield, Conn., who were from the County of Essex, England. Rev. Peter Prudden and Gov. Edward Hopkins came together to New Haven, Conn., and later Rev. Peter Prudden settled in Milford, where he died in July, 1656. His widow, Mrs. Joanna Boyce Prudden, married (second) Capt. Thomas Willett, who was prominent in the Plymouth Colony, and after his death she married (third) Rev. John Bishop, another of the pulpit lights of Massachusetts and Connecticut. Rev. Peter Prudden left a large estate for those times, appraised at nearly one thousand pounds, while there was a landed interest in England valued at thirteen hundred pounds.

Jerusha Nichols, daughter of Richard and Comfort (Sherman) Nichols, married James Walker January 4, 1738–9. Richard Nichols, born November 26, 1678, son of Isaac Nichols (second) and his wife (supposed to have been) Mary (Beach) Nichols, married June 3, 1702, Comfort Sherman, daughter of Theophilus Sherman. Isaac Nichols (second), born March 12, 1654, married (probably) Mary Beach (born September, 1656, married 1675); Mary Beach was (probably) daughter of John Beach, the settler.

Isaac Nichols (1) b. in England, m. Margery Washborne, and died in 1695. Isaac Nichols (1) was son of Sergeant Francis Nichols, one of the first settlers in Stratford in 1639. He m. his wife in England, and is supposed to have been an older brother of Sr. Richard Nicoll, first Governor of New York.

Silas Curtis, who m. Hannah, daughter of Rev. Nathan Birdseye, was son of Stiles Curtis (b. March 18, 1708) and his wife Rebecca Judson (b. 1710), daughter of Capt. Joseph Judson and Hannah (Hawley) (b. October 13, 1689, daughter of Capt. John Hawley and his wife Deborah Pierson, who were married April 23, 1686).

Capt. Stiles Curtis (b. March 18, 1708) was son of Ephraim Curtis, who was b. December 31, 1684, m. June 26, 1707, Elizabeth Stiles (b. February 18, 1687, m. November 7, 1730).

Sarah Lewis, who m. James Lewis (3) (b 1740), was b. 1750, and m. about 1771–2. She was b. in Bethlehem, N. J., daughter of Rev. Thomas Lewis and Joanna (Booth). Rev. Thomas Lewis, a Congregational clergyman, b. in Waterbury, Conn. Aug. 6, 1716, graduated from Yale in February, 1741. He preached on Long Island, and in several towns in New Jersey, and died at Menaham, N. J., Aug. 20, 1777.

Rev. Thomas Lewis was son of Joseph Lewis (a cloth merchant of Waterbury, Conn.), who d. Nov. 29, 1749, leaving an estate inventoried at over 5,628 pounds.

Elizabeth Stiles was daughter of Ephraim Stiles (b. Aug., 1645) and Batshebah (Tomlinson), who was daughter of Henry Tomlinson,

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the settler of Milford and Derby, Conn. Ephraim Stiles was son of Francis Stiles (who was son of Thomas and Maria Stiles) b. in Milbroke, Bedfordshire, England; bapt. Aug. 1, 1602, Bedfordshire, Eng. He emigrated to America and settled at Windsor, Conn., 1635. Some time previous to his coming to America he had been a master-carpenter and a citizen of London.

ELI LEWIS, son of Eli Walker and Rebecca (Curtis) Lewis, was born January 19, 1806, at the old home in Stratford, and throughout his life he was engaged in farming there. On December 22, 1842, he married Miss Elizabeth Lewis, daughter of James Booth Lewis. She was born December 8, 1818, and died December 26, 1897; his own death occurred January 1, 1891. As a citizen he was highly esteemed. He and his wife attended the services of the Episcopal Church. Their three daughters, Harriet Eliza, Lizzie Florence and Mary Louise, now occupy the old homestead, a fine estate, a portion of which came into the possession of the Lewis family as early as 1764.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis was a native of Stratford, and was a great-granddaughter of James Lewis, who married Naomi Sherman, from whom our subject also traced his descent. James Lewis (2), the grandfather of Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, married Sarah Lewis, daughter of Rev. Thomas Lewis, a Congregational minister in New Jersey, and granddaughter of Joseph Lewis, a wealthy resident of Waterbury, Conn. They had several children, of whom James Booth Lewis was the only one to live to maturity. He was born in Stratford in 1780, and died September 22, 1822; m. June 1, 1799, Mary Beardsley, born February 18, 1780, also a native of Stratford, and died March 25, 1857. They had a large family of children, of whom the eldest, Curtis, born July 11, 1800, died in Atlanta, Ga., June 19, 1882. His daughter Elizabeth married J. B. Sargent, of New Haven. His wife, Jane (Collier), of Georgia, died in 1861. (2) Sarah, born March 29, 1802, was married in 1826 to Isaac Brooks, and died October 17, 1881. Her husband died November 3, 1888. (3) George, born November 23, 1803, married Delia Smith, of Milford, Conn., and died at Woodstock, N. Y., September 15, 1874; their son George is in Flushing, L. I. (4) James, born November 10, 1805, married Nancy M. Matthews, of New Haven, and died in Stratford October 3, 1871; one of their sons, James, lives at Jamaica, L. I. (5) Isaac, born August 26, 1807, died February 2, 1892, in New York City. He married Mary Wallace, of that city, who died November 17, 1891. Their children: Mary Jane married Joseph W. Sanford, of Plainfield, N. J.; Sarah E. married Frederick Martin, of Crawford, N. J.; and Amelia married Albert Drake, of Westfield, N. J. (6) Mary Ann, born May 24, 1809, died July 17, 1887. She was married April 14, 1828, to Job Peck, who died January 24, 1842. (7) Rebecca, born September 11, 1810, died August 14, 1890; she was married April 8, 1834, to Freeman Stagg, who died May 6, 1890. (8) Edward, born May 3, 1812, died December 12, 1889; he married Lucy M. French, of Huntington, who was born December 27, 1814, and is still living. (9) Elbert, born April 16, 1815, died in New York City, April 28, 1835, from smallpox. (10) Maria, born January 10, 1817, was married in the spring of 1843 to Simon Tomlinson, who was born April 11, 1820, and died February 11, 1891. (11) Elizabeth (Mrs. Eli Lewis) was the next in order of birth. (12) Henry, born April 17, 1820, died June 22, 1885; he married Caroline Coles, of Flushing, L. I., who died January 28, 1891. (13) Catherine, born April 17, 1822, married Nathan Curtis, and died July 22, 1889, at Kingston, N. Y.; for his second wife Nathan married, January 19, 1891, Maria Peck, daughter of Mary Ann Lewis (6), who m. Job Peck. Charles H. Peck, a successful lawyer and Judge of Probate for Stratford, is a grandson of Mrs. Mary Ann Lewis (6) Peck and her husband, Job Peck.

In the early part of the eighteenth century Mr. George Muirson, the Episcopal clergyman at Rye, in the Province of New York, escorted by his friend, Col. Caleb Heathcote, of the Manor of Scarsdale (who went fully armed, and had their saddlebags well filled with books which they scatered among friends of the Church of England in Connecticut), made several journeys to that State and preached in Stratford. This was the beginning of the Episcopal Church in this town which, from a few members who had belonged to the Church in England, in time increased to goodly numbers. Among those who early joined the Episcopal Church about 1741 was Capt. James Lewis, followed in succession by his descendants in the male line to the last Eli Lewis, who have all, according to their means, supported the Church. To be a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church (the Church of England in those times) meant hardship and persecution from the Congregational Church (the Established Church of New England), of which the present generation have little idea. Magistrates sometimes stood in the streets, and, in the name of the law, forbade the people to attend the

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services of the new denomination. Documentary History of the Protestant Epicopal Church of the United States of America states, that at various times "Episcopal families could obtain no employment, and consequently vacated the town." The Venerable Society in England for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, generously assisted the Church here ih response to many and repeated petitions from Churchmen in great need of the Church and its services, who had for long periods felt the great deprivation of its benefits. Previous to the war of the Revolution the Church in Stratford had so many times received such substantial aid from the Mother country through the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts that the Church of England adherents, as a rule, felt deeply grateful for its fostering care and protection, and when the British Colonies in America rebelled, Churchmen generally sympathized with the King, deeply appreciating the innumerable benefits received. Eli Lewis, born in 1738, with his brother James, was among those who having been brought up to attend the services of the Church were among those who remained faithful adherents to their King. They were peaceful citizens, not riotous, disapproving of war, but they lived up to their convictions, and their sympathies continued with the King, for whom on each Sabbath their prayers had ascended to the thone of the King of Kings. James Lewis died during the Revolutionary war; during his last sickness he desired his brother Eli Lewis to watch nights with him, but when Eli, anxious for his recovery, attempted to visit and care for him, those in authority would not permit him to do so for fear of conspiracy against the Patriot cause. Stirring times were those! Neighbor arrayed against neighbor, brother against brother. A party of men were one night sent to arrest Eli, but his wife, Naomi (Walker) Lewis, daughter of James Walker and niece of Hon. Robert Walker, put her head out of an upper window and so eloquently expressed herself to her neighbors and former friends that they, with crestfallen mien, precipitately beat a retreat, never to return. Tradition says that in the latter part of the war Eli Lewis paid a substitute to fight in his stead for the Patriot cause. Eli Lewis (born 1806) was about one year old when, in 1807, the famous snowstorm arrived, which Peter Parley describes as "famous because there had never been such an one before, and there has never been such an one since." His father taught school in Oronoque that winter, going back and forth each day on horseback, but this night, and until the snowstorm was over, was unable to reach home. His mother, with three little children and the daughter of Mr. John Lewis, her neighbor, were snowbound. When the storm abated a path was tunneled across the street for the young lady to return home. Such a storm was not remembered by the oldest inhabitant in this part of the world, until on March 12, 1888, the "Big Blizzard" arrived. Eli Lewis lived to see it, and hoped never to see another.

His early days were remote from our times: the hugh fireplace with immense sticks of wood, the wool and linen raised and spun on the farm, the horseback rides in his mother's arms on the pillion back of his father's saddle, and later, when eight years old, sent on horseback with a grist of rye or corn to the mill a mile and a half away. In course of time his father purchased a red lumber-box wagon and also a "one-hoss chaise." Lumber-box wagons were very scarce in those days, and were in great demand to borrow for a funeral, which were lent in those primitive times as a neighborly kindness. The remains, at time of funerals, had previously been borne on men's shoulders. Mr. Lewis, when a young man, furnished his own horse in front of this wagon several times, and drove the remains of various neighbors to the burying place (this wagon on these occasions preceding the hearse of more modern times). This assistance given one's neighbors was voluntarily bestowed in the same spirit as one in these times might send flowers as an act of sympathy and helpfulness. About 1827 to 1830 the price of a day's labor for a man and yoke of oxen for ploughing were seventy-five cents for the man, and the same price for the use of the oxen—the board of man and team not included. A Yankee shilling (sixteen and two-thirds cents) was the price for weaving a yard of linen. In those days of long ago Mr. Lewis, when young and strong, thought nothing of furnishing the timber from his own land and putting in small bridges on the highways, the cross-roads, when it was for the convenience of himself and the general public, without expecting or receiving compensation; he also in the same manner many times on the traveled highways, did labor much exceeding the amount of his tax. About 1848–49 he, with the gentlemen of the immediate neighborhood—the Wilcoxsons, Judsons, Lewises and Curtises—gave a day in a public-spirited manner, dug the elm tress, chiefly donated from Capt. Stiles Judson's land, planted them on Paridise Green for the enjoyment of their posterity and the world of fifty years later. On the site of his grandfather's house on the hill overlooking Long Island Sound, on June 11,

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1842, Mr. Lewis' own dwelling house was raised, an old-fashioned raising when the neighbors from quite a distance were invited to assist in raising the timbers cut on the farm; it was a very cold, chilly day; the men wore their overcoats and needed them, for it snowed that afternoon. The company, after the house-raising, went to his father's house for refreshments—cake, home-made cheese and cider—where they warmed and rubbed their chilled hands over the fire on the hearth. It was nothing uncommon to see a dozen Indians around this locality, peddling their baskets, afterward becoming happy from too copious use of fire-water, and, later, quarrelsome. The Pann tribe of Indians lived in the vicinity. Mr. Lewis was educated in the public and private schools of the town; in politics was a Whig, later a Republican; for a time he was a member of the vestry of Christ Church.

The following account of a visit to New York, City in 1823, shows the wide difference between then and now in invention, progress and population. Saturday after Thanksgiving, 1823, a party of young men from Stratford and Huntington took a trip to New York City with Capt. Levi Wheeler on his coasting vessel, which was carrying down a cargo of wood and flax-seed, while the passengers took with them quite a supply of Thanksgiving goodies. The party was composed of the following gentlemen: Isaac Wells, Charles Curtis, Walker Curtis, Selim Booth, Sydney Lewis, Willis Curtis, John Wilcoxon, Levi Curtis and Eli Lewis, of Stratford, with Edwin Shelton, Newton Shelton and Sydney DeForest, of Huntington, Conn. After a fair voyage the city was reached in a little more than twenty-four hours, and there they took in the sights for about eight days, leaving for home on the second Tuesday. It was quite warm weather, and they greatly enjoyed the society of several of their former fellow-townsmen and school mates who had a year or two previously gone to New York to earn a livelihood, hoping to make their fortunes. These former Stratford boys were Isaac Lewis, James Langdon Curtis, Frederick A. Benjamin and Alfred Fairchild. A young man named Hyde, from Huntington, had made a home for himself in the metropolis. The New York boys cordially welcomed their guests from Connecticut, and according to their ability entertained them. William A. Booth took Selim Booth and Eli Lewis to Chatham Theater one evening, while the other boys had some other plans and place in view. Of these New York young men—former Stratford residents—Alfred Fairchild died while quite a young man, Isaac Lewis, Frederick A. Benjamin, William A. Booth and James L. Curtis lived to old age and amassed large fortunes. Mr. Hyde, formerly of Huntington, lived many years in comfortable circumstances. It is supposed that William A. Booth and James L. Curtis are yet (1899) living. Most of the Stratford gentlemen above mentioned lived to a good age, and died in comfortable cirumstances.

Mr. Lewis possessed a remarkable memory for ancient events and dates, together with a great taste for reading, and enjoyed the leading magazines of the day, reading without spectacles until rather more than a year previous to his decease. The last paper he read was the Bridgeport *Weekly Standard*, nineteen days before his death. This paper stated that the Bridgeport Horse Railway Company had obtained a charter to extend its roadway to the Congregational church in Stratford.

The Lewis race from which Mr. Lewis sprang is an honorable lineage (whether tracing back across the ocean to a long line of kings, as is claimed by some, or of a more humble race), and his descendants are more proud of the near-ancestry—parents—grandparents and great-grandparents of the Lewis family—than of any other race to which they belong, no matter how illustrious. They trace back to Colonial ancestry, to Loyalist also, in company with many of those who belong to early New England settlers; on the side of both grandmothers to ancestry that gives entry to the Daughters of the Revolution,-on one side through Abraham Beardsley, a great-grandfather of Mrs. Lewis, and on the other side through Rev. Nathan Birdseye, great-grandfather of Mr. Lewis, who held a civil office—a government appointment—during the war of the Revolution, that entitles to membership. Mr. Lewis and his ancestors did well for the times in which they lived. They builded well for posterity.

GEORGE H. WHITE, a highly respected citizen of Danbury, Fairfield county, is now enjoying in well-earned leisure the rewards of many years of toil. He was born September 6, 1820, in Hindon, England, where his father, John V. White, and grandfather, John C. White, were well-known residents.

John V. White was born January 5, 1788, and married Miss Penelope Norton, a native of England, born October 15, 1788, a daughter of Thomas Norton. They had ten children, of whom six died in England in childhood or infancy. The others—John, Charles, George H. and Eliza—came to America, our subject and his brother Charles being now the only survivors.

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In 1837 John V. White crossed the ocean with his wife and family to seek a new home in the United States. He was a landscape gardener and, finding in the wealthy and cultured residents of this section most appreciative employers, he located at Danbury, Conn., where he and his wife lived to the advanced ages of eighty and seventy-four years, respectively, Mr. White dying September 19, 1868, and Mrs. White on October 8, 1862.

As George H. White was but a lad when he came to Danbury, his education was continued there in the common schools, which he attended in the evenings, his days being spent in working with his father. In 1840 he left the paternal roof and went to New York City, where for twelve years he was engaged in the painting business at the corner of Eighth avenue and Twentieth street. On returning to Danbury in 1852, he established himself in a house and sign painting business, which he continued successfully until his retirement in 1889. For about eight years he was interested also in photography, in which he had a fine custom. He has acquired a goodly competence, and owns a number of houses in the city of Danbury, while his own residence, at No. 103 Rose Hill, Danbury, is a beautiful place, the grounds, comprising about two acres, showing his artistic taste in arrangement. The fine large trees were planted by his own hand, and the beautifying of the place has been a pleasant occupation for his spare time for many years. When he purchased the property in 1851 it was a farm, his house being the only one within some distance, but it is now in the city, and is built up closely with residences. Nearly all the large trees on the hill were planted by Mr. White, and he has straightened and opened streets through his property, being ever ready to do all in his power to improve and beautify, not only his own place, but the neighborhood in general. The interior of his house is adorned with numerous oil paintings of considerable merit, the work of his own hand.

Mr. White has been twice married. His first wife, Caroline Michaels, daughter of John and Amelia Michaels, of New Hurley, N. Y., died in April, 1874, leaving one daughter, Caroline, who married William Jacobus, a hardware merchant at No. 90 Chambers street, New York City; they have one child, George Richard Jacobus. In 1882 Mr. White married Miss Anna M. Ritch, and by this union he has one son, George Ritch, who is still at home. Mr. White is a member of the Episcopal Church; his wife is a Methodist. In politics he is a Republican, and for many years he has been prominent in fraternal society work, being one of the oldest members of Union Lodge, No. 40, F. & A. M., at Danbury. He was also active at one time in the I. O. O. F., but the lodge to which he belonged surrendered its charter, and he did not again join the Order.

HERMAN SELLECK (deceased) had lived on his farm in the town of New Canaan, Fairfield county, for half a century, and his father and grandfather also carried on agricultural pursuits in that town, where the family have been well-known for the last century.

Jacob Selleck, grandfather of Herman, was born in the town of Stamford, of Welsh ancestry, and early removed to New Canaan, being a resident of Canoe Hill when the town was organized. He was a prominent member of the Episcopal Church at Norwalk, in which he served as vestryman. For his first wife he married a Miss Fitch, of Norwalk, and after her death he wedded her cousin, also named Fitch.

Samuel Selleck, son of Jacob, was born in Carter Street, in the town of New Canaan, where he was reared, acquiring his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. Under his father's guidance he was early instructed in the science of agriculture, to which he devoted his time, farming on the paternal homestead until 1836, when he sold it to Stephen Hoyt, the nurseryman. Removing to Orleans county, N. Y., he spent his remaining days there, passing away in 1840 when a comparatively young man. He married Ann DeForest, who survived him many years, dying in New Canaan in 1872. They were the parents of ten children, namely: Caroline, Charlotte, Herman, George, Charles, Julia, Mary, Benjamin, William and Eliza, all of whom are now deceased.

Herman Selleck was born in 1823, in Carter Street, town of New Canaan, on the family homestead occupied by his father and grandfather. His early boyhood was passed there, and for about five years he lived in Orleans county, N. Y., whither his parents had removed in 1836. He lived on his late farm from the year 1841, with the exception of one year spent in Morris, Ill., and his entire life was devoted to farming, in which he met with encouraging and well-merited success, acquiring, by years of industrious toil, a fine farm and a comfortable home. He did not give much attention to outside affairs, but he served acceptably for one term as assessor of his town. Socially, he was affiliated with the Grange, and in religious faith he was a member of the M. E. Church. He passed from earth about 1897.

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Mr. Selleck was married at Darien, Conn., to Miss Adeline M. Hoyt, daughter of Rufus Hoyt. There have been no children. Rufus Hoyt was born in Darien, a son of Thaddeus Hoyt, and passed his entire life in the town of his birth, engaging during his active years in farming. He married Sarah E. Reed, and of the ten children born to them we have the following record: Louisa Rebecca (Mrs. Charles Rogers) is living in Danbury; Frances Elizabeth lives in Darien; Thaddeus married a Miss Hutchins, and lives in Darien; Adeline M. is the widow of Herman Selleck; Sarah Jane makes her home in Darien; John Woolsey, Oscar Rufus and Edward Mortimer are deceased; Mary Virginia lives in Darien; and Charles Reed is a resident of Norwalk.

HON. JULIUS B. CURTIS, of the Fairfield County Bar, is a well-known resident of Stamford. He has for many years been one of the leading members of the Bar, a fact which alone gives abundant proof of his ability and high character.

The family of our subject is of English origin, and they have a coat of arms, the right to use which was confirmed in the time of Charles I. The first ancestor of whom we find a definite account was Capt. William Curtis, who came to America from England at a very early date with a brother John, and settled at Stratford, Fairfield Co., Conn. He became prominent among the pioneers of that locality, and was sent to represent them in the Colonial Assembly twelve times. His military title was gained by his appointment as captain of forces raised for service in King Philip's war, and to serve against the Dutch at New Netherlands, with power to appoint his inferior officers,

Capt. Josiah Curtis, the next in the line of descent, was born in Stratford, and engaged in farming there. He served in the militia in his day, and was also active in political movements, being elected in 1716 as a member of the Assembly.

Benjamin Curtis, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of Stratford, but made his home in Newtown, where he followed agricultural pursuits during his later years. He too was a member of the General Assembly.

Benjamin Curtis (2), our subject's great-grandfather, was born in Newtown, and resided there throughout his life. He served as selectman of the town. He married (first) Fedima Nichols, and (later) wedded Mary DeVine.

Philo Curtis (a son by the first wife, Fedima), grandfather of Hon. J. B. Curtis, was a lifelong resident of Newtown, where he died in 1818. He was an influential citizen, an Episcopalian in religion, a Federalist in politics, and for many years he held the office of selectman of his town. His wife, Huldah (Hubbell), was a native of Weston, Fairfield county. They had eight children: Nichols, our subject's father; Carlos, who went west to reside; Huldah, who married M. C. Hatch, of Oxford, Conn.; Fedima, wife of Thomas Beers; Polly, wife of John Glover; Betsey, who married Amariah Beers; Philo, a resident of Newtown, and Julia, who never married.

Nichols Curtis was born September 27, 1784, in Newtown, and was educated there in the district schools and at a private school taught by Capt. Luther Harris. Throughout his life he followed farming as an occupation, occasionally teaching, and until 1822 he resided at the old homestead in Newtown. Like all of his family he was a public-spirited citizen, and although he did not aspire to political honors he took much interest in a quiet way in local affairs, being especially active in the cause of education and in religious work as a member of the Episcopal Church. He died April 20, 1852, and his wife, Sarah Ann Bennett, who was born June 4, 1786, the daughter of Amos Bennett, of Newtown, survived him a little over six years, breathing her last on October 30, 1858. Our subject is the younger of two children: The elder, Charlotte Nichols, married Monroe D. Downs, of Southbury, Conn., and died in 1881.

Hon. Julius Bolivar Curtis was born December 10, 1825, in the town of Newtown, where his youth was spent. His education was begun in the public schools of the locality, and he also attended the Newtown Academy and a private school of academic character for short periods. These opportunities were not sufficient for his wishes, however, and he is largely indebted to private reading and study for his wide range of information. His professional studies were begun in the summer of 1846 with Hon. Edward Hinman, of Southbury, and afterward continued under Isaac M. Sturges, Esq., then of Newtown, and Hon. Amos S. Treat. Later he entered the law school at Ballston Springs, Saratoga Co., N. Y., where he spent the summer of 1850. In the same year he was admitted to practice at the December session of the Fairfield county court, and in the following summer he opened an office at Greenwich, this county, where his worth was speedily recognized, aud rewarded by a fine practice. In the fall of 1864 he removed to Stamford, and has since continued in practice there. In 1867 he was elected judge of the probate court for the district of Stamford, and he

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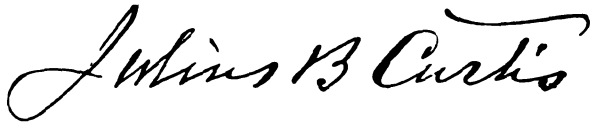

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held this position for three years, by successive re-elections. He was also judge of the borough court of Stamford (now the city court) from April 1, 1887, to April 1, 1893. Judge Curtis has always been noted for his keen insight into the the facts of a case, and his positive and independent character is demonstrated by his fearless championship of principle, and his unwillingness to follow the lead of others blindly.

Mr. Curtis' first Presidential vote was cast for Van Buren in 1848, as he was an ardent believer in Free-soil principles, and although his early affiliations had been with the Whig party he joined heartily in the movement that resulted in the formation of the Republican organization. In 1858 he was elected senator to represent the Twelfth Senatorial District in the General Assembly, and in 1860 he was re-elected to that position. During the latter year he also served as an *ex-officio* member of the corporation of Yale College. His sound judgment, his wide knowledge, and his public spirit made his political career a notable one, and in every post he displayed a rare perception of duty.

On October 30, 1854, Mr. Curtis married Miss Mary Acker, daughter of Peter and Mary Acker, of Greenwich, this county. Two children were born of this union: Sarah, on March 9, 1866, and Louis J., on March 11, 1869. The mother of these died February 20, 1884, and on May 11, 1886, the Judge married Mrs. Alice (Kneeland) Grain, daughter of Mr. Henry and Mrs. Margaret Kneeland, of New York City, and widow of Mr. Francis H. Grain. Judge Curtis has two children by his first wife, viz.: Sarah L. Curtis, and Louis J. Curtis, a practicing lawyer, and clerk of the city court of Stamford.

HIRAM WARREN, M. D. (deceased). Descended from Revolutionary stock, and a soldier himself, was the late Dr. Hiram Warren, at the time of his death one of the older members of the medical profession in Fairfield county. He was born in the town of Patterson, Putnam Co., N. Y., August 7, 1828, a son of Rev. John Warren, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church at Carmel, New York.

Rev. John Warren was born in Ulster county, N. Y., a son of William Warren, who came to this country from Glasgow, Scotland, with an uncle who was a colonel in the British army. Not having an all-absorbing passion for things British, and having the inherent Scotch love of liberty, this William Warren deserted his uncle and joined the ranks of the Continental army, where he remained until the close of the war. He died at the age of ninety-seven. Rev. John Warren was a resident of Ulster county until he entered the ministry, when he was called to Carmel, N. Y., where he was pastor of the Baptist Church for thirty years. He married Desire Grant, of Ulster county, and to this union came twelve children, as follows: Anna Bell, Rev. John, Jr., Jonathan, Mary Hill, Olive Buckley, and Euphemia, all deceased; David, of Carmel; Solomon, deceased; Hiram, our subject; Levi (deceased), who was a surgeon in the army; Eliza Fols, of Yonkers, N. Y.; and Maria Shrive, also of Yonkers. The father of this family died at Danbury at the age of eighty-seven years.

Hiram Warren attended the common school at Carmel, and on acquiring all the knowledge to be obtained in the district schools, he engaged in teaching while preparing for college. He graduated from Madison University and from the medical department of New York University. Entering the Union army as surgeon, he went on the Banks expedition to Louisiana, but during his service he was thrown from a horse and injured so severely that he was mustered out of service. He then settled down to private practice at Hamburg, New London Co., Conn., where he remained until 1865. His spine having been injured by his fall, he decided that to engage in active practice would result in entirely undermining his health, so he accepted the principalship of Walkill Academy. Later he was superintendent of schools at Middletown, N. Y. In 1885 he moved to Danbury, Conn., and after a five-years' residence in that city he came to Brookfield. He died April 1, 1897.

At Middletown, N. Y., Dr. Warren was married to Mary E. Bennett, and by this union he became the father of two sons: John W.; and Levi G., who is with the Western Electric Company, New York City. Dr. Warren was at one time a member of the F. & A. M., and during his college days was one of the workers in the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, of which he was president. In religious faith he was a Baptist, an active member of a number of religious societies, and in former years he had been superintendent of Sunday-school.

PHILIP J. JONES. The good will of one's neighbors is popularly regarded as an evidence of worth, and this venerable and kind-hearted gentleman, of whom every one speaks well, is in all respects deserving of the esteem in which he is held in his community.

Mr. Jones is of Irish birth and parentage, and his family has long been identified with

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County Kildare, Ireland. Samuel Jones, the father of our subject, was born in that county, and became a successful farmer there, making a specialty of raising cattle. He also operated a gristmill for many years, but late in life he came to America, locating upon a farm at Hawley, Penn., where he died May 26, 1860. His wife, Mary (Henderson), of County Dublin, Ireland, died in the old country in 18—. Of their large family of children five lived to maturity: Charles, a farmer by occupation, died in Cincinnati, Ohio; John was a butcher in Stratford, Conn.; Philip J. is the subject proper of this sketch; Eliza, who married Thomas Spooner in Ireland, did not come to America; and Harriet, the youngest, did not marry.

Our subject was born November 14, 1821, at the old home in County Kildare, Ireland, and remained upon the farm until he reached the age of eighteen, his education being obtained in the local schools. In 1839 he came to Connecticut, and after making a short stay in Stratford he settled in Bridgeport, where he was employed about fifteen years by the Hart & Calhoun Co., manufacturers of harness and saddles. While there he married Miss Isabella Bradley, daughter of John Bradley, a well-known resident of Bridgeport. Removing later to New Jersey, he spent a year upon a farm, and he then went to Hawley, Penn., where his first wife died. About 1856 he came back to this county and purchased a farm, which he soon sold, and in 1858 he took possession of his present homestead, a fine farm of 250 acres near Shelton. All of the improvements upon the place have been made by him, as the land was in a primitive condition when he bought it, and his handsome residence was built in 1870. His barns and other farm buildings are models, and the roads and fences about the place are kept in admirable repair. His attention is largely given to the raising of blooded horses and cattle, and at one time he rented three or four other farms in the vicinity in order to carry on that business more extensively. He is an excellent business man, and has met with good success financially. In politics he is a Democrat, for two years he held the office of township assessor, and he has also taken an active part in educational affairs in his locality, being always ready to aid in any worthy movement. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian.

After the death of his first wife Mr. Jones married Miss Sarah G. Booth, of Bridgeport, daughter of David Booth, a prosperous farmer of Trumbull township. She died in Huntington, and he afterward married Miss Fannie Tyrrell, of Roxbury, Conn. He has had four children, of whom three are living. Of the two children by his first marriage, one died in infancy at Hawley, Penn.; and Eliza is now the wife of Theodore Hubbell, a farmer of Huntington township. By the second marriage there were also two children: William, who is a farmer at the homestead, was married in 1881 to Miss Teresa Hubbell, daughter of Charles Hubbell, of Huntington; and Sarah, who married James Stone, a corset manufacturer at Aurora, Illinois.

WILLIAM GREENE BROWNSON, M.D., who died at Noroton of pneumonia, January 3, 1899, was the resident physician and surgeon of the Connecticut Soldiers' Home at Noroton, and ranked among the leaders of his profession in this country, his numerous articles in the medical journals of the day having won for him a wide reputation as a scientific observer in professional lines.

Doctor Brownson was born August 6, 1830, at Fenner, Madison Co., N. Y., and belonged to a well-known family, his uncle, Hon. Greene C. Bronson, having been chief justice of the New York Supreme Court for thirty years, and, later, corporation counsel for the City of New York. Simeon Brownson, the father of our subject, was a native of Connecticut, whence he went to central New York when about twenty years of age, making his permanent home there, and engaging in agricultural pursuits upon a farm which he cleared from the primeval forest. He was a quiet, unassuming citizen, and was held in high esteem by his associates. He died November 6, 1852, and his wife, Lucretia Stewart, who was a native of the Empire State, passed to the unseen life in 1887, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. Doctor Brownson had one sister, Mrs. Celestia Kayner, of Gasport, N. Y., and two brothers, Addison, now a resident of Marshall, Mich., and Oliver J., of Middleport, N. Y. He also had a half-brother, Rev. Isaac K. Brownson, formerly of Fayetteville, N. Y., who died January 28, 1899, at an advanced age.

The Doctor's education was begun in the district schools near his early home, and later he attended the New York Central College at McGrawville, N. Y., and the State Normal School at Albany, N. Y., where he was graduated in February, 1853. He had taught at various times while securing his education, and after graduating he accepted a position as instructor in a boarding school in New Jersey, subsequently teaching in union schools on Long Island, and at Ogdensburg, N. Y. Later he became principal of a large school at Jamaica, Queens Co., N. Y.,

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where he remained four and one-half years. During this time he began his medical course in the University of New York, and in February, 1865, he received the degree of M. D. from that institution. On the day of his graduation he enlisted in the army, and was appointed acting assistant-surgeon in the De Camp General Hospital, New York Harbor, which position he held until discharged in September, 1865. He located in New Canaan, this county, and remained in active practice some twenty-six years, meeting with success from the outset.

His prominence in his profession led to his appointment, in October, 1891, to his late position, one which requires ripe experience and thorough knowledge. His practical and scientific management of his department of the Soldiers' Home was an important factor in the success of that institution, as so many of our brave heroes are now suffering the ills attending advanced age. No man who passed through the hardships of the battle-field, the camp or a Southern prison is the stronger for the experience, and the tenderest care is but the just due of those who happily still remain among us. In the New York *Evening Leader* of June 26, 1897, we find an account of a visit to the Home in which well-deserved praise is bestowed upon the Doctor. The writer says: "Doctor Brownson shows in his face that a kind heart beats beneath his coat, and that familiarity has never hardened his sympathies. Under his conduct we made a tour of the offices, dispensary and barber's room, as well as the wards and private rooms where the sick were cared for. In the wards the sick men were lying on their beds or sitting in their easy chairs, while in a shady nook on the lawn we could see the paralytics and convalescents seated in rolling chairs. Wan, pathetic faces some of them had, for, comfortably as they were situated, they were away from friends and home, with none endeared to them by ties of blood to cheer them." The Doctor was devoted to his charges, neglecting nothing that might contribute to their welfare, and, as he had a fine voice, he led them in the singing during the Sunday services at the Home.

In 1854 Doctor Brownson married Miss Caroline Louise Barstow, a daughter of Samuel Barstow, of Oswego county, N. Y., and four children have blessed the union. The eldest, William Clarence, is a successful physician at Asheville, N. C. Frances Mabel is the wife of Stephen G. Beers, a jeweler at Taunton, Mass. Carleton Lewis is a professor at the City College, New York. Wendell Greene, a graduate of Yale College and law school, is engaged in the practice of law at Springfield, Mass. Politically, the Doctor affiliated with the Republican party, but in local affairs he voted independently when occasion required. Although he never entered the ranks of office seekers, preferring to give his time to his profession, he took much interest in all educational work, and for a number of years served as a school visitor in connection with the boards of education of New Canaan and Noroton. He was a member of the Congregational Church at New Canaan, and belonged to the Fairfield County Medical Society, of which he was president for three years, and to the Connecticut Medical Society, in which he also held the same office. In 1864 he was given the honorary degree of A. M. by Hamilton College, at Clinton, N. Y. In addition to his contributions to the medical journals, he showed much literary ability in other lines, and while serving as president of the State Medical Society he wrote and delivered before that body a poem entitled "The Country Doctor," which was widely copied.

J SMITH DODGE, M. D., D. D. S. Few citizens of Stamford have worked as assiduously for the best interests of the community as has the gentleman whose history is briefly outlined in this sketch. While pursuing an arduous profession, he has found time to assist effectively in many worthy movements—religious, philanthropic and educational—and that valued institution, the Ferguson Library, owes much to his patient, unremitting care.

Dr. Dodge was born Decemder 3, 1834, in New York City, and is descended from an old Connecticut family. His father, Dr. J. Smith Dodge, Sr., was born in Connecticut, and for many years practiced dentistry in New York City, but later he removed his residence to Morristown, N. J., where his last days were spent. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Julia Ann Burger, was a native of New York City.

During his boyhood our subject attended a boarding school at Rye, N. Y., and afterward he took a course in the literary department of Columbia College, graduating in 1853. He then entered the College of Physicians' and Surgeons in New York City, where he was graduated in 1856, and the following year he spent in Bellevue Hospital as house physician. On leaving that institution he pursued a course of study in the Baltimore College of Dentistry, graduating with the class of 1858, and soon afterward he engaged in practice with his father in New York. He is a man of broad intelligence and original thought,

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his studies taking a wide range, and at one time he prepared for the ministry of the Universalist Church. In 1862 he was ordained, and for twelve years he served acceptably as pastor of the congregation in Stamford. He was quick to appreciate the vast power for good promised by the Ferguson Library, of which he was an incorporator, and from the first he has served as a trustee and has performed continuously the duties of secretary of the institution.

In 1858 Dr. Dodge married Miss M. R. Hall, of Stamford, and since that time he has resided at his pleasant home in West Broad street. Of his four children only one is now at home.

DAVID PECK RHOADES. Few men in this section are more widely known in metropolitan business circles than this venerable and respected resident of Stratford, who was for many years actively identified with newspaper work in New York city. He held a responsible position on the force of the New York *Tribune* in the early days, and while he is now living in retirement he is a stockholder in the American News Company, and keeps in touch with the development of journalistic enterprise.

Mr. Rhoades belongs to a good Colonial family. His paternal ancestors, who were descendants of Roger Williams, settled at Wethersfield at an early date, and a member of the branch later removed to Stratford. For many years the family has been connected with shipbuilding interests, and John Rhoades, our subject's father, who was born in Wethersfield, was engaged in that business in New York City from 1826 until his death, which occurred in 1834. He married Miss Esther Peck, a native of Milford, where the first years of his married life were spent, his twelve children being born there. Of these, three died in infancy, and, of the others, the first seven —Sarah, Susan, Esther, Mary, John, William and Henry—are now deceased. The youngest child, Edward, is now a resident of Providence, R. I. He was formerly a printer by trade.

The Peck family, which was also of English origin, became identified with Milford at an early period, Mr. Rhoades' first ancestor on that side of whom we have definite record, having come from England about 1638 and settled at Milford, and some of his descendants also lived in that town. Capt. Samuel Peck, Mr. Rhoades' maternal great-grandfather, served as an officer throughout the Revolutionary war. Michael Peck, his grandfather, who was born at the old homestead in Milford, and lived to the age of 103 years, was an extensive landowner at Milford, and probably followed farming as an occupation. He was a sort of commissary and home guard at Milford, supplying recruits for the army, arresting deserters, etc., during the Revolutionary war.

David P. Rhoades, the ninth among the children who lived to maturity, was born August 5, 1824, and was about two years old when his parents removed to New York City, where he grew to manhood. The early death of his father compelled him to forego his plans for an education, and seek such employment as a boy of his age could secure. He worked at various "odd jobs" until he was fifteen, when he had the good fortune to attract the notice of Horace Greely, at that time managing editor of the *New Yorker*, a literary paper. Mr. Greeley, recognizing the young lad's ability, gave him a place in the printing office, and a year later, in 1841, when he started the New York *Tribune*, Mr. Rhoades became clerk, having charge of much of the circulation business of the paper. He remained with Mr. Greeley twenty-six years, a firm friendship being established between the two, and as time passed he acquired a share in the paper. In a published account, "The organization and By-laws of the New York *Tribune*," the names of the owners of the paper in 1860 appear as below: "The following gentlemen signed the By-laws which were adopted by a special meeting of the Proprietors of the *Tribune* held on Thursday, April 4, 1860—Horace Greeley, George M. Snow, Samuel St. Clair, Robert M. Strebeigh, Charles A. Dana, James Cuthell, Thomas N. Rooker, C. E. Wilbur, Solan Robinson, Oliver Johnson, George J. Ripley, Theodore Tilton, D. P. Rhoades, and Bayard Taylor." About 1862 Mr. Rhoades purchased his present residence in Stratford, a beautiful estate, and while making his home there with his family he continued his business in New York City. Some years later he became connected with the New York News Company (now the American News Company), but since 1895 he has lived in retirement at Stratford.

Mr. Rhoades has taken an active part in political work since early manhood, first as a Whig and later as a Republican, his first Presidential vote having been cast for Zachary Taylor. He has often been urged to allow his name to be presented as a candidate for different offices, but has invariably declined. His public spirit has been shown in various ways, and he was one of the chief promoters of the Stratford Library, becoming a life member at its organization, and at present he is serving as a life trustee. For thirty-six years he has held a pew in the Episcopal Church at Stratford, and socially he is

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identified with numerous orders, including the Masonic Fraternity. He is now acting as president of the Stratford Social Club, of which he was also vice-president for some years.

In 1846 Mr. Rhoades married Miss Mary L. Godwin, a native of Bath, England, who came to America when six years of age. She passed to the unseen world in 1898, after fifty-one and one-half years of wedded life. Of their seven children, the eldest, John W., is manager and director for the American News Company; Selena M. married John Peterkin, of New York, now deceased; Daniel G. is at home; Sarah E. is the widow of J. P. Routh, formerly a druggist in Boston; Franklin O. is a bookkeeper for the American News Company; Mary died at the age of six years; David L. resides in Stratford, and is at present serving as assessor of that town.

NEHEMIAH BROWN is now living retired at his home in King Street, in the town of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., in the full enjoyment of health and the prosperity which came to him during the years he spent in active work. He is a descendant of one of the old established families of this part of the country, and traces his lineage to good old English and French Huguenot stock.

The progenitor of this Brown family in America was Samuel Brown, who came to this country from Rye, England, in 1660, and settled in what is now known as Rye township, Westchester Co., N. Y., named after his Old-World home. Here he had received a large grant of land from the English sovereign, which has ever since remained in the family, and the site on which he erected his dwelling, in King Street, is still occupied by his descendants. His son Samuel (2), born April 15, 1689, married Hannah Sherwood, who was born July 16, 1696. Their children were born as follows: Hannah, March 20, 1721; Samuel, July 16, 1722; Elizabeth, November 27, 1724; Nehemiah, June 7, 1726; Eunice, November 7, 1728: Rachel, September 4, 1731; Roger, December 25, 1733; Mary, June 10, 1737, and Andrew, February 10, 1739. Nehemiah and Roger owned the land in the vicinity of Round Hill, Greenwich township, having inherited seven hundred acres from their father, and their descendants, especially Nehemiah's, still live in that neighborhood.

Samuel Brown (3), being the eldest son in the family above enumerated, inherited the bulk of his father's property, and thus became the owner of one thousand acres in New York along the Croton river. On February 16, 1757, he married Amy Merritt, who was born April 24, 1730, and their children were: Samuel (4), born November 21, 1757, was a trader and died in Savannah, Ga. (he was married); John, born October 15, 1759, was a farmer of Rye township, where he died at the age of seventy-three years; Mary, born August 21, 1761, married to Moses Crooker, of Long Island; Hannah, born September 25, 1763, married to Daniel Hauxhorst, a Quaker minister, who died in New York of yellow fever while visiting the sick; Nehemiah, born January 20, 1766; and Merritt, born January 27, 1768, married Hannah Pine and died in Rye township, where he carried on farming (he left no children). The father and mother of this family died August 5, 1811, and December 12, 1808, respectively. Their remains were the first to be interred in the private cemetery of the Brown family, on the homestead farm.

Nehemiah Brown was reared a farmer boy on the old home place in Rye township, where he passed his entire life as a tiller of the soil. In 1792 he was married to Miss Anne Anderson, who was born February 15, 1771, in King Street, Greenwich township, and was the daughter of William Anderson. Their family comprised ten children, of whom we have the following record: Lawrence, born August 5, 1794, died at the homestead in Rye township, November 28, 1851. Phœbe M., born July 19, 1797, died July 24, 1863, unmarried. Moses C., born July 29, 1799, will be more fully spoken of. Charity, born November 20, 1801, died on the old place May 25, 1885; she never married. Samuel S., born January 9, 1804, was a merchant and lived in New York City for some years, returning, however, to the homestead, where he died February 16, 1853; he married Louis Ann Wood, and they had six children, four of whom are still living—Elizabeth L., Ed W., Francis S. and Charles A. Hannah, born January 3, 1806, lived on the old homestead, and died March 13, 1899, aged ninety-three years; she was unmarried. Merritt, born April 5, 1808, lived in New York for some time, being engaged in mercantile business, and died July 26, 1861; he married Jane Hatfield; they left no children. Daniel H., born June 14, 1810, lived in New York for a number of years, and died February 18, 1877, on the homestead; he never married. Amy, born February 21, 1813, has always lived on the homestead; she is single. Nehemiah, born April 7, 1816, died August 24, 1893, on the home place; he never married. The father of this family passed away December 4, 1847, the mother surviving until November 28, 1851. They were laid to rest in the Brown family cem-

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etery in Rye township, near Port Chester. He held a lieutenant's commission under Governor Clinton, dated 1801, and filled several township offices of honor and trust. His political sympathies were with the Whig party.

Moses C. Brown was born on the homestead, and grew to manhood there. When a young man he taught school for a time, and later he went to New York City, where he resided several years, engaged in carting during the days when that business was profitable. Previous to this, during his early married life, he lived in Mt. Pleasant, and near Harrison Depot, N. Y., but eventually returned to the place of his birth, and relinquished active work at a time when he was able to best enjoy his leisure. He was especially fond of fishing, and indulged considerably in that sport. In 1826 he married Mary Renoud, who was born February 15, 1805, in Westchester county, daughter of Stephen and Martha (Purdy) Renoud, and lived at Mt. Pleasant, N. Y., at the time of his marriage. Her ancestors, the Renouds, were driven from France at the time of the religious persecutions in that country, and coming to America settled in New York State, founding the town of New Rochelle, of which they were the first settlers. Mr. and Mrs. Moses C. Brown became the parents of five children: Allen M., who is a retired butcher of Portchester, N. Y.; Anna A., who married Charles Cypher, and died at White Plains, N. Y.; Nehemiah; Emeline S., unmarried, who makes her home in White Plains; and Mary (Mrs. Edward Brown), of Rye township. Mr. Brown died March 13, 1889, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years, and was well preserved mentally and physically, the result of careful living and regular habits. He was small of stature. In political sentiment he was a Whig and Republican, but he was not an active party worker and the only office he ever held was that of school commissioner. He and his wife, who died January 28, 1845, were buried in the Brown family cemetery.

Nehemiah Brown was born May 6, 1834, in Rye township, Westchester Co., N. Y., and in his early boyhood attended the neighboring district school. Later he was a pupil in a private school taught by Jesse Lounsbury. When eighteen years of age he commenced to learn the carpenter's trade with his uncle Leonard Miller (who married his mother's only sister, Eliza J. Renoud), and served an apprenticeship of three years with him, receiving $25 per annum and working more hours in a day than is now required of the average tradesman. After learning the trade he continued in Mr. Miller's employ for another year, and then for a short time worked at Irvington, N. Y., returning thence to his first employer, with whom he remained until, in 1876, he embarked in business on his own account. He was engaged continuously in contracting until 1890, since which time he has not done any great amount of work, only undertaking odd contracts; in 1897 he erected a $5,000 barn for John H. Shults. During his active business life he made his home in White Plains, where he worked steadily at his trade for forty years, and in all that time never asked but one man for work, never asked to estimate on any work, and did not, unless called on to do so, and was never out of work. Being a thorough mechanic, he took a pride in having any job he attempted done in a neat and workmanlike way, and the result was sufficient recommendation for him among those who engaged his services. His reputation for promptness and integrity in business matters has remained unsullied, and he is highly respected wherever known, in either a social or business way. There are many evidences of his skill in this locality, where his work as a successful contractor and builder is equaled by few. Mr. Brown commenced life with nothing but a good name and a thorough knowledge of a good trade as a foundation for his fortunes, and that he is now able to take his leasure and enjoy a comfortable competence is due solely to his own industry and efficient toil. In spite of the years of hard work which he has passed through, he is, at the age of sixty-three, a well-preserved man, has never been sick and does not know from experience what a headache is.

On June 12, 1867, Mr. Brown wedded, in Middletown, N. Y., Miss Jane A. Horton, who belongs to an excellent New York family. She was born May 7, 1843, in Middletown, daughter of O. H. and Almira (Houston) Horton, the former of whom was a direct descendant of Barnabas Horton, a noted man in his day; the mother was a daughter of George Houston, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Mr. Horton was a carpenter by trade. He had a family of five children—one son and four daughters. Mrs. Brown was given a good education for her day. She and her husband commenced housekeeping in White Plains, where they made their home until July 5, 1890, when they removed to their present residence in King Street—the William Merritt homestead. The house has been remodeled, and is a very commodious, comfortable place, standing on sixteen acres of ground, which form very pleasant surroundings. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have two sons: Frank H., who is an architect of White Plains, N. Y.; and

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Robert H., a carpenter. Mr. Brown is a stanch member of the Republican party, but he takes no special interest in politics. Mrs. Brown is a devout member of the Presbyterian Church.

HON. CHARLES B. CURTIS is one of Stratford's most influential citizens, as is shown by the number of times that he has been chosen to fill offices of trust and responsibility. As a representative in the State Legislature he gained more than a local reputation for ability and public spirit, and in less prominent positions he has also shown characteristic energy, tact and fidelity to duty.

The Curtis family has been prominent for many years in the business, social and political life of that section, and its members have at all times been noted for the qualities of character which make good citizens. The first of the name came from England at a very early period, and a member of the family settled in the town of Stratford long prior to the Revolutionary war. The first recorded knowledge we have of the Curtis family at Stratford is in 1658, at which time the will of Widow Elizabeth Curtiss was proved. [Vol. 1648–1656, page 17, Records of Court of Probate within and for the District of Fairfield, Conn.] This will makes mention of her sons John Curtiss and William Curtiss, and grandsons John Curtiss and Jonathan Curtiss, sons of her sons John and William. In item fourth of her will she says: "I doe give unto my grand-child Mary Curtiss ye daughter of Thomas Curtiss forty shillings and to be paid unto her by my sons John and William within a year after my decease." This is the only recorded direct evidence of the existence of a son Thomas, and from this record it will be seen that there were living, at the time the will was made, two sons, John and William, grandsons John and Jonathan, and a granddaughter Mary, and that she also had a son Thomas, who died previous to the making of the will. At this time she was a widow, and nowhere in the records of Stratford does the name of her husband appear. In "A note of ye Estates and Persons of ye Inhabitants of Rocksbury," about 1638–1640, and at a time previous to the date of the above will, appears the name John Corteis, having fifteen acres, with five persons in his family. This family disappears, and a thorough, exhaustive search in the records in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut fails to find them or any of them until the records of Stratford are reached. That it is reasonable to believe the John Corteis of Roxbury was a brother of William of Roxbury, and a husband of Elizabeth of Stratford, is evidenced by the records both of England and America. In the "Memorials of the Pilgrim Fathers of Nazing and Waltham Abby," by W. Winters, F. R. Hist. Soc., of Waltham Abbey, Essex, England, page 46, are the names of William Curtiss, who married Sarah Eliot, a sister of John Eliot, the Indian Apostle, and one of the original settlers of Roxbury, Mass., and John Curtiss, who married Elizabeth Hutchins, April 19, 1610, and had children: John, baptized February 26, 1614–15; Wiliam, baptized June 21, 1618; and Thomas, baptized March 12, 1619–20. The ship "Lion" arrived in Boston harbor Sunday evening, September 16, 1632. She brought, so Winthrop says, one hundred and twenty-three passengers on this trip. The names of about thirty only are matters of record. and one of them was William Curtiss, above referred to. We know, however, that the arrivals by the "Lion" were what may be termed the better class. The ministers were well educated and influential; the laity were educated and possessed a certain degree of wealth that enabled them to live in the enjoyment of comforts.

The records of Massachusetts Colony distinctly show, as stated above, that John Corteis was not only a personality but was a landowner. The recorded passengers of the "Lion" are known to have been persons of means, and it is reasonable, from the known worth of John, and his appearance at Roxbury at about the time of William and other "Lion" passengers, to conclude that John was a passenger on the "Lion," and therefore an emigrant from Nazing. If this conclusion is correct there can be no doubt that this John is the John mentioned in the records of Nazing, and the husband of Elizabeth, the recorded ancestress of the Curtiss family of Stratford, Conn. He died, probably, in Massachusetts, or while *en route* to Connecticut. When or where he died is not a matter of record in either State. John and William came with their mother, Elizabeth, to Stratford at an early period of its settlement. Trumbull, in his history, Vol. 1, published 1795, page 105, says they came from Roxbury about 1639, and that Stratford was settled by immigrants from Massachusetts and not by immigrants directly from England, with the exception of Mr. Fairchild, who was a prominent man and the first one in Stratford invested with civil authority. He came directly from the Mother country. John and William Curtiss were among the prominent men in the town at this early period. Lieut. John Curtis, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of Stratford, where he passed his life in ag-

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ricultural pursuits, interrupted only by the long struggle of the colonies for independence, during which he served as a lieutenant.

Daniel Curtis, the grandfather of Hon. Charles B. Curtis, was a native of Stratford, where he was reared, and after his marriage to Betsey Pixlee he settled on a farm there, where he and his wife both passed away. Their children were Sheldon P., Peter P., Charles H., Mary (Mrs. Nathan Birdsey), Margaret (Mrs. Morgan Curtis) and Elizabeth (Mrs. Edward Fitch).

Sheldon P. Curtis, our subject's father, was born in Stratford, and grew to manhood at the old homestead. He learned the cabinetmaker's trade, which he followed for some years in Stratford and Bridgeport, finally settling upon a farm in Stratford, where he died in 1876. He was a Republican in politics, and was active in religious matters as a member of the Congregational Church. His wife, Sallie (McEwen), now deceased, was of Scotch descent, and was a daughter of Joel McEwen, a native of Stratford. Of their four children, Robert William is a well-known resident of Stratford; Alfred H. (deceased) was a merchant in New York City; Charles B., our subject, was the third in order of birth; and Frederick (deceased) was in partnership with his brother Alfred.

Charles B. Curtis was born November 20, 1839, at the old home in Stratford, and attended the public schools and the academy in that town. On leaving school, at the age of eighteen, he engaged in general farming, which he has continued ever since on an estate of twenty-five acres, near Stratford village. He married Miss Sadie Strong, daughter of Pond and Clarissa (Chatfield) Strong, of Milford, Conn., and one child has blessed the union: Pauline Strong Curtis, who is at home. Mr. Curtis and his family are prominent socially, and his beautiful home is the center of a refined and luxurious hospitality. He is in sympathy with the work of the Congregational Church, in which he was reared, and is identified with various organizations, including the Stratford Social Club. Politically he is a stanch Democrat, and it would be easier to mention the township offices that he has *not* held than those he *has* held. He has served as selectman many times, and has been especially active as a member of the school board, acting at one time as a member of the building committee. For eight years he was deputy sheriff under Robert L. Clarkson, and in 1876 he was elected to the Legislature, serving one term acceptably. In 1898 he was again elected as a selectman of his township, and is now filling that incumbency.

JOHN G. STEVENS, M. D. (deceased), was for several years a successful physician in Monroe, Fairfield county, having commenced practice there in 1884. He was considered one of the valuable citizens of the place, both as a professional man and as an active, public-spirited worker for the general welfare of the community in which he lived.

The Doctor was a native of Milford, Conn., born March 2, 1838, of English ancestry, his great-great-grandfather, Hezekiah Stevens, having come from England to Connecticut, settling in Brookfield, where his son Hezekiah (great-grandfather of Doctor Stevens) was born. The children of this Hezekiah were as follows: Three sons—Zalmon, Albert and Seth—and two daughters, one of whom, Sarah, married Daniel Barlow; no record of the other.

Zalmon Stevens, grandfather of Doctor Stevens, was a native of Brookfield, Conn., where he passed his entire life, engaged in agricultural pursuits on his farm there, which was one of no mean proportions. He was twice married, first time to Orinda Warner, by whom he had three children: Lucy, Betsey and Warner. For his second wife he married Lydia Williams, and by her had eight children: Caroline, Charles, Barlow M., Elmira, Eliza, Alonzo, Edwin and George.

Barlow M. Stevens, father of Doctor Stevens, was born December 23, 1811, in Brookfield, Conn., was there reared and educated, and became a mechanic by occupation. For many years he was employed in the repair shop of the Housatonic railroad. Later he was one of the first contractors in the Howe Sewing Machine factory at Bridgeport, in which city he made his home while so engaged. He prospered in business, and earned a comfortable competence. He married Laura A. Fairchild, daughter of Joseph Fairchild, of Taunton, Newtown, and they had three children, all of whom are now deceased: Laura, who died in infancy; John G., our subject, and Henry W., a brief sketch of whom follows. The father died in 1883; the mother is still living. He was one of the most ardent Abolitionists of New Milford in slavery days, and later was one of the first members of the Republican party. Fraternally he was an Odd Fellow, one of the earliest members of the order in this State; in religious faith he was a Presbyterian, a prominent member and active official of the First Presbyterian Church of Bridgeport.

Henry W. Stevens was born January 9, 1843, in New Milford, Conn., but was reared in Bridgeport, where he passed his entire life, with the exception of the time he was absent at the front during the war of the Rebellion. He be-

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came a druggist, and for many years was engaged in Booth's drug store in Bridgeport. In 1861 he enlisted in the Fourteenth Conn. V. I., and served three years, during which time he was taken prisoner at Bristoe Station. He was confined in Libby Prison, Belle Isle, Andersonville, and at Macon, Ga., being incarcerated seventeen months in all. After the war he was with his father for many years, or until the factory burned; then succeeded him as contractor, and so continued until in 1883 he took possession of the Warner Pharmacy at No. 171 East Main street, and carried same on some thirteen years, or until his death, which occurred May 25, 1898. He was a Republican in politics, and at the time of his decease was serving as alderman for the Sixth ward of the city of Bridgeport. Socially, he was a member of the G. A. R., and was past commander of Post No. 3, at Bridgeport. He was in every way a man highly esteemed and much beloved by all who knew him. He married Mary E. Stevens, daughter of Charles W. and Mary (Fairchild) Stevens, of Bethel, Conn.; they had no children.

John G. Stevens received his early English education in the public schools of Bridgeport, which he attended until he was about sixteen or eighteen years old. After leaving school he entered the drug store of Crofoot & Lyon, remaining with them and their successors for three or four years, until, in 1858, he bought out a similar business in State street, in which he had for a partner a Mr. Thayer, the firm name becoming Thayer & Stevens. Our subject continued in this enterprise until August, 1862, when he responded to President Lincoln's call for 75,000 men for nine months' service by enlisting in Company I, 23rd Conn. V. I., which went to the front under Colonel Holmes. This regiment was with Banks in the Gulf expedition; the Doctor was captured at Brashear City, La., June 23, 1863, and confined thirteen months in Confederate prison, being released in August, 1864, and returned to the provost marshal's office in Bridgeport, Conn. He held the rank of first lieutenant all through his term of service. On his return to the pursuits of peace he again engaged in business, carrying on the Old City drug store, in State street, of which he was in reality the founder, its location being the old stand of Thayer & Stevens. The establishment is at present situated in Main street, and is owned and conducted by Fred S. Stevens, to whom the Doctor sold out in 1872. In that year he relinquished business interests to devote himself to preparation for his profession. In 1882 he matriculated in the medical department of Yale College, graduated in 1884, and in the same year settled in Monroe. He was very successful in that vicinity in his profession, gaining a high standing among his patients and brother physicians generally, and was prominent in the public life of the town from the time he made his settlement here. In 1886 he was the choice of the Republican party for representative to the State Legislature, where he served one term, and he was elected to numerous local offices, the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity. He was a member of the school board; member of the board of selectmen (elected on the Republican ticket, although the party was in the minority), in which he served one term; justice of the peace for the last ten or twelve years; health officer of the town; and medical examiner. His interest in the progress and advancement of the town was shown in a most practical manner, and called forth admiration and esteem from all who know him. He was equally prominent in fraternal work, and was a charter member of Corinthian Lodge, No. 102, F. & A. M. (in which he was formerly very active); of Jerusalem Chapter, R. A. M., and of the Masonic Council—all in Bridgeport; member of the Grange, in which he was master; and was one of the founders of Elias Howe, Jr., Post, No. 3, G. A. R., of Bridgeport, which is now one of the largest posts in the State of Connecticut.

In 1868 the Doctor was married to Miss A. Elma Beardsley, daughter of Samuel B. Beardsley, of Monroe, and one daughter, Elma, who lives at home, was born to them. Dr. Stevens attended the services of the Congregational Church of Monroe. He died March 28, 1899. after a short illness caused by heart trouble.

RADCLIFF HUDSON, who for the past thirty years has lived retired in Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., is a native of this State, born September 20, 1821, in the city of Hartford. His early life, which was spent in his native place, passed without incident; but after reaching manhood he led an adventurous and active career for a number of years. When a young man he went to Texas, volunteering for six months in one campaign against the Cherokee Indians. In the Sante Fe expedition, 1841, he was elected to the rank of captain, and later he was taken prisoner and confined in Mexico, but he managed to make his escape, and he returned to his native city.

The Hudsons were well represented in the Civil war; Col. Henry W. Hudson (who died at Syracuse, N. Y., in 1887) served with distinction in the Peninsula and Maryland campaigns, in

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command of the Eighty-second N. Y. V. I.; Capt. Edward McK. Hudson, lieutenant-colonel, U. S. army, and a graduate of West Point, was aide-de-camp to General McClellan at the period of his command of the Army of the Potomac, after which he was sent to his company in the field, and he was severely wounded while leading a charge of his regiment in the Wilderness. He retired, and died at Washington in 1891.

On his return to Hartford, as above mentioned, Mr. Hudson took up the business of paper manufacturing, in which his father and grandfather had also been engaged, and continued same for a number of years. He soon after went to Buenos Ayres, South America, where his brother William H. Hudson was United States consul, remaining some months. While there he was placed in charge of horses shipped by the English Government to Calcutta, India, this being the time of the Indian mutiny there. Mr. Hudson was twice married, first time September 20, 1849, to Maria Rotch, daughter of Francis Rotch, of New Bedford, and later of the "Grove," Morris, Otsego Co., N. Y. She died in 1854, leaving two children, viz.: (1) Anne Rotch, now the widow of Charles W. Morgan, late of Philadelphia, who had been domiciled in France for over thirty years. (2) Frank Rotch Hudson, born in 1854, lived to be about twelve years old, and died at the residence of his grandfather in Morris. Mr. Hudson removed to Stamford in 1868. On April 23, 1890, he was married, in that place, to Eliza Hamilton Holly, a member of an old and honored Connecticut family, with which Mr. Hudson is also connected. Socially, he is a member of the Royal Arch Masons, with which he united in Hartford, and in religious connection he is a member of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, in Stamford.

The Holly family was one of the earliest to settle at Stamford, Conn., and they trace their ancestors to (1) John Holly, who was born in 1618 in England. This gentleman came to America in 1630, and in 1642 settled in Stamford, in which community he was one of the most active and prominent business men. He soon became identified with the public affairs of the settlement, holding various offices of trust and importance, and was a man of opulence and influence among his neighbors and fellow men generally. In 1643 he was made marshal of the court; in 1644, appraiser of estates; in 1655 and 1667, a member of the Arbitration committee between England and the Indians; in 1667 member of the committee on the boundary question between Greenwich and Stamford; and he also served on the building committee for the Congregational meeting house. His death occurred May 25, 1681. By his wife Mary he had eight children, namely: Samuel (born in 1641), Increase, Abigail, John, Hannah, Bethia, Elisha and Jonathan.

(2) Increase Holly, born August 20, 1643, was married on April 2, 1678, to Elizabeth Newman, who was born in 1654, daughter of William Newman. Mrs. Holly passed away in 1713, Mr. Holly surviving until March 1, 1726. They had four children: John, Jonathan, Joseph and Nathan.

(3) John Holly, born March 29, 1679, died December 20, 1718. On January 6, 1703, he married Susannah Selleck, who was born September 5, 1682, daughter of Capt. John Selleck, and died September 20, 1745. They had two children, both named John, the first of whom died in infancy.

(4) John Holly, born November 10, 1705, died December 21, 1786. He was quite a prominent man in Stamford, in which town he held office, serving as selectman for twenty-four years, from 1750 to 1774, and representing the town as agent at the general court. He was an officer in the French and Indian war. On January 9, 1728, he married Hannah Slauson, who passed away January 11, 1776. They were the parents of six children, namely: Hannah, Sarah, Elizabeth, John, Jemima and Kezia.

(5) John Holly, born February 2, 1735, was a lieutenant in the Royal navy, and was lost at sea in 1778, while on a cruise. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of William and Deborah King, and she passed away in 1802, at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years. Their family consisted of five children: John William, Elizabeth, David, Hannah and Mary.

(6) John William Holly, born March 8, 1762, was the maternal grandfather of Radcliff Hudson. When fourteen years of age he was placed under the protection of the British army, and lived at New York and Lloyd's Neck, L. I., until twenty years old, when he returned to Stamford. In 1792 he built a dam and flourmills at the "Cove," where he also erected a dwelling house; he was the owner of "Cove Farm." On March 8, 1787, he was united in marriage with Rebecca Welles, daughter of Rev. Noah Welles, and six children were born to them: Maria Theodosia, John Melancthon (1) (who died in infancy), John Melancthon (2), William Welles, Abigail Elizabeth and Alfred Appollos. Mr. and Mrs. Holly died September 23, 1838, and March 13, 1859, respectively.

(7) Maria Theodosia Holly was born August

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24, 1788, and December 3, 1807, became the wife of Henry Hudson, who was a prominent citizen of Hartford, Conn. Mr. Hudson was a native of that city, and one of its well-to-do business men, being engaged in paper manufacturing. He served at one time as mayor of Hartford. He was twice married, his first wife being Maria Trumbull, daughter of Gov. Jonathan Trumbull. To his union with Maria T. Holly came nine children, of whom only two—Radcliff and Elizabeth—are now living; John Holly; Melancthon; Maria; Henry W., who served in the Civil war, as colonel of the 82nd N. Y. V. I.; Radcliff (mentioned above); Hannah; William Holly, who was for many years United States Consul at Buenos Ayres; Edward McKenny, who served in the United States army during the Civil war, being aide to Gen. G. B. McClellan; and Elizabeth, who is in France. The mother of this family passed away December 27, 1870.

(6) David Holly, born April 24, 1768, was a large land owner in Stamford, and one of the most progressive, enterprising citizens of his day. He put up the dwelling, flourmills and dock at the Waterside, erected the iron mills on West Main street, owned vessels, and did an extensive business in flour and iron. His name headed the petition for the first borough charter in 1830. On November 13, 1788, he married Martha Coggeshall, who was born November 11, 1768, daughter of William Coggeshall, of Old Milford, Conn., and a direct descendant of John Coggeshall, who was one of the first settlers of Rhode Island and its first magistrate. Mrs. Holly died December 3, 1804, and her husband survived her many years, passing away November 2, 1843. They had eight children: David, William C., John Albert, Augustus, Mary Stiles, Elizabeth King, Sidney Augustus and Martha C.

(7) David Holly, born September 19, 1789, was married January 19, 1824, by Rev. A. S. Todd, to Sally C. Smith, and died February 28, 1854. He was reared and educated in Stamford, and subsequently engaged in the iron works there. He made a number of sea voyages to various foreign ports. Religiously he was a member of St. John's Church, of Stamford, and socially of Union Lodge, F. & A. M. Mrs. Sally C. Holly was born March 8, 1796, in New York City, daughter of Moses Smith and granddaughter of Charles Phillips, of New York. She died April 13, 1881. Their three children were Charles Moses, born November 18, 1826, died December 31, 1887; Eliza Hamilton, born July 22, 1831, is the wife of Radcliff Hudson; and Margaret Phillips, born December 1, 1834, died January 6, 1891. Charles M. Holly was a very popular and well-known man in Stamford, where he was prominent in the ranks of the Democratic party for thirty years, and for many years he served as selectman. He was a member of the F. & A. M. In all his transactions he was the personification of integrity. A man of the most genial personal qualities, his death was most universally regretted.

(7) Sidney Augustus Holly was married by Rev. Dr. Schroeder to Eliza Hamilton, daughter of the famous Alexander Hamilton.

BRAINERD W. MAPLES, manager and editor of the *Norwalk Hour*, and president of the Norwalk Printing Company, Norwalk, Fairfield county, whose wide experience and practical knowledge have proved him an invaluable member of "the fourth estate," is a native of Connecticut, born April 25, 1837, at Norwich, New London county.

Stephen Maples, his great-grandfather, a farmer by occupation, and a Revolutionary hero, was born at Montville, Conn., and was descended from an English family, who, on landing in the New World, first located in Massachusetts, finally removing to Connecticut, where they made a permanent settlement. David Maples, son of Stephen, and grandfather of Brainerd W., was also born at Montville, and was a farmer and stone-mason.

David L. Maples, father of our subject, was a farmer at Montville, Conn., the place of his birth, and he there learned carpentry. From Montville he moved, in 1836, to Norwich, New London county, where he was a well-known carpenter and contractor for nearly half a century, dying there in 1883. By his wife, Lucinda (Wells), whom he married just before removing to Norwalk, he had two children: William L., a retired officer of the U. S. navy, and now living in Manassas, Va.; and Brainerd W. The father was originally a Whig in his political proclivities, later a Republican, but he never held office of any kind, as he was averse to the principle. In religious faith he and his antecedents were Baptists.

B. W. Maples, whose name appears at the opening of this sketch, attended the local schools of his place of birth, after which he spent three years as an apprentice to the printing business, and when fifteen years old he graduated from "devil" to journeyman. At that time he went to Philadelphia and worked at his trade there about a couple of years, when he returned to Norwich and taught a district school one year, once

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more, at the end of that time, taking up printing. In 1857 he entered the Connecticut State Normal School, where he graduated with the class of '58, after which he taught in various schools in Connecticut—at Preston, Wallingford, Clinton, Cheshire, and finally at Bridgeport. While in the latter city the news reached him of the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, and he consequently left the school, and, proceeding to Norwich, opened a recruiting office. After a time he himself enlisted, but was rejected at New Haven because of his lacking front teeth wherewith to bite off the ends of the cartridges, but his brother William unhesitatingly took his place and went to the front.

In the fall of 1861 our subject went to New York as assistant teacher in Grammar School No. 40, and remained in that capacity until 1877, in which year he became acting principal of the Fourteenth Street School, during all of which time, however, he was connected with the printing business more or less, writing extensively for the New York *Herald*, the "Scientific Monthly," and other newspapers and periodicals. All this time he was living in Westport, Conn., taking train to and fro. He had a night school, and as many as 3,300 pupils were enrolled, the largest attendance in one school ever known, whilst at one time he could enumerate over three thousand young men—bookkeepers—who had received instructions at his school.

In May, 1871, Mr. Maples and Judge Whiting, of New York, established the *Westport Hour*, with the office in Westport; but a year later they moved it and the plant to Norwalk (the name of the paper being changed to *Norwalk Hour*), at which time our subject resigned his school connection at New York, and has since given his entire attention to the paper, of which he is editor and manager; he is also president of the Norwalk Printing Co., a private concern, himself, sons and daughters being proprietors of same. The politics of the *Hour* are purely independent, and it is a clean, newsy family journal.

In 1862 Mr. Maples was united in marriage with Amelia N. Meeker, of Westport, Fairfield county, daughter of William Meeker, who was captain of a merchant ship, and four children were born to them: Clara, William K., Mary and James W., all at home and unmarried; the sons are employed with their father in the printing office.

Socially, our subject is a member of the F. & A. M., and is president of the Masonic Benevolent Association. He is also identified with the Norwalk Club, a very successful social organization which he assisted in starting; has been president of the Connecticut State Editorial Association, and chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Editorial Association. In matters pertaining to the public welfare he has ever taken an active interest, among which may be mentioned the two-cent-per-mile railroad rate in Connecticut, which he was instrumental in having fixed. In all things he is enterprising and public-spirited, and to all the positions he has been called to fill he has brought a highly disciplined and well-equipped mind.

HON. HIRAM KEELER SCOTT, of Ridgefield, where he has been a most prominent man for fifty years, enjoys the rare distinction seldom given to any man—that of more than a half century's continuous service to the public. A record of thirty-three years as judge of probate, thirty-five as town clerk, thirty-five as justice of the peace, and many years as postmaster and school-teacher, in one community, needs no comment.

This venerable gentleman, though nearly an octogenarian, is still "in harness"—keeping the town records. He has descended from ancestors who have been identified with the growth and development of the town of Ridgefield for nearly 200 years. David Scott, the first of the Fairfield county Scotts, came from Fairfield, Conn., in 1712, and bought a portion of the 20,000-acre tract of the Purchase of 1708 from the Rampo tribe of Indians. This tract purchased by David Scott embraced about one twenty-eighth part of the town of Ridgefield, and is known as "Scott's Ridge." The land was bought from Mary Bouton (widow of John Bouton) and children June 11, 1712. David Scott was a farmer by occupation. On coming to the town of Ridgefield he brought with him a son, James, who on April 24, 1722, married Hannah Hyatt, and had children: Thomas, born February 3, 1725; David, born February 24, 1727; Sarah, born August 12, 1729; and Hannah, born October 3, 1731. David Scott (2), the direct ancestor in line succeeded to a portion of his father's estate, and resided thereon during his lifetime. He married on August 4, 1751, Hannah Smith, and the marriage was blessed with the following children: David (3), born June 11, 1752; James, born January 2, 1754, married September 6, 1782, Lucretia Olmsted; Gideon, born December 12, 1755, married Annie Burt; Sarah, born February 11, 1758, married a Mr. Mather, of Darien; Jeremiah, born Feb. 10, 1770, married, in 1794, Amelia Wakeman; Gould, born June 28, 1778; Thomas, born February 14, 1763; Hannah, born April 26, 1765,

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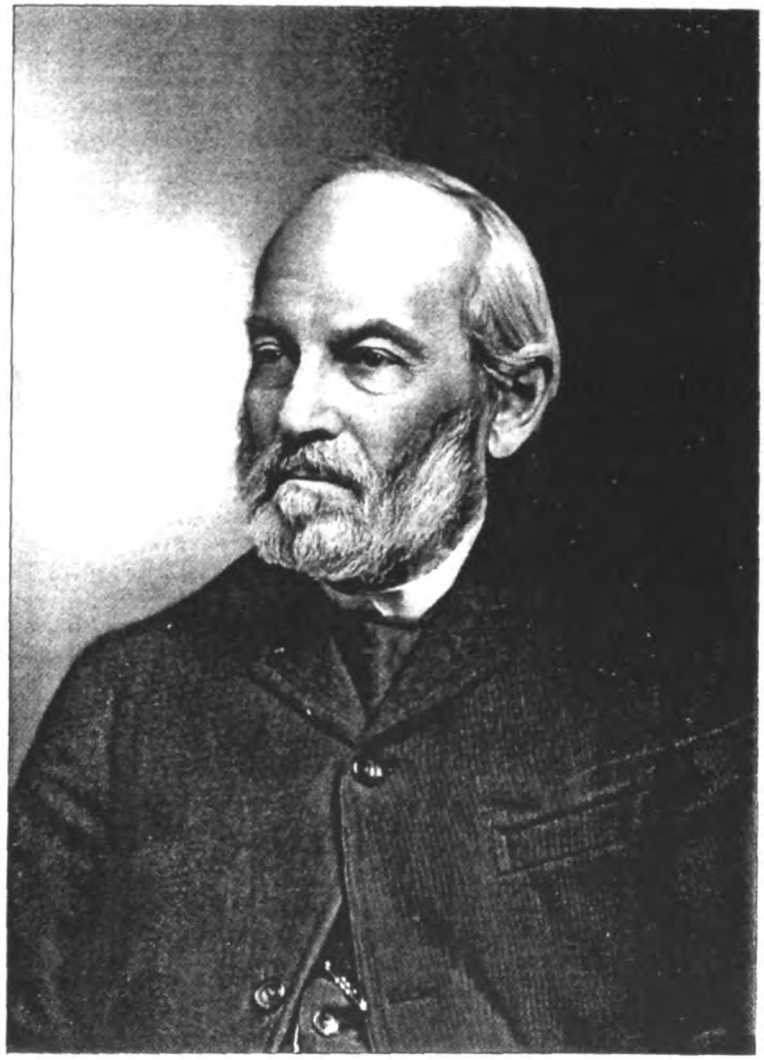

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married August 26, 1783, Josiah Osborne; Rane, born January 3, 1768, married, November 29, 1789, John Barlow, of Ridgefield; Phœbe, born Jan. 24, 1760; Thaddeus, born September 3, 1775; and Amy, born May 10, 1772. Of these, James, Jeremiah and Gould settled on Scott's Ridge, where they lived and died, leaving many descendants. It appears from the town records that the Scott and Olmsted families took an active part in local affairs. James Scott was one of the committee of safety in Ridgefield during the Revolutionary war.

James Scott (2), the grandfather of Hiram Keeler Scott, was an agriculturist, devoting his life exclusively to that vocation. He possessed a tract of three or four hundred acres of land. His children were: Sally, born March 3, 1783, married David Pulling; David, born March 20, 1785, married Betsey Burr, of Redding (grandparents of Judge Howard B. Scott); Nathan, born December 12, 1781, married Sally Burr, of Redding; Hazekiah, born December 25, 1789, married (first) Delia Foster, of Redding, and (second) Laura Odell, of Norwalk; James (3) is mentioned more fully farther on; Smith, born November 1, 1794, married Sally Burr, daughter of Benjamin Burr; Timothy Olmsted, born January 12, 1797, married Betsey Seymour, and lived to be ninety-four years of age; Lucretia, born January 15, 1801, married Halsted Hoyt, of South Salem, N. Y., and later of Scotland District, Fairfield Co., Conn., and there died; Daniel Gould, born April 13, 1803, married Elizabeth Waterbury, of Stamford. Of these, James, David, Nathan, Hezekiah, Timothy Olmsted, and Lucretia resided in Scotland District, and there died. James Scott (3) was born April 2, 1792, and learned the trade of a silversmith, which he followed until about 1840, when he turned his attention to farming, owning a little farm of some fifty acres. He was a well-informed man, and made a good citizen in the community. He was a prosperous farmer. He was twice married, first time to Sally Keeler, of Rridgefield, who was a daughter of Benjamin and Eunice (Olmsted) Keeler (though a different Sally Keeler from the one that married Smith Scott), and the children born to them were: Delia, who died when two years of age; and Hiram Keeler, who is mentioned more fully farther on; the mother of these died June 3, 1855, and the father was again married, this time to Joanna Everett, of Brewster, N. Y. (a daughter of Charles Everett), who bore him one son—James Everett—born in 1856, died on a large stock ranch of 800 acres of land which he owned in North Dakota (he left no issue).

Hiram Keeler Scott was born in Scotland District, town of Ridgefield, April 24, 1822, the district deriving its name from the Scott family. He was educated in the common district school, receiving the benefit it affords until sixteen years of age. At nineteen he began teaching, and followed the profession three winters. He then went to Ridgefield, and on October 1, 1846, took charge of the village school, which he taught for three years. By applying himself he soon became a man of good information, and well educated. In 1849 he was appointed the village postmaster, and held the office one term of four years. In 1868 he was again appointed to the same position, and remained in office until 1886; and again served as such under President Cleveland, making in all twenty-eight years. In 1850, at the age of twenty-eight years, he was elected to the State Legislature, his colleague being David Hurlburt, and was the youngest member, excepting one, in that body. He was elected as a Whig, and served one term. In 1852, after the close of his first administration as postmaster, he was elected town clerk, and in 1854 he was elected judge of probate court. He held the office of town clerk from 1852 to 1861, and since 1872 he has continued serving the people in that capacity. His re-election to that office on October 5, 1896, made the thirty-fourth time he had been chosen by the ballots of his fellow townsmen. He served the people as probate judge for thirty-three years and nine months, at the close of which poriod he was barred from further service by the seventy-year age limitation. He has, however, ever since served as clerk of that court. In 1857 he began carrying on a general store in Ridgefield, which he continued in until September 1, 1895 (for four years past it has been solely a drug store). So long a period of service in one community is a sufficient guarantee of Mr. Scott's standing and worth as a man and citizen, as well of his ability. He has most faithfully discharged the various duties left to and trusts imposed in him, in a manner that has reflected great credit to himself. His records are models of neatness, and reveal the business-like manner of his methodical and systematic life. Justice Scott was the trial justice for most business in that line during his long official career, and his decisions were characterized by good judgment. He has been a member of Pilgrim Lodge No. 46, I. O. O. F., since 1847. In 1859 he was grand master of the Grand Lodge of the State, and that year attended the Grand Lodge of the United States held in Baltimore, Md., and again when it was held at Nashville, Tenn., in 1860. He has taken great interest and is prominent in Masonic circles. He was initiated into

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the F. & A. M., in January, 1848; was master of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 49, for fifteen years, and is a member of Crusader Commandery, Knights Templar, of Danbury.

In militia days he was a prominent character in military affairs. In 1843 he was chosen colonel of the 24th Regiment Connecticut Militia, and remained in command until the militia of the State was succeeded by the National Guard. In 1862, during the Civil war, he organized a company of National Guard in Ridgefield, was chosen its captain, and as such served five years. In 1867 he was one of several that organized the Ridgefield & New York R. R., of which he is still secretary and treasurer. He has been through a long life, as may be judged from the foregoing, a kind of a "general utility man" in the community, his fellow-citizens having the greatest confidence in his ability to further to success anything he undertakes, and in his integrity. In short, he has been a successful and a most useful man. He is a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, of which for eight years past he has been treasurer. He is clerk of No. 6, Central District.

Judge Scott has been married three times. By his second wife, Lizzie M. Gorham, daughter of David Gorham, of Westport, Conn., he had five children, viz.: Carrie, who is married to Charles D. W. Taylor, of Ridgefield, now residing in Denver, Colo.; Hiram K., Jr., born in 1869, married to Lottie A. Ellis, and residing in Ridgefield; George G., born in 1871, who married Faustina Jennings, and resides in Ridgefield; Gertrude Adams, born in 1872, wife of William H. Farrelly, of New Milford, Conn., now living in Bristol, R. I.; and David Francis, born in 1879, deceased in 1882. The mother of these died in 1880. Mr. Scott's present wife was Mary J. Studwell, daughter of John E. Studwell, of Ridgefield.

MELBERT B. CARY. As lawyer and statesman this gentleman is widely known all over the State of Connecticut, and he is a worthy descendant of one of her oldest families. Deacon Joseph Cary, his direct ancestor, settled in Windham prior to 1694, and it will thus be seen that the Carys have been identified with this Commonwealth for over two centuries. The father of our subject, John W. Cary, went west in early manhood and settled in Wisconsin, thence moving to Chicago, and at the time of his death he was one of the most prominent lawyers in that city.

Melbert B. Cary was born in Racine, Wis., July 23, 1852. At nineteen years of age he graduated from Princeton College — the second youngest in a class of over one hundred members, standing second in his class during the senior year. After graduating he took up the study of law, and practiced his profession in the West for several years, finally removing to New York City and opening an office there. He made his home, however, in Ridgefield, Conn. In 1891 he relinquished active professional work in order to give his time to literary and business interests, with which he has since been occupied. He was the publisher several years ago of the Cyclopedia of Political Science, Political Economy and United States History, edited by John J. Lalor, which work is a standard authority on such subjects. Mr. Cary is equally active and popular in political circles. Since 1876, when he first exerted himself in that line, making speeches for Tilden, he has been recognized as a leading man in the Democratic party. He has neither sought nor held office. In 1892 he was chosen to represent the Twelfth Senatorial District on the State Democratic Committee, and the lively campaign which followed and ended in a large Democratic increase for that district was mainly the result of his earnest labors in behalf of his party. He has made a thorough and exhaustive study of constitutional reform in Connecticut, of which cause he has been an influential champion, and he is an acknowledged authority on the subject. The prominence he acquired in this connection led many of the Democratic newspapers to urge his nomination for Governor in 1894, but he would not permit his name to go before the convention. He was afterward nominated candidate for senator from the Twelfth District, and, though he did not wish the nomination, he accepted it, feeling that he must respond to his party's call in order to aid the rest of the ticket. The district was a Republican stronghold, and his fearlessness in leading a forlorn hope in a Republican district, no less than the aggressive and intellectual manner in which the campaign was conducted, won him the hearty commendation of fellow Democrats throughout Connecticut. He has always been loyal to the foundation principles of his party, and has never swerved from them to take sides with any minor wing or faction. In September, 1898, he was unanimously elected chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee of Connecticut.

Mr. Cary owns and operates a farm of one hundred acres near Ridgefield, and the old-fashioned Colonial house which he has erected thereon, and in which he makes his home, is a well-known landmark in the neighborhood. Personally, he is of medium height and slender in build, and his dark hair is now slightly tinged with gray.

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HON. J. HENRY BEACH, superintendent of the Bridgeport Hospital, and formerly a member of the Connecticut Legislature, is a representative of one of the oldest and most highly esteemed families, being of the seventh generation of the name in this country. The first ancestors, of whom we have any definite account, was John Beach, whose name appears in the record of New Haven for 1843, and who afterward settled at Stratford.

II. Nathaniel Beach, the next in the line of descent, was born in 1662. III. David Beach, born in 1692, married Hannah Sherman, daughter of Matthew Sherman. IV. Jabez Beach, born in 1720, married (first) Mary Bassett and (second) Eunice ———.

V. Jabez Beach, our subject's grandfather, was born in 1760, in Stratford, and made his home in later years in Chestnut Hill District, of the town of Trumbull. He was engaged in business there as a tanner and manufacturer of shoes, and became an extensive real-estate holder. He married Parthenia Somers, and had five children: Eunice, who married Aaron Mallett; David, our subject's father; Mary, wife of Isaac Hall and mother of Col. O. B. Hall, of Bridgeport; Stephen and Rhody.

VI. David Beach, father of our subject, was born January 27, 1785, in Chestnut Hill District, of the town of Trumbull, where he resided throughout his life, much of his time being devoted to the care of his farm. During the winter seasons he often taught school, and his ability and high character caused him to be frequently chosen to the office by his fellow townsmen. For sixteen years he was town clerk, and he has also served many years as justice of peace, while at the time of his death, which occurred September 30, 1847, he held the office of town treasurer. Politically he was a Democrat, and in religious faith he was an Episcopalian, being a leading member of the Church of that denomination at Long Hill, in which he served as warden. By his first wife, Abigail (Fayerweather), he had two children, one of whom, Mrs. Austin, of Suffield, Conn., is now living, and our subject was the only child of his second wife, who was Miss Ruth Bulkley, of Southport.

VII. John Henry Beach, our subject, was born January 5, 1839, at the old home in Chestnut Hill District, town of Trumbull, and there his youth was spent. In early manhood he engaged in contract work with the W. F. Swords Lumber Co., Bridgeport, continuing twenty years, and in 1891 he was appointed to his present position by the executive committee of the Bridgeport Hospital board. He is a most capable official, and every detail of hospital management comes under his personal care except the medical and surgical work. As a citizen he is public-spirited, taking keen interest in political questions, and in 1875 he was elected to the Legislature from the town of Trumbull. His wife, whose maiden name was Emma L. Keeler, is a daughter of Giles O. Keeler, a well-known resident of Bridgeport. Their only child, Medora C., is now the wife of Frank W. Bolande, of Bridgeport.

ROBERT SIMEON HAWLEY (deceased). "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die," and a man could ask no better monument in a community than the ideal of a well-spent life and a manly character associated with his memory. The subject of this brief memoir was a leading agriculturist of Newtown township, and although his quiet disposition made public life distasteful to him, his influence as a citizen was always recognized as a factor in the interests of progress. His family has been prominent in this county from an early date, and his farm near Hawleyville has been held in the family name for several generations.

Robert Nichols Hawley, the father of our subject, was a prosperous agriculturist, owning about 250 acres of land near Hawleyville, most of which he had inherited from his father, and at the time of his death his estate was inventoried at $40,000. He was noted for his good judgment in public matters as well as in business, and for many years he was active in local affairs, being regarded as one of the representative men of the town. For a long period he held the office of first selectman, and from the organization of the Republican party he took an earnest interest in its success. He was also prominent in religious work as a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, at Newtown, to which he gave liberally of his means and time. He died January 7, 1888, and his wife, whose maiden name was Harriet Blackman, died March 9, 1898. They had three children, our subject being second in the order of birth. Angeline E., the eldest, married Frederick Beers, city surveyor of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Harriet S. married William F. Hurd, of Bridgdport.

Our subject was born October 24, 1844, at the old homestead, and was educated in the common schools of the Lands End District, also in the academies at Newtown and Bethel. He was always fond of reading, and with this practical training in the English branches as a foundation he secured a valuable fund of information

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on general topics, keeping well-abreast of the thought of the day. As he was the only son, he remained upon the homestead, and for years was active in its management. His portion of the estate, consisting of two hundred and fifty acres and the homestead, is considered one of the best farms in the township. In politics he was a stanch Republican, and his ability and sagacity made him a valued member of the local organization. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian, and a member of Trinity Church at Newtown. He died Debember 19, 1886, at the comparatively early age of forty-two, and was sincerely mourned by all classes in the community where he had spent his life.

On October 20, 1874, Mr. Hawley married Miss Ida E. Stoddard, daughter of Seth Stoddard, a well-known merchant of Cornwall, Conn. Her family is prominent in business and social life, and Elizabeth Stoddard, an aunt of Mrs. Hawley, was the first wife of C. P. Huntington. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hawley, all of whom survive to comfort the widowed mother: Asa Huntington, born August 8, 1875, is at home on the farm; Julia Minerva, born February 28, 1879, is attending school in Bridgeport; Robert Norton, born December 23, 1881, and Collis Stoddard, born October 16, 1883, are at home. Of these, Asa Huntington Hawley, May 10, 1898, married Sarah Anna Camp, daughter of Lemuel F. Camp, of Newtown, Conn. He resides at the homestead, and follows in the path of his ancestors.

ASA N. HAWLEY (deceased), who in his lifetime was one of the substantial citizens of Brookfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., was born March 5, 1827, in the town of Brookfield, descending from William Hawley, born in 1732, in Hawleyville, town of Newtown. His grandfather, Joseph Hawley, was born May 17, 1762, and his father, John N. Hawley, was born December 29, 1791, in Newtown. John Hawley farmed in Brookfield nearly all of his lifetime. He married Harriet Norton, and their only child was Asa Norton.

Asa N. Hawley in boyhood attended a private school in Brookfield, and in after years, being fond of reading, acquired a good education. He clerked for a time in a store, and later was a merchant in Hawleyville. Next for several years he was bookkeeper in the office of the Bridgeport Iron Foundry & Machine Company. In 1857 he went to Carthage, Ill., where he engaged in business, and for a time was deputy clerk in the office of the clerk of the circuit court. For two years he was county school commissioner of Hancock county. He was well acquainted with President Lincoln, whose friendship he formed. In 1862 he returned to Brookfield, and was occupied chiefly in farming until his death, which occurred June 17, 1890. He was a notary public, and executor of a number of estates, was a conscientious man, correct in his dealings, and commanded the respect of the community. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Brookfield Centre, and was affiliated with the F. & A. M., and I. O. O. F., while in his political views he was a Democrat. He was enterprising, public-spirited, and quite successful in his business affairs.

In 1851 Mr. Hawley was married to Julia M. Stoddard, a daughter of William and Clarissa (Wyllis) Stoddard, and, having no children of their own, adopted Ida E., a daughter of Mrs. Hawley's brother, Seth. The adopted daughter is now the widow of the late Robert S. Hawley.

William Stoddard was a manufacturer of woolen cloth at Cornwall, Conn. His children were: Hammon (deceased); Sarah M. (deceased wife of Mr. Safford, of Buffalo, N. Y.); Harriet and Jane (deceased); Minerva, wife of Horace H. Seaton, of Newark, N. J. (she is living at the ripe age of 83 years, in good health and with mind strong and active, attending to all of her business, which is enough for any active man of 45; she also takes a trip south every year, and comes to Hawleyville, Conn., three or four times a year); Seth (deceased), married Mary N. Brush, of Woodbury, Conn. (she resides with her daughter, Mrs. Gus. Honshell, of Huntington, W. Va., at the age of 82 years); Elizabeth (deceased), married Collis P. Huntington, of New York; Clarissa was the wife of Edwin Prentice; Hannah married (first) Daniel Hammon, of New York, and (second) John Haviland, of California; William Moses (the third son) is living at the age of 70 years, and is the father and grandfather of a large family (he has for many years lived in California); Mary J. married Delos W. Emmons, of Oneonta, N. Y., now of Huntington, W. Va.; and Julia M. (Mrs. Asa N. Hawley) is living at the homestead, in Hawleyville.

HON. ROBERT JAY WALSH. Men of marked ability, forceful character and culture, leave their impress upon the world, written in such indelible characters that time is powerless to obliterate their memory or sweep it from the minds of men. Their commendable acts live long after they have passed from the scene of their earthly careers. In the subject of this sketch we

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find one of the most distinguished members of the Fairfield County Bar; twice State Senator representing the Twelfth district; member of the commission of 1888 to revise the statutes; since 1889 Secretary of State of Connecticut, and now judge of the Criminal Court of Common Pleas. His is a familiar figure in the streets of Greenwich, and his fine presence and dignified manner would attract attention anywhere, while, to those who have the pleasure of his personal acquaintance, his well-stored mind and conversational powers are a source of perpetual enjoyment.

Born August 1, 1854, at Lewisboro, Westchester Co., N. Y., Judge Walsh is a son of James F. and Annie E. Walsh. In 1864 the family removed across the boundary line into Connecticut, settling in the town of Ridgefield, and here our subject, already advanced in his elementary studies, continued them in the local public schools. At the age of twelve years he left the common school, becoming a student in the High Ridge Institute at Ridgefield, where he had the advantage of instruction under the accomplished Prof. William O. Seymour, then principal of the institution, but at present railroad commissioner of Connecticut. Brilliancy of scholarship did not characterize his school life so much as careful, painstaking effort, coupled with a willing observance of the rules of the school; and here we find an apt illustration of the aphorism: "The boy is father to the man." Indeed, at that time, and during the few succeeding years he remained in Ridgefield, the youth presaged the man—a natural leader of men. By his companions he came to be a recognized leader, a captain in their games, "The observed of all observers," and the one looked up to in all local circles and social gatherings.

After devoting two years to acquiring a knowledge of the higher branches, he felt that the time had now come for him to enter the arena of practical life, and take his stand among those who have to bear the "white man's burden." A sturdy lad, descended from sturdy ancestors, he chose the ancient and honorable trade of a blacksmith, even thus early recognizing the fact that the possession of a useful handicraft was a certain means of rising to a state of financial independence. During the years of his apprenticeship, like his prototype, Elihu Burritt, "The Learned Blacksmith," he made good use of his spare hours for the improvement of his mind by study and useful reading, at every opportunity refreshing his mental caliber at the "Pierian spring," which proved to him a strong motor in his after acquirements.

When about seventeen years of age, having already mastered his trade and prepared to do manly work, he became conscious of the inner promptings for something higher and better. Seeking the advice and assistance of Dr. William S. Todd, then (and now) a practitioner of medicine in Ridgefield, with him he reviewed his English studies preparatory to teaching. He taught one year, and then, in order to perfect himself in his profession, entered the State Normal School, but did not complete the full course of instruction because of an advantageous position offered him in Port Chester, N. Y. His career as a teacher was characterized by the same qualities that have been his rule and guide in every station, and from first to last, he more than fulfilled the expectations of his warmest friends. His first school was a success from the start, and wherever he taught he left but one record, a record crystalized in the words: "The best teacher we ever had." But this profession, successful with him as it was, did not satisfy his ambition. It was a habit of his while filling one position to be looking forward to and preparing for some other.

Characteristically, while yet teaching, he commenced the study of law, under the advice and instruction of Col. H. W. R. Hoyt, a prominent lawyer at Greenwich, Conn., reciting once or twice a week till the end of the term. Colonel Hoyt, early recognizing his ability, advised him to cease teaching, and offered him terms that made it possible for him to enter his office and be self-supporting while he pursued his professional studies.

In due time Mr. Walsh was admitted to practice at the Fairfield County Bar, and being at once received into partnership by his accomplished and experienced preceptor, he was immediately thrown into the arena of practical effort, and won his spurs as a lawyer under the most benign auspices. In 1882 his self-reliant nature prompted him to seek absolute independence, and accordingly he opened a law office of his own at Greenwich. His professional work increased with great rapidity, and he attended to it with so much diligence and ability that he speedily won distinguished prominence at the Bar.

The knowledge and experience thus gained eminently qualified him for public positions of honor and trust, and the community in which he lived were not slow in recognizing his ability and worth. During the year of his admission to the Bar he was chosen corporation counsel of the town, also borough attorney of the borough of Greenwich, which incumbencies he still fills with characteristic acumen and probity. In political

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work, also, it is but natural that he should seek to attain prominence, gifted as he is with fluent eloquence and rare argumentative powers. An ardent Republican, he, during the Presidential campaign of 1880, took the "stump" in Connecticut in behalf of Garfield and Arthur, and in the same year was placed on the Republican State Central Committee for the Twelfth Senatorial District of Connecticut—a party honor which was accorded him by re-election down to the time he was elected judge, when he resigned. In the Presidential campaign of 1884 he was equally active in his support of Blain and Logan. Before the year ended he was placed in the field by the Republicans of the Twelfth district as their candidate for the State Senate, and was elected by a large majority, his popularity being so great that he ran far ahead of his ticket. In 1886 he was chosen secretary of the State Central Committee, and, being renominated for the Senate, was re-elected by twice the majority received in the previous campaign.

In the Senate he developed remarkable ability as a debater, almost unconsciously impressing on his co-workers the fact that in Senator Walsh they had among them a man of judicial mind, instinctive sagacity, strong memory, iron will, indomitable perseverance, great power of mental concentration, and withal, entire self-command; in fact, before the close of the first term he had become a recognized power in that body. During the session of 1885 he served as chairman of the committee on Incorporations, and in 1886 and 1887 he was chairman of the Judiciary committee. Both of these prominent chairmanships he filled with remarkable ability, and demonstrated so much strength in general legislation that he became the leader of his party in the Senate, and had the honor of being called to preside over that body as president *pro tem.* during the session of 1887. In 1888 he was nominated by the Republicans for the office of Secretary of State of Connecticut, and was elected with the rest of the ticket. He filled the position with dignity and honor. In the spring of 1889 he was appointed judge of the Criminal Court of Common Pleas in Fairfield county, bringing to that position all the ripe fruit of his rare legal training and experience, and an eminently judicial mind. Upon the acceptance of this he hoped to withdraw from all active participation in politics. In 1890 he positively refused the use of his name for a renomination for the office of Secretary of State, and fully expected and was anxious to be relieved of the duties of the office at the expiration of his term. The failure of the Legislature to declare the election of his successor made it impossible for him to leave the office vacant, the constitution of the State making him the secretary until his successor had been declared elected, and had been duly qualified.

Although Judge Walsh's political success has been brilliant in the extreme, and is full of promise, it in nowise overshadows his success as a lawyer. In 1885, having already achieved a wide reputation, he was appointed, by Governor Harrison, a member of the commission to revise the statutes of Connecticut. Although one of the youngest men in that body (which was composed of the flower of the legal profession), he was one of the most active in its deliberations, bringing to the work in hand a well-trained mind, a clear judgment and remarkable powers of analysis. His older colleagues on the commission were quick to recognize his ability, and it is an indisputable fact that the success of the revision was due in no small degree to his unremitting zeal and keen intelligence.

Mr. Walsh's practice is one of the most general kind. His services are sought to such an extent that his business extends to all the courts of the State. The greater part of his work consists of important cases, and his practice is lucrative as well as large. Probably no lawyer of his years in the State occupies a more distinguished position at the Bar, or is held in greater esteem by his colleagues. His enviable reputation has been won by the exhibition of some of the best qualities of manhood, including perseverance, diligence, inflexible integrity and a high sense of honor in both business and legislation. His mind, while full of information, patient in details, and accurate in the minutest point, is naturally comprehensive, and tends to broad and rapid generalization. His political strength, based alike on his distinguished ability as a lawyer and his unremitting zeal in the public service, grows stronger year by year, and is steadily augmented by his great personal popularity.

The Judge's great abilities have not been wholly confined to strictly professional or political pursuits. He has also given considerable attention to financial matters, in all of which his course has been marked throughout by the same integrity, fidelity and ability. He was largely instrumental in organizing and establishing the Greenwich Trust, Loan & Deposit Company, which has been successful far beyond the expectation of its promoters. In 1890, while absent on his vacation, he was, quite unexpected to himself, elected its president, a position he still holds. He is also director and counsel of the Greenwich Gas & Electric Light Company, of which he was an enthusiastic promoter. He is

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secretary of the Hawthorne Mills Company, a corporation having nearly one million dollars capital, and conducting a business in the manufacture and sale of woolen goods, in both Greenwich and New York City. He is interested in some land improvement schemes, and a strong advocate and friend of progress and improvement in all directions. At all times and under all circumstances he is a representative American, patriotic to the backbone, ever eloquent upon the future of his country and the magnificent possibilities for all which that future involves. His career is a shining example of what may be accomplished by inherent natural abilities allied to a strong determination and perseverance, even under the most adverse circumstances. He has achieved a moderate competence, an influential position and an honorable name; yet no man owes less to fortuitous circumstances or extraneous help. That there are no rules for building character, no rules for achieving success, no royal road to fame, is only proven by the career of Hon. Robert J. Walsh, who, as will be seen, has been distinctively and absolutely the architect of his own fortune.

REV. RUSSELL T. HALL, D.D., pastor of the First Congregational Church at New Britain, Conn., is descended from an old New England family whose time of settlement dates back to 1631, and is now known to genealogists as "The Medford Hall Family" from their location at Medford, Mass.

Born October 6, 1844, at Richmond, Vt., Dr. Hall is a son of Joseph A. and Sarah (Bronson) Hall, the former of whom was the son of a farmer, and a native of Vermont, born at Richmond, as was also his wife, who was the daughter of Thomas Bronson. This couple in 1856 moved with their family to near Oberlin, Ohio, locating in Russia township, Lorain county, where they were occupied as agriculturists, and there at Oberlin College they educated all five of their children who reached adult age, namely: Russell T., the eldest of the five, is mentioned farther on; Mary H. married Jacob F. Ellis, a prominent educator and president of a college; Thomas A. is a business man in Chicago; Lyman B. is a member of the Faculty at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio; and Emily married Merton Thompson, and died at Albina, Ore. The father of these later in life moved to Michigan, where he died at the age of seventy-one years. He was a man of considerable force of character and ability. Having enjoyed but meager school advantages, he the more appreciated what an education meant, and so gave his own children the best privileges in that direction. He had acquired by reading and contact with the world a large fund of general information, and was able to enjoy and appreciate the society of learned men. He was a leader in the different communities in which his lot was cast. Himself and wife were devout members of the Congregational Church. His widow now makes her home with our subject.

Dr. Russell T. Hall was a lad of twelve years when his father moved to Ohio. He entered Oberlin college, Oberlin, Ohio, and was graduated in the class of '65. During the Civil war he served one year, enlisting in December, 1861, as a private in Company H, 43rd O. V. I., and saw active service, participating in the various engagements in which his command took part. Owing to disability he was honorably discharged Nov. 30, 1862. In May, 1864, he again enlisted, this time in the one-hundred-days' service, and was assigned to duty in Washington, D. C. He was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant of his company. In September, 1869, he was married to Miss Mary A. Tyler, a native of Medina county, Ohio, a daughter of Gideon W. Tyler, one of the leading men of that county, where he served several years as county auditor. The daughter in question is a graduate of Oberlin College. To Dr. Hall and his wife have been born children as follows: Edith B. is at this time in the senior class at Oberlin College; Arthur B. is a freshman in Yale College; Tyler died in infancy; and Walter died when ten years of age. Politically Dr. Hall is a Republican. In 1895 the degree of D. D. was conferred on him by his Alma Mater, he being the second on the list to receive such honor from Oberlin College.

The following pen sketch of our subject, written by a noted divine, appeared in the "Treasury of Religious Thought" in January, 1895: "It has been noticed that Americans who passed their intellectual and spiritual adolescence, during the period of our great Civil war, developed in many cases a peculiar toughness and strength of fibre, that quieter times fail to produce. They were 'marked' in their mental and moral natures by the martial sights and sounds amid which they came to maturity. This was notably the case with the subject of this sketch. His four college years were the four years of the war. Lincoln's call for 75,000 men fell upon his ears just as he was girding himself for the college curriculum, and the most notable event in the closing month of his senior year was the jubilation on the college green over the surrender at Appomattox. The call of the country in those days

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was, to many a hitherto thoughtless youth, the call of God, and in surrendering himself to the service of the nation he surrendered himself to Christ. Young Hall was just at an age to be deeply influenced by these stirring times, and the place of his birth, Richmond, Vt., with his parentage of New England origin on both sides, insured his susceptibility to the more patriotic influence that then swept over the land. Oberlin College, too, with which he had become identified, was the place in all the country where the influence of those times would be felt with all its force. Oberlin was in the forefront of the fray. Two years before the town had been profoundly moved by the raid of John Brown upon Harpers Ferry. The father of Brown had been a trustee of the college, and his younger brothers and a sister had been students there, the hero himself had been closely identified with Oberlin men, and two of them lost lives with him in his memorable raid. Oberlin therefore had been keyed up to a high pitch of patriotic interest and expectation by the time that Sumter had fallen, and within two days after the proclamation of the President 130 of her choicest young men had signed their names to the muster roll. Our youthful Vermonter, a worthy successor to the Green Mountain boys of Revolutionary fame, took his place with the rest and served for some time in the 43rd and 150th O. V. I. The training of Mr. Hall was therefore not wholly within college walls. The sterner discipline of the field was also his, and the interruptions that his studies suffered from these military absences were more than made up by such richer qualities of mind and heart as heroic self-sacrifice brings. It is good for a man to bear the yoke in his youth.

"His army experience served to sober his youthful thoughts and clarify his judgment, so that graduating just as he attained his majority, among the youngest in the class, he excelled in scholarship, and was distinguished for a grasp and maturity of mind far beyond his years. In the recitation room he was never known to fail or to be unprepared, and in his literary society he was a formidable antagonist in debate. That mental curiosity and capacity for acquiring information, and that living interest in the questions of the time that are so marked a feature in his later years, characterized him from the first. His fondness for reading made him a full man, and his delight in extemporaneous discussion a ready man. After two years spent in teaching and business in Tennessee, he entered Union Theological Seminary in New York City, from which he graduated with the class of '70, having charge during the last two years of his course, however, of the Wilson Mission in Tompkins Square. For his first regular pastorate he went to Vermont, his native State. The village of Pittsford was for nine years the scene of his devoted labors. During this time he became widely known as a man of power and promise, and in 1879 he was called to the First Congregational Church of Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Six years later, becoming interested in the new material and religious development in Florida, he went to the 'Flowery State,' and in Tavares and Jacksonville he spent six useful years. The South Florida Chautauqua, of which he has been its president since organization in 1887, is largely the fruit of his thought and care. He also served several years in the board of trustees of Oberlin and Rollins Colleges. His connection with the large and important suburban Church, of which he is now pastor (Greenwich), dates from January, 1892.

"The pulpit efforts of Mr. Hall are distinguished for originality and depth of thought, fullness of information, and fluence and grace of expression. His style of speaking is uniformly extemporaneous, only the briefest notes of his interesting remarks ever appearing on the desk before him. The truths that he presents are clear and well defined in his own mind, and he succeeds in making them appear so to his hearers. No thoughtful person ever leaves his Church in doubt as to the meaning of the peacher. His theological is warmly evangelical. With a mind ever open to new light from whatever direction it may come, he rests his faith and his preaching upon the great historic facts and truth of God."

In December, 1897, Dr. Hall removed to New Britain, Conn., and became pastor of the First Church of Christ in that city, where he still remains.

DWIGHT WAUGH, one of Stamford's leading citizens, has been prominently identified with the business interests of that locality for many years. As will be seen in the following brief biography, he is also prominent in Masonic circles, and has risen to the highest rank in the fraternity in this State, a fact which speaks volumes for his ability and personal worth.

Samuel Waugh, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Litchfield county, Conn., and served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. During the war of 1812 he organized a company to garrison Fort Trumbull, at New London, Conn. His wife, Elizabeth Goodwin, was no less partiotic, and as a school girl she helped to mold the lead, taken from the statue of King George III, into bullets for the use of the Colonial army.

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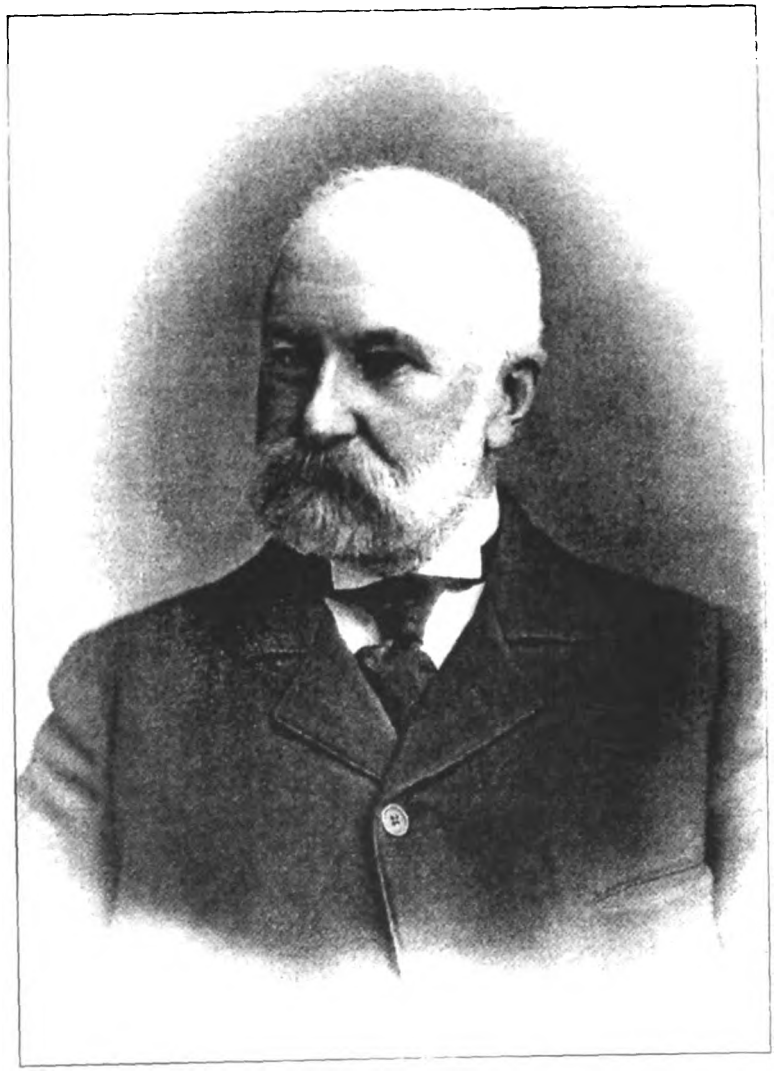

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Samuel W. Waugh, the father of our subject, was born in the town of Morris, Litchfield county, where he followed farming for many years. His wife, whose maiden name was Caroline Marsh, was a desdendant of one of the first settlers of that county.

Our subject was born January 20, 1831, in the town of Morris, Litchfield county, and his boyhood was spent upon the old farm. He was educated in the public schools of the locality, and in a private school taught by F. W. Gunn., in the town of Washington, now called "Gunnery School," and for a short time he was engaged in teaching in the district schools of his community. At the age of twenty he settled at Stamford through the influence of his uncle, Isaac B. Redfield, then manager of the Cove Mills, at that place. Beginning in November, 1851, as an engineer of Cove Mills (Stamford) Mfg. Co., Mr. Waugh was promoted from time to time until he became general superintendent of the company, which position he filled satisfactorily for five years previous to his retirement in April, 1893. He has been connected with various other business enterprises, and was first president of the Cove Transportation Company of Stamford. Notwithstanding the pressure of business cares he has found time to fulfill the duties of a good citizen, and he has been especially active in educational affairs, having served as a member of the first school board in his town. For two years he was a burgess of the borough of Stamford. In politics he is a stanch Republican, but he is not an aspirant after official honors.

Mr. Waugh united with Union Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M., of Stamford, August 3, 1859, and was advanced January 18, 1860, and February 1, 1860. He became Mark Master August 4, 1864; Past Master and Most Excellent Master, August 11, 1864; Senior Warden in 1865, and in 1866 and in 1868, 1872 and 1875, he held the rank of Master. He was High Priest of Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11, R. A. M., in 1868, 1870, 1872, 1874, 1876, 1879, 1881, 1882, 1884, and 1887. On August 18, 1864, he took the Royal Arch degree at Norwalk, and in 1868, when the charter of Washington Council, Stamford, was restored, he became a charter member. He was four times Illustrious Master of his Council—in 1868, 1883, 1889 and 1891. On March 3, 1865, he entered Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., at Norwalk, and in 1880 he held the post of Eminent Commander in that body. He also belongs to Lafayette Consistory of the Scottish Rite at Bridgeport, and to Pyramid Shrine at the same place. Since 1872 he has been the representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan in the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and he has been through all the chairs in the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, and Grand Council of this State. The following is a copy of a vote of thanks from the Grand Lodge which was presented, neatly framed, to Mr. Waugh in 1886.

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Annual Communication held in the city of Hartford, January 20 and 21, 1886.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge E., be and are hereby tendered to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Dwight Waugh, for the able and impartial and in every way satisfactory manner in which he has performed the duties of his office during the two years of his administration. Attest—J. K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary. Henry H. Green, Grand Master.

SMITH FAMILY. The father and sons of the Smiths of Newtown, of whom we particularly write, came of hardy Puritan ancestry, through whose generations have descended the fragrance of Godly lives, simple in faith but fervent in piety.

Rev. Henry Bagg Smith, the beloved pastor of the Congregational Church at Newtown from 1863 to 1873, was born at Westfield, Mass., November 8, 1819, the eldest child of Deacon Horace Smith, and his wife, Grata Bagg. Deacon Horace Smith, who afterward took his father-in-law's farm in West Springfield, Mass., was a man of decided convictions, sternly adherent to right, but generous to a fault. He was ever forward in every good work, and peculiarly devoted to the services of his Church, from which neither tempest nor the stress of summer heat could keep him. Deacon Smith tilled the soil for a living; he became the father of six sons—Henry B., Joseph A., Franklin F., William H., Samuel D. and Lyman; and three daughters—Margaret, Harriet and Caroline T. The mother of these children, quiet as she was, matched her husband's perseverance and Christian devotion, and, when she was taken away in her old age, Deacon Horace Smith, the husband of her life, almost fell in his tracks, as if the death shaft pierced his heart also.

Henry Bagg Smith worked the West Springfield farm when a boy, Deacon Henry Smith removing from Westfield when Henry was four years old, and received the discipline and education of farmer lads of seventy years ago. The father supplied milk to customers across the Connecticut river in Cabotville (now Chicopee), and Henry and his brothers took it to them in a skiff. There was enough natural beauty in that fertile Connecticut valley region to stir the noblest am-

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bitions of the boy, and Nature was bountiful enough to satisfy the labors of his hands. But he was called to other fields and a different culture by a strange Providence. While driving cattle before a harrow in the field, when about fourteen years old, he was thrown to the ground and drawn under the iron teeth. How he escaped alive no one can tell, but the cruel wounds laid him at death's portal for days. With recovery came the conviction, which never left him, that this was truly a call to his soul as ever the dazzling glory that smote Saul blind in his furious progress toward Damascus. The fervor of the young convert's zeal stopped short of only the fullest consecration of himself to the blessed Master's service, and he soon obtained his father's consent to prepare for the Gospel ministry. This preparation began at Wilbraham, and the subsequent preparatory studies were pursued at Westfield and at Munson. He furthered his studies in a collegiate course at Amherst, and then took up his theological studies at Andover Seminary, graduating from college in 1843 and from the seminary in 1846. His commencement oration at Amherst was a thrilling anti-slavery address. He was licensed to preach in April, 1846, before he left the seminary, and began the ministerial work in which he fainted not for thirty-six years. His first charge was at Charlemont, Mass., where he was hired for a time. His first settlement was at West Granville, Mass., where he was ordained July 22, 1847, President Hitchcock of Amherst College preaching the ordination sermon, and Rev. R. S. Hazen of Berkhamsted, the young pastor's future father-in-law, giving the charge to the people.

The new minister was not long in finding a bride at Barkhamsted's Congregational parsonage, Miss Sarah Stedman Hazen. The Hazen stock is also an old Puritan institution, and has supplied many ministers of the Word. Rev. R. S. Hazen, a remarkably well-balanced man, and sincerely spiritual in his aspirations, finally died at Westminster, Conn., his last pastorate. His surviving children were: Rev. Timothy Hazen, of Goshen, Conn.; Mrs. George Fowler, of Agawam (now deceased); Mrs. Rev. H. B. Smith, and their half brother, Rev. Dr. James K. Hazen, of Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. Smith was for five years pastor at West Granville, then the next twenty-seven years were passed in Connecticut. Abington, his first parish, retained his services until August 11, 1863; Burlington, until 1867; Newtown for six years; Greenfield Hill until July 31, 1877; and, finally, Staffordville, until November 1, 1879. From Staffordville he went to South Amherst, Mass., where a father's bequest had made it possible for him to secure a small place at which to end his days, and help some of his boys through college—at his own Alma Mater. He supplied the South Amherst pulpit, but closed his labors at Shutesbury, ten miles from his South Amherst home, where he began a yearly supply April 10, 1880. His death occurred on August 10, 1882. Rev. Smith was a successful pastor. He was a pastor rather than a preacher, but many a word of his has lingered to comfort and sustain the Christian hope. He threw heart and soul, himself, his family and all the resources he could command into his parish work, and his genial smile has been a benediction in many a household. In all matters of public moment he was prominent, taking a leading part with other citizens, a man among men. With scarcely an intermission, for stalwart health, boundless push and an indomitable will kept him at work almost every Sunday during his whole ministry.

Abington, Rev. Smith's longest pastorate, was also the birthplace of most of his children: Horace D., born November 8, 1852, died in infancy; Clara W. (Rev. Mrs. Thresher), born February 9, 1854; Sarah M. (Mrs. Jenks), January 23, 1856; Robert D., October 4, 1857; Willie D. (a graduate of Amherst College), June 7, 1859; Charles H., April 11, 1861, and Henry M., January 5, 1863; Horace died a babe of nine months; Allison P. was born October 27, 1866, at Burlington; Arthur J. and Emily L. were born in Newtown, March 10, 1868, and May 12, 1870, respectively.

Reuben H. Smith, the eldest surviving son of a country clergyman with a large family, early in life learned what hardship was. When his father was preaching at Burlington, although but a lad, he worked for a time in an axe-works at Collinsville, and frequently on Monday morning in winter the six miles to work through snow storms were walked. His tenderness and care in looking after his numerous small brothers and sisters is a matter of history which broadened his heart for the children which in later years blessed his home. At eighteen he learned typesetting on the Waterbury *American*, and in a short time assisted in the make-up of the paper. At twenty-two he entered Berea College in Kentucky, remained one year and then returned to Waterbury as the editor of the *American*. His work on that newspaper spoke for itself. He succeeded in bringing the paper up to a high standard, and when he left it was one of the best known and most quoted journals in the State. His next position was on the Springfield *Republican*, a paper which has always had a high standing from a

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literary and news standpoint. His experience on the *American* fitted him for his new work, and it was not long before editors Clark and Griffin discovered his real worth. He wrote a series of articles on education in the South, which attracted wide attention, and required months to gather the material. Although nominally holding the position as "exchange editor," he contributed largely to the editorial columns. Night work, however, was very disagreeable to Mr. Smith, and it was with regret that editor Griffin accepted his resignation to come to the *Newtown Bee*. Mr. Smith's success on the *Bee* has largely been augmented by the assistance Mrs. Smith has given him, who in recent years has taken an active hand in the office work. During the years of his residence in Newtown, and years of service on the *Bee*, there were few men more esteemed in the community and in the county at large than was he of whom we write. Honesty of purpose, and a hardworker, he brought the *Bee* up to a high standard. True to his convictions, strictly honest in his dealings with his fellow men, he won respect and admiration on every side. Upright in character, he is unswerving in loyalty to duty and to God. Mr. Smith retired from the *Bee* in October, 1892, to engage in newspaper work at Riverside, Cal., and after a period there he returned to the East and became connected with the *Religious Herald*, of which he is now editor and proprietor.

Mr. Smith married Miss Rebecca Webb, of Waterbury, Conn., and has five children living.

ALLISON P. and ARTHUR J. SMITH received the benefit of a good education, completing their studies in the public schools at Amherst. In September, 1882, Allison P. came to Newtown, and for a year and a half was in the office of the *Bee* with his eldest brother, during which time he learned the printing trade. Thence he went to Springfield, Mass., and took a position in the composing room with the Phelps Publishing Company, the publishers of the *New England Homestead, Springfield Homestead* and the *Agricultural Homestead*. It was not long until some of his occasional contributions attracted the attention of Edward H. Phelps, the able editor-in-chief, who became interested in the young man and invited his services on the reportorial staff, and from that time on for eight years he did reporting and editorial work on the several publications of the company, chiefly on the *Homestead*. He was complimented by being made the representative of the Springfield District for the *Zion Herald* of Boston, one of the leading papers of the M. E. Church in the United States. This position was given to the young reporter and editor at the solicitation of the ministers of Springfield, his work in the district comprising some sixty-five Churches. His historical writtings in this work attracted much attention. His next field of labor was on the *Newtown Bee*, which is referred to farther on. Mr. Smith was married, in May, 1890, to Miss Hattie, daughter of Frederick S. Hazen, of Springfield, Mass., and has one child, Hazel Hazen Smith.

Arthur J. Smith, after the completion of his studies at Amherst, learned the jewelry business in that city with J. A. Rawson. Subsequently for a period he was employed in a business house in Springfield, Mass., then was for a time employed in a factory in Bridgeport, Conn. From Bridgeport he came to Newtown and entered the office of the *Bee*, and, like his older brothers, learned the printing trade. Subsequently, however, he returned to Bridgeport, and for a period was employed in the Mechanics and Farmers Savings Bank there. Thence he came to Newtown, which he has since made his home and field of work. He was married, in May, 1897, to Miss Frances, daughter of Samuel Scudder, of Newtown.

The Smith brothers, on the retiring of their eldest brother from the *Bee*, in October, 1892, bought a controlling interest in the paper which had been operated for some years by a company. The paper has since been conducted by these gentlemen, who hold the greater part of the stock of the company. They have inherited the characteristics of their ancestors and elder brother, and through their energy, ability and good management the *Bee* has been brought to its present excellent position, standing as it does among the foremost country weekly papers in Connecticut. The *Bee* is wisely edited, and its business management has been of high order. Its circulation is now between three and four thousand—an increase in a few years of something like one thousand. These young men are Christian gentlemen; Allison P., the editor, is a deacon in the Congregational Church and superintendent of the Sunday-school, while Arthur J., the business manager, also held the office of superintendent of the Sabbath-school, was the Church chorister for five years, and has held other offices in the gift of the Church.

DUDLEY PETTIBONE ELY (deceased). This honored resident of South Norwalk, who passed to the unseen life on July 9, 1895, was a member of an old Colonial family that has been characterized in every generation by sterling qualities of mind and heart. Tradition

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points to a French origin, but the first authentic ancestral record is of one Richard Ely, Sr., a widower, who came from Lyme, England, with two sons, William and Richard, Jr., and settled in 1660 at Lyme, Conn., where he died November 24, 1684, his remains being interred in the "Ely burying ground" at that place.

II. Richard Ely, Jr. was born at Lyme, England, but resided during the greater portion of his life at Lyme, Conn., where he built a house in 1715. He married Mary Marvin, and had four children: Samuel, who married Jane Lord; Richard, who is mentioned below; Mary, born in 1689, who married a Mr. Niles, of Hebron, Conn.; and Sarah, born in 1695, who married a Mr. Gillet, of Colchester, Connecicut.

III. Deacon Richard Ely, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born at Lyme, Conn., in October, 1697, and died there February 21, 1777, his mortal remains being laid to rest in the family burial ground at what is now North Lyme. He was married January 23, 1724, to Elizabeth Peck, by whom he had four children: Elizabeth, born October 11, 1724, married Col. Samuel Selden; Esther, born May 22, 1726, died at the age of ten years and thirty-one days; Ezra, our subject's grandfather; and Mary, born October 21, 1729.

IV. Rev. Ezra Ely was born January 6, 1728, at the old home in Lyme, Conn., and married (first) Sarah Starling, of the same town. On August 21, 1760, he was married there to Ann Starling, by whom he had four children: Daniel Harlin, born October 15, 1761, died March 22, 1786; Ann, born September 15, 1764, married B. E. Chaplin, of East Lyme, Conn., and died February 8, 1842; Benjamin, who is mentioned more fully below; and Israel, born January 12, 1770. Daniel became a colonel in the Revolutionary army, and it is said that he had the French coat of arms belonging to the family engraven upon his sword.

V. Benjamin Ely, our subject's father, was born July 18, 1767, at Lyme, and in 1786 graduated from Yale College. He made his home at Simsbury, Conn., where he was successfully engaged in agriculture. As a citizen he was highly esteemed, and at times he held local office, serving in 1809 as town clerk, and from 1814 to 1817 as justice of the peace. On April 14, 1796, he was married at Simsbury to Miss Polly Pettibone, of that town, and they had nine children, our subject being the youngest. The names of the others, with dates of birth and death, are as follows: Ezra Stiles, May 17, 1797—October 31, 1863; Edwin Dwight, June 30, 1798—August 25, 1831; Mary Ann, November 16, 1800—November 7, 1875; Henry, October 25, 1802—October 17, 1849; Seth, April 20, 1805—April 28, 1828; Nathan Case, September 13, 1807—May 30, 1886; Rosetta, November 10, 1809—October 18, 1831; and Nancy Humphrey, October 6, 1812—April 19, 1877. Ezra, Edwin, Mary Ann and Rosetta did not marry. Henry married Caroline St. John, of Simsbury, Conn.; Nathan married Elizabeth Olmstead, of Hartford, Conn.; and Nancy married Nathan F. Miller, of Bloomfield.

On the maternal side Mr. Ely was descended from Bigot Eggleston, who was born in England about 1580, and came to America in 1630. He landed at Dorchester, Mass., where he remained until 1635, and at that date he, with a company of sixty, made the first settlement in Connecticut, at Windsor. The records of that town show that he "died September 1, 1674, nere 100 yeres of age."

The subject of our memoir was born November 16, 1817, at Simsbury, and his education was begun in the common schools of that locality. At the age of fourteen he was sent to Hartford, where for two years he attended the school of Mr. Olney, the author of "Olney's Geography." Farming not being to his taste, he on his return home found a position as clerk in a country store. After a year and a half, although only a few months over eighteen years of age, he was engaged by a Mr. Toby to take entire charge of a store in West Hartland, Conn., where he spent a year. On January 13, 1837, he went to New York City to enter the employ of his brother Nathan C., as bookkeeper, and four years later he became a partner in the establishment. Up to this time he had received no financial aid whatever in his business, but on his entrance into the firm his father sent him, unsolicited, two hundred and fifty dollars. This gift was fully appreciated and never forgotten, and in the settlement of the father's estate many years afterward, Mr. Ely accounted for the sum. With this exception he was never assisted by any one beyond the usual mercantile credits, and although he passed through many severe panics and financial crises, he invariably met his obligations at maturity. When his brother retired from business Mr. Ely took two Boston gentlemen into the firm, and continued until 1867, when he disposed of his interest.

In May, 1861, he removed with his family to South Norwalk, and there his last days were spent. His ability and experience made him a valued counsellor in business, and he became associated with various enterprises, being at one time president of the First National Bank of

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South Norwalk, president of the Norwalk Gas Light Company, president of the South Norwalk Savings Bank, treasurer of the Alden Mining Company, and a director in several other corporations. He also took much interest in agricultural affairs, and for a time was president of the Fairfield County Agricultural Society. He owned more than half of the stock of the First National Bank, and had the largest real-estate holdings of any one in that vicinity, the assessed valuation of his property being two hundred thousand dollars. During the Civil war he lost about fifty thousand dollars, but he was a most enthusiastic supporter of the government in that trying time, as he was one of the original subscribers for the first issue of bonds when many others felt fearful of the risk. For some years he was interested in real estate in Brooklyn, N. Y., and his operations there brought him a handsome profit. As a business man he was prompt and diligent, but his manner was always unassuming and his disposition genial. He took an active part in local movements, and in the work of the Republican organization. He was the first mayor of South Norwalk, being elected in 1870, and he was re-elected in 1871, '72, '76, and '77. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian, and he was at all times ready with his means and influence to assist in any worthy cause.

On November 28, 1844, Mr. Ely was married at Simsbury, by the Rev. Seth W. Scofield, to Miss Charlotte Wilcox Phelps, who died October 3, 1858. She was a daughter of Judge Jeffery O. Phelps, an officer of the war of 1812, and a leading citizen of his day, who died in 1879, at the age of eighty-eight years. The Phelps family is descended from William Phelps, of Tewkesbury, England, who sailed from Plymouth, March 20, 1630, in the ship "Mary and John," under Captain Squeb, and landed at Hull, Mass., on May 30, 1630. He located first at Dorchester, Mass., but later moved to Windsor, Conn., where he died July 14, 1672. The line of descent is traced through Joseph; Joseph, Jr.; David; Noah, who was a colonel in the Revolutionary army; Noah A., and Judge Jeffery O. Phelps, to our subject's wife.

During the first years of their married life Mr. Ely and his wife resided in New York City, but later, as has been said, he located at South Norwalk, where he purchased the finest residence property in the place. Five children were born of the union (three of whom are living): (1) Harriet Pauline, who married Jonathan Wheeler, of Westport, died May 2, 1868, at the age of twenty-two. (2) Charlotte Elizabeth died February 24, 1883. (3) Mary Rosetta married George H. Millard, of Delhi, N. Y. (4) Augusta Ayres married Russel Frost, a lawyer in South Norwalk. (5) Dudline Pettibone married CHARLES TEMPLE RAYMOND, who was born in Bethel, this county, December 16, 1856, and died January 20, 1897, in Norwalk. He was of the sixth generation in descent from Samuel Raymond, of Norwalk, Conn., the line being traced through Eliakim; Nathaniel, a resident of Norwalk; Charles, also of Norwalk; and Samuel, a resident of the same city, and the father of the late C. T. Raymond. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond had two sons: Dudley E., born April 28, 1887, and Ely, born June 19, 1890.

JOSIAH B. FAIRCHILD, M. D. The Fairchild family is of Scottish origin, the name having formerly been Fairbairn, and tradition assigns to some of its members an active part in the Crusades.

The immediate ancestors of our subject, who is now a prominent physician of Winnipauk, were early settlers at Newtown, and Josiah Fairchild, our subject's great-grandfather, was born in that town and passed his life there with the exception of the time spent in the navy during the Revolutionary war. The remains of this worthy old citizen now repose in the cemetery at Newtown. Wheeler Fairchild, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Newtown, and after his marriage to Miss Millen of the same place he settled upon a farm there. He had five children: Boyle, our subject's father; Josiah B., who did not engage in business, but became a leading politician of the locality, serving at one time as sheriff of the county; Lucy Ann, who married John Hawley, a farmer in the town of Newtown; Laura, who married Pell Barnum, a hotel keeper at Newtown; and Betsey Ann, wife of Charles Clark, a farmer in the same town.

Boyle Fairchild, the father of our subject, was a lifelong resident of Newtown, and for many years was organist in the Episcopal Church, his gifts and accomplishments as a musician giving him a wide reputation. In political faith he was a Democrat, but his tastes did not lead to a public career. He died in 1845, and his wife, Julia A. (Hatch), survived him many years, her death occurring in 1875. She was born at Oxford, Conn., the daughter of Chauncey M. Hatch, who was also a native of that town. His mother was living in the Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania, at the time of the massacre by the Indians, and as he was then a mere child, three days old, she carried him with her on horseback out of danger. The Hatch family is of Scottish blood, but has

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been represented in this country since an early period. Six children were born to our subject's parents, viz.: George (1) who was killed in childhood by a kick from a horse; George (2), who is now dead; David, who is living in retirement at Danbury; Josiah B., of this sketch; Elijah, who is in an insane asylum; and Catherine, wife of Hart Davis, of Oxford, Connecticut.

Doctor Fairchild was born November 2, 1835, at the old home in Newtown, where he remained until he reached the age of twelve years, his education being begun in a select school held in the house of his parents. On leaving home he went to New Haven, and for one year was employed in the office of the New Haven *Register*, but the next seven years he spent on the ocean. He circumnavigated the globe twice, and then, having a desire for life on *terra firma* again, he went to Cincinnati, and later to Kansas. He was at this time about twenty years old, and being inclined to a mercantile career he located at Atchison, Kans., where his brother George was then mayor, and opened a boot, shoe and hat store. When the war of the Rebellion broke out he and his brother David joined Fremont's body guard at St. Louis, Mo., a company organized for special duty. After receiving an honorable discharge he entered the United States navy, where he served gallantly until the close of the war. He joined this branch of the service on September 1, 1862, with the rank of acting master's mate, and at the time of his discharge, on November 3, 1865, was acting ensign. For some time he was engaged in mercantile and other enterprises at various places, and about 1886 he began to practice medicine as a specialist in the Eclectic School in Winnipauk and Stamford, his success demonstrating the wisdom of his choice of a professional life.

Doctor Fairchild's first wife, whose maiden name was Jane M. Wade, was a daughter of George Wade, of Bridgeport, this county, a well-known citizen who at one time held the office of postmaster of that place. They had four children: William, David, George and Katie. The last three died, and were buried, as well as the mother, at Bridgeport, Conn.; William, who survives, resides at Tracy, near Meriden, being general superintendent of an extensive auger, bit, and chisel establishment at Unionville. After the death of his first wife, the Doctor married Miss Elizabeth Waterbury, a member of a leading family of Darien, this county. Socially the Doctor is highly respected and is an active member of the G. A. R. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

SOLOMON MEAD was at the time of his death the oldest representative of one of the pioneer families of Fairfield county, a family which has been distinguished in public affairs of the State, and occupied an honorable position in society here for nearly two and one-half centuries.

The Mead family is an ancient and honorable one. In 1642 [some authorities say 1615] William Mead, in company probably with one or two brothers, came to this country. It is not known where the brothers settled, but William, after having tarried a short time in Massachusetts, came to Horse Neck, or rather Stamford, and the Stamford town records contain the following: "Dec. 7, 1641, William Mayd received from the town of Stamford a house lot and five acres of land." This is the first record of any Mead in Fairfield county, and he was unquestionably the ancestor of that family. William had three children, Joseph, Martha and John, the ancestor of the Stamford (Horse Neck) Meads, and the one who most closely concerns us. In England one of the ancestors had been the friend and physician of the talented Queen Elizabeth. Solomon Mead is of the seventh generation in line of descent from John [other authorities say William], who, with his two sons, John and Joseph, after remaining a short time in Massachusetts, moved to Hempstead, L. I., where they remained until October, 1660, when they settled in the town of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., where many of their descendants still reside. The two sons bought land of Richard Crab and others, which was deeded to John Mead, son of the pioneer. He married Miss Hannah Potter, of Stamford, Conn., and on his death, in 1699, left, as appears by his will, eight sons and three daughters, viz.: John, Joseph, Jonathan, Ebenezer (1), David, Benjamin, Nathaniel, Samuel, Hannah, Abigail and Mary Elizabeth.

Among the descendants of these children was Amos Mead, who was surgeon of the Third Connecticut Regiment in the French and Indian war. He was a prominent man during the Revolution, and was many times the representative of his town in the Colonial Legislature. He was a member of the body of men who adopted the Constitution of the United States, and after that event he was a member of the State Legislature. Richard Mead, a son of Dr. Amos Mead, figured conspicuously in Greenwich during the Revolutionary war. Other members of the Mead family played important parts in the history of Fairfield county, as will appear to the reader of this record.

Nathaniel Mead, the grandfather of our sub-

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ject, was a resident of the town of Greenwich, and lived to an advanced age. He married Prudence Wood, and among their children was Joshua Mead. Like their ancestors before them the parents were Christian people, frugal and industrious, and were excellent citizens. They were members of the Congregational Church.

Joshua Mead was born May 16, 1751, in Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn. He was a farmer, well versed in his calling, and during the war of the Revolution was a true patriot and good citizen, while not serving in the army, rendering valuable aid to it. He was an upright Christian man, a member of the Congregational Church, and politically was a strong Federalist and Whig. He was twice married. His first wife—Rachel Knapp, of Round Hill—bore him children as follows: Jonathan, a farmer, moved to Illinois, and died in Hancock county; Joshua, a farmer, resided near Round Hill, and died there; David, also a farmer, resided in Greenwich, and there died; Darius was a well-known physician of Greenwich for half a century, dying on Putnam Hill; Prudence married Robert Mead, and died near Cos Cob; Mary married Isaac Mead, and died in Greenwich; and Rachel married Daniel S. Mead. The mother of this family died, and on November 15, 1804, the father married Hannah Mead, daughter of Deliverance Mead, and their only issue was Solomon, our subject. Joshua Mead, the father, died May 30, 1812, and his wife Hannah passed away March 14, 1844. She was a very exemplary woman.

Solomon Mead, whose name opens this sketch, was reared on his father's farm, receiving such advantages in an educational line as the time and locality of his boyhood afforded. He attended the Greenwich Academy when that institution was under the direction of Professor Grosvenor. The active part of his long life was almost entirely given to agricultural pursuits, and he was eminently successful in the same and in his business transactions. To read the history of the numerous members of the Mead family whose lives through the nine or more generations have been passed in Fairfield county is to know of lives that have been given to the cause of Christ, and their influence lent to such measures as tended to uplift humanity and elevate society. Our subject in this respect followed in the line of his ancestors. For nearly three-quarters of a century he was identified with the Congregational Church, becoming a member of the Society in Greenwich in 1828. When he was sixteen years of age—in 1824—General LaFayette visited Greenwich, and Mr. Mead recalled vividly the incidents connected with that visit and occasion, remembering the looks of the General and the impression he and his son—George Washington—made upon his boyish mind. Mr. Mead, too, recalled the faces of many of the soldiers of the war of the Revolution, whose acquaintance he enjoyed in boyhood. He was always a close observer of passing events, and was possessed of much general information which made him an interesting conversationalist and a pleasing companion. He was quite a traveler, having been across the continent some five times, and in 1887 he published in pamphlet form a very readable and interesting work entitled "Two Trips to California." On February 26, 1879, the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the ride of Gen. Israel Putnam to Greenwich, Mr. Mead was given the honor of replying to the toast "Greenwich in the Revolution."

From 1824 to 1845 Mr. Mead resided on what is known as the Titus Mead place (now in the borough of Greenwich), thence coming to the place where he ended his days. In 1858 he began building the house thereon, and in December, 1860, moved into it. The grounds are high, the dwelling standing on an eminence near the Second Congregational Church, which is said to be the most elevated place on the Sound between New York and Boston. From the observatory on the house one has a grand view of all the surrounding country, even across the Sound on Long Island. This place Mr. Mead purchased from the Seymour family, and he made it one of the most attractive in the borough.

Until the organization of the Republican party Mr. Mead was a Whig in his political views. From 1856 he was a stanch Republican, taking great interest in its measures and working for its success. He held various town offices, and was often a delegate to County and State conventions. He was a trustee of the Greenwich Savings Bank, and his name is linked with many enterprises which have related to the best interests of his town. As a financier and business man he was able and successful, and he became one of the wealthy men of Greenwich. For his success in life he always gave great credit to the teaching of his mother, to whom he thus beautifully referred in an article written for his daughter:

"Even though there had been many persons in the town by the name of Hannah, I could not have given you any other but that of my departed mother. And here I cannot refrain from speaking of her life. Her Christian character, for beauty and symmetry or for modesty, meekness, gratitude, and benevolence, is rarely equaled by any person. Her conviction of un-

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worthiness as a sinner was deep, but her faith in Christ was firm, and the key of her whole life. Cheerful and happy, without worry or apprehension, trusting with unswaying confidence in an ever over-ruling Providence, living the life of a true child of God, she was uniformly the most fearless person that I have ever known; even in death, with an unclouded intellect, she was no less fearless than in life. Her life shone with all the traits of the true Christian, which was exemplified still more beautifully in her death. She was fully ripe for the heavenly world. She feared only evil beings, as I have frequently heard her remark. The scenes of lawlessness and robbery, which she witnessed during the Revolutionary war, in this town, gave her a greater detestation of the character and deeds of wicked beings. She was then about twelve years of age. I make this tribute to my mother, knowing that what I have said is but just and true, from long, intimate, personal acquaintance in everyday life. I have a profound sense of the worth of such a character."

On April 22, 1856, our subject was married to Mary Elizabeth, daughter of David and Elizabeth Dayton, and to them came children as follows: Hannah More (Mrs. Judson I. Wood, of Ilion, N. Y.), who has three children; Abram Newton, a farmer and prominent citizen of Riverside Co., Cal.; Emily Judson, wife of Rev. Benj. Mead Wright, a minister of the Congregational Church of Orange, Conn.; Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. Augustus I. Mead); Solomon Christy, an attorney of New York; Sarah Lewis, residing at home; Everett Dayton, a resident of New York; and Charles Henry, who died in infancy. Solomon Mead, the father of these, died at his residence in Greenwich, Conn., June 14, 1898.

HON. CHARLES CURTIS WELLS. Among the oldest and most influential families of Connecticut is that founded by Thomas Wells, who was an early settler at Wethersfield and Hartford, and in 1655 was governor of the colony, being the fourth man to serve in that capacity. He had previously served as lieutenant-governor, and he subsequently served two more terms in that incumbency. Thomas Wells was born at Hathwell, Northamptonshire, England, and was descended from Norman ancestry, the head of the family having landed in England as one of the force of William the Conqueror It is also stated upon authority that the family became related at an early period to that of William Shakespeare, the poet. But little is known of Thomas Wells, and the name of his wife and the number of their children are not now obtainable; but his descendants are numerous, and in every generation the name has been associated with a high order of citizenship. The subject of these lines, a well-known resident of Stratford township, Fairfield Co., Conn., is of the ninth generation in direct descent from this noted pioneer, and the genealogical record is given below:

II. John Wells, son of Thomas, was born [date of birth not now known] in Hartford, and died in 1661, leaving a son, John. His wife, Elizabeth Bourne, afterward married John Wilcoxson, who died in 1690, and she had by him four children. John and Elizabeth Bourne Wells had seven children: John, Thomas and Robert (twins), Temperance, Samuel, Sarah and Mary.

III. John Wells, the next in the line of descent in which we are now interested, was born in Stratford in 1648, and died there. [Date of death not now known.] He married Mary, daughter of John Hollister, and had eight children: Harry, Thomas, Sarah, John, Comfort, Joseph, Elizabeth and Robert.

VI. John Wells, son of John III, married Mary Judson, daughter of Isaac Judson; they had eleven children: David, Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah, Phœbe, Isaac (1), Isaac (2), John, William, Hannah and Charity.

V. David Wells, son of John IV, was born at Stratford in October, 1699, and died in April, 1742. He married Mary Thompson, daughter of Deacon John Thompson, and they had six children: Nathan, Ruth, Mary, Phœbe, David and Stephen.

VI. Nathan Wells, great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Stratford, April 27, 1728, and died May 20, 1776. In 1750 he married Eunice Pixley, who died in 1816, and they had three children: Isaac, Mary and Samuel.

VII. Isaac Wells, grandfather of our subject, was born December 16, 1751, in Stratford, and became a successful farmer in that town. He married Eunice Burritt, and had five children: Nathan, a farmer in Stratford, who died in 1843; David, a farmer, who died in Huntington in 1834; Polly, who died in 1872, unmarried: Eli, a farmer in Stratford, who died in 1860, leaving no children; and Isaac, father of Hon. Charles C. Wells.

VIII. Isaac Wells was born in Stratford August 12, 1801, and followed farming there for many years, his death occurring July 28, 1874. His wife, Sarah Curtis, a daughter of Levi Curtis, of Stratford, was born in 1804 and died October 18, 1834. They had two children: Charles Curtis, and Sally, who died in infancy.

IX. Charles C. Wells was born July 20,

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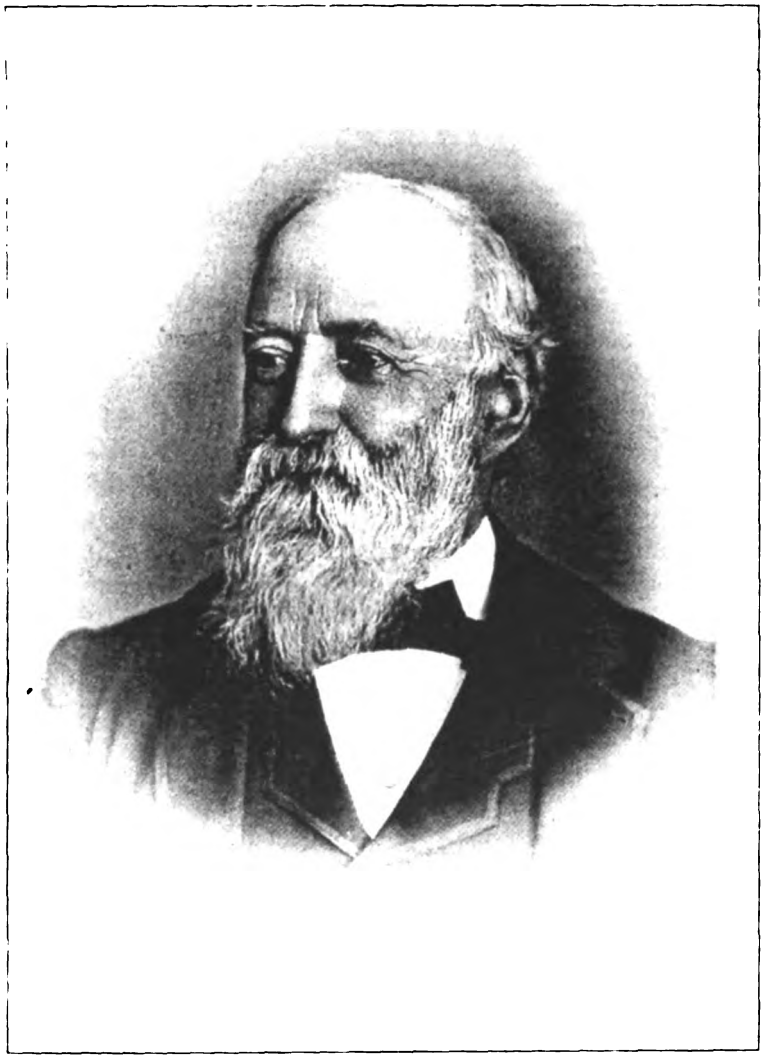

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1830, at the old home in Putney District, of the town of Stratford, and after attending the local schools for a time he pursued his studies in the academy in Stratford, and at a private school in Birmingham, now the city of Derby. He was reared to farm work, but as he felt an inclination to try some other occupation he learned the tinner's trade, which he followed some years. When twenty-three years old, his health failing, he returned to the homestead, and for the next seven years he taught school, also engaging in agricultural pursuits. His farm comprises about one hundred acres of excellent land, which he devotes to general crops, and his judicious management has won for him a good reputation as an agriculturist.

On October 24, 1853, Mr. Wells married Miss Caroline M. Wheeler, who died February 14, 1863, and on June 8, 1870, he formed a second union, this time with Miss Julia S. Hill, who died June 15, 1876. On October 24, 1877, he married Miss Myra Curtis Blakeman, of Stratford (daughter of Gould and Harriet Blakeman), who is a representative of one of the most prominent and highly respectable old families of the county; she is a woman of refinement, kindly disposition and generous hospitality. Mr. Wells had one son by his first marriage, Charles H., who is now a farmer in the town of Stratford. Mr. Wells and his wife are leading members of the Congregational Church, in which he has served as deacon and treasurer since 1867. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and his interest in local affairs has been shown in many ways. He has served ably in several official positions, having been a member of the board of education for fifteen years, and in 1879 he was chosen to the State Legislature. This session was especially remarkable for the number of prominent men then serving as representatives, such as Henry C. Robison, of Hartford, P. T. Barnum, and others.

DAVID TERRY WINTON, the manager and editor of the Bridgeport *Morning Union*, is descended on both sides from sturdy New England stock, from ancestors long identified with the growth and development of Fairfield county.

James H. Winton, great-grandfather of our subject, was a resident of the town of Bridgeport. James Winton, the grandfather, owned and operated a large tannery in the vicinity of "Horse Tavern," in the same town. He was born April 12, 1778, and died March 26, 1857. On November 18, 1805, he was married to Parthemia, daughter of Ebenezer and Ann Seeley. She was born July 26, 1784, and died April 13, 1850. To this marriage came children as follows: (1) Anna Maria, born April 17, 1808, married Aaron Summers. They lived in the vicinity of the old homestead throughout their lifetime. Anna Maria died December 30, 1887. (2) Elizabeth Emily, born August 25, 1809, married Philo Baldwin. She died January 30, 1888. (3) Charity Susan, born June 6, 1811, married Samuel Baldwin. She died August 20, 1884. One of their daughters married Elliott Peck, of the firm (in days gone by) of Sterling & Peck, of Bridgeport. (4) Ebenezer Seeley, born October 6, 1813, married November 30, 1831, Hannah Maria Downes. He died November 10, 1867, his death being the result of a kick from a horse. (5) Louisa Augusta, born August 4, 1816, was married November 17, 1839, to Eli Lyon. They went to Michigan and reared a large family. She died April 16, 1888. (6) George Hoadley, born September 6, 1818, married February 19, 1845, Betsey Reed, of Redding. He died September 21, 1875. (7) Mary Rebecca, born April 6, 1821, married Isaac Beach, and moved to Michigan, where she still lives, being the only member of the family surviving. (8) Andrew Leavenworth is referred to at length farther on. (9) Charles Carroll, born December 6, 1824, died January 12, 1849. (10) David Beardsley, born November 20, 1827, died January 19, 1849.

The late ANDREW LEAVENWORTH WINTON, whose sad death occurred at Bridgeport, on July 29, 1892, having been killed by the cars while endeavoring to quiet a fractious horse he was driving, was one of the most prominent of the older citizens of Bridgeport. Born November 20, 1822, at the old Winton homestead, the lad, at the early age of fourteen, went to Easton, where he attended the academy through the winters and worked on a farm during the summers. At nineteen he began his career as a school teacher, engaging in the work several seasons. When twenty-two he for a time was associated in a store at Easton with a brother, and in the spring following he began business for himself, starting a store on temperance principles, on account of its intemperance in the place "Devil's Den," and succeeded in business, leaving the place at the end of eight years without a grog shop in it. We next find him at Saugatuck, where in 1853 he built a store and residence. A man of tact and excellent judgment and business ability, he left Saugatuck after a period of thirteen years with twenty-five thousand dollars. For three years thereafter he operated very successfully a flouring-mill some two miles above Westport, and in 1863 he per-

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manently located at Bridgeport, purchasing the Berkshire mills, which were very much out of repair. He took great pride in this property and expended thousands of dollars in its improvement until the mills were commodious and modern, and to this business he gave the balance of his life. The history of the mills is that a custom-mill was built on the east side of the river in 1783 by William Pixlee and James French, while in 1792 it was secured to them by charter. This was afterward bought by a Mr. Penny, who built the present mill on the west side of the river, and did a large business in kiln-dried meal for the West Indies. Gen. Enoch Foote became the next proprietor; his successor was James Porter, who bought the property, and while in his hands the dam and the east-side mill were carried away in a flood. The dam was re-built, but not the east-side mill. The mill was owned afterward successively by Anson Ryan, Wasson & Craft, Ryan & Wells and Mr. Winton.

Mr. Winton was an earnest and consistent Christian, and an ardent temperance advocate. He had been a member of the Congregational Church since 1842, and was one of the founders of the Park Street Church of that denomination, in which at the time of his death he held the office of senior deacon. He was a man of strict integrity, honorable in all his dealings, and though stern and firm he had a kind heart, and was generous though quiet and devoid of show in his gifts. A man of force and strong character, he was not without enemies, yet was admired for his straightforward course. One always knew where to find him. Full of energy and ambition, he made and lost many thousand dollars.

On November 24, 1847, Mr. Winton was married to Miss Mary Esther Gorham, and there were born to them the following children: Frederick Norman, August 2, 1852, died July 15, 1857; David Terry is referred to farther on; and Andrew Lincoln, born January 26, 1864, who was graduated at the Bridgeport High School, and in 1884 at the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale College, is now chief chemist of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven, with which he has been identified since his graduation. He is at this time president of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists of the United States.

David Terry Winton, the subject proper of this sketch, was born May 20, 1859, at Saugatuck, Conn. He attended the private school of Emory F. Strong at Bridgeport, the Sedgwick Institute at Great Barrington, the Park Avenue Institute at Bridgeport, and the Norwich University at Northfield, Vt. His first newspaper experience was in 1877 during his stay in Northfield, where he was special correspondent for the Northfield *News*. For a period after leaving school in 1879 he traveled in the West and South, in Texas and throughout Mexico. Returning to Bridgeport, in 1881, he was contented for probably a year, then again went to the West, where at various points throughout Illinois, Indiana and Michigan for some ten years he devoted himself to the newspaper business. In 1892 he returned to Bridgeport, and has since been identified with its interests. For several years he has been connected with the publication of the *Morning Union* in different capacities, and is now its directing head. With a natural taste and aptitude for newspaper work, and the practical experience travel and contact with the world has given him, coupled with his energy and capacity for work, Mr, Winton is making a success in his calling. He has taken hold of the *Union*, and is making out of it a newsy paper, one of the great advertising mediums of the Park City. The paper, established some fifteen years ago by Frederick A. Bartlett and Charles O'Cain, is typographically speaking one of the neatest papers in the State. It is a seven-column, eight-page journal published daily (Sundays excepted) by the Morning Union Company, of which Frederick A. Bartlett is president.

On November 19, 1898, David Terry Winton was married to Rosamond C. Zwisler, a native of New York City, and a daughter of Dr. William C. and Catherine Dorothy (Kraussman) Zwisler, the latter of whom is deceased.

Ebenezer and Ann Seeley, the great-grandparents of David Terry Winton, were born January 10, 1761, and July 15, 1762, respectively, and were married November 7, 1782. Their death occurred May 21, 1842, and April 19, 1813, respectively.

Lieutenant Nathaniel Seeley, from whom many of the Fairfield county Seeleys sprang, was the son of Robert Seeley, who was made a freeman of the Massachusetts Colony May 18, 1631. Lieutenant Seeley was in New Haven, Conn., in 1646, whence he removed to Fairfield, and was made a freeman in 1647.

Mary Esther (Gorham) Winton, the mother of our subject, born July 22, 1829, died January 16, 1889. She was a daughter of Isaac (3) and Adeline E. (Bennett) Gorham, born, he on March 10, 1802, and she on October 28, 1804. They were married October 24, 1821, and died September 19, 1881, and April 3, 1884, respectively. They had two children, the other being George M., born November 15, 1822.

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From one Joseph Gorham, son of James Gorham, of Barnstable, Mass., came many of the name who have lived in Fairfield county. Joseph Gorham was in Stratford as early as 1715.

HON. HOBART RUTLEDGE WHEELER is one of the wealthiest and most influential citizens of Trumbull, having valuable real-estate holdings in that town and in Bridgeport. His winters are spent in the city of Bridgeport, while in the summer he removes to his pleasant country residence in the town of Trumbull. He takes an active interest in all that concerns the welfare of the public, and for years has been a leading worker in the Democratic party, serving at one time as representative from Trumbull in the State Legislature.

Mr. Wheeler belongs to a well-known pioneer family, and is of the eighth generation in descent from Sergeant Ephraim Wheeler, who came from England at an early date in company, probably, with Rev. John Jones and party. He located first at Concord, Mass., where he was made a freeman March 13, 1639, and in 1644 he came to Fairfield, this county, with Mr. Jones' colony. At this time he had a wife and one child, if not two. He became prominent in the colony, acquiring a large amount of land, which was mentioned in his will, dated September 22, 1669. On October 28, 1670, his estate was inventoried at ten hundred and twenty-six pounds sterling, eighteen shillings and sixpence, and in 1681 his widow paid taxes on 706 acres of land. He had eleven children: Isaac, born in 1638, who died in infancy; Isaac (2), born December 13, 1642; Mary; Ruth; Hannah; Rebecca; Judith; Abigail, who died February 7, 1712; Samuel, who was not twenty-one years of age in 1669; Timothy; and Ephraim.

II. Deacon Isaac Wheeler, the next in the line of descent which we are now tracing, received from the town of Fairfield, on February 12, 1673, a building lot and pasture lot, according to the custom of the town with new house holders. This tract lay on the west side of what is now Park avenue, and in the vicinity of State street, and it was occupied by him as a homestead. He also received from his parents a large amount of real estate, and became a well-to-do farmer. His interests in religious progress is seen from the fact that he was one of the first nine members of the Stratford Congregational Church. He married, and had seven children: Isaac; Samuel; Sarah, who married John Odell; Rebecca (Mrs. Benjamin Sherman); Mary, who married Henry Jackson; Experience, wife of Samuel Sherwood; and Mercy, who married Capt. David Sherwood.

III. Isaac Wheeler resided in Fairfield, and on April 18, 1698, his estate was inventoried at four hundred and thirty-nine pounds, nine shillings and five pence. He married, and had three children: Isaac, born in 1692; Ebenezer, 1694; and Elizabeth, 1696.

IV. Ebenezer Wheeler made his home in Stratford, and his estate was distributed June 12, 1747 or '48. He married Abigail Edwards, and had five children: Ebenezer, born February 21, 1732, died April 27, 1735; Sarah, who died July 29, 1733; and Mary; Rebecca; and John.

V. John Wheeler was born in 1738, and was married January 26, 1761, to Esther Nallett, born January 1, 1745. They had three children: Ebenezer, born February 11, 1765; David, born in August, 1767; and John M., our subject's grandfather.

VI. John M. Wheeler was born January 7, 1769, and settled in the town of Trumbull, where he followed agriculture. He married Ann Walker, who was born July 11, 1774, the daughter of Eliakim Walker, and they had three children: Melissa, born in 1797; Walker, born January 21, 1803; and Ebenezer.

VII. Ebenezer Wheeler was born November 18, 1812, in Trumbull. He always took a lively interest in all the affairs of his town, holding various town offices, and was a member of the State Legislature in 1853. He was an active member of the Episcopal Church at Long Hill, being warden at the time of his death. He died September 17, 1887. On February 20, 1840, he married Miss Cordelia Mallett, and they had two sons, of whom our subject is the elder. Hon. Wilmot C. Wheeler, born March 11, 1848, is a prominent citizen of the town of Trumbull, and has devoted much attention to agriculture. He has served as a representative in the State Legislature, and is active in religious work as a member of the Episcopal Church. He married Miss Sarah Curtis, daughter of Peter Curtis, of Stratford.

VIII. Hon. Hobart R. Wheeler was born November 20, 1840, and his education was begun in the schools of Trumbull and New Britain, Conn. Later he attended school in New York State, but has always maintained his residence in his native county. He married Miss Antionette S. Fairchild, daughter of Daniel Fairchild, of Trumbull, and two children have brightened their home: (1) Edith Anna, born July 2, 1867, married Charles Mallett Cole, and has one son, Hobart F. (2) Daniel Fairchild, born March 28, 1872, resides with his parents.

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PLATT PRICE, now living retired in his beautiful home at Norwalk, has spent a useful and active life, the greater portion of which has been passed in the beautiful New England city where he now lives.

Mr. Price was born February 16, 1822, and passed the first sixteen years of his life on a farm and attending the local schools. In 1838 he left the sunny sands of Huntington, N. Y., and came to Norwalk, where he learned the carpenter's trade. For six years he followed this trade, mastering the details and becoming thoroughly familiar with the requisites for good work in that line. He then entered the contracting and building business for himself, later taking Henry Allen as a partner. This partnership lasted for twenty-seven years, or until 1873, when the firm dissolved partnership, Mr. Price continuing the business alone. In 1886 he retired from the active cares of commercial life. Nearly half a century of almost unvaried success at his calling, is a record of which he may well be proud. The many contracts that came to him bear witness that his dealing was as straight and honorable as his buildings were true. But with all his business care and responsibilities he found time to keep well informed on all topics of the day, and to take a very active part in all the political world about him. He was first a Whig, then a Republican, lastly a Democrat, and has been honored many times by being elected to various offices: Three times a member of the board of burgesses; in 1872 elected selectmen by the Democrats, and twice re-elected; in 1885–86 represented his district in the State Legislature, and he has held a number of minor offices. In all of these he has discharged the duties of the office he has held with strict fidelity and impartiality. No petty partisanship biased his decision; as a representative of the people he treated all alike, and won the honest respect and esteem of all parties.

In 1847 Mr. Price was married to Miss Deborah Crossman, a daughter of Newell Crossman, of Norwalk. She died shortly afterward, leaving no children. Five years after her death Mr. Price was again married, this time to Miss Eliza Ann Richards, a native of Fairfield county, and to this union have come four children to bless and comfort the declining years of their parents: Henry P., cashier of the National Bank of Norwalk; Hattie A., wife of John A. Camp, manager and part owner of a clothing store in South Norwalk; Edgar T., a hatter in Norwalk; and George L., a clerk in the clothing store of his brother-in-law. In his social relations Mr. Price is an Odd Fellow, a member of the Lodge that was organized in 1842, he joining in 1844; in this order he has held nearly every office in the gift of the Lodge as well as the Encampment; for twenty years he was a trustee of the local Lodge. He is also a member of the Masonic Fraternity, being initiated some thirty-five years ago. Greatly interested in educational matters, he has aided the development of the public schools by being one of the energetic members of the school committee for years. Nearly thirty years ago he became a steward of the Norwalk M. E. Church, and so faithfully has he filled the office that in spite of advancing years he is still urged to retain the office. Now on the shaded street, West avenue, he is passing his days in the enjoyment of the competency won by the toil of his early years, respected and honored by all who know him, and the twilight mystery of an honorable life is slowly merging into starry night.

REV. EPHRAIM L. WHITCOME. As a faithful exponent of the Church that has survived nearly two thousand years in spite of sect, schism, of persecution and disruption, we present to our readers a brief sketch of the Rev. E. L. Whitcome, rector of St. Paul's Church at Brookfield.

Rev. E. L. Whitcome was born at Townsend, Middlesex Co., Mass., November 3, 1832, a son of Nathaniel Whitcome and his wife Sultina Lord. Nathaniel Whitcome was born at Ashby, Mass., and was educated at the academy at New Ipswich, N. H. After graduating he taught school for a number of years; but his fondness for rural pursuits caused him to lay aside the practice of pedagogics and to take up agriculture as a life work. He married Sultina Lord, and they became the parents of six children, of whom Rev. Whitcome is the eldest living; the others were: Martin, who lives at Townsend Center; Silas, who resides at Nashua, N. H.; George L., of Townsend, Mass., a member of the Legislature, where he serves as chairman of the Agricultural committee; Jefferson (deceased), who, as a member of the Thirty-third Mass. V. I., served through the Civil war; and Mary, deceased wife of Elisha Phinney, M. D.

Rev. Ephraim L. Whitcome passed his early days at his home in Townsend, and acquired his elementary education in the public schools, later attending Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, N. H., from which he was graduated with the class of '59. He then began his theological studies at Nashua, N. H., under Rev. William S. Perry, D.D., LL.D., D.C.L., late Bishop of

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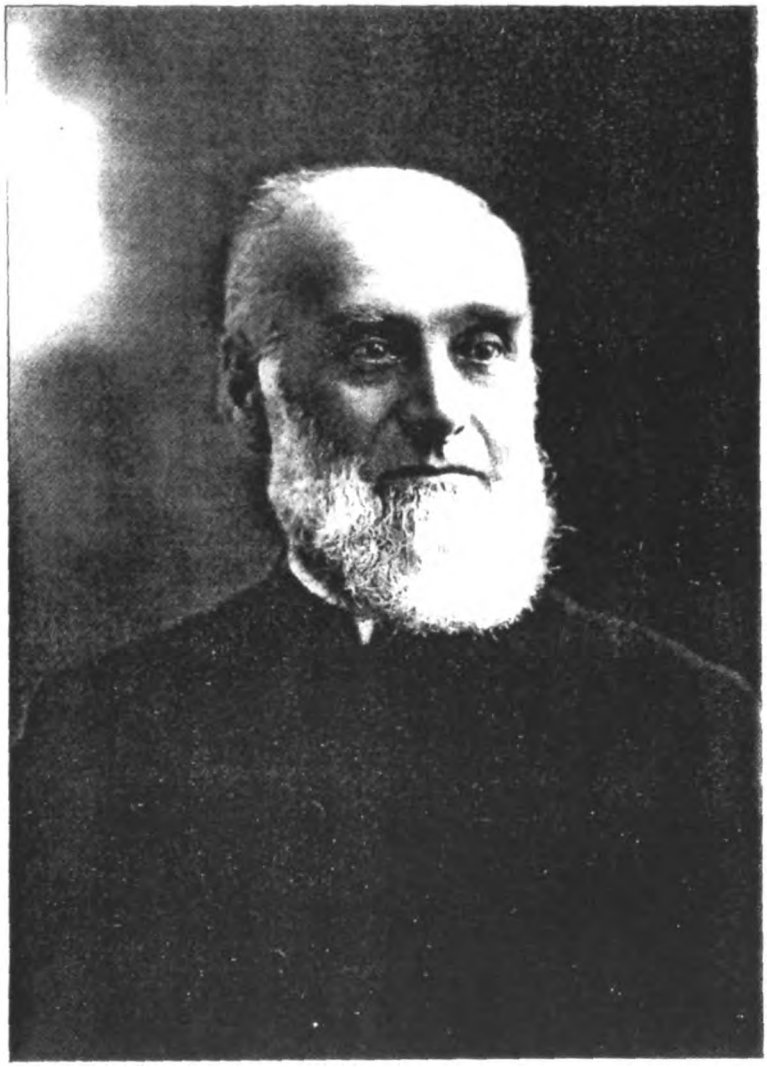

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Iowa, and continued them at Norwich, Conn., under Rev. David Francis Banks. On May 27, 1863, in Trinity Church, Northfield, N. H., he was ordained Deacon by Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of New Hampshire, and on July 12, 1868, in Christ's Church, Norwich, Conn., he was ordained to the Priesthood by Rt. Rev. John Williams, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of Connecticut. During the years he served as Deacon he had charge of services at the Chapel of St. Paul's School at Concord, N. H., and later, or from February 28, 1864, to October 1, 1869, he was in charge of Grace Chapel at Yantic, Conn. From that time to February 1, 1877, he was rector of St. John's Parish, North Haven, Conn., and in that year came to Brookfield, as rector of St. Paul's Church, Brookfield Centre. Since 1878 he has voluntarily taken on himself the additional burden of the mission at Southville, in Litchfield Co., Conn., where he holds services on Sunday P. M. each two weeks. In February, 1883, he began mission work in Brookfield, having service there each Sunday evening.

Rev. Whitcome has been twice married. His first wife, who in her maidenhood was Miss Louisa A. Thrasher, a native of Crown Point, N. Y., died November 6, 1873, at North Haven, leaving two children to the bereaved father's care, namely: Susan L.; and Francis Banks, who is now rector of St. Paul's Parish, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. (he married Mary E. Lewis, of Annandale, N. Y., and has one child—Louise Jane). On May 4, 1876, our subject was wedded to his second wife, Caroline E. Bishop, a daughter of Harley Bishop and his wife Mary Ann (Moody) Bishop. Socially, Rev. Whitcome is a member of Corinthian Lodge No. 103, of North Ford, Conn., F. & A. M., and of Housatonic Royal Arch Chapter of Masons, New Milford, Conn. In the twenty years of his rectorate at St. Paul's he has grown in the hearts of the people, not only of his own parish, but in those of all denominations, untiring in his labors, cheering the sorrowful, raising up those who fall, and in all ways practicing and preaching from that divine word "Charity."

CLARKE FAMILY. James Clarke (1) was an early settler at New Haven, Conn. James Clarke (2), the first of the family to locate in Fairfield county, was married about 1662 to Deborah Peacock, of Stratford, and made his home in that town. James Clarke (3), a son of James (2) and his wife Deborah, was born in Stratford February 12, 1664, and was married May 24, 1698, to Jane Griffin. Zachariah Clarke (1), a son of James (3) and Jane (Griffin) Clarke, was born in Stratford, June 8, 1702, and was married November 21, 1727, to Eunice Staples, of Fairfield, this county.

Zachariah Clarke (2) was also a native of Stratford, born in May, 1739, but a large portion of his life was spent in Zoar District, town of Newtown, where he followed agricultural pursuits. Physically, he was strong and active, and, as he was an excellent manager, he acquired a handsome property, consisting mainly of real estate in Newtown township. Like all of his family, he was public-spirited, and he took a prominent part in local affairs. On February 4, 1761, he married Mary Bacon, who was born in Middletown, Conn., July 13, 1737, and died in Zoar, November 29, 1800. His death occurred August 12, 1831, when he was in his ninety-third year. In his will, which bears the date of January 30, 1825, he makes a generous bequest to a slave named Asa, and also mentions the following children: James; Zachariah, of whom an account is given below; Andrew; Daniel; Mahitabel, wife of Philo Sherman; Hannah, wife of Elias Beardsley; Esther, who did not marry; Pamelia, wife of David Beardsley, who resided in Tioga county, N. Y.; and Polly, wife of Isaac Beardsley. Each of the sons received a farm, and with the exception of Daniel, who settled in Southbury, Conn., they all remained in Newtown and engaged in agriculture.

Hon. Zachariah Clarke was born in 1771, and died in 1846. In early manhood he made his home upon a farm in the western part of Newtown township, but in 1828 he purchased the Griffin farm, an estate of 100 acres, near Newtown village, and his remaining days were spent there. He was a thrifty man, successful in his enterprises, and was always interested in anything that seemed to promise benefit to the community. He was an active member of the Episcopal Church, and was also a leader in political movements in the locality, serving for some time as a justice of the peace, and representing the town in the General Assembly in 1821. During the greater portion of his life he was a Jacksonian Democrat, but in the famous "log-cabin campaign" he supported the Whig party. His wife, Hannah (Toucey), who died in 1844, was a sister of Hon. Oliver Toucey, and an aunt of Hon. Isaac Toucey, formerly Governor of Connecticut, United States Senator, and a member of two Presidential cabinets. They had a family of eight children, as follows: (1) Sally, born March 2, 1795, married Daniel Connelly, and died in 1865. (2) Oliver, born October 19, 1797, was clerking in New York at the time of his death, on April 22, 1816, and was buried there in the Twenty-second street cemetery. (3) Maria, born March 15, 1801, married (first)

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Harry Hawley, of Ridgefield, this county, and (second) Rufus Skidmore; she died May 17, 1874. (4) Walter, and (5) Charles, sketches of whom follow. (6) Emma, born November 11, 1806, married William Hill, of Redding, this county, a son of John R. Hill; she died February 6, 1886. (7) William, and (8) Philo, sketches of whom follow.

WALTER CLARKE was born September 16, 1802, in Newtown, where his life was spent. In addition to the management of his large farm he was engaged for about forty years in surveying, and at one time he held the office of county surveyor. As a citizen, he was greatly respected, his firmness and decision of character being balanced by excellent judgment and high moral principle. Fond of reading, he acquired a wide knowledge of the best literature, while in mathematical lines his ability was considered remarkable, difficult problems having been referred to him at times by college professors. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian, and for many years he served as warden of Trinity Church, Newtown. In politics he was first a Whig, and later a Democrat, and in 1855 he represented Newtown in the State Legislature. He married Miss Dima Ann Beers, daughter of Eli Beers, a member of one of the oldest families of Newtown. Mr. Clarke died November 1, 1876, and his wife followed him to the grave September 2, 1881. They had three children, all of whom lived to adult age: Eli B., a merchant in Bridgeport, died September 10, 1855, at the age of twenty-six; he was a young man of many sterling qualities. Edwin is mentioned farther on. Emma J. was married, May 24, 1865, to the late George B. Peck, of Newtown, who was engaged in business in Brooklyn, N. Y., as a manufacturer of gas fixtures; he died August 10, 1875, leaving four children—Samuel Clarke, born April 24, 1866, died June 13, 1896; Walter Toucey, born May 11, 1871; Elizabeth Fayerweather, born October 12, 1872; and Susan Emma, born May 28, 1874. Although George B. Peck and his son, Samuel C., died when scarcely past thirty, their lives had already given promise of more than ordinary usefulness, as both were men of upright character, and possessed remarkable business ability and acumen.

CHARLES CLARKE, who died December 20, 1854, aged fifty years, was born April 2, 1804, was reared on his father's farm, and in his early manhood was engaged in school teaching. After his marriage he settled on a farm in the vicinity of the old Sherman homestead, in South Centre District, Newtown, which was ever afterward his home. In 1847 and 1848 he was a selectman of the town. He married Betsey Ann, daughter of Wheeler Fairchild, and had children as follows: Robert T., Emily, (Rev. Dr.) Sylvester, Elizabeth, Charles Walter and William Henry, all now deceased except Sylvester, who is residing in Bridgeport, Conn. The mother of these died July 24, 1857, aged forty-eight years.

WILLIAM CLARKE, born March 14, 1814, in Newtown, married Elizabeth Lewis, of Monroe. His death occurred in 1869, in New York City. In 1840 Mr. Clarke was a merchant of Sandy Hook. He was a partner of David H. Johnson, but after the firm failed, in the crash of 1837, he came on the west side of the stream and did business. Later he went to Fawn River, Ind., where he did a general milling business, at the same time conducting a store at Sturgis, Mich. He was very successful there, and finally returning to New York, honorably sought out and settled all old claims against him in full, having paid only fifty cents on the dollar when he failed while in partnership with Mr. Johnson. He died at New York, and was the first person buried from New Trinity church, Newtown.

PHILO CLARKE was for many years a leading resident of Newtown, and his death, on March 3, 1897, produced a deep and lasting sense of loss in the community which had so long regarded him as a trusted counselor and friend. His mental acumen and upright, manly character commanded universal respect and confidence, while even the casual acquaintance felt the influence of his unfailing courtesy and gentleness, the fruit of his genuine kindliness of heart. Born July 13, 1818, in Flat Swamp District, Newtown, Mr. Clarke attended the public schools of Newtown for a time, also a private school conducted by a son of Rev. Dr. Burhans, improving these opportunities so well that when sixteen he was qualified to teach. For eleven years he taught successfully in his native town during the winter seasons, his summers being devoted to farm work at the homestead. After his father's death he gave up teaching, and gave his entire attention to agriculture, in which his well-directed industry gained him substantial rewards. For about half a century he resided upon his farm near Newtown, one of the most pleasant homesteads of the vicinity. On account of his sound judgment and integrity he was chosen frequently as trustee and administrator of estates, and in 1884 he was elected president of the Newtown Savings Bank, to succeed Simeon B. Peck. He was often urged to take political office, but he showed no inclination for public life, although he was a firm supporter of Republican principles, and voted that ticket from the organization of the party, in 1856. In 1860 he was made the candidate of the party for State

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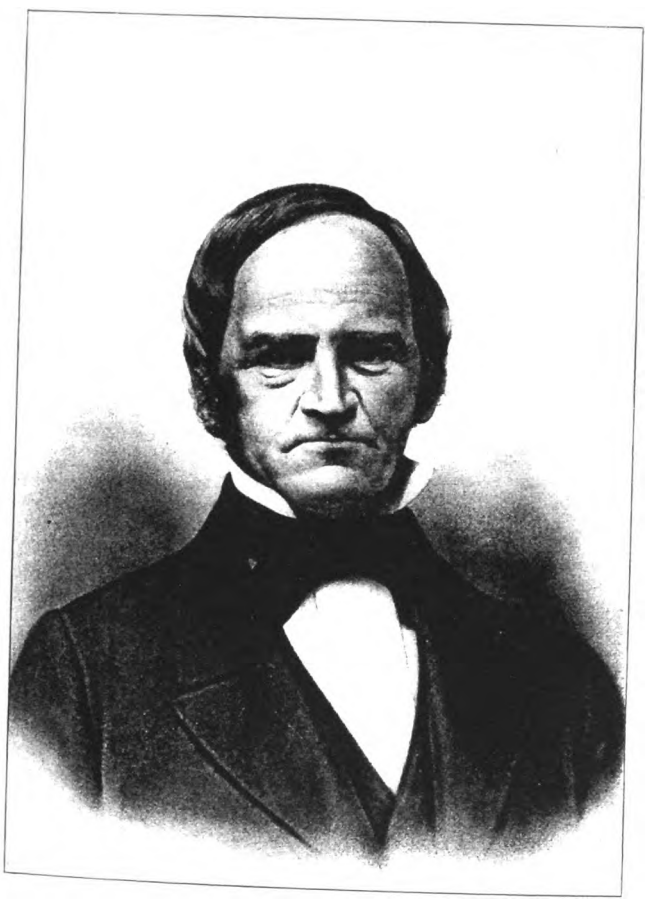

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Senator, and in 1862, when again mentioned for the place, he declined in favor of John B. Peck, thinking, with characteristic humility, that the latter would be the more popular, and would stand a better chance of overcoming the overwhelming Democratic majority in the town. In all local movements of a non-political nature Mr. Clarke was a generous and efficient helper, and he was especially active in religious work as a member of Trinity Episcopal Church of Newtown, in which he held the office of vestryman for many years.

In 1843 Mr. Clarke married Miss Sarah Minerva Beers, of Brookfield, this county, a daughter of Alonzo Beers, and granddaughter of Eli Beers, well-known citizens of the early times. Three children blessed this union: Hannah Sophia, born August 17, 1845, who married L. Burtus Booth, of Newtown, and has one child—Philo Clarke, born December 25, 1886; Emma Frances, born August 18, 1849, who died at the age of twenty-three years; and Flora M., born in October, 1856, who married Alfred Walker, a druggist at Sing Sing, N. Y., and has one child, Clarke Skidmore, born October 17, 1893.

EDWIN CLARKE (deceased), son of Walter (above), was born September 22, 1832, at the old home in Newtown, and during the early years of his life he was interested in stock farming. About 1878 he engaged in business in New York City as a cotton broker, but continued to reside in Fairfield county, making daily trips to the metropolis. In 1887 he removed to Norwalk, where he had a pleasant home, and he and his wife were identified with the best social circles of that city. On November 7, 1854, Mr. Clarke married Miss Nancy Beers, daughter of Ezekiel and Sally (Morris) Beers, prominent residents of Newtown. She died September 13, 1869, and on May 10, 1877, Mr. Clarke formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Miss Mattie A. Parker, of Louisville, Ky., whose father, Samuel Parker, was a native of Canajoharie, N. Y. By his first marriage Mr. Clarke had two children: E. Beers, a resident of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Miss Julia, who is at home. There were two children by the second union: Mattie Eugenie, who died January 31, 1882; and Edwin P., now a student in the Norwalk High School. The father died suddenly, in Norwalk, of heart disease May, 16, 1899. He was of a quiet, retiring disposition, and all who knew him well wished ever to know him better.

Mr. Clarke was a firm believer in the doctrines of the Republican party, but was not especially active in political work. He belonged to a number of social organizations, including the Norwalk Club, and took keen interest in all that concerned the welfare of the community. He had been a member of the New York Cotton Exchange for twenty years.

HON. HENRY NICHOLS FANTON, who passed away September 4, 1898, was for many years one of Danbury's most honored citizens, prominent alike in business, social, political and military affairs, and although in his closing years less active than of yore, he was not permitted to relinquish the position in public life which his abilities and high character won for him.

Mr. Fanton came of good old Colonial stock, tracing his descent from one of two brothers of the name who came from France at an early period and settled in Philadelphia. They were the first practical dyers by chemical process to come to this country. One of these brothers, our subject's ancestor, served in the American army throughout the Revolutionary war, and afterward located in western Connecticut. Hull and Mary Fanton, the grandparents of our subject, resided at Weston, in this county, and his father, John C. Fanton, was born there in 1810, but spent the greater portion of his life in Danbury, where he owned a boot and shoe store. He died in 1854, and his wife, Mary (Dean), who was born in Redding, Conn., in 1800, passed away in 1884. They had five children: Thomas Collier, Elizabeth Jane (now Mrs. Hiram Knapp, of Danbury), Henry N., John Hull and Myron S.

Commander Fanton, our subject, was born September 6, 1836, at New Fairfield, Conn., where he attended the district schools until he reached the age of fourteen, subsequently working for some time on his father's farm. He afterward engaged in a general building and moving business, as a contractor, and was thus employed when the Civil war broke out, in which, in 1862, he enlisted, becoming a member of Company K, 23rd Conn. V. I., for one year. At the end of the first month he was promoted to the rank of second sergeant, which he held during his term of service. His regiment took part in the famous expedition under General Banks, and among his most important engagements were the battles at Brashear City, La., now Morgan City, and at Lafourche Crossing, fifty miles from New Orleans. He was mustered out of the service on August 30, 1863, and on his return home resumed business life, settling at Danbury, where he opened a grocery. After conducting the same for ten years he sold it and

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formed a partnership with his brother, John H. Fanton, engaging in the manufacture of machines and machinery, but ill health compelled him to dispose of his interest in 1883, his brother purchasing it. Commander Fanton did not engage again in any definite business, but his well-known sagacity was called to the aid of various enterprises at times, and for some time he supervised some gas-well interests in Ohio and West Virginia.

After his retirement from active business, in 1883, our subject traveled extensively in the South and West, many of his experiences being depicted in an interesting series of letters published in the Danbury *News*. He has also visited every National soldiers' home in New England, and every National cemetery where the dust of the gallant defenders of the Union reposes. In 1881 he was appointed a commissioner to the World's Fair at New Orleans, and in 1882 he visited that city on an errand which had great influence throughout the South in strengthening the bond of fraternal kindness with the North. It so happened that after the war there came into his possession a Confederate flag, which had been blessed by the Roman Catholic bishop of New Orleans, and had been designed with special care, as some Latin inscriptions upon it showed. Mr. Fanton wished to return it to the owner, who, after some correspondence with Governor McEnery of Louisiana, was found to be no less a person than the adjutant-general of the State, formerly captain of the Washington Guard Artillery, C. S. A. Having made known his desire to restore the precious memento of the "lost cause," Mr. Fanton went to New Orleans in 1882, and was royally received, the restoration taking place at a public meeting presided over by the mayor of the city, and attended by the governor and his staff. During the two weeks of Commander Fanton's stay he was feted and toasted in true Southern style.

From 1868 Commander Fanton was a member of James E. Moore Post No. 18. G. A. R., Department of Connecticut, in which he held various offices prior to 1890, having served as commander, quartermaster for eight years, and three times as delegate to the National encampment. In 1889 he was elected senior vice-commander of the Department of Connecticut, and in 1890 was chosen commander of the Connecticut organization. He took an active interest in the State militia also, and in 1874 was appointed by Governor Andrews as one of three commissioners to secure permanent grounds for them, the result of their labors being seen in the present charming location at Niantic. For three years he was an aide on General Crawford's staff, and for two years he was quartermaster of the Fourth Regiment.

In political faith Commander Fanton was a steadfast Republican, and his popularity successfully endured the crucial test of candidacy for public office. In 1870 he was elected to the General Assembly, and so well were his constituents satisfied with his work as a representative that he was again chosen in 1871. During both years he was secretary of the committee on Military Affairs, of which Colonel Torrence, of Derby (now judge of the Supreme Court of Connecticut), was appointed chairman in 1871, and at this time the law was passed providing for a change from the old system of eight regiments to the present plan of four. In the last year of his service in the Assembly, Mr. Fanton succeeded in getting an appropriation for a new jail at Danbury, an undertaking in which his immediate predecessors had failed. At the time of his decease he was serving as one of the assessors of the city a position he held for several terms.

In July, 1859, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Lucy A. Barnum, and they had one son, Henry N., Jr. Mrs. Fanton is a daughter of Towner and Ann (Hendrick) Barnum, of New Fairfield, who were both descendants of Revolutionary soldiers.

ISRAEL HUSON WILSON. The salubrious air of this favored region is certainly conducive to longevity, and we are fortunate in having among us many to whom old age has brought its distinctive blessings of wisdom and ripened character.

The subject of this sketch, a well-known resident of Bethel, was born November 6, 1815, in Danbury, then called Bethel Society, and his life has been spent in this section. Samuel Wilson, his grandfather, was a farmer in Putnam county, N. Y., and Jeremiah Wilson, the father of our subject, was born in that county, in the town of Southeast, on April 1, 1795, and remained there until he attained his majority. He learned the details of paper manufacturing at Putnam Corners, and at the age of twenty-one went to Danbury, where he was employed for some years in the paper-mill belonging to Major Comstock. Later he settled upon a farm in the town of Danbury, and the last half of his life was occupied with agricultural work. He was married in the city of Danbury to Miss Mary Hurd, who was born July 15, 1794, and died November 26, 1864. Her father, Israel Hurd, was born

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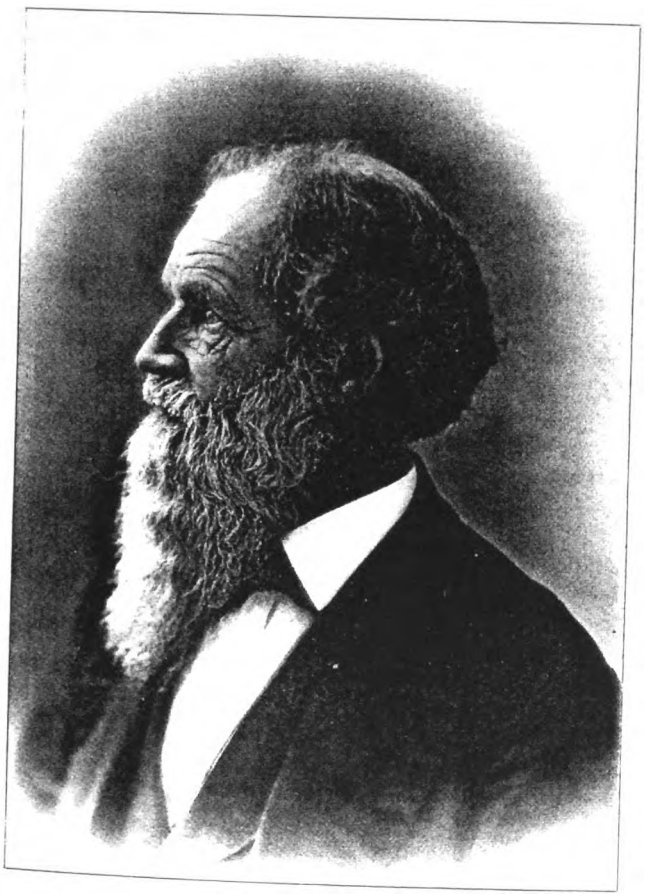

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August 6, 1771, and her mother, whose maiden name was Mary Wood, was born August 14, 1776, a daughter of Benjamin Wood. Jeremiah Wilson died August 11, 1879, at the age of eighty-four, leaving an honorable record as a citizen. Ten children comprised his family: Israel Huson, our subject; James Smith, born November 20, 1818, died at Waterbury, January 1, 1895; Milo (1), born October 13, 1821, died in infancy; Milo (2), born May 11, 1823, is a resident of Waterbury; Sarah, born April 30, 1825, died May 16, 1835; Albert, born September 4, 1828, resides at Mill Plain, this county; Mariette, born December 25, 1831, married George Bradley, of Danbury; George, born April 30, 1833, died May 6, 1835; Emily, born August 31, 1835, married Albert Edwards, of Danbury; and Samuel, born July 28, 1837, is a resident of Waterbury.

Mr. Wilson's boyhood was spent in Danbury, and at the age of fourteen he began to learn the business of cabinet making and undertaking with the firm of Goodsell & Starr, of Brookfield, remaining there until he was twenty-one. In 1836 he settled at Bethel, where he at first conducted an undertaking business, but after sixteen years he sold out and opened his temperance hotel, which he carried on successfully for about forty years. The temperance cause has always had a strong advocate in Mr. Wilson, and in 1852 he built a temperance hall in Bethel, providing it with pulpit and bell. In 1885 he discontinued his hotel business, and after spending some time in farming retired to his pleasant home in Bethel, which is the old home of Phineas Taylor, the grandfather of P. T. Barnum, and was built over one hundred years ago.

On October 16, 1836, Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Sarah Lockwood, daughter of Joseph Lockwood, of Redding. She was born April 10, 1808, and died May 4, 1844. Mr. Wilson formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Miss Betsey Barnum, who was born May 7, 1815, a daughter of Asel Barnum, and died June 13, 1892. As Mr. Wilson had no children of his own he adopted a daughter, Helen A., who was born July 22, 1845; she was married (first) to Arthur C. Durant, and (second) to David B. Cary, of Stamford, Conn., who for thirty years has been agent of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad at that town.

As a citizen Mr. Wilson is held in high esteem, his excellent qualities of character winning him the regard of those whose good opinion is worth having. Since 1844 he has been a member of the Congregational Church at Bethel, and throughout his life he has been a firm friend to temperance and other reforms. He belongs to the Sons of Temperance, and is also identified with the I. O. O. F. at Bethel.

GEORGE W. FLINT, managing editor and senior member of the firm of Flint & Smith, proprietors and publishers of the Danbury *News*, was born at St. Johnsbury, Vt., November 5, 1853. At the age of sixteen he entered the printing office of the St. Johnsbury *Times*, and two years later drifted to Brattleboro, Vt., where, until 1873, he was employed in the office of the *Record* and *Farmer*. He then came to Danbury and began work on the *News*, filling positions in all the mechanical departments of the paper until 1880, when he was placed on the reportorial staff, and shortly after he was made city editor. In 1888 he was promoted to assistant manager, and his business qualifications soon won for him almost the sole management. He gave the paper his conscientious work, and in March, 1893, on the death of Mr. J. M. Bailey, the editor and proprietor of the paper, it was found that he had bequeathed to Mr. Flint an interest in the plant; shortly after, one of the other partners dying, our subject became half owner. The paper is conducted on the side of good morals, and is a first-class journal in all respects. The managing editor is a highly respected citizen, wide awake and progressive, and under his watchful eye the continued success of the Danbury *News* is assured.

FREDERICK JUDD, Esq., justice of the peace in and for the town of Bethel, is one of the influential citizens of that locality, and worthily represents a family which has been prominent in the neighborhood since Colonial times. Although he has now passed the allotted limit of three-score years and ten, he is as active as ever in local affairs, and can illy be spared from his present post of duty.

Thomas Judd, our subject's great-grandfather, was one of the early residents of Bethel. Elihu Judd, our subject's grandfather, was a farmer in the same town, and served as a soldier in the Revolutionary army. Elihu Judd (2), the father of our subject, was born in that town March 10, 1794, and resided there all his life with the exception of seven years in Easton township, this county. In early manhood he learned the shoemaker's trade, but he did not follow it, his attention being given to agricultural pursuits. He served in the war of 1812, and as a citizen was held in high esteem. For some time he was a

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grand juryman of the town of Bethel, and he was active in religious work as a member of the Methodist Church. On November 24, 1818, he married Miss Aurilla Fairchild, who was born December 25, 1797, and died September 24, 1837. They had nine children: Rev. George S., born August 17, 1819, married Clara A. Benedict May 4, 1841, was a Methodist minister, and had charge of a Church at Bolton, Conn., where he died October 19, 1847; David J., born May 24, 1821, died May 18, 1832; Harriet, born February 15, 1823, died March 12, 1857; Betsey M., born May 18, 1825, died February 28, 1852; Frederick, our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Truman, F., born August 22, 1829, is a resident of Bristol, Conn.; Alonzo, born August 7, 1831, died March 13, 1852; Eliza, born November 2, 1833, married Oscar H. Hibbard, and they now reside in Bethel; and Maryett, born October 1, 1835, married Henry Fairchild of Roxbury, Conn. On August 24, 1841, Elihu Judd married for his second wife Nancy Ann Boughton, who died, and on April 21, 1847, he formed a third matrimonial union, this time with Eliza Ann Gregory, by whom he had three children: Jane E., born August 29, 1848, Charles H., born April 29, 1850; and Julia M., born March 13, 1852, of whom Charles alone grew to maturity.

The subject of our sketch was born September 29, 1827, at the old home in Center District, Bethel, and was educated in the schools of Easton, Bethel, Roxbury, and Georgetown. At the age of seventeen he began to learn the hatter's trade with Isaac H. Seeley & Son, of Bethel, and until November, 1892, he was almost continuously employed in that business in different shops in Bethel. He has taken an active part in local affairs, and in addition to his duties as justice of the peace he is now serving as assessor. At various times he has been a member of the board of assessors, member of the board of relief, grand juryman, and for twelve years he was selectman, during eight years of that time being first selectman, while he has held the office of assessor for ten years past. In politics he was a Whig in early life, but he has supported Republican principles ever since the organization of that party. He is a leading member of the Congregational Church, for many years was a teacher in the Sabbath-school, and he has also been prominent in reform work as a member of the Sons of Temperance and the Good Templars.

On November 28, 1848, Mr. Judd was married in the town of Bethel to his first wife, Miss Harriet M. Smith, who was born September 7, 1828, and died March 4, 1864, and on May 17, 1866, he married Mrs. Alza A. Barnes, daughter of Benjamin and Almena (Wickwire) Dunning, of Morris township, Litchfield Co., Conn. Mr. Judd is the father of five children, all by the first marriage: (1) George S., born December 22, 1849, died October 17, 1863. (2) Esther A., born February 6, 1851, died April 26, 1852. (3) Frederick A. born April 14, 1853, is a hatter by trade, and he resides in Danbury, where he holds the position of general superintendent with Rundle & White. He was married in Bethel to Miss Harriet Mayhew, daughter of Theodore and Betsy Mayhew, and she departed this life, leaving two children—George F. and Theodore H.—both living. On October 26, 1882, he was married again, this time to Louisa W. Sanford, daughter of George A. and Carrie (Banks) Sanford, of Redding, and they have one child, Frederick A. Mr. Judd is a member of the Masonic Fraternity. (4) Melville T., born August 14, 1855, died August 14, 1862. (5) William H., born January 11, 1861, married Elizabeth Smith, and died August 21, 1891, leaving a widow and two children, of whom one, Richard M., still survives.

ROWLAND BRADLEY LACEY (deceased). The passing away on March 31, 1897, of Mr. Lacey ended the life of one of the best known residents of Bridgeport and of Fairfield county, a life of activity and usefulness, and marked the end of a kindly and lovable man.

Mr. Lacey was born April 6, 1818, in Easton, Conn., being the only son of Jesse and Edna (Munson) Lacey, and descended from Edward Lacey, who with his wife Sarah was admitted to the Fairfield (Conn.) Church January 13, 1694. Our subject was of the sixth generation from Edward Lacey, the line of his descent being through John, Edward, Zachariah and Jesse Lacey.

As a boy our subject spent much of his time farming, as was the custom of the boys of that time. At the age of sixteen he was graduated from Eli Gilbert's select school in Redding, and then began the teaching of school himself. When eighteen he removed to Bridgeport at the time it was but a borough, and for a period was assistant postmaster to Stephen Lounsbury. On the opening of the Housatonic railroad in Bridgeport, in 1839, he was appointed the local agent. From that incumbency he resigned in 1844 to accept a position as bookkeeper with the saddlery firm of Harral & Calhoun, and nine years later he became manager of the concern, which was then one of the leading manufactories in the State, having agents in both the South and the West. In 1863 the firm name was Lacey, Meeker & Co.

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The Civil war brought heavy losses to the firm, and it consequently closed up business in the early "sixties."

Mr. Lacey's first work in municipal reform was in the fire department. Between the years 1840 and 1850 he was an active member of the volunteer department; from private he was promoted to be foreman and, finally, assistant engineer. In 1848 he drew up and procured the adoption of a city bylaw for the better organization of the department, which system continued in force till the adoption of the paid system in 1870. He was a member of the common council in 1848, 1852, 1853 and 1854. There was no better bookkeeper in Bridgeport than Mr. Lacey. As a penman he was an expert, and took pride in his copy. In 1870, at the request of Mayor Morford, he visited the large cities of the East and examined their system of financing and bookkeeping. On the strength of his experience he devised and inaugurated the present system of city finances and bookkeeping. The system was partially revised by the late Francis Ives. From 1870 to 1880 Mr. Lacey was the city auditor. He was also connected with the board of Road and Bridge Commissioners (now the board of Public Works), and he was clerk of the Park Commissioners, which position he held to the time of his death. From 1876 up until his decease he had sole charge of the management of the town Sinking Fund, a position of heavy responsibility. If one were to venture to enumerate the branches of the city government of which Mr. Lacey was an active and influential member, he would have to speak of all. He had much to do with the raising of the standard of the public schools of the city. He organized and prepared the Bridgeport Municipal Register, and was its compiler for ten years. He was one of the pioneers of the Board of Trade, and was its active secretary all through the late David M. Read's administration. Considering his long years of service, and the amount of work performed by him, there was no more active Church worker in Bridgeport. He was always a total abstainer and a man of deep religious views. He became a member of the First Congregational Church in 1837, and was actively identified with same until his death, to which fact records of the Church attest. In 1850 he was elected as one of the deacons, and at the time of his death was a senior deacon. His last service in this respect was as a delegate to personally notify Rev. De Peu of his call to the Church. He was also appointed by the Church to represent them at the consociation that was to authorize and arrange for the transfer of the present pastor of Bridgeport. For nearly fifty years he was the society's treasurer, chairman of the society's committee, Sunday-school teacher, librarian, teacher of the Bible class and superintendent. His death brought a distinct loss to the Church. He was president of the Fairfield County Historical Society for many years; was much interested in the Sons of the American Revolution, and was one of the charter members of the lodge in Bridgeport.

Mr. Lacey was twice married, first to Jane E., daughter of Deacon Isaac Sherman. She died in 1857, and he subsequently married Elizabeth Richards Boardman, of Hartford, who died January 5, 1894. The children born to the first marriage were: Mary L., who married (first) Major Ezra Day Dickerman, and (second) Samuel S. Hunter; Edward R., who died when six years of age; Henry R., who died in infancy; and David Sherman. To the second marriage was born one child, Henrietta B.

"In the death of Mr. Lacey there passed away one of the striking characters of Bridgeport, and local history will give him a place as one of the distinguished citizens, a man of exemplary life and a charitable and kindly character. He was a man of deep sympathies. It was a pleasure for him to assist the families of his friends in their time of trouble, and perhaps he has written more obituary notices for his friends than any other man in Bridgeport. Perhaps some friendly hand will do the service to his memory which has become a part of the religious and civil history of the town."

CAPTAIN CALEB W. MERRITT (deceased). This typical sea captain of years ago lived in the village of Greenwich, where he was born January 18, 1822. He was a rugged and hardy representative of the sea-faring class, and, after a career long and profitable, retired to the composure of a farm and fireside among his old acquaintances, whom he entertained with many a tale of bygone days. His taste for the sea was most honestly derived, for both his father and grandfather were active and successful commanders and owners of craft.

Captain Merritt was a descendant of one of the earliest New York families, which over two hundred years ago was founded in this country. The earliest known representative, William Merritt, was mayor of New York City from 1696 to 1698, and died in 1708. Among the children born to him and his wife, Margery, was a son John, called Major. The latter lived in Rye township, Westchester Co., N. Y. He and his

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wife, Mary, had a family of ten children, as follows: Daniel, Caleb, Nathan, Thomas, John, Phœbe, Amy, Ruth, Mary and Hannah. The second son of Caleb was Daniel, who was born August 17, 1742, married Rebecca Sherwood, and died July 15, 1782. His eldest child, Capt. Ebenezer Merritt, was the grandfather of our subject.

Capt. Ebenezer Merritt was born at Hoppen Ridge, near Port Chester, N. Y., March 28, 1746. He was a noted boatman on the Hudson river, prior to the appearance of steam power. On one occasion, when laid up at Sing Sing, awaiting a breeze, he chanced to meet a young lady, Cynthia Willis, a member of a prominent family of that city, and not long after, on August 17, 1783, they were united in marriage. Mrs. Merritt was born July 29, 1765. Captain Merritt sailed the sloop "George Washington" on the Hudson river. Capt. Caleb Merritt had in his possession a coin which his grandfather, in 1790, accepted as passage money from a German, going from New York to Albany, *en route* to Rhinebeck to buy land from the Indians. Later in life Capt. Ebenezer Merritt retired from the sea, retaining his interest in vessel property, however, for years afterward. For many years after abandoning the water he was a leading citizen of Greenwich. Both he and his wife were active members of the Congregational Church. He died in 1819 at Albany, and was buried in Sing Sing, his wife surviving him several years.

The nine children of Ebenezer and Cynthia Merritt were as follows: Daniel, father of our subject, born in Sing Sing, N. Y., October 19, 1784; Willis, a sea captain, who was once wrecked on the ocean and rescued from a raft, and subsequently migrated to Ohio, where he bought land in an early day; Henry, once a justice of peace in the City Hall, New York, and a prominent citizen of that metropolis; John, for years a lawyer in New York and later a citizen of Ohio; Wesley, a leading dry-goods merchant on Broadway, N. Y., owning one of the largest stores of his day, who migrated to California during the gold excitement, and who subsequently became a well-known journalist in Illinois, where he died (he was the father of Gen. Wesley Merritt, who graduated from West Point in 1860, and is now so prominent in the military affairs of the nation); Charles, a New York private detective, who made various professional trips to Europe; Cynthia, who married and died in New York; Phœbe, who married Gideon Peck, and died in New York; and Ann E., who married James Wood, of Tarrytown, N. Y., and died there.

Capt. Daniel Merritt, eldest son of Ebenezer, and father of our subject, was reared a sailor boy. His parents removed to New York when he was but a boy, and at the age of twelve he went as cook for his father. Thus began a seafaring career that lasted for years. He was married May 19, 1807, to Miss Sarah Lyon, who was born March 23, 1786, daughter of James and Susan (Marvin) Lyon, and was reared in New York. Her father died when comparatively young, and her mother subsequently married James Green. Capt. Daniel Merritt owned the vessels "Union" and "Theodore," and sailed them between Greenwich and New York. He retired from the sea at the age of forty-eight years, but retained interests in his vessels. To each of his sons he gave $1,000, and if they desired more capital he loaned them the money on interest. Daniel Merritt was a Whig in politics. He removed with his family from New York to Greenwich, where he died April 30, 1849. His wife died July 8, 1848.

The children of Capt. Daniel and Sarah Merritt were as follows: George W., born February 12, 1808, sailed the "Ann Amelia" and died of cholera at the age of twenty-four; Willis, born February 16, 1810, sailed the packet "Mary Willis," from Norwalk, Conn., and died in that city; Lewis A., born April 22, 1812, who was a vessel captain and subsequently a farmer, died in Greenwich township; Susan Ann Eliza, born February 6, 1814, married Edward Mead, and died in Cos Cob, August 26, 1884; Daniel B., born January 8, 1816, who was a clothing merchant at New York City, died of cholera July 12, 1854; Cynthia W., born January 2, 1818, died February 19, 1827; Joseph G., born in 1819, died May 1, 1885; Caleb W., is the subject of this sketch; Theodore, born November 15, 1823, was a boatman for some years, and died at Middletown, Conn., February 11, 1892; Sarah L., born April 12, 1826, is the widow of Elnathan Husted, of Greenwich; Cynthia W. (2), born November 21, 1829, married Rufus Putney, a Methodist minister, and died at Milford, Conn., March 24, 1891.

Capt. Caleb W. Merritt, our subject, was reared in Greenwich. His early education was not neglected, for besides attending the common schools he was a pupil one winter at the academy when Mr. Bigsby, the lawyer, was principal. But his father, as was his custom with his sons, took Caleb as cook on a vessel when he was thirteen years of age. After a short time the boy took charge of one-half of the sloop "Theodore" for his father, his brother Lewis A. owning the other half. When eighteen Caleb

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became captain of the "Theodore," which was one of the fastest on the Sound, and many are the times when her eighty-foot pennant was hoisted to the discomfiture of those who tried to beat her, the pennant being symbolic of victory. Our subject was at one time the youngest of fifty captains on market boats going through Hell Gate. He ran the "Theodore" for many years, and when business increased he bought the sloop "Mary Willis" from his brother Willis, and commanded her. In 1859 he bought from Hanford Mead the "Josiah Mead Farm" at a cost of $15,000, in the fall of the same year removing to the place, where he afterward lived. His late home was built in 1727, and the old frame was entirely used in the remodeling.

Captain Merritt was married at Greenwich January 27, 1845, by Rev. Mr. Yarrington, to Miss Phœbe A. Husted, who was born January 23, 1822, in Greenwich, daughter of William and Mary Husted. The great-grandfather of Mrs. Phœbe Merritt was David Husted. Her grandfather, Abraham Husted, was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war; he was a farmer by occupation. Lieutenant Husted had two sons, one of whom, William Husted, was the father of Mrs. Merritt. He was born in Greenwich, Conn., in 1783, married Mary Lyon, and they had six children: Benjamin W.; Israel; Hannah, who married Husted Hobby; Phœbe A., wife of our subject; David; and William H. Mrs. Merritt is also a descendant of a branch of the Merritt family who were early residents of St. John's, N. F., and Hamilton, Ontario. The latter city was named after Hamilton Merritt, and an estate of ninety million dollars in Canada, in which the Merritt heirs are now interested, is in question.

Four children were born to Capt. Caleb and Phœbe A. Merritt, as follows: Sarah H., born March 28, 1847, now Mrs. John Lyon, of Weaver Street, Greenwich township; Edward M., born November 5, 1848, still at home; William H., born December 22, 1851, a farmer of Greenwich; and Caleb W., born November 29, 1854, still at home. Captain Merritt owned and occupied one of the largest and best farms in the township, and was one of its best known and substantial citizens. In politics he was a Democrat, but not partisan. He frequently served as selectman, assessor, member of the board of relief and in other public capacities. Fraternally he was a member of Acacia Lodge, F. & A. M. For many years he was prominently connected with the Episcopal Church, and filled many of its offices, including that of vestryman. He died February 23, 1899.

REUBEN W. LINSLEY. The Linsley family is well known in the State, its members having been prominent in various lines of effort from early Colonial times. The first American ancestor, John Lindley (for so the name was originally, but for the past one hundred years or more it has been spelled Linsley), came from Lindley, England, in 1640, and settled at Branford, New Haven county, in 1644, where his descendants are still to be found. [It is supposed there were three generations between this John Lindley and Daniel Linsley mentioned in next paragraph, but a record of them is not now obtainable.]

Daniel Linsley, the great-grandfather of the esteemed citizen whose name opens this sketch, was probably born in Branford, in the portion of said town, called North Branford, set off in 1831, and he became a leading citizen of that locality, being engaged in business as a farmer, miller, millwright and carpenter. He died there in November, 1799, in his eighty-fourth year.

Dr. Reuben Linsley, our subject's grandfather, was born at Branford, in the parish of North Branford, and was for many years a leading physician there. He married Tryphena Baldwin, a native of North Branford, and had six children: Chauncey and Jesse (both now deceased), who followed farming at Branford; Willis, our subject's father; Sarah; Marian; and Polly.

Willis Linsley was born at North Branford, in 1791, and, having been reared to farm work, he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was an active worker in the Democratic party in his section, and was chosen to various offices, was appointed a county surveyor of New Haven county, which position he held for more than fifty years. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian, and the family has for generations been identified with that denomination. His death occurred September 25, 1867, and his wife, whose maiden name was Betsey Hurd, died March 31, 1862. She was a native of the town of Huntington, but her grandfather, Gideon Hurd, and father, Wolcott Hurd, who married Rachel Plumb, were both born in what is now the town of Stratford. Our subject was one of a family of three children, the others being Elijah, who died at the age of three years; and Seth, who was born in 1824, and became a farmer at North Branford, where he died August 4, 1896.

Reuben W. Linsley was born October 24, 1820, at the old home in North Branford, and after spending the first sixteen years of his life upon the farm he went to North Haven, this

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State, to learn the cabinetmaker's trade. Later he clerked for a time in stores at Middletown and Killingworth, and he then engaged in business in the latter place in partnership with Horace Redfield, conducting a hotel, general store, post office and mail route. After twelve years engaged in these lines of enterprise, he removed, in September, 1856, to Huntington Center, and opened a general store, which he still conducts successfully. He has been prominent in local affairs, being an adherent to the principles of Jeffersonian Democracy, and has been especially active in educational matters, serving as school visitor and member of the school board. In all he has held the office of postmaster about sixteen years, his first term, under appointment of President Buchanan, lasting six years and continuing during a part of Lincoln's administration. In 1887 he was re-appointed by Grover Cleveland, and he held the position until August 1, 1897. For many years he has been an active member of the Episcopal Church, having been a vestryman for thirty years, and, after a quarter of a century as treasurer of the parish, he has been serving ten years as clerk. He married Miss Emeline E. Foot, of Killingworth, and they have three sons: Silas R. is a general merchant at Chattanooga, Tenn.; John C., an Episcopal minister, is rector of Trinity Church, Torrington, Conn.; and Seth W. is a student in the Theological Seminary in New York City.

MATTHEW MERRITT. Through the successful business career of this highly respected citizen of Greenwich there has been one guiding principle, that has been proved to be of inestimable value — fidelity to every trust and duty reposed to his care. He has been thoroughly self-made, and the unobtrusive yet sterling merits of his character have grown upon his wide circle of acquaintances until they stand revealed as on a monument of treasured marble.

Mr. Merritt was but two years of age when his father died. He was born November 30, 1822, on the Post road, a short distance west of Greenwich, a son of Hickson and Hannah (Mead) Merritt. The father was born on Weaver street, Greenwich, the namesake of his father, Hickson Merritt. By trade he was a mason. The mother of our subject was a member of the well-known Mead family which has descended from William Mead, the original Colonial ancestor, seven generations removed. Matthew Merritt is the grandson of Matthew Mead, and the great-grandson of Capt. Matthew Mead, the Revolutionary officer, who was the son of Nathaniel Mead, sixth son of John Mead (1), who was the son of William Mead, the first American ancestor, who came from England in 1635.

The children of Hickson and Hannah (Mead) Merritt were as follows: Nancy, who married B. Dutton, and died at Greenwich; Sally, who died in childhood; Hannah, who married Roswell Ingersoll, and died in New Jersey; Susan, who married Purdy Lyon, and resides on Weaver street, Greenwich; and Matthew, our subject.

At the father's death, the surviving mother and her family of young children took up their residence with her parents, Matthew and Nancy (Hobbs) Mead. Here our subject was reared, and here he obtained the rudiments of education that were obtainable by farmer boys, attending the rude schools a few months during the winter. The grandfather was kind, and filled the vacant place of father. In his youth our subject was apprenticed to his uncle, William Mead, to learn the mason's trade, and for four years he worked for his board and clothes. He was a willing lad, and did with a cheerful spirit whatever labor he was able to perform.

After his trade was learned he went to journey work at White Plains, N. Y., working for Robert Layton. He helped to build the old Methodist chapel on Church street, Greenwich, but delay in getting his wages caused him to go to New York City. There he found work at his trade with a Mr. Crane. Country boys were not then desirable help, but his steady ways and reliability commended him to Mr. Crane, and enabled him to learn his trade, as he was associated with skilled workmen. Later he worked in Williamsburg, N. Y., and this was followed with journey work until he went into business for himself. He was for five years with one man, Nathaniel Willett, who trusted him well. Mr. Willett met with losses, and having work under way and no ready cash he asked young Merritt if he would work and wait for his pay. Our subject readily consented, and when they settled, Mr. Willett appreciating Mr. Merritt's valuable service, asked him to take up his (Willett's) business, which he did. Mr. Merritt had often been sent by Mr. Willett to do work where he had access to valuables, etc. Their safety was always assured, which fact caused him to become a very popular employe. During the time he was in business for himself Mr. Merritt employed at times from seventy-five to one hundred men. In Williamsburg, N. Y., he next engaged in business with a Mr. Vail, under the firm name of Merritt & Vail. After several years, during which time they carried on business extensively and very

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successfully, Mr. Merritt retired from the firm. He engaged in building and selling houses; but his health beginning to fail he bought a farm in Greenwich, whither he removed, and lived there nine years. He then bought another farm, in North Greenwich, where he lived two years. In the spring of 1866, he came to Greenwich village, where he engaged in a livery business, first locating on Putnam avenue, and having had much experience with horses, he prospered at his new business. He was the first occupant of the "Lenox House" stables. After two years he bought on Church street, and he has since built his home and barn on that street, where he now conducts the livery business.

Mr. Merritt when twenty-six years of age, was married in New York, to Miss Julia Downs, a daughter of Sturges Downs, of that city, and three children have been born to them, as follows: Belle C. (Mrs. George Scofield), of Greenwich; George W., also of Greenwich, engaged in the livery business with his father; and Anna A. (Mrs. R. J. Walsh), of Greenwich. Mr. Merritt is not bound by party ties, but his sympathy is with the Republican party, and he is always called a Republican. For nineteen years in succession he was senior burgess of Greenwich, and then resigned. He has never been an office seeker, but has held office only with a desire to further the town's improvement. Both he and his wife are prominent members of the Congregational Church. Mr. Merritt is the oldest business man in Greenwich in his line, both in years and in duration of business. He has fought the battle of life himself, starting as a poor boy, equipped with but limited schooling, but he was always steady, reliable and honest, principles that have characterized him in every transaction. He has a comfortable competence, yet his sole aim has by no means been to accumulate property. He has taken an interest in local improvements, and has ever been public spirited. The business he has established is still conducted by himself and son, and is one of the leading concerns of its kind in Greenwich.

OTIS BEERS, a well-to-do resident of Stratford, is one of the progressive and public-spirited citizens of that town, and his life and character reveal the wholesome tendencies of the sturdy New England stock from which he is descended.

Mr. Beers was born November 22, 1822, in the town of Stratford, where his accestors settled many years ago. Matthew Beers, his grandfather, was born probably in that town, and he passed his later life there in agricultural pursuits. He married a Miss Curtis, and had five children as follows: Curtis and Menzes learned the shoemaker's trade, and settled in Cornwall, Litchfield county, where Curtis was a farmer, Menzes becoming a prominent merchant; they died some years ago, and their remains were interred there. Silas is mentioned more fully below. Lewis followed the shoemaker's trade in Stratford for a time, and then went to Columbus, Ga., where he engaged on a large scale in the manufacture of shoes; his death occurred in Stratford. Lucinda married Isaac Curtis, a carpenter at Stratford.

Silas Beers, our subject's father, was born in Stratford in 1791, and in his youth he learned the weaver's trade, which he followed for some years. Later he settled upon a farm in Stratford, and he died there in 1877. In religious faith he was a Methodist; politically he was a Whig until the organization of the Republican party, of which he then became an ardent supporter. He was one of fifteen Abolitionists in this part of the State, at a time when any one entertaining those views would be sure to be unpopular. His wife, Hannah (Judson), died in 1853. Of their four children, the eldest, Susan, married Enoch Curtis, a mechanic in Stratford, and both are now deceased; Otis, our subject, was the second in the order of birth; Abigail died in infancy; and Miss Mary resides in Stratford.

The boyhood of Otis Beers was spent on the the old farm in Stratford, his education being obtained in the local schools, which he attended until he reached the age of eighteen years. He then engaged in farming at the homestead, and he has ever since been interested in some branch of agricultural work. He owns about ninety acres adjoining the village of Stratford, and for many years followed general farming, but for the past four or five years he and his sons have devoted their attention to raising seeds for the market. Mr. Beers is a stanch Republican, and he has taken an influential part in local affairs. From 1861 to 1868 he held the office of selectman continuously, and in 1872 he was again chosen to that position. During the Civil war he was appointed by Governor Buckingham to act as recruiting agent, which difficult position was filled by him with marked ability and tact, the quota of men being provided by him without delay.

In February, 1846, Mr. Beers married Miss Susan Curtis, daughter of Ashbel Curtis, of Stratford. She died in 1854, and on February 18, 1856, he married Miss Mary Peck, daughter of Lewis and Hannah (Wheeler) Peck, of Stratford.

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Herbert Beers, the only child of the first union, died at the age of four years. By the second marriage there was one son, Edward W., born in October, 1861, who married Miss Edith Stowe, of Milford, New Haven Co., Conn., and has one child, Douglass Stowe Beers. Edward W. is now engaged in business with his father. Mrs. Otis Beers is a member of the M. E. Church of Stratford.

EDWARD T. HALL, one of the old and highly-honored citizens of Fairfield, is a retired merchant, enjoying at leisure, after many years of well-directed labor, the rewards thereof.

A native of Connecticut, he was born August 28, 1823, at Long Hill, a worthy member of an old family long identified with Trumbull, Fairfield county. He attended the public schools of the district, and at the age of sixteen commenced learning the trade of tinsmith in the shop of Lockwood & Zane, Water street, Bridgeport, his wages being $30 for the first year. At about the close of his apprenticeship, or in 1844, he and his brother, Claudius B., opened a stove and tinware business in Southport. At the end of six months he bought out his brother's interest, and from that time until his selling out, in 1862, carried on the concern alone. Mr. Hall then associated himself with George Bishop in a similar line of business on Water street, Bridgeport, but at the end of five years he bought out his partner and removed the stock to Southport, where he continued in the stove and tinware line, as heretofore, until his retirement in 1870. He attributes his success mainly to close attention to business, and his working early and late, in all seasons and times—dull and brisk alike. Some years after giving up business he erected his present substantial block on the corner of Main and Center streets, Southport, to take the place of the one he had previously built, and which was burned down, entailing a heavy loss to him. He remodeled his home on Center street, where he now lives a quiet, retired life, merely looking after his property interests. He is a distinctively self-made man, having by his own unaided efforts worked his way up to a comfortable competence from a poor boyhood.

On May 5, 1856, Mr. Hall was united in marriage with Miss Sarah C. Jennings, daughter of Aaron Jennings, and there was one child by this union, Minnetta F., who died December 22, 1874, at the age of eighteen years. Her mother died May 29, 1859, and May 21, 1862, Mr. Hall wedded Miss Mary A. Bulkeley, daughter of Seth M. Bulkeley, by which marriage there were five children: Eugene E., Etta V., Marietta V., Edward T. and Clinton B., all yet at home except Etta V., who died when five months old. This wife was called from earth November 11, 1886, being killed by a passing train on a railroad crossing at Southport.

Politically, Mr. Hall was a Democrat till the Civil war, since which time he has been an uncompromising Republican. Socially, he was at one time identified with the I. O. O. F. at Southport, but when the lodge there was abandoned he retired from membership.

Mr. Hall is a son of Alanson and Sophia (Edwards) Hall, respectable farming people, the former of whom died in 1863, at the age of seventy-two years, the latter in 1862, when sixty-six years old. They had a family of eleven sons and four daughters, of whom are yet living the following: Sheldon L. and Claudius B., both of Racine, Wis.; George A., in California; Julia G. (widow of M. Nicholls), in Bridgeport; Eliza (widow of Dwight Brinsmade), in Trumbull Center, Fairfield county; and Edward T. The parents were members of the Episcopal Church, and devout Christians, highly respected by all who knew them.

HON. JAMES S. TAYLOR is one of Danbury's most distinguished citizens, his able service in various positions of public trust having won for him wide recognition. In business circles, also, he holds a prominent place as the inventor of the Taylor hat-felting, or sizing, machine, of the roller system, now a necessary part of the equipment of every well-directed hat factory in both the United States and foreign countries.

Mr. Taylor's ancestral history is of more than ordinary interest. He is of the seventh generation in direct descent from John Taylor, who emigrated from England early in the seventeenth century, and settled first at Boston, where he married a widow with two daughters. In 1640 he moved to Windsor, Conn., where he engaged in business as a pewtersmith. In 1644 he served on a jury. His death occurred, in 1647, on board the ship "Phantom," while he was on a return voyage to England. His will, which was dated November 4, 1645, was recorded at Hartford in 1694. Of his two sons, the elder, John, born in 1641, located at North Hampton, Deerfield, Mass., and Thomas, born in 1643, became one of the first settlers at Danbury, Conn., passing his remaining years there; his death occurred in 1735. He married Rebecca Ketchum, and they had ten children, as follows: Deborah married Daniel Betts, of Norwalk; Thomas, born in 1668,

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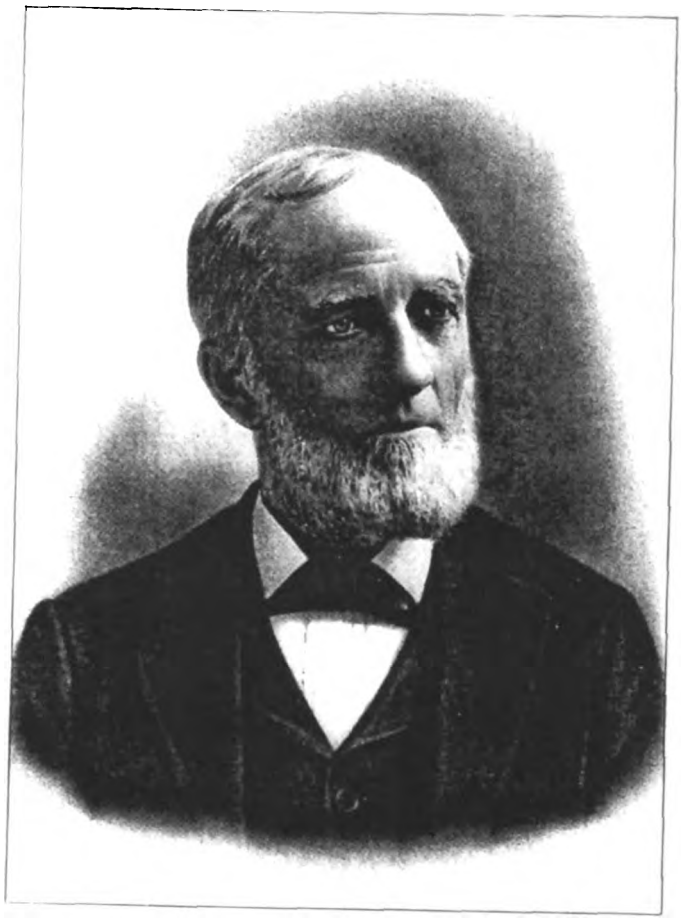

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died in 1758, married Abigail Benedict; John, born in 1673, died in 1742, married a Miss Betts; Joseph, born in 1673, died in 1762, married Sarah —— (John and Joseph were twins); Daniel, born in 1676, died in 1770, married (first) Miss Benedict, and (second) a Miss Starr; Timothy, born in 1678, died in 1744, married a Miss Davis; Nathan is mentioned more fully below; Rebecca married Daniel Benedict; Theophilus, born in 1687, died in 1777, married (first) a Miss Bushnell, and (second) Miss Sarah A. Gregory; and Eunice, married Benjamin Starr.

Nathan Taylor, the next in the line of descent, was born at Norwalk in 1682, and when four years old accompanied his parents to Danbury, where he grew to manhood. He was married there to Miss Hannah Benedict, a member of another pioneer family of that locality, and they settled at what is now known as Bethel, building a stockade as a defense against the Indians. A well now marks the site of this structure. Like all of his brothers, Nathan Taylor lived to an advanced age, his death occurring in 1782. His children were Nathan, Mathew, James, Daniel, Mercy, Mindwell, Deborah, Rhoda, Hannah and Oliver.

Mathew Taylor, our subject's great-grandfather, was born at the old home in Bethel, and after his marriage to Esther Waller settled in the center of the village of Bethel. He had ten children: Mathew, Abigail, Preserved, Daniel, Joshua, John, Noah, Hannah, Levi and Eleazor.

Joshua Taylor, our subject's grandfather, was a native of Bethel District, where he followed agricultural pursuits during his active life. He enlisted in the Revolutionary army soon after the struggle for independence began, was at Ticonderoga, and later re-enlisting he served until the close of the war. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith, as was also his wife, Eunice Seeley, who was a daughter of Deacon James Seeley, and a native of Bethel. They had nine children, all but one of whom married and left families: Asael had ten children; Sally died early in life; Eunice lived to an advanced age (she left no children); Levi had seven children; Abel had one child; Joel is mentioned below; Clarissa had seven children; Clorinda had six; and Esther, five.

Joel Taylor, father of James S. Taylor, was born, in 1795, in Bethel Society, and was reared to farm life. He learned the hatter's trade, which he followed for the most part during his later life, and he was noted for his ability as an inventor, he having received Scott's premium, a gold medal, from the Philadelphia Society, 1827. As a citizen he gave attention to all the issues of the day, served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and in his later years was an earnest supporter of the principles of the Republican party. In religious faith he was a Universalist. He died at his home in Danbury in 1870, and his wife, whose maiden name was Linda Adams, passed away in the same year. She was a native of Redding, Conn., and a descendant of the Boston family of that name, her ancestors having come originally from England. Six children were born to this worthy couple: Harriet (deceased) was the wife of Reuben Taylor. Granville, who is a farmer at the old homestead, married Helen, daughter Dr. Sylvester Stevens. James S. is the third in order of birth. Nelson, who has been admitted to the Bar, resides upon a farm at Bethel, and is engaged in the hat industry and other business enterprises; he married Emeline, daughter of George Monroe. Adeline (deceased) married Francis H. Austin. Adelaide is the widow of Dr. J. A. Holton.

To return now to the subject proper of this biography. He was born December 24, 1825, at Danbury, and received his education in the local schools and Danbury Academy. On completing his course of study he learned the hatter's trade, but preferring a mercantile life he embarked in that line with his brother Nelson at the age of twenty, opening a general store at Danbury. He continued this business until 1850, since when he has given his attention mainly to his hat-sizing machine, on which he secured patents in 1853 in this country and in Europe, and which has made his name familiar in every hat factory. He has devoted much time and thought to the perfection of his various innovations in the line of hat machinery, has made numerous improvements on his original ideas, and his perfected machine is now considered the best of the kind on the market. Mr. Taylor has succeeded in obtaining patents at various times on valuable innovations, which have enabled him to command a large revenue from the royalties of one-half per cent. a hat from 1853 up to the present time on machines having valuable patents, some of them terminating in 1905, thus giving him practically a monopoly in one class of machinery for about fifty years. Among the firms which use his machinery are the New Milford Hat Co., at New Milford, Conn.; J. G. Wilson, of South Norwalk; J. Marshall, of Fall River, Mass.; Andrews & Durant, F. Smith & Son, Richmond Brothers, J. Baird & Co., Judd & Co., Judd & Dunning, Farnum & Fairchild, Edwin Short, Cole & Ambler, all of Bethel; and the following in Danbury: Holly, Beltaire & Co., Henry Crofut, John W. Green, T. Meath & Co., Davenport & Von Gal, William Burns, M. Delohery, C. Smith & Co.,

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Mackenzie & Sons, T. C. Millard, Lee & Co., Beltaire, Lurch & Co., Higson & Collings, the Vinson Hat Co., McLachlan & Co., E. A. Mallory & Sons, and many others.

Early in the sixties Mr. Taylor was associated with W. A. & A. M. White, E. Arthur Nichols and George Dickinson in the introduction of the Lyman Platt machine for forming fur hats on the inside of the perforated cone. The machine as improved by Mr. Taylor went into general use, and he was prosecuted under claims for infringement of the Burr or Wells patents, but, after a long litigation prosecuted by the Henry Burr Company, the Taylor machines, as they were then known, were by the United States courts decided to be free from the alleged infringements. On Mr. Taylor, who had then some considerable experience in patent law, was placed the responsibility of prosecuting the defense to its successful termination, when the Taylor and Platt patents were incorporated with the Burr patents at a cash value of twenty-five thousand dollars.

When the Taylor hat-felting machine was introduced into the large wool-hat factories of England, Mr. Henry Christie, a member of the English Parliament and head of the largest hat factories of the world, paid a visit to this country. When dining with Mr. Taylor at his residence in Danbury, Mr. Christie complimented him on his being the first inventor to solve the problem of sizing or felting hats by machinery, their firm having expended large sums for that purpose without success. Mr. Christie further extended his regards to Mr. Taylor with a special request to dine with him at an early day mentioned, at his private rooms at the "Fifth Avenue Hotel," in New York, which invitation, out of regard to Mr. Christie, Mr. Taylor could not in honor decline. The foreman or head superintendent of Christie's factories at the same time spent several days in the factory in Danbury in order to obtain a complete mastery of the operation of the Taylor felting machines; so that there should be no failure in placing them in their factory on his return to England. It is a singular fact, worthy of record, that the original patents on the roller system of felting hats issued both in this country and in England were never questioned. The many large concerns in both this country and England using the machines paid their royalties of six cents per dozen without questioning the legality of the various patents taken out by Mr. Taylor, and this, together with his real estate and other investments, has brought him a handsome fortune. Among his other enterprises, we may mention the building of the Opera House at Danbury, which was opened July 4, 1871, and it is to Mr. Taylor, also, that the financial success of *The Danbury News*, a paper of wide notoriety for its quaint and witty sayings, has been properly attributed, he having furnished the funds for starting the paper under the management of J. M. Baily and Timothy Donovan, both of whom were Union soldiers in the Civil war; they were both captured at the battle of Gettysburg, taken to Richmond, and on their parole returned to Danbury, where they entered upon the new enterprise as publishers. Their business has grown to be one of the largest establishments of its kind in the country. While a member of the State Legislature in 1866 Mr. Taylor secured the charter for the Union Savings Bank of Danbury, which now has a deposit of over a million dollars, and on the organization he was appointed president, an office, however, which he early resigned in order to give his attention to the perfecting of his inventions.

On September 3, 1850, Mr. Taylor married, for his first wife, Miss Sarah L. Sturdevant, daughter of Hiram L. and Loretta Sturdevant, well-known residents of Danbury. She passed to the unseen life April 10, 1891, and on March 30, 1893, Mr. Taylor formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Miss Clara Franks, daughter of the late Dr. Edward S. and Eliza (Livingston) Franks, the latter of whom, at the time of her marriage to the Doctor, was waiting-maid to the Queen of England. Mr. Taylor is the father of eleven children, all by the first marriage, their names, with dates of birth, etc., being as follows: Edwin S., February 11, 1852, died July 1, 1853. Ella S., October 30, 1853, married Eugene M. Bulkley, of Weston. Howard, April 9, 1855, died April 2, 1862. Welford, November 26, 1856, died September 13, 1895. Bernard, August 16, 1858, married Miss Nellie Stone, and resides in Danbury. Sarah, October 2, 1860, married Calvin Hickok, of Bethel, nephew of Professor Hickok, of Amherst College. Clifford, May 2, 1862, married Miss Arville Moore, and lives at Danbury; in 1899 he was a member of the General Assembly of Connecticut. Violetta, June 4, 1864, is the wife of William B. Wheeler, of Danbury. Roland, June 15, 1866, is unmarried. Estella, November 17, 1867, is the wife of George Bateman, of Danbury. Samuel, April 6, 1870, married Miss Anna Murphy, and resides in Danbury.

Mr. Taylor has always been keenly interested in political questions, as a Democrat, until the breaking out of the war, when he took an independent stand. His clearly defined ideas as to the issues of the time, and his well-proved integ-

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rity, made him a trustworthy leader, and his fellow citizens were not slow to recognize the fact. In 1861 he was elected to the lower branch of the Legislature by the Union and Republican party, and in 1864 he was sent to the State Senate on the same ticket. In 1866 the Democrats made him their candidate for the General Assembly, to which he was elected, and in 1869 he was again chosen State Senator on that ticket, thus securing a seat in the four legislative bodies which were in session during those four years. He was a strong supporter of the government during the Civil war, and in 1863 and 1864 he served as a recruiting officer by appointment under Asst. Adjt.-Gen. D. D. Perkins; while performing the duties of this office he was made treasurer of a large fund of several thousand dollars of private subscriptions to procure recruits for the war for the Union and provide for their families, thus filling the same position, involving the same duties, that was placed on his grandfather, Deacon James Seeley, during the Revolutionary war. At that time he was also a selectman for his town, and in that position, as well as in those of wider scope, he showed characteristic energy. When engaged in his public duties during the war he had an intimate acquaintance with the war Governor of the State, William A. Buckingham, with whom he held quite an extensive correspondence, of which the following is a sample:

NORWICH, August 25, 1864.
Executive Department.

HON. JAS. S. TAYLOR,
Danbury.

Dear Sir: I much regret that your favor of the 9th inst. came during my absence and I have not seen it until this hour. In reply I would say that I issued an order some days ago which gave men an opportunity to organize into companies in such a manner as you suggest. I trust some will avail themselves of this opportunity to associate and go together.

I am very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) WM. A. BUCKINGHAM.

While Mr. Taylor was in favor of adequate measures for the suppression of the Rebellion, he was no less desirous of allaying the bitterness of strife and restoring harmony between North and South as soon as possible, and in 1866 he was a delegate to and attended the Peace Convention held at Philadelphia.

When Mr. Taylor, at the close of the war, terminated his duties as State Senator, first selectman of the town, and an officer of the war under the commission of Adjt.-General Perkins, and as a special committee for securing funds for procuring recruits and disbursing the same, there could have been no more fitting testimonial from his fellow townsmen for the faithful discharge of his duties in his various capacities than the presentation by a committee of about one hundred citizens of the several political parties of the town of the full set of the then new edition of Appleton's Encyclopedia. We may here further note that it was immediately following the above presentation that he was again elected to a seat in the House of Representatives of the State in 1866, and again to the Senate in 1869. Early in life Mr. Taylor joined the Order of Odd Fellows, of which he has remained a member up to the present time, and for a number of years acted as the recording secretary of Samaritan Lodge No. 7, of Danbury, Conn. He is now (1899) over seventy-two years of age, enjoying all the faculties of life and health.

GEORGE L. EASTMAN, secretary of the Rogers Silver Plating Company, at Danbury, is a young man of more than ordinary business ability as is shown by his efficient administration of various positions of trust and responsibility.

Mr. Eastman comes of a good New Hampshire family, noted for strength and vigor of mind and body. His grandfather, Rev. L. L. Eastman, a well known minister of the M. E. Church, died December 31, 1897, when nearly eighty-five, and though not in active service as a preacher for a number of years continued to give attention to many worthy enterprises, and was a trustee of Tilton Seminary, at Tilton, N. H. He married Lucy A. ———. Methuen was their home after he gave up preaching.

James H. Eastman, our subject's father, who was born May 31, 1842, in Hanover, N. H., has a national reputation as a manager of reformatories and similar institutions, and is now superintendent of four of the Rhode Island institutions—State Almshouse, Workhouse and House of Correction, Girls and Boys Reform Schools. He married Miss Elizabeth F. Finley, a native of Clinton, Conn., born February 9, 1844, and they have four children: George L., our subject; Frank G., a physician at East Greenwich, R. I., married Miss Theresa M. Golden, and has one son, James H.; Alice M. married E. R. Trowbridge, a cotton broker at Providence, R. I., and has one son, Charles E.; and Miss Grace is at home with her parents.

Mr. Eastman, our subject, was born August 10, 1863, at Middletown, Conn., and after attending the public schools of that city for some years continued his studies at Meriden, Conn., at the Wesleyan Academy, in Wilbraham, Mass., and at the seminary in Pennington, N. J. At

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the age of seventeen he left school to take a position as bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Jamesburg, N. J., where he remained three and one-half years. He then became an officer in the New Jersey State Reformatory, of which his father was the superintendent, but a few months later he resigned to take a more lucrative position in the Nebraska State Reformatory. His stay there was not long as his father took charge in the meantime of the Rhode Island State Reformatory, and our subject went there as assistant superintendent and clerk, and remained eight and one-half years. In the fall of 1892 he gave up this work to accept a position with the Rogers Silver Plating Company, and he has since acted as superintendent, assistant secretary and finally as secretary, the duties of each successive post being discharged with marked ability. He is also a stockholder and director in the company.

On August 18, 1890, Mr. Eastman married Miss Helen Estelle Atkinson, of Montville, Me. The only child of this union died when six months old. Mr. and Mrs. Eastman attend the Congregational Church, and are popular in the best social circles in their city. Mr. Eastman belongs to the F. & A. M.; Union Lodge No. 40, of Danbury; the Ancient Essenic Order, Justinian Senate No. 68, of Danbury; the I. O. O. F., Park Hill Lodge No. 44, of Auburn, R. I.; Narragansett Encampment No. 1, of Providence, R. I., and Paugusset Tribe, I. O. R. M., of Danbury. Politically he is a Republican, and while residing in Cranston, R. I., he was a member of the town committee.

SMERWIN MEAD, a venerable and highly esteemed resident of Greenwich, is a man whose life and character do credit to a family which has long been honored for good citizenship. The mention of his name in the community in which he resided since his birth calls out unmistakable evidences of the respect and affection with which he is regarded by all classes, and a host of friends, won by his genial, kindly nature, brighten his declining years.

Mr. Mead was born October 3, 1823, and notwithstanding his advanced years he is still in good health and spirits, his hardy pioneer ancestry having bequeathed to him a sound constitution which his wholesome mode of life has preserved. He is of the seventh generation in descent from John Mead [other authorities say William], one of the first settlers of Greenwich township, the line being traced through John, son of the pioneer, Ebenezer (1), Ebenezer (2), Jared, and Daniel S., Sr., the father of our subject. His mother, whose maiden name was Rachel Mead, was also a member of the well-known family, as will be seen in a more extended account of the family given the biography of Daniel S. Mead, Jr., a brother of our subject.

Mr. Mead's education was begun in the district schools of Greenwich village, and Leonard and Horace Mead were among his early teachers. The school was of the kind only too common in that day, the scholars being seated upon long wooden benches with no backs, the writing being done with the old-fashioned quill pen. The course of study was limited, and after acquiring a knowledge of the rudiments, our subject attended the academy at Greenwich where he pursued higher courses under competent teachers, Philander Button being in charge of the institution during the latter part of the time. At the age of twenty Mr. Mead left school, and soon afterward engaged in agriculture as a business. When he was but eight years old his father died, leaving him a good farm, which he sold about eight years later to his brother Edwin; but he doubted the wisdom of this arrangement afterward, and when twenty-two years old he bought half the tract which he held throughout his remaining years as a homestead, although for one year he resided in Stanwich. The farm includes some of the best land in the township. In 1882 Mr. Mead retired from active work, and he now resides with his son George.

On May 20, 1851, Mr. Mead was married in Greenwich to Miss Elethea Reynolds, who was born in that town May 4, 1826, a daughter of Joshua and Rachel (Reynolds) Reynolds. She died April 28, 1890, deeply mourned by all who knew her, and her remains now rest in Putman cemetery. Of the children of this marriage, (1) Mary L., born February 24, 1853, married May 15, 1873, A. B. Brush, a prosperous farmer of New Fairfield. (2) Ella R., born July 17, 1857, died November 13, 1896, unmarried. (3) George M. born August 14, 1859, is a successful agriculturist of Greenwich, owning a farm which formerly belonged to Ambrose Reynolds, his great-grandfather. He is a good citizen, and politically he is a Republican. On September 29, 1886, he married Miss Georgia E. Graves, daughter of George W. Graves, of Danbury. She died August 23, 1887, leaving no children, and on October 17, 1893, he married Jeannette Mead Finch, born May 9, 1868, at Amboy, Lee Co., Ill., a daughter of Jared and Hannah B. (Mead) Finch, the latter the daughter of Elkanah Mead; she was reared in Greenwich, this county. They had three children: Theodora L., born August

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26, 1894; George M., Jr., born July 4, 1896; and Hobert R., born June 14, 1898. (4) Anna R., born September 25, 1861, married October 12, 1881, Nelson B. Mead, of Belle Haven. (5) Miss Elathea G., born August 23, 1863. (6) Joshua R., born January 8, 1866, died July 11, 1885. (7) Miss Ada B., born June 12, 1869. The family hold a high place in the best social circles of the town. For fifty-five years Mr. Mead has been connected with the Congregational Church at Greenwich, of which his wife was also a devout member, and he has always been ready to assist in religious work with his time and means.

CHARLES A. BEERS is one of Bridgeport's most esteemed citizens, and for many years he has been prominently identified with the leading business interests of his locality. At present he is not actively engaged in business, but a good judge of human nature will observe under his habitual quiet and unassuming manner the reserve force which indicates both ability and energy.

Mr. Beers is a descendant of an old and highly respected family, now numerously represented in this county, and his great-grandfather, Isaac Beers, and his grandfather, Isaac Beers (2), were residents of this section. Andrew Beers, the father of our subject, was born and reared in Easton, this county, receiving only the limited educational privileges of the early days, and as his abilities and inclination turned toward mechanical lines he became an edge-tool maker. While the manufacture of commoner kinds of implements, such as axes and hoes, occupied much of his time, he was capable of duplicating almost anything. He built Beers' factory in Easton, which was operated by water power, and at one time he had three water wheels running, and employed several workmen. The product of the factory was peddled around the country, as was then the custom, and while on one of his frequent trips he caught a cold which resulted in asthma. From that time his health seemed to fail, and during the last ten years of his life he did nothing except an occasional piece of light tinkering. As an inventor he contrived some valuable machines, but they cost him a small fortune for the defense of his patents and the prosecution of infringements by others. His industry brought him a good income, and his home was supplied with every essential comfort. In politics he was a stanch Republican, although he never sought prominence in public life, and in religious faith he was a Methodist, he and his wife being members of Church. He died at the age of seventy-five, and his wife, Mary (Wheeler), who was born at Booth's Hill, in the town of Monroe, lived to the age of eighty-nine. Her death occurred in Bridgeport, where she had made her home for several years, but her remains were taken to Easton to be interred beside those of her husband.

Our subject was the youngest in a large family of children, the others being George W.; Marietta, who married (first) a Mr. Booth, and (second) Nathan R. Sherman; Mrs. S. E. Lewis, who resides in Bridgeport; and Charles W., who died in childhood. George W. Beers was born in Easton, May 1, 1829, and died in Bridgeport, July 26, 1892, his remains being laid to rest in Mountain Grove cemetery. He had a most honorable and successful career. His schooling was limited, but he seemed to have inherited his father's mechanical genius and skill, and as a boy he was often employed to alter old flint-lock guns to the more modern percussion guns. At twenty-one he went to Bridgeport where he entered the brass factory of Wheeler Beers, in whose employ he remained for some time. As his savings permitted, he engaged in manufacturing on his own account, meeting with success from the start. He became connected with numerous business enterprises, being at the head of several, and for nearly thirty years he was identified with the Spring Perch Company, of Bridgeport, of which he was in charge for some time, giving especial attention to the brass-working department. During the Civil war he was employed by Jerusalem Shaw to travel over the United States to buy old gold and silver, and in this as in other lines of business he was successful. He was the inventor of the Beers patent curtain roller and the Beers concealed hinge, both for use in coaches, and in connection with his varied enterprises he acquired a handsome fortune. At times he suffered loss by fire, but he was not of the kind to be discouraged by reverses. He was an excellent marksman, and while attentive to business he believed in recreation and often found time to go hunting. Politically he affiliated with the Republican party, but beyond voting regularly he took no active part in the support of the organizatian. He never married.

Charles A. Beers was born November 4, 1838, at the old home in Easton, and his education was begun in the public schools of the neighborhood (Hall Beardsley being his first teacher, and Legrand Beers, of Long Hill, one of his later instructors), and for a short time he studied at Easton Academy. His progress was slow, as

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it required much effort for him to learn, especially in the district schools, but what he once comprehended he has never forgotten. Until he reached the age of nineteen he remained at the homestead, but he then went to Bridgeport where he began to learn the business of silver plating with the Spring Perch Company. At this time the clothes he wore constituted his only earthly possessions, and for a time he made but fifty cents per day by his work; but as he made good progress in the business his salary was soon increased. In time his earnings enabled him to buy a farm in Trumbull township, where he resided one year, but when his brother, George T. Beers, secured control of the manufacturing business with which he was then connected—Brass Department of the Spring Perch Company—our subject retired to Bridgeport to engage in the business. After his brother's death Mr. Beers looked after his interests, but in 1898 he disposed of them and retired. While Mr. Beers has never aspired to political honors, he is a strong believer in the principles and policy of the Republican party, and as a citizen he takes an intelligent interest in all the questions of the times.

In 1891 Mr. Beers built his present comfortable and attractive residence at No. 1258 Park avenue, corner of Vine street, Bridgeport, where he is now passing his well-earned leisure. He was married in 1872 to Miss Anna A. Gould, the only living child of Morris and Polina (Wheeler) Gould. Her father was a representative agriculturist of Fairfield township, and a member of one of the prominent families of the county. Mr. Beers and his wife are leading members of the Methodist Church at Bridgeport, and their family is much esteemed socially. They have five children: Morris A., who married Miss Alice C. Nelson, January 4, 1899, and now lives in Fairfield township; George G., Ellen A., Charles W., and May L., all four living at home.

HON. CORNELIUS MEAD. In these days a restless desire for change leads so many to break the ties that bind them to their early home, that it is especially pleasing to find a large family connection remaining unbroken, the inheritance from the pioneer ancestry, and showing a just appreciation of family tradition by the careful preservation of the associations of the past. The Mead family, now numerously represented in the town of Greenwich, is one of the oldest in the county, and much of the land occupied by different branches of the family has been held by its members for more than two centuries. The subject of this sketch, a leading agriculturist of Greenwich, owns a valuable estate of over two hundred and twenty acres, which has been in the family many years, and his present dwelling house, although it has been carefully remodelled and fitted up with modern conveniences, is substantially the same as when first built in 1796. Mr. Mead is one of the most highly esteemed citizens, his long and useful life having won for him the respect of all who know him, and the following history will be read with more than usual interest.

Mr. Mead was born June 20, 1829, at his present homestead, and is of the seventh generation in descent from John Mead [other authorities say William], who came from England about 1642 [other authorities say 1635], and after residing for a time in Massachusetts, and at Hempstead, Long Island, located, in 1660, in the town of Greenwich, with his two sons, John and Joseph. John, son of the pioneer, had a son known in the family records as Ebenezer (1), and the latter's second son, known as Lieut. Caleb Mead, was the great-grandfather of our subject. Jonah Mead, our subject's grandfather, was a farmer by occupation, and resided at the present homestead, where he died in 1828, his remains being interred in a private cemetery on the farm. He was married three times, first to a lady whose name is not now known; second to a Miss Husted; third to Miss Mary Mead, and he had eleven children in all, seven of whom lived to adult age. Only two sons survived: Lot, a child of the second wife, and Drake, our subject's father, who was born of the third marriage. Lot Mead, who was fifteen years older than Drake, never married, and lived to the advanced age of eighty-six years.

Drake Mead was born at the old homestead in 1796, and was reared after the usual customs of that day, farm work occupying much of his time. He had a fine intellect, and while attending a school in Stanwich, this county, conducted by Prof. Buffett, he acquired a good practical education. It was his desire to study medicine, and at one time he began his preparation for the profession; but circumstances were so much against him that he abandoned the plan. He engaged in agricultural pursuits in partnership with his brother, Lot, at the old homestead, which had been left to them jointly, and they continued together until the death of the latter. If his early disappointment as to his calling affected Mr. Mead seriously, he never manifested any sign in later years as he seemed to thoroughly enjoy the work of his farm, and his success showed his ability as a manager. He was a

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strong, well-proportioned man, five feet, ten inches in height, and of robust build, and he passed the allotted time of man's years, his death occurring when he was aged seventy-nine. Reading, especially in ancient history and the Bible, was his chief recreation, and his excellent memory enabled him to gather a goodly store of information. While taking keen interest in all the questions of his day, he was not a politician, and although he was a Jacksonian Democrat, he neither never sought office nor held one, except that of selectman in which he served one term only. He was a devout Christian, a strict observer of the Sabbath, and was a leading member of the Episcopal Church at Greenwich village. At the time the Church edifice was built there he contributed liberally, and for some years he served as senior warden. When about thirty-two years old he married Miss Julia A. Knapp, daughter of William Knapp, a prominent citizen of Greenwich. She died at the age of forty-two years, and the remains of both parents now rest in the Episcopal Cemetery at Greenwich. Our subject was the eldest in a family of three children, the others being William Jonah, a farmer in Greenwhich township, and Julia A., who died when nine months old.

Mr. Mead's education was begun in the "North Street school" in the town of Greenwich, with Leonard Mead as his first teacher. Later he attended Greenwich academy, then conducted by Prof. Philander Button, and one year was spent in study in a grammer school in New York City. He then returned home to assist in the management of the place, and he has ever since been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of the locality. He has never disposed of an acre of land, his inheritance being kept intact, and he enjoys a high reputation as a scientific worker in his chosen line. At the age of thirty-one he married Miss Frances Cheesman, a native of New York City, and a daughter of Joseph B. Cheesman. They began housekeeping in a building upon the farm, but after a few years they removed to the house in which they now reside. Three children have blessed this union: Walter C., a resident of Denver, Col.; Edgar T., at home; and Miss Mary G., who married William Richmond Talbot.

Mr. Mead is a stanch Democrat in politics, and his ability and public spirit have caused him to be frequently called upon to serve his fellow citizens in an official capacity. For a number of years he represented his town in the State Legislature, and he has held various local offices, including that of township assessor, and he was a member of the board of relief. Socially he is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge at Greenwich, and he and his family are prominent in social and philanthropic work, his wife and daughter being active members of the Episcopal Church at Greenwich.

HENRY DWIGHT SIMONDS, the very efficient principal of the high school at Bridgeport, Conn., is a native of Mansfield, that State, born October 1, 1850, a son of Elijah and Eunice (Walker) Simonds. The father was born in the same town in 1821, and is still living, at Oxford, Mass., where for twenty years he has followed agricultural pursuits. He served two years as a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, being a member of Company A, 25th Mass. V. I., and was discharged on account of illness. Mr. Simonds' mother was born in West Ashford, Conn., in 1830, and died in 1872. In their family were three children: Henry D., our subject; Ada L., who died in infancy; and L. Ernest, now residing in Oxford, Mass. Mr. Simonds' grandparents were Asa and Keziah (Conant) Simonds, the latter being the daughter of Sylvanus Conant, who who was a member of General Putnam's militia, located at Cambridge, Mass., under General Washington, and participated in the battle of Bunker Hill. Asa Simonds, who was the son of Darius Simonds, lived to be one hundred years and six months old.

Henry D. Simonds commenced his education in the public schools of Worcester, Mass., but at the age of thirteen he was compelled to leave school and earn his own way in life. Later he attended a commercial school taught by B. G. Howes, where he mastered the mysteries of "debit and credit," and then became bookkeeper for the dry-goods house of J. H. Clarke & Co., remaining in this position about four years, during which time he saved enough to enable him to proceed with his long-interrupted education. Accordingly he entered the Oread Collegiate Institute at Worcester, of which institution Harris R. Greene at that time was head master, and Ava Williams preceptress. He completed his college preparatory work at Wilbraham, Mass., where he was graduated in 1872. In 1876 he was graduated from the Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. During his term at the university, as he was obliged to earn the money with which to pay his way (his purpose was to become a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church), he supplied various pulpits; he also sang in churches and in the glee club. During the vacation months he worked in the Worcester post office. He taught school for five months during the senior year,

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thus providing means with which to remain continuously in college. On leaving his Alma Mater he found all the Conferences East were more than full, and his past experience proving that he had a talent, as well as a liking, for teaching, he abandoned the idea of entering the ministry and determined to make teaching his life work. After his graduation from the Wesleyan University he was first engaged to teach the North East school, at Hartford, Conn, but there was a division among the school authorities, and on the arrival of our subject at that temple of learning he found the candidate of the opposing party already in possession, and he was compelled to submit to the inevitable. In consequence of this he was out of a position for several months, as all the schools were filled; however, he brought suit against the district, and recovered $300 in damages and the entire costs of the suit.

In November of that year he went to teach in Windsor, Conn., continuing into the following year, and while there he was the organizer of the High School; the next year he taught in the graded schools of Broad Brook, a delightful manufacturing town a little above Hartford. From 1879 to 1883, inclusive, he was superintendent of schools and principal of high school at Milford, Conn., and subsequently for two years was in control of the Fairfield Academy at Fairfield, Conn. Desiring once more to enter public school work, he accepted a position as principal of the Prospect Street Grammar School, Bridgeport, having twenty teachers and from one thousand to twelve hundred pupils under him. In this incumbency he remained six years, when he was chosen principal of the high school, and he has just completed a most successful eighth year in this position. In 1893 Mr. Simonds was elected superintendent of the city schools, but declined, preferring to keep his place as principal of the high school. He is one of those instructors whose pupils follow intuitively the course he directs, and he has therefore attained success far above the average in his chosen field.

In 1884 Mr. Simonds married Miss Fannie A. Tibbals, daughter of George Lemuel and Mary Ann (Hurlbut) Tibbals, of Milford, Conn. (she was assistant teacher in the high school at Milford during his term as superintendent). To this union three children have been born: Elsie Hurlbut, Helen Walker and Bruce Tibbals. Mr. and Mrs. Simonds are liberal supporters of the First Congregational Church, in which he is a deacon and also a teacher in the Sunday-school. For ten years he has served as recording secretary of the Y. M. C. A., in which organization he also has charge of the Civic Club as lecturer. In his social relations he is a member of the F. & A. M., belonging to Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, of Milford, of which he is past master; of King Solomon's Chapter, Birmingham, Conn.; and is a Knight Templar, New Haven Commandery, New Haven. Politically Mr. Simonds is an ardent and enthusiastic Republican, though in no way does he desire political preferment. He is a public-spirited man, and he labors through his schoolroom for the uplifting of humanity, endeavoring to overcome by careful teaching and example the possible weakness inherent in his pupils. His whole life has been devoted to this work, and "in scorn for miserable aims that end with self."

COLONEL SAMUEL DASKAM. This well known, long-time resident of Norwalk, Conn., is a native of that city, having been born there January 31, 1823, a son of Capt. Samuel Daskam, who commanded a packet, about that time plying between Norwalk and New York. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Lucretia Fitch, was a great-grandniece of Thomas Fitch, who was governor of Connecticut from 1754 to 1766. Grandfather Daskam fought in the Revolutionary war.

Col. Samuel Daskam received a liberal education, and graduated from Lovell's school at New Haven. At one time he was employed in one of the "Elm City's" big jewelry stores. On October 4, 1847, he married Arrietta M. Rogers, a native of Utica, N. Y., and daughter of Col. Henry Rogers, a prosperous business man, who removed his family to New Haven in the early 'forties. Some time after their marriage Colonel and Mrs. Daskam removed to New York, and subsequently he purchased a jewelry store in Troy, N. Y. (at that time populated by many former residents of Norwalk), and there met with considerable success. Returning to Fairfield county, Conn., he for many years was a resident of Ridgefield, where he had charge of the Ridgefield station, and for that reason, if for no other, everybody thereabouts is familiar with the Colonel's tall, straight form, and his genial, courteous manner.

In chronological order we here give a portion of our subject's public record: In 1842 he led the National Blues from New Haven to Boston, the Boston Lancers and Boston Tigers receiving them. 1846—was one of the five marshals appointed to receive James K. Polk, President of the United States, and James Buchanan, Secretary of State, on the occasion of the public dinner held at the "Tontin Hotel." 1853—was

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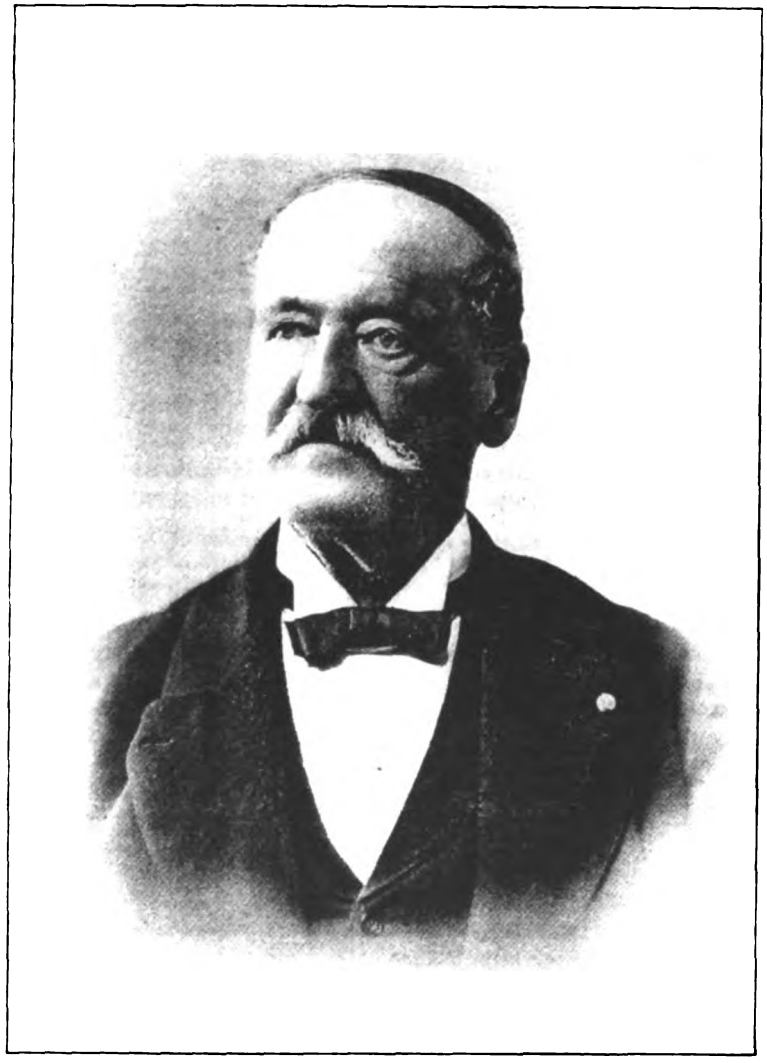

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appointed United States marshal by Franklin Pierce, President of the United States. In 1865 he was elected mayor of Norwalk, and again in 1866. In 1888-89-90-91-92-93 and '94 he was a selectman of Norwalk. In 1896 he was one of the managers of the State Society, Sons of the American Revolution. 1897—was elected delegate to the National convention, Sons of the American Revolution, at Morristown, N. J.; and in 1898 was elected a delegate to the National Society's convention, Sons of the American Revolution, at Detroit, Mich. In politics it is almost unnecessary to add that the Colonel is a stanch Democrat, one of the old school. He has one daughter, Jennie May Daskam, married to James Lawrence Stevens, of Norwalk, and one granddaughter, Eunice Daskam Stevens.

DR. EDWARD A. STRATTON, of Danbury, is a decendant of good New England stock, and has been successful in his profession.

HON. ROBERT ADAMS CLARK. If the true value of life is to be found in the development of character, we must count as most fortunate those to whom early limitations have lent their stern aid by bringing their energies into practical and effective use. The subject of this biography, now a prosperous agriculturist of Newtown, has made his own way in life, attaining, with his present enviable position, a name worthy of his sires, beloved and widely known in his native State, a name none mention but to praise.

Mr. Clark is a native of Newtown township, having been born in Zoar District April 9, 1832, and he belongs to one of the prominent families of that locality. The first ancestor of whom we have a record is James Clarke, who was one of the signers of the Fundamental Articles of Agreement when New Haven was settled in 1639, his wife, one daughter and two sons, John and James, constituting his family at that time. James, Jr., the earliest settler of the name in Fairfield county, moved to Stratford, where his father made his home prior to his death. All the early ancestors spelled the name Clarke, but in the present generation it is written with and without the final "e."

James (2) was married about 1662 to Deborah Peacock, daughter of John Peacock, of Stratford, this county, and his remaining years were spent there. His wife died December 14, 1705, at the age of sixty-one years. He died February 29, 1712.

James Clarke (3), a son of James and Deborah Clarke, was born in Stratford February 12, 1664, and was married May 24, 1698, to Jane Griffin (widow of Thomas), by whom he had a son, Zachariah.

Zachariah Clarke was born in Stratford June 8, 1702, and on November 21, 1727, was married to Eunice Staples, of Fairfield. He died October 4, 1785.

Zachariah Clarke (2), a son of Zachariah and Eunice Clarke, was born in Stratford in May, 1739, and was in his prime during the Revolutionary war. He settled in Zoar District, of Newtown, where he engaged in agriculture, and became quite influential in local affairs. Like many of the old-time residents of this county he was a slaveholder, and at his death he bequeathed a small estate to one of his bondsmen, named Asa. On February 4, 1761, he married Mary Bacon, who was born in Middletown, Conn., July 13, 1737, daughter of Daniel and Hannah Beardsley Bacon. She died in 1800, and his death occurred August 12, 1831, when he was ninety-two years and four months of age. Their children were Andrew, who settled in Newtown; Daniel, born November 10, 17—, who made his home in Southbury, Conn.; James, our subject's grandfather; Zachariah, a resident of Newtown; Polly, who married Isaac Beardsley and resided in Tioga county, N. Y.; Pamelia, wife of David Beardsley, also of Tioga county, N. Y.; Mehitabel, born March 21, 1762, who married Philo Sherman, of Newtown; Hannah, born March 10, 1764, who married Elias Beardsley; and Esther, born June 23, 1766.

James Clarke, our subject's grandfather, was born June 13, 1769, in Zoar, and followed farming in that locality, being the owner of a large tract of land. In his manner he was quiet and unassuming, but his sterling qualities of character gained him the esteem of his fellow citizens, and to such a marked degree that he wielded much influence in the community. He died November 1, 1857, and his wife, whose maiden name was Polly Sherman, died March 11, 1848, aged seventy-nine years. She was a daughter of Nathaniel Sherman, of Monroe, who was married in December, 1754, to Jerusha Thompson, born May 7, 1735, the daughter of Joseph Thompson, of Monroe, this county, and a descendant of Governor Welles, one of the early governors of the Colony of Connecticut. James and Polly Clarke had the following named children: (1) Grandison, born March 16, 1794, married Hannah Hard; (2) Lucius, born August 26, 1795; (3) Everett, born June 29, 1797, was married in Bethel to Ann Barnum; (4) Eliza, born September 13, 1799, married Levi Ed-

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wards, a merchant and influential politician of Monroe, who died December 18, 1896, leaving one daughter, Hepsey, now the wife of Le Grand G. Beers; (5) Polly, born November 6, 1801, married Abijah Hard, and removed to New York State; (6) John, born November 3, 1803, married (first) Mary Curtis and (second) Sally French, and became the father of A. F. Clarke; (7) William, our subject's father, is mentioned more fully below; (8) Zachariah, born August 27, 1808, married (first) Sarah Ann Camp and (second) Sarah Ann Gregory; (9) Anna Maria, born January 7, 1811, married Charles C. Warner; (10) Huldah, born May 20, 1813, married James B. Beers, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and (11) James, Jr., born April 14, 1815, married Sarah Munson, of Hamden, Conn. The children settled mainly in the vicinity of the old homestead, James, Grandison, William and Anna Maria remaining in Newtown; Everett and Zachariah in Bethel; Eliza, John and Lucius in Monroe. All belonged to the Episcopal Church and were prominent in that organization in their respective localities, those who remained at Newtown being members of St. James Church at Zoar.

William Clarke, the father of our subject, was born December 15, 1805, in Zoar, and always resided at the old homestead. While he engaged in farming to some extent, he was a cabinet maker by trade, and his time was chiefly given to that work until his health failed. He was an active, energetic man, very ambitious, and possessed decided talent in his line, but his death, which occurred April 27, 1846, at the comparatively early age of forty, cut short a most promising career. On September 18, 1828, he married Miss Nancy Jannette Adams, by whom he had one son, our subject. The history of the Adams family will be given below, and we will now proceed with the account of our subject's life.

Robert A. Clark commenced his education in the district schools near his home, and later attended the academy at Newtown village, then conducted by Professor Keeler. He made good use of these opportunities and has always been an extensive reader, keeping well informed on all current events. On leaving school, at the age of eighteen, he entered upon the serious work of earning a livelihood, and for four and one-half years was employed by S. Curtis in a comb factory at Berkshire, Conn. He then settled upon a farm in the town of Monroe, near Stepney, where he remained for six years, and later he taught school for a year. The following year he spent in Brookfield, and in 1862 he purchased from the heirs of Glover Skidmore about fifty acres of land near Hawleyville, to which he has added as time passed until he now owns a fine farm of 125 acres. He has made many improvements on the place, the buildings having been remodeled or rebuilt, and by his judicious management of the property he has won substantial rewards in a financial way. General farming has occupied his attention during the greater part of his life, although for some years public business and the charge of numerous estates entrusted to him have claimed his almost exclusive attention.

In politics our subject has always been a Democrat, and his ability and public spirit are recognized by his fellow-citizens, who have frequently chosen him to positions of trust and responsibility. In 1868 he represented his town in the General Assembly, his colleague being Hon. Ezra Morgan, father of Hon. D. N. Morgan, United States Treasurer. He has held the office of assessor for four terms, and for about ten years has been tax collector, his election to that post for two years past having been unanimous, both parties uniting upon him as a candidate. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian, and for many years he has been a leading member of Trinity Church at Newtown.

On December 23, 1856, Mr. Clark married Miss Emeline L. Blackman, daughter of Simeon S. and Lucy Blackman, of Newtown, and of the four children born to this union three are living: (1) Ellen L., born July 2, 1860, married Mortimer B. Terrill, of Sandy Hook, and they have five children—Edna, Helen, Clark, Grace and Herbert. (2) Julia E., born March 27, 1862, married Chester Howard Brush, of Danbury, Conn., who was a postoffice inspector during the Harrison administration, and in March, 1897, was appointed recorder of the General Land Office by President McKinley. (3) William B., born April 30, 1868, died in 1872. (4) Herbert S., born July 19, 1870, is in New York City.

Mrs. Emeline L. Blackman Clark is a direct descendant of Rev. Adam Blakeman, who, coming from Staffordshire, Engl., with his little flock, founded the settlement of Stratford in 1639. (2) John married Dorothy, daughter of Rev. Henry Smith, of Wethersfield, about 1653. He died in 1662; she died in 1706, after thrice remarrying. (3) Ebenezer married Patience Wilcoxson (daughter of John Wilcoxson), October 24, 1681. He died in 1715. From this union (4) John, born April 4, 1685, married Abigail Beers (daughter of Joseph), of Fairfield, born April 24, 1692, and died March 27, 1762. They were among the original settlers of Newtown. (5) John, born in Newtown, September 27, 1720.

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died August 26, 1807. He married Margery Glover (daughter of John), who was born about 1725, and died March 29, 1804. (6) John, born in Newtown about 1745, died July 9, 1824. He married Dimah Seeley, who was born about 1750, and died April 10, 1785. (7) Simeon Seeley Blackman (later generations spelled the name Blackman) was born March 16, 1785, and died January 12, 1852. He married, December 21, 1814, Lucy Northrop (daughter of Ezra Northrop and Lucina (Dibble), his wife, of Brookfield), who was born February 24, 1791, and died March 25, 1869. (8) Emeline L. Blackman was born December 28, 1831. The family residence of Mr. and Mrs. Clark was the home of Mrs. Clark's parents—the house in which she was born and married.

Our subject's mother, Mrs. Nancy Jannette (Adams) Clark, was born March 6, 1808, in Naugatuck, near Waterbury, Conn., and died April 10, 1892, aged eighty-four years and one month. She was a descendant of Freegrace Adams, an early resident of Newtown, who was born in the seventeenth century, and was a landowner in Rye, Westchester Co., N. Y. On July 26, 1711, he purchased from Thomas Sanford a tract of land in Newtown, and he probably located there about that time, as his name appears in the records not long afterward. He was married in Stratford, January 8, 1700, to Mary Gilpin, and in his will, made August 3, 1750, he constitutes his "trusty and loving cousin, Samuel Adams, of Stratford," his sole executor. His children were Samuel, Ephraim, Abraham, Mrs. Abigail Kimberly, Mrs. Experience Hard, Mrs. Elizabeth Hull, Mrs. Sarah Stevens, Miss Mehitabel Adams and Abiah.

Abraham Adams, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Nancy J. Clark, was married May 14, 1753, to Hannah Warner, of Waterbury, where they reside and where their children were born. She was born August 20, 1729, and died February 21, 1817.

Eli Adams, Mrs. Clark's grandfather, was born January 28, 1756, and died July 29, 1830. He was married November 15, 1775, to Anna Baldwin, who was born in 1755, the daughter of Matthew Baldwin, and died December 17, 1841, her remains being interred in the Gunntown Cemetery at Naugatuck, Connecticut.

Truman Adams, Mrs. Clark's father, was born in Naugatuck, April 17, 1786, and became a farmer by occupation. He died November 5, 1863, and was buried at Stepney, this county. His wife, whose maiden name was Minerva Porter, was born in Naugatuck, October 24, 1788, and died August 28, 1885, aged ninety-six years and ten months. Her last days were spent at Hawleyville, and her remains now rest in the cemetery there.

MARK MEAD, deceased. The subject of this brief memoir, who passed to the unseen life December 25, 1896, was for many years a leading resident of the town of Greenwich. His life, which was extended beyond the allotted limit of man's years, was free from ambitious efforts to attract public notice, yet in its quiet usefulness it made an impression upon the community which will remain as an inspiration for good among all who knew him.

Mr. Mead was born August 14, 1817, at Indian Field, in the town of Greenwich, son of Deacon Jonas Mead and his second wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Mead. The Mead family is one of the oldest and most prominent in this section, our subject having been of the seventh generation in direct descent from John Mead, the well-known pioneer [other authorities say William]. A more extended account of the family appears elsewhere. In 1820 our subject's parents removed from the old homestead at Indian Field to another farm, at Byron Shore, in the extreme southwestern part of the township, and there Mr. Mead grew to manhood amid the wholesome surroundings of a typical country home. His education was obtained in the common schools of the locality, and during his youth he became familiar with the details of farm management through assisting his father in the work of the homestead. He and his only brother, Milo Mead, now a resident of the township, succeeded to the estate, which was greatly increased in value in late years owing to the rapid settlement of the locality. The village of New Lebanon, a portion of East Port Chester, is built upon land which was formerly a part of the homestead. In November, 1845, Mr. Mead married Miss Deborah Howe, with whom he spent more than half a century of happy wedded life. They began housekeeping upon the farm in the same house that is now occupied by his widow, but later he purchased a farm on King Street, in the town of Greenwich, where he spent his remaining years. While he was not an office seeker, he took much interest in all that concerned the welfare of his country, keeping well-informed upon the political issues of the day. In 1840 he gave his Presidential vote to John G. Birney, the candidate of the Liberty party, and his earnest opposition to slavery led him to support the Republican party from its organization. He was active in religious work as a member of

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the Congregational Church at Greenwich, to which his family has contributed from pioneer times, and his remains now rest in the Congregational cemetery in that town.

Mrs. Mead, who is held in high esteem in the community, was born September 5, 1817, at Peck's Land, in the town of Greenwich, where her father, Jonas Howe, was a prominent agriculturist. Her mother, whose maiden name was Anna Mead, was a descendant of John Mead, the pioneer. This worthy couple had four children: Deborah (now Mrs. Mead); and Allen, Isaac and Lewis, all three deceased. Soon after the death of our subject, Mrs. Mead fell and broke her hip, inflicting an injury which she has not yet recovered from, but with this exception she enjoys excellent health, and her bright and clever intellect and well-preserved physique would make a new acquaintance think her thirty years younger than the date of her birth would indicate. At present she resides in the old home made dear by the memories of her early married life, althought the surroundings are now much changed, the village of East Port Chester having encroached upon the farm. She has no children, but her declining years are blessed with every material comfort, her husband having left a valuable estate at his death. The Howe family dates from pioneer times, and is numerously represented in the county, as will be seen from other biographies in this volume.

CHARLES C. BETTS, a leading citizen of Norwalk, has been for many years a prominent figure in business circles, having been connected for nearly half a century with the Lounsbury & Bissell Company, of Winnipauk, of which he is now president. He is an extensive land-owner, also, and in fact enjoys the reputation of being an excellent farmer, his estates showing the results of judicious supervision.

The ancestry of Mr. Betts includes several of the oldest and most highly esteemed families of this section. During the skirmish with the British forces at Norwalk, in 1779, Capt. Stephen Betts was in command of a company of militia and fifty soldiers of the regular army, and Thaddeus Betts, as justice of the peace, afterward took his testimony as to the events of that period, the record being preserved at Hartford. Thaddeus Betts is credited with having brought six cannon to the town two years previous, and these did effective service in repelling the invaders. The head of the family in America is Thomas Betts, who came from England in 1639 with his wife, Mary, settling at Guilford, New Haven Co., Conn. Among the eight children of this pioneer couple was a son, John, who was born in Guilford, in 1652, but became a resident of Norwalk and rendered distinguished service as a representative from that town in the Colonial General Assembly at Hartford, in the sessions of October, 1731; October, 1736; May, 1739; May and October, 1741; May, 1742, and May, 1743. On May 10, 1739, the General Assembly elected him one of the auditors to examine the accounts of the treasurer of the Colony, and later he was appointed by the same body to the office of justice, which he held from May, 1746, to 1748. He married Damaris Lockwood, and had a son, Thaddeus, of whom an account is given as follows:

Dr. Thaddeus Betts was born in Norwalk, and there practiced medicine for many years with great success. His first wife, Mary (Gold), died November 20, 1752, and his second, Elizabeth (Maltby), passed away February 8, 1789. His third wife, Eleanor Fairchild, survived him, attaining the advanced age of ninety-four. He had three children: Sarah, William M. and Mary, all by his second marriage.

Hon. William Maltby Betts, our subject's grandfather, made his home in Norwalk, and for many years served as postmaster, and judge of probate (he also was a soldier in the Revolutionary war). He represented the town in the State Legislature in 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1809 and 1810. His wife, Lucretia (Gregory), was a native of Norwalk, and they had three children: William G., Thaddeus and Angeline.

Hon. Thaddeus Betts, our subject's father, was born in Norwalk, February 4, 1789, and after graduating from Yale College, in 1807, studied law, and was admitted to the Bar in 1810. He continued to reside in Norwalk, but his death occurred at Washington, D. C., April 7, 1840. Like all of his family, he took much interest in religious work, and for years he was a leading member of the Congregational Church at Norwalk. In politics he was a Whig, and his abilities as a statesman were recognized in the higher councils of the party. At one time he was Lieutenant-Governor of Connecticut, and he also served as United States Senator from this State. His standing among his associates is well shown by the remarks of Hon. Thomas B. Osborne, of Fairfield, in the State House: "Mr. Betts was distinguished for acuteness of intellect, vigor of understanding, and the soundness and probity of his life. He was early brought in contact with the most eminent men that ever adorned the Bar of New England. It is sufficient to say that he sustained and distinguished himself among such

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men as Daggett, Sherman, Smith and Sherwood." Mr. Betts married Miss Antoinette Cannon, of Norwalk, a daughter of John Cannon, Jr., and a member of one of the old families of the locality. The Cannons are of French descent, and have been identified with the Episcopal Church from the early days. Six children were born of this marriage: Sally, John M., Harriet, Eliza, Charles C. and Frederick T., the last two being now the only survivors.

The subject of this sketch was born in Norwalk August 20, 1819, in the house which he now occupies as a residence. His boyhood was mainly spent in his native place, but for a short time he held a position as clerk in New York City. In the spring of 1851 he became interested in the Lounsbury & Bissell Company, which was incorporated in 1840, with a capital of $200,000, for the manufacture of felts of every description. He has been connected with the company ever since, and his shrewd judgment has been a potent factor in the success of the business. The factory, a large stone building, is located at Winnipauk, about a mile and a half from Norwalk, the street cars affording a convenient means of transit. As his business interests have required close attention, Mr. Betts has not taken an active part in political life, but he is a firm upholder of the principles of the Republican party. On September 30, 1850, he married Miss Mary E. Bissell, by whom he has had nine children: Thaddeus C., Edward C., Charles J., William M., Sally S., Mary A., George F., Harry J., and Charlotte F., and all but Thaddeus, Mary, and Harry are still living. The family is prominently identified with the Congregational Church, Mr. and Mrs. Betts both being active members.

Mrs. Betts is a native of Norwalk, and a daughter of ex-Governor Clark Bissell, a man whose ability as a lawyer and statesman was an honor to this section. According to tradition the ancestors of the Bissell family were Huguenots who fled to England to escape the persecutions suffered in France by followers of that faith in the latter part of the sixteenth century. They probably settled in Somersetshire, but there seems to have been a branch of the family in Worcestershire, where the name was sometimes spelled Byssell or Byselle. The coat of arms is described in "Burke's Complete Armory." The first of the name to come to this country was John Bissell, who was born in England in 1591 and landed in Plymouth, Mass., in 1626 or 1628, but removed about ten years later to Windsor, Conn. Clark Bissell, Mrs. Betts' father, was of the eighth generation in direct descent from this worthy emigrant, and was born in Lebanon, Conn., September 7, 1782. He was the eldest of three sons, and as his father was a farmer who found it hard to make headway financially, the boy's education would have been limited to the narrow curriculum of the district schools of that early time had he not possessed an unquenchable desire for knowledge, and the force of character to secure a collegiate course through his own exertions. In 1806 he graduated from Yale College, and in 1809 was admitted to the Bar, where he speedily won high honors. In 1829 he was elected to the Legislature from Norwalk, and in the same year he was chosen judge of the Supreme Court of Errors and Superior Court. This position he held until 1839, when he resigned, and in 1842 and '43 he represented the Twelfth district in the State Senate. In 1847–48 he was governor of the State, and while holding this position he was appointed Kent professor of law at Yale College, a position which was most congenial to him, and which he continued to fill until old age compelled him to abandon active labor. In 1850 he was again a member of the Legislature, there being at that time an important controversy pending which affected the interests of Norwalk. He died September 15, 1857, and his wife, Sally Sherwood, to whom he was married in April, 1811, died February 27, 1856. She was born in the town of Weston, this county, and was of English descent, tracing her lineage to Thomas Sherwood, who was born in England in 1586, and came to America in 1634 with his wife and four children. They settled in Fairfield, where ten other children were born, and their descendants are now numerous.

JAMES SINCLAIR JENKINS, junior member of the firm of Taylor & Jenkins, attorneys at law, of Stamford, Fairfield county, was born in that city October 31, 1871, son of George A. Jenkins. He is of Welsh descent, his first ancestor in this country having been James W. Jenkins, a native of Wales, who settled in New York City, where he carried on a hardware business. His son James was also a hardware dealer in New York City, where he was born in 1755 and died in 1817. His son, also named James, was born in New York City in 1789, engaged in the hardware business, and died in 1837. He married a Miss Gordon, of Edinburgh, Scotland, a niece of Sir John Sinclair, the Scottish statistician and agriculturist.

George Alston Jenkins, son of the last named James, was born in New York in 1816, and was reared to manhood in that city. He received a

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good education, attending boarding school at New Canaan, Conn., and, after commencing a business life, followed for a time in the footsteps of his immediate ancestors, carrying on the hardware business. He was one of the founders of the National Academy of Design, of which he is now a fellow, and engaged quite extensively in importing paintings from Europe. He was also interested in the real-estate business, and in 1865 settled in Stamford, where he bought and improved real estate, doing considerable in that line. Mr. Jenkins was married in Stamford to Emma Clarke, daughter of John Clarke, and two sons, James Sinclair and George Alston, were born to them.

James S. Jenkins was a pupil in H. U. King's private school during his early boyhood, later studying at St. Mark's school, in Southborough, Mass. In the fall of 1890 he entered Yale University, from which he was graduated in the classical course in 1894. This he followed with a course in the law school of the same university, graduating with the class of 1896, after which for several months he was in the office of Hart & Keeler, lawyers in Stamford. In February, 1897, the firm of Taylor & Jenkins was established. In social connection Mr. Jenkins is a member of the Suburban Club of Stamford, the Stamford Yacht Club, the Wee Burn Golf Club of Norton, the Yale University Club and the Graduates Club of New Haven, and the University Club, and the Yale Club of New York. While at the university he was a member of two Greek letter societies, the Senior Society of Wolf's Head, and, during his law course, of the law school society best known as Corbey Court.

ALEXANDER MEAD. America is emerging rapidly from the conditions that forced upon our forefathers a hard utilitarian view of life, and among all classes of our people a keen artistic sense is being manifested. One of the most noticeable indications is found in the demand for floral decorations on every occasion, whether of joy or sorrow, the lovely blossoms seeming to be appropriate to all moods and times. The first to recognize the demand for a constant supply of choice plants, Mr. Mead, a man of intelligence and enterprise, and in the spot where his great-great-grandfather cleared off the primeval forests, has established fine modern greenhouses, stocked with delicate plants from all lands and climes.

Mr. Mead belongs to one of the best and well known families, of which an extended genealogical record is given elsewhere, and he is of the seventh generation in direct descent from John Mead (1), who came from England to America about 1642 [other authorities say 1635], and became a resident of this county in 1660. This noted pioneer had two sons, John and Joseph, who accompanied him to Greenwich, and the former was the first of the name to acquire land in that section.

John Mead, son of the pioneer, married Miss Hannah Potter, of Stamford, and at his death, in 1699, eleven children were living: John, Joseph, Jonathan, Ebenezer (1), David, Benjamin, Nathaniel, Samuel, Hannah, Abigail and Mary Elizabeth. Samuel Mead, our subject's great-great-grandfather, made his home at the farm now occupied by our subject. He had three sons who lived to adult age, married and left descendants: Peter (1), Zaccheus and Samuel.

Peter Mead (1), the great-grandfather of our subject, was born at the present homestead, and always resided there. He had two sons who grew to maturity: Peter (2) and Zaccheus, both of whom married and reared families.

Peter Mead (2), our subject's grandfather, was born January 14, 1755, at the old homestead, and became one of the leading farmers of that locality in his day. Like all of his family, he took the patriotic side during the Revolutionary war, and at one time he was pursued by some British soldiers who sought to take his life. He was married November 9, 1777, to Miss Hannah Close, who was born March 14, 1756, and died November 5, 1824, and his death occurred December 26, 1832, the remains of both being interred in a private cemetery on the farm. They had a large family of children, of whom, one son, Sanford, our subject's father, was the youngest. Mary, born August 17, 1778, was married March 29, 1797, to Joshua Mead; Peter, Jr., born December 25, 1780, was married November 15, 1803, to an Ohio lady (married twice, both wives being from Ohio), and removed to Huron county, Ohio; Cyrus (1), born January 2, 1784, died at the age of eight months; Deborah, born April 28, 1785, died July 5, 1811, unmarried; Anna, born August 17, 1787, was married September 11, 1816, to Jonas Howe; Cyrus (2), born August 11, 1789, was married in Greenwich, this county, November 22, 1814, to Miss Eliza Close, and afterward settled in Greenwich, Huron county, Ohio, where his death occurred; Luckner, born May 17, 1793, was married February 14, 1814, to Miss Sophia Fletcher, and became the father of Benjamin Mead, of New Canaan, and grandfather of James R. Mead, now clerk, of Greenwich township.

Sanford Mead, our subject's father, was born

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December 20, 1803, at the present farm, and was reared after the manner of country lads of his time, his educational opportunities being limited to the local schools. He always followed agricultural pursuits, and for some time he made a specialty of raising potatoes, frequently sending a schooner-load of his crop to New York City for sale. He was one of the pioneer dairymen of Greenwich, and in order to supply his customers in the metropolis he drove the entire distance, thirty miles, every night, starting at 9 P. M. His city depot was located on Essex street, and two wagons were used to distribute the milk from that point. In those days of limited transportation facilities he often carried passengers to and from the city while making his regular trips. When the Harlem railroad was completed to the Williams bridge he shipped the milk from that point, and later when the railroad was constructed to White Plains he transferred the business to that station, but the building of the New York and New Haven railroad enabled him to finally ship direct from Greenwich. In addition to his other line of work he occasionally took contracts for teaming, and he hauled all the stone for the Second Congregational church at Greenwich. He was tall and slender, industrious and thrifty in his habits, and made a success in all his undertakings. Throughout life he was known as a public-spirited man, and as a consistent Christian. As a member of the Congregational Church he was active in religious work, while he also championed the cause of temperance from an early date. Politically he was a Whig and later a Republican, his strong anti-slavery principles being freely expressed during the agitation on that subject. On February 25, 1833, he was married to Miss Cynthia Husted, who was born November 13, 1812, daughter of Caleb and Mary (Grigg) Husted, of Greenwich, Conn. His death occurred May 14, 1873, his remains being interred in the Congregational cemetery at Greenwich, and his widow has since continued to live at the old homestead. They had five children: (1) Alexander (our subject); (2) Hannah M. resides at the old home; (3) Henry H., who never married, enlisted early in the Civil war in Company I, 10th Conn. Vol. Inf., and died of typhoid fever April 20, 1862, at New Bern, N. C. He was the last man to join his company and the first man whose remains were brought home for burial. (4) Peter C. died in childhood. (5) Mary E., who resides in Greenwich, married and has two sons—Frank and Sanford. Two girls, Grace and Adelle, died young.

Our subject was born May 27, 1835, and has always made his home at the old farm. After completing a course in the district schools of the neighborhood, he attended the Greenwich Academy, then conducted by Prof. Button, and on leaving that institution he engaged in agricultural work with his father. As he was especially fond of gardening, he began that work in a scientific way in February, 1867, in a small hothouse 10 x 20 feet in size, constructed under his directions, the building being heated by an old cook stove. His first venture, which consisted in raising early tomatoes, proved most successful, as he had many plants to give away after supplying his own gardens, and the demand was so great that he decided to make the most of the new business opening. He built an addition to the hothouse, making it 10 x 40 feet, and from time to time as his business has increased he has enlarged his establishment until he now has eight houses, covering in all about one acre of ground. The premises are fitted up in an artistic manner, and the horticultural department now occupies much space, there being a fine array of plants for decorative purposes as well as for the supply of cut flowers. The homestead, which is located on Lake avenue, comprises 160 acres of excellent land under Mr. Mead's able and energetic management, and is kept in a high state of cultivation, general crops being raised. As a citizen Mr. Mead is much esteemed for his sterling qualities of character, and, while he is not especially active in local affairs, he is a regular voter, giving his support to the Republican party. He and his family are identified with the Second Congregational Church, in which he has held office as a member of the Church committee. His handsome house was built by his father in 1860. On October 22, 1861, he was married in Greenwich to Miss Matilda H. Grigg, who was born September 18, 1839, a daughter of John R. and Orphelia A. (Banks) Grigg, of Greenwich, Conn. and during her early life, which was spent in Greenwich, Mrs. Mead attended the Academy, and a private school taught by Miss Marshall. Six children have brightened the home of this worthy couple, viz.: Lida G., Minnie S., John G., and Jessie F., all of whom died in childhood, and Henry S., and Tillie A., who are still living.

W J. MEAD, a resident of Greenwich, is the owner of one of the best farms in that vicinity, and although he does no manual labor, his able management of the place entitles him to high rank among scientific agriculturists. A man of intelligence and culture, genial and friendly in disposition, he possesses a host of admiring friends in all parts of the United States, much of

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his leisure time having been spent in visiting the many interesting and attractive scenes in which this country abounds.

Mr. Mead was born November 18, 1835, on a farm adjoining that which he now owns, and is of the seventh generation of the family to reside in the town. His line of descent from John Mead [other authorities say William], who was among the first settlers at Sand Beach, is traced through John Mead (son of the pioneer), Ebenezer, Caleb, Jonah, and Drake Mead (our subject's father). Drake Mead, who was born at the old homestead, married Miss Julia A. Knapp, and our subject was the second son and child of this union. His brother, Cornelius Mead, is a well-known resident of Greenwich, and a more complete history of the family is given elsewhere in this volume.

Mr. Mead's education was begun in the schools near his home, with Miss Worcester as his first teacher. When ten years old he entered Greenwich Academy, where he continued his studies for about five years, and he afterward attended Irving Institute, at Tarrytown, N. Y., and another school at Yonkers, N. Y. At the age of seventeen he left school and returned to the old farm, where he remained for several years. At the age of twenty-four he married Miss Katherine Carroll, a native of New York City, and a daughter of Nicholas Carroll, and they began housekeeping upon the present farm, which was formerly the property of Elkanah Mead, brother of Jonah Mead, our subject's grandfather, and was purchased by Drake Mead, in 1852, from Stephen W. Mead. It contains about 200 acres of excellent land, and the rapid development of the locality has brought a great increase in value in recent years. Mr. Mead suffered a sunstroke in early manhood, from the effects of which he has never entirely recovered, and owing to this he has not been able to engage in severe physical labor. He takes keen interest in the questions of the day, and in National affairs he votes for the candidates and the measures that promise the best results, irrespective of party lines. In 1870 and 1871 he was a member of the State Legislature from his district, and in 1871 to 1875 he acted as selectman of the town of Greenwich, this closing his political career. Socially, our subject and his family are prominent, and he is a member of the Masonic lodge at Greenwich.

Mrs. Katherine Mead died in 1869, and her remains were interred at Greenwich. Our subject subsequently married Miss Sarah Carroll, a sister of his first wife. She is a member and a leading worker in the Episcopal Church at Greenwich. Mr. Mead has a bright and clever family of children: Drake C. is a resident of Stamford; Edward W. is employed as auditor and bookkeeper for a Mexican railroad, and now resides in that country; Julia C. married Walter L. Sackett, of Brooklyn; Miss Elizabeth is at home; William J., Jr., is a civil engineer in New York City; Miss Cornelia F. is at home; Francis D. resides in New York; and Miss Catherine C., a successful teacher, resides at home.

HON. JOHN CLASON. The public spirit so eminently characteristic of the true American is notably manifested in the career of this well-known resident of Stamford. Throughout his life he has been identified with extensive agricultural and lumbering interests, yet the cares of business have not prevented him from taking a prominent part in politics and other movements, his abilities fitting him for effective work in any sphere of life.

Mr. Clason is descended from good old Colonial stock, and among the soldiers in the Revolutionary army were four members of his family: Nathaniel, Isaac, Samuel, and Stephen Clason. In the early records of Stamford we find the name spelled variously, to-wit: Clason, Cloyson, or Clawson, and at the assignment of land by lot, on December 26, 1699, when 69 lots were drawn by 75 persons, Stephen Clawson drew the first. Stephen Clason, Sr., the great-grandfather of our subject, was a leading resident of what is now called Bangall District, Stamford township, in his time, and Stephen Clason, Jr., our subject's grandfather, was engaged in agricultural pursuits in that locality during his active life. He served in the cause of freedom under Washington, and took much interest in local affairs, being specially active in religious work as a member of the Baptist Church. His death occurred in 1808. He married Martha Whelpley, by whom he had the following children: Isaac, a resident of Greenwich, who served in the Revolutionary army; Stephen and Solomon, residents of Stamford; Benjamin, our subject's father; Abigail, who married Thomas Jessup, of New Rochelle; and Ard, a sea captain.

Benjamin Clason, the father of our subject, was born in Bangall District, in 1775, and, after receiving a common-school education, settled upon the old homestead, which he inherited. While he was not especially active in politics, he took much interest in the questions of his day, and was a stanch supporter of the Whig party. He was married in Westchester county, New York, to Nancy Ayres, daughter of Reuben

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Ayres, and his death occurred in 1838, his wife surviving him many years and dying in 1862. They had seven children, of whom the eldest, Stephen, is now deceased. (2) James, who served as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, died in Ohio; he married Mary Miller and had three children—Mary, Adolphus, and John C. (3) George W. is deceased. (4) Lewis (deceased) married Susan Marshall, and had five children—Stephen I., John W., George L., Charles C., and Mary A. (5) Samuel died in Stamford. (6) John, our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (7) Joseph W. married Louisa Smith, and has one daughter—Lillian; they reside in Ohio.

Mr. Clason, our subject, was born September 8, 1825, at the old homestead in Bangall District, of Stamford. His education was begun in the common school near his home, his attendance being usually limited to a three-months' term in the winter each year. These privileges only served to stimulate his desire for knowledge, and later, as he could afford it, he took private instructions under John Lyell, A. M., a graduate of the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, with a view to civil engineering as a profession, making thorough preparation in the mathematical branches. In 1841 he became a clerk in the store of Alanson Studwell, of Roxbury, with whom he remained one year, and later he taught for two years in the common schools of Roxbury and Turn River Districts, one term being spent in the last named district. About 1844, he engaged in farming on the homestead, and for many years he was also interested in dealing in native timber. His operations were uniformly profitable, and he enjoys the reputation of being the most successful agriculturist ever in Stamford. In 1862 he sold his farm, but he devotes much attention to the care of his homestead of twenty acres, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. At an early age he became interested in practical politics, identifying himself with the Whigs, and since the organization of the Republican party he has been a zealous defender of its doctrines. His interest in educational advancement is shown by his active work in his own town, where he has held every office connected with the schools, and for four years he was a member of the board of education, resigning when elected Judge of Probate for the district of Stamford, Fairfield Co, Conn., at the State election in November, 1876, serving ten years. He proved a most capable judge, courteous and painstaking, discharging his duties with true fidelity, and justly deserving and receiving the full praise and appreciation of the public.

In 1851, at the age of twenty-six, he was elected to the Legislature, being the youngest member of that body, and in 1854 he was again chosen to that office. His legislative service was resumed in 1871, after an interval, and he then held the position for five consecutive years, that being the longest continuous service as representative from Stamford since the adoption of the Constitution in 1818. While in the Legislature he was ever active in promoting the best interests of his locality and the State at large, and was noted for his sound, practical judgment, his patient, intelligence in investigations connected with committee work, and his sturdy opposition to dishonesty in any form. In 1855 he was elected assessor of his town, an office which he filled satisfactorily for twenty-five years, and from 1876 to 1886 he served as judge of the Probate Court for the District of Stamford, while at times he has held other local offices, including that of justice of the peace. His business ability has been called into service in various enterprises, and he was one of the incorporators of the Stamford Savings Bank, in which he served as director until he resigned, in accordance of law, to take office as director in the Stamford National Bank, with which he is still connected. His honorable and upright conduct in all relations, public and private, has won and retained the confidence of all classes in the community, and at all times he has proved himself a friend of progress, assisting generously in the support of Churches and other worthy enterprises. In this connection we quote a well-deserved tribute from "Picturesque Stamford":

"A gratifying and memorable incident which developed in connection with the preparations for the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the town of Stamford, was the gift to his native town, by Hon. John Clason, of the sum of $43,000, to be used for the purpose of erecting a public hospital. Mr. Clason had quietly made this donation a year and a half previous, in October, 1892, and the fact was known only to himself and the three gentlemen, Messrs. Charles A. Hawley, George H. Hoyt, and Edwin L. Scofield, whom he had selected as trustees of the fund. It was also disclosed that Mr. Clason had, some years previous, given the sum of $10,000 to another useful public institution, the Ferguson Library. With characteristic modesty he was reluctant to allow these generous donations to become known, but finally yielded the point on the advice of friends, who felt that there could be no more appropriate time for such a disclosure than in association with an interesting epoch in the town's history. The donor was

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himself a representative citizen, identified with the town all his life, and directly descended in a line of honorable ancestry from men whose pious, brave and industrious labor had contributed to nurse its infancy."

His gift of forty-three thousand dollars laid the foundation for the organization, through which a charter was granted for the establishing of the Stamford Hospital, and while Judge Clason, with his characteristic modesty, has refused to have his name in any manner coupled with the corporate name of the institution, he is nevertheless its recognized father. During the three years of its existence it has afforded relief to more than six hundred inmates. The State evidenced its interest in the work of the hospital by originally appropriating twenty-five thousand dollars, conditioned, on one hundred thousand dollars (including the donation of Judge Clason) being raised by subscription among the residents of Stamford. The Legislature of 1898–99 appropriated six thousand dollars for the general uses and purposes during the next two years.

EDWARD BANKS (deceased), late of the town of Redding, where he had been engaged in agricultural pursuits the greater part of his life, was a native of Fairfield county, born in Redding May 29, 1822. He was a great-grandson of Johnathan Banks, a grandson of Nehemiah Banks, and a son of Salmon B. Banks. The last-named married Martha Jackson, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Jackson, and they reared a family of five children, viz.: Three sons—Aaron, Stephen and Edward (our subject); and two daughters—Bessie and Sallie—all now deceased.

Edward Banks received a common-school education. In early life he went west and for a number of years was engaged in the lumber business in California, following same also in New York State. On returning to his native county he located on a farm, and from that time until his death he was actively engaged in agriculture. During the Civil war he served his country faithfully, and for disability incurred therein he received a pension from the Government. Becoming a member of Company E, 23d Conn. V. I., he continued in the service throughout the war, participating in the various skirmishes and battles in which his company and regiment were engaged. He was an obedient soldier always, and prompt for every duty assigned him, received an honorable discharge, and on returning to his home at the close of the struggle resumed his life work. Mr. Banks was a good citizen, held in high regard in the community in which he lived, and gave his influence to the support of all measures calculated to benefit his fellowmen. His death occurred December 8, 1896. He married Mrs. Jane Hall, widow of Ammons Hall, and a daughter of Sanford Benedict, of Redding, and to their marriage were born two children, Irving J. and Benjamin B., who are mentioned more fully below.

IRVING J. BANKS was born in the town of Redding, March 19, 1873. He was reared on the farm and received a good common-school education, after his school days were over engaging in farming and later in the dairy business; recently, however, he sold his farm and interests to his brother Benjamin, and at present he is carrying on no business whatever. He is a bright, genial young man, and has many friends. On January 4, 1899, he was united in marriage with Miss Clara L. Zenerkow, of Redding.

BENJAMIN B. BANKS was born October 19, 1876, in the town of Redding, and was brought up on the farm. He commenced his education in the common schools, later attending the high school which is conducted in the town, and on December 17, 1893, he entered the Eastman National Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which he graduated in June, 1894, taking away the merit of honor, etc. Returning home, he conducted the farm with his brother until, as above stated, he bought him out, and he is now carrying on a dairy and general trucking business; he has made many extensive improvements about the place, and has every prospect of a prosperous business future.

Sanford Benedict was born in the town of Richfield, in 1766. He attended the schools of that town and then learned the axe-maker's trade, which occupation he followed until his retirement from active business. He married Miss Airity Beers, and their union was blessed with children as follows: Jane is referred to farther on; Amanda married Lorenzo Nichols; Lorinda married Lumas Gould; Harriet married Edward Gould; and Stephen married Eva Jones. Jane Benedict was born June 10, 1834, in the town of Weston, where she was reared and educated. To her marriage with Ammons Hall, a farmer of Bethel, Conn., two children were born, namely: (1) Lucy married Frank Whittaker, a watchman in the works of the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company, and had three daughters—Annie B. (deceased), Mary A. and Ella. (2) Frank was born in the town of Weston, September 23, 1866. He received a common-school education, and has thus far in life given his attention chiefly to agricultural pursuits, in connection with his

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brother, Benjamin B. Banks, although for a period of four years he was in the employ of B. & B. Show, and later for six months with Fairchild & Shelton, manufacturers of soap at Bridgeport. During this time he traveled quite extensively throughout the country.

HON. DANIEL B. MALLORY. Few men in the town of Sherman are able to command a larger share of popular esteem than does the subject of this biography. He is an agriculturist of that locality, who has been chosen by his fellow citizens to almost every local office, and has also represented his section in both houses of the State Legislature.

Daniel B. Mallory was born May 2, 1838, in the Fifth School District, and during his boyhood he attended the common schools and the academy at Sherman; also received still further instruction at the Nine Partners Boarding School. He spent a few winters teaching school, but his business has been principally farming—raising some tobacco and general crops. He was one of the first to commence raising tobacco in the town of Sherman. In politics he is a strong Democrat. He has been a member of most of the Democratic State Conventions since 1860, and from early manhood he has been regarded as one of the leaders of the party in his locality. For over twenty years the Register of Births, Marriages and Deaths is in his handwriting, also for many years he has held the office of first selectman, and for two years he was Judge of Probate of his district. In 1876 he was elected to the lower house of the Legislature, and so well did he fulfill his duties that he was chosen, in 1877, to represent his district in the State Senate. While in the Senate the Humane Society was granted enlarged privileges, and he was requested to act as agent in his locality, a position he has ever since held. He is and has been for many years a commissioner of the Superior Court, and has assisted many in their applications for pensions. He is a member of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 21, F. & A. M., New Milford, having joined over thirty years ago.

In 1870 Mr. Mallory purchased the Henry Sherwood place at the Center, on which he now resides. In that year he married Miss Ophelia Hungerford, daughter of Thomas and Rachel (Smith) Hungerford. She had long been a member of the Congregational Church, and organist, but on moving to the Center, and seeing the dilapidated condition of the Union church there, she exerted her energies toward raising a sufficient sum to put it in suitable repair, although she still retained her membership with the former Church. She died in 1884, and on December 16, 1890, Mr. Mallory married Miss Olive Canfield, daughter of David Canfield, of Darien Center, N. Y. Mr. Mallory has two daughters, both by the first marriage: Alice, born June 29, 1872, married Henry B. Stephens, a large farmer of Patterson, N. Y., and they have one son—Daniel M. Miss Lillian, born July 8, 1877, is unmarried. Accounts of the Hungerford and Canfield families will be given below, and we will now review our subject's ancestry.

Northrop Mallory, the father of our subject, was born March 7, 1803, in the town of Fairfield, and received such education as was obtainable in the common schools of his day. At an early age he went to live with Capt. James Burr, of Fairfield, who owned a merchant vessel plying between Boston, New York and Southern ports. While at Alexandria, Va., he was taken very ill and carried on deck for dead, but the change revived him. During the war of 1812 three British men-of-war vessels came into the harbor, lying three days, with music and dancing, and it being expected that they would attempt a landing and the burning of Fairfield, as they did thirty years before, every available person was brought into service, and he as a mere boy assisted in carrying cannon balls to the beach. When sixteen years of age, and not having a desire for a roving life, he decided to learn a trade, and to carry out that purpose he made his way on foot to Sherman, where an uncle, George Mallory, assisted in apprenticing him to Abraham and Edward Briggs, blacksmiths of the town, until he should reach the age of twenty-one years. After completing his term of service he went to Monroe, in this county, and worked five years for Penfield Brothers, carriage builders, doing iron work necessary in the business. It was at this time that he commenced the sale of wagons for the firm, which he continued many years. Later he returned to Sherman, and for four years conducted the shop in which he learned his trade. In 1834 he purchased the place on which he resided till 1857, and erected a blacksmith shop thereon. He also engaged in farming, and enclosing his land with stone walls. In 1857 he purchased the Samuel Northrop farm, moving thereon.

In 1834 he married Miss Mary Briggs, daughter of Abraham Briggs, his former employer. His death occurred June 7, 1871, in his sixty-eighth year, and his wife, who was born October 5, 1808, died September 1, 1887, aged about seventy-nine. They had three children: (I) Almira, (II) Daniel B. (our subject), and (III)

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Charles A. (I) Almira was born August 17, 1836, in the town of Sherman, and received a good common-school education, which was supplemented with study in the Sherman Academy and the Nine Partners Boarding School, after which she taught school. In 1860 she married DeWitt C. Akin, a prominent farmer of near Patterson, N. Y. Three children were born of this union: (1) William D., who married Miss Jennie Wakeman (daughter of Andrew Wakeman, of Fairfield, Conn.), who died in 1889, and for his second wife he wedded Miss May Culver, of Amenia, N. Y. (2) Charles E., who married Miss Nettie Haviland, daughter of Henry T. Haviland. (3) Albert I. has not married. (III) Charles A. Mallory, the brother of our subject, was born in Sherman March 30, 1846. [A sketch of him is given elsewhere.]

On the maternal side our subject is a great-grandson of Edward and Ann Chase Briggs, who came from Dartmouth, Mass., about 1780, to Quaker Hill (then called Oblong), purchasing the farm now owned by his grandson, Homer Briggs. He had learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed during the greater portion of his life. Eleven children were born of this union: (1) Elizabeth, who never married; (2) Abraham, our subject's grandfather, mentioned more fully below; (3) Michael, who married (first) Sarah and (second) Cynthia, sisters of Freelove (Osborn) Briggs (by the marriage with Sarah there were two children — George and Maria; George married Emeline Wanzer, and had four children — Adeline, Royal, Frances and M. Jay. Maria became the wife of Seth Pepper, and had four children — Jane, Oscar, Ann Ophelia and Olander); (4) Henry, who married Elizabeth Wanzer, and had three children — Anan (who married Polly Akin, and had three children), Edward (who did not marry), and Henry, Jr. (who married Almira Hawes, and had three children); (5) Deborah, who became the wife of Daniel Sommers, and had several children, among whom were Edward, Elizabeth and Deborah; (6) Annie, who married Ira Allen, but left no children; (7) Edwin, who married Caroline Gould, and had one son, Edward P., the present town clerk of Sherman; (8) Eunice, who became the wife of Samuel Northrop (her two children died before her); (9) Mary, who married John Sherman, and had eight children, who are noted in the Dutchess county record; (10) Hannah married Daniel Wanzer, and her children and grandchildren are living in New Milford and Roxbury; (11) Benjamin, who married Phebe Riggs, and had four children — James, Laura, Homer and Benjamin (Laura married Frank Durgy, and left one son, LeRoy, who is married and resides in Danbury; Homer married, and has three children — Arthur, Benjamin and Annie).

Abraham Briggs, the grandfather of our subject, was born February 9, 1780, at Quaker Hill, where he obtained a common-school education. At the age of twenty-two he married Freelove Osborn, daughter of Stephen and Sarah Bourne Osborn, and in 1803 he purchased the homestead where he resided till his death, adding from time to time to his surroundings. As prosperity came to him he invested largely in real estate, and at one time he had about eight hundred acres of land, which he divided among his children before his death, which occurred January 28, 1859, when he was aged seventy-nine years. He also carried on blacksmithing with his brother Edward for many years. In disposition he was remarkably cheerful, but in his later years he became quite deaf. He liked to tell stories, and was always fond of a joke. One instance, in his boyhood days, he amused his grandchildren by repeating when he heard of certain acts of mischievous boys, which came near resulting fatally: "During a holiday he with other boys chanced to pass an unoccupied dwelling, so thinking it rare sport they proceeded to fill the adjoining well with stones. Not many years after he purchased the same property and went to reside thereon; but in order to get water the stones which he had helped to throw into the well had to be removed at his expense. He had Jesse Sherman in the well filling a large bucket, but on drawing it out the bail broke, so near the top of the well, however, that they saved it from going on the old man's head, thereby averting a catastrophe, for the bucketful of stones would undoubtedly have crushed him. When speaking of the incident in after years Jesse said he never dared tell his wife Hannah how near he came to being crushed through the work of thoughtless boys." Abraham Briggs was a birthright Quaker, and his faith was the rule of his daily life. Politically his support was given to the Democratic party. Eight children were born to Abraham and Freelove Briggs, namely: Willis, born October 28, 1803; Daniel, May 4, 1806; Mary (the mother of our subject), October 5, 1808; Sarah A., April 25, 1811; Stephen E, January 7, 1813; Almira, January 14, 1815; Caroline, January 1, 1817; Charles A., February 16, 1820. (1) Willis, the eldest son, married Jane, daughter of Isaac Sherwood, and had three children: Abram, Mary Jane, and Sarah. Of these, Abram married Ann Eliza Corning, and had three children, one of whom died in infancy; the others are Fred and Jennie, who are married

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and living in Bridgeport. Mary Jane married Henry O. Warner, but she died soon thereafter. Sarah became his second wife, and by her he has three children; all are living in New Milford. (2) Mary was our subject's mother. (3) Sarah A. married Marshall Treadwell, and had two children: John M., who married (first) Susan, daughter of Diamon Durgy, and had three children; on the death of this wife he married Emma Weller, by whom he has four. Mary, daughter of Sarah Ann, married Walter Chatterton, and has two children—Robert and Carrie.

(5) Stephen E., the fifth child of Abraham and Freelove Briggs, had the educational advantages of common schools and academies of his time, by which he received an excellent education. From early manhood he was engaged in farming in the town of Sherman, and he became quite prominent in the community. Like all the rest of his family, he was a Democrat, and he served his town as selectman and member of the Legislature. Although he was a birthright Quaker, he attended the Congregational Church at Sherman. He was fond of his home and family, being a model husband and father. He married Nancy Stuart, daughter of Nehemiah and Susan (Hungerford) Stuart. There were three children by this union: Walter, born November 1, 1848, died at the age of five years; Carrie E., born July 7, 1852, married the late Theodore Rogers, and has two children—John Theodore and Ruth; John, born October 8, 1856, died in 1877 in his twenty-first year. (6) Almira married David Treadwell, and moved to New Fairfield; they had three children, Carrie E., who was the wife of Charles Wanzer, and had three children—Will, who married Miss McMahon; Minnie, who is the wife of George W. Durgy; and Alice, who is not married. Stephen B., second child of Almira, married Mary Barnum, and has five children, Carrie, Charles, William, Benjamin and David, all residing in Danbury. Edward, third child of Almira, married Sophia Hungerford, and has three children, Nellie, Myra and Mattie. Caroline, the seventh child of Abraham and Freelove Briggs, died unmarried. Charles A., the youngest in the family, married Ann Janette Marsh, and had three children. In early life he was very jovial, and had many friends. In politics he was a Democrat, and held many town offices, besides serving one term in the Legislature. His three children were Daniel F., who married Miss Burdick, and has one son, Charles, living in New York. (2) Andrew M. married Phebe Jennings, and had two children, Lottie and Stephen; Lottie died at about the age of fifteen. (3) Charles J. died before reaching the age of twenty-one years. Of the eight children of Abraham and Freelove Briggs, Almira is now living.

Stephen Osborn, the father of Freelove Osborn, and great-grandfather of our subject, was born at Salem, Mass., in 1748, and died April 3, 1825, at the age of eighty-six. His wife, Sarah (Bourne), was born December 21, 1749, and died November 22, 1833, aged about eighty-four years. They were married July 26, 1774, and moved to New Milford, Conn. About this time a brother came to Quaker Hill, who was the grandfather of Richard Osborn. Fourteen children came of this marriage, whose names with dates of birth and death are as follows: Mary, January 30, 1776—February 15, 1860; Hannah, May 21, 1777—March 1, 1854; Isaac, January 18, 1779—October 30, 1856; Freelove, April 21, 1780—April 3, 1865; Stephen, November 4, 1781—June 14, 1829; Phœbe, May 15, 1784—October 23, 1819; Sarah, April 19, 1786—September 9, 1862; John, December 17, 1787—July 16, 1855; Anna, December 17, 1787—April 6, 1860; Nathaniel, August 7, 1789—March 23, 1847; David, June 3, 1791—February 1, 1792; Susanna, February 20, 1793—August —, 1885; David, July 5, 1795—April 10, 1858; and Cynthia, April 13, 1797—March 13, 1869.

Northrop Mallory, the father of our subject, had one sister, Hetty, who married Harvey Hill and lived in Newtown. Six children were born to them: Susan, John, George, William, Sinclair and Burtis. All but the last named married. They moved to Joliet, and from there to Centralia, Ill. Mrs. Hill died at that place a few years since at an advanced age.

The Hungerford family, of which Mr. Mallory's first wife was a member, has been represented in the town of Sherman for many years. Levi Hungerford, Mrs. Ophelia Mallory's grandfather, was a native of Sherman, and he and his wife Diana (Hungerford) reared a family of six children, as follows: Thomas, father of Mrs. Mallory; Edwin, who married Susan Giddings; Orin, who married Wealthy White; Hannah, wife of Delazon Hungerford; Harriet, wife of George Shove; and Emily, wife of Carlisle Smith. Thomas Hungerford was born and reared in the town of Sherman, and was always interested in farming there, but his chief occupation was carpentering. In politics he was a Republican, and at times he held minor town offices. He married Rachel, daughter of Nathaniel Smith and Betsey Mead, and had seven children: Sophia, who married Edward Treadwell; Ophelia (Mrs. Mallory); Mills, a resident of the town of Sherman; Jay, who married Sarah Hoag; Nelson T.,

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who married Lucy Durgy, and has one daughter, Elsie; Watson, who married Carrie Hungerford, and has four children—Edith, Nellie, Reed, and an infant; and Allan, who married Carrie Belle Briggs, and left one child, Allie Belle. Mills Hungerford was born May 14, 1847, and was educated in the common schools of the town of Sherman and of Suffield, Conn. On leaving school he became a clerk in a store at Sherman, and while there he married his first wife, Miss Alice E. Hendricks, daughter of Lehman Hendricks, of Gaylordsville, Conn. Later he engaged in farming, and for twenty years he has raised tobacco. As he learned the carpenter's trade with his father during boyhood, he has done some work in that line, his own residence and farm buildings giving evidence of his skill. He has always been a Republican, and among the offices which he has held are those of assessor, member of the board of relief, and chairman of the school board. Sickness and death have frequently visited his home. His first wife died in 1876, and he afterward married Lottie P. Cable, daughter of Abijah Cable, and after her death, in 1890, he formed a third union, this time with Mary E. Stuart, daughter of Miles Stuart, a farmer of the same town. By his first marriage he had one son, Louis J., born October 18, 1873, who died in November, 1896; he married Nettie Van Ness, of Washington, by whom he had one child, Lewis Russell. By the second marriage there were two children, Emma and Rose (Emma died in infancy); and by the the third marriage there is one son, Allen, born January 20, 1895.

Mrs. Olive (Canfield) Mallory, the second wife of our subject, was born July 27, 1845, in the town of Union, near Binghampton, N. Y., and attended school there and at the academy in Kingsville, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, receiving an excellent education. She is a prominent worker in the W. C. T. U., and previous to her marriage she helped to organize a union at her home in Darien, N. Y. David Canfield, her father, was born March 4, 1810, in the town of New Fairfield, this county, and died April 27, 1899. He was educated in the common schools of that locality. He was the youngest in a family of five children. The father died while David was still a mere boy, and as there was but little provision made for them, the children had to shift for themselves. As soon as David was old enough to be of use he began working on farms, and this occupation he followed until he reached the age of thirty-two, when he purchased a farm in Sherman, which he sold, and then bought another. Selling that, he removed to the town of Union, Broome Co., N. Y., where he remained two years. He then sold the place and bought another near Chenango, in the same county; in 1849 he went to California to search for gold, the trip being made by way of the Isthmus. His venture proving successful, he returned in 1851, and again engaged in farming. After a short time he removed to Sheffield, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, and having sold his place near Chenango he bought a beautiful farm there and remained eleven years. Later he settled at Darien Center, N. Y., where he left a fine farm of one hundred acres. He took great pride in his high-grade cattle, raised on the place, and at times he speculated profitably in live stock. As a self-made man he was entitled to much credit for his position in the business world. He was a birthright Quaker, and in politics a strong Republican, although he never aspired to office. Although eighty-eight years old at the time of his death, he managed his farm up till then.

His first wife, Clarissa Durgy, was born January 25, 1815, a daughter of Joel and Olive (Wanzer) Durgy, and was reared on her father's farm, in the town of Sherman. She was the eldest in a family of nine children, the others being Diamond, who married Lucy A. Hurd; Lucy, wife of Stephen Whitehead; Susan, wife of George Barnum; Lewis, who married Helen Bacon; John, who married Mary Davis; Jay, who did not marry; James, who married Mary Smith; Caroline, who died in childhood; and Charlotte, who married Buckley Pepper. Mrs. Clarissa Canfield died in Ohio in 1861, and her remains were interred there. On October 25, 1869, Mr. Canfield married Sallie T. Sherwood, who was born December 28, 1833, a daughter of Ira and Gratia Sherwood, of Byron, Genesee Co., N. Y., where her father was a miller. Her ancestors were early settlers in this county, being identified with New Fairfield and Sherman townships. David Canfield has had four children, all by the first marriage: (1) Burroughs Perry, born September 13, 1840, in the town of Pawling, Dutchess Co., N. Y., was educated at Binghampton, N. Y., and at the academy in Kingsville, Ohio, his opportunities being better than ordinary. He has been principal of graded schools in Iowa, and taught many terms in the town where he now lives. At the age of twenty he enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Fifth Ohio V. I., but after spending three months in the service he was taken ill, honorably discharged and sent home. On September 20, 1869, he married Julia Chapin, who was born February 1, 1837, the daughter of Solomon and Chloe Chapin, influential residents of Darien,

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N. Y. Two children have brightened their home: Ida M., born May 27, 1871, in Earlville, Iowa, and Clara O., born September 23, 1873, in Dyersville, Iowa. Both of them have been carefully educated and are now teachers. (2) Susan Louisa, born in 1842 in Pawling, died at the age of eleven years. (3) Olive A. is the wife of our subject. (4) Charlotte L. L., born May 1, 1847, in the town of Chenango, Broome Co., N. Y., received good educational opportunities, and on June 23, 1875, was married to Augustus Kendall, a produce dealer of Alden, Erie Co., N. Y. They have two children: Clarence A., born June 11, 1878, who is now engaged in business with his father; and Arthur C., born October 31, 1880.

JULIUS A. BEERS. It has often been noted that our rural communities are as a rule composed of a class of men who manifest in a high degree the sterling qualities of character that go to the making of good citizens, and it is fortunate that in this volume there are to be preserved the records of so many of this admirable type. Brief as are these biographical accounts, they will show to posterity the distinguishing characteristics of the representative men of today, and to link the future to the past in just perspective.

The subject of this sketch, who has been for many years an agriculturist of Newtown township, is a member of one of the leading families of that locality. His grandfather, Ebenezer Beers, a native of Norwalk, this county, settled in Newtown in early manhood, and engaged in business as a blacksmith and manufacturer of axes and scythes, which he shipped to Norwalk for sale. He had an extensive trade in these articles, and his business enabled him to keep many apprentices constantly employed. He married (first) Widow Hard, and (second) Widow Nettleton, and had five children as follows: Ebenezer, Jr.; Philo, who married Sally Hawley, and located in Ingham county, Michigan; Ezekiel, who is mentioned below; Esther, who married John Glover; and Currance, who married (first) Abraham Peck, and (second) Lewis Plumb.

Ezekiel Beers, our subject's father, was born June 21, 1796, in Newtown, upon a farm now owned by Mr. Pratt. He continued to reside at this place throughout his life, and became known as a successful agriculturist. His farm comprised about two hundred and fifty acres of land, which his industry kept in fine cultivation, and at the same time he took a prominent part in local affairs. During his early life he was a Whig, and in later years a Republican. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian, and for years he was a leading member of Trinity Church at Newtown. On February 23, 1820, he married Miss Polly A. M. Candee, of Oxford, Conn., who died October 5, 1824, and on February 23, 1826, he wedded Miss Nancy Johnson, of Southbury, Conn., who died August 25, 1830. Later he married Mrs. Sally (Morris) Beers, daughter of Daniel Morris. She died July 23, 1876, and Mr. Beers on February 26, 1877. He had eight children in all. By the first marriage he had two daughters: Lucy, born July 31, 1821, was married July 23, 1848, to Edward L. Fairchild; and Annette, born July 6, 1823, was married (first) on February 2, 1846, to David Botsford, and (second) in 1865 to William Botsford. She had two sons; Charles B., born January 24, 1851, died June 14, 1893; and David B., born December 17, 1860, died May 3, 1871. By his second marriage Ezekiel Beers had two sons: Amos, born November 29, 1826, was married April 24, 1848, to Jeannette Pierpont, of Waterbury, Conn., who died June 19, 1854, and on November 6, 1855, he married Susan Frances Peck, of Farmington, Conn.; and Theodore, born October 12, 1829, died May 1, 1832. By his third marriage Ezekiel Beers had four children, our subject being the only survivor: Sylvester, born January 1, 1833, died September 1, 1887; Nancy, born October 21, 1834, married Edwin Clarke, and died September 13, 1869, leaving two chlldren—Julia L., born August 6, 1855, and Eli B., born September 2, 1861, who was married April 18, 1885, to Miss Lizzie Bowers; Julius Augustus and Julia Augusta, (twins), born March 20, 1837, the latter of whom married Rev. William C. Sexton, a Congregational minister, and died July 23, 1891.

Mr. Beers, our subject, was born and reared at the old homestead, now occupied by Mr. Pratt, and he has always been engaged in agricultural work. In 1865, at the age of twenty-eight, he located upon his present farm, which had previously been held as a homestead by three generations of his mother's family, so that his children make the fifth generation to occupy the place. The estate contains 148 acres. Like all of his family, Mr. Beers is a firm believer in the doctrines of the Republican party. He is also active in religious work as a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church at Monroe, in which he has been vestryman for many years. On April 3, 1861, he married Miss Sarah Elizabeth Warner, daughter of Zacheus Warner, a well-known citizen of Roxbury, Conn., and two children came of the union: (1) Carrie Fenn, born September 1, 1862, was married January 1,

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1890, to Edwin Sudliff, of Southington, Conn., and has had one daughter, Lois Adelaide, born January 20, 1891; and (2) Morris Daniel, born January 16, 1869, is not married.

ALLEN MEAD has resided upon his present farm in Greenwich township, Fairfield Co., Conn., for over twenty years. He is a native of this county, born February 7, 1837, in Stanwich, in which place his father, Reuben Mead, was also born.

Edmund Mead, the grandfather, was a farmer by occupation and lived to the age of eighty-four years. He was a large man physically. He reared a family of twelve children—six sons and six daughters—of whom, Reuben married Sarah Reynolds, a native of Roxbury, Stamford township, this county; her father, Abel Reynolds, also had six sons and six daughters. Reuben Mead was trained to farm life, and he also learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed more or less all his life in connection with agriculture. After his marriage he located in Greenwich township, where he passed the rest of his life, living to the age of eighty-three years. Mrs. Mead passed away at the age of seventy, and they sleep their last sleep in Stanwich cemetery. They were Methodists in religious connection; politically he sympathized with the Whigs and, in time, with the Republicans. They were the parents of five children: Charles E., who is a hotelkeeper at Talmadge, Neb.; Rebecca (Mrs. James Lockwood, of Sing Sing, N. Y.); Allen; Abel R., a farmer of Greenwich; and E. Hibbard, who joined the army and went to the South, dying in Memphis, Tenn., at the early age of fifteen years.

Allen Mead attended school in Stanwich, receiving his earlier instruction under Mrs. Lounsbury and Mr. Gibson. After leaving school he worked on the home farm a short time, and when sixteen years old he commenced work at Ridgefield in the carriage-making business, learning to do the wood-work. He was subsequently in the employ of the Phœnix Company, at Stamford, but ill health compelled him to abandon the trade, and he soon after went to New York, where he commenced work as a house carpenter. That vocation he continued to follow in New York until 1861, when he removed to Stamford and opened a butcher business; but this he was also obliged to give up on account of his health. After two or three years' rest at his home he located on a farm in Greenwich township, which he rented for three years, and finally, in 1877, became the owner of the farm he has since occupied, buying it from Nathan Finch. The place contains ninety-two acres of fine land, which he has improved and cultivated in the most approved manner, and, with the assistance of his capable wife, he has succeeded in making a comfortable home, which they enjoy thoroughly. Liberal and good-hearted by nature, Mr. Mead is always ready to wish every man well and encourage his friends and neighbors over the rough places, and he is as popular throughout Greenwich for his hearty good nature as he is respected for his many sterling qualities.

In January, 1868, Mr. Mead wedded, in Stamford, Miss Mary E. Weed, daughter of Lewis Weed, of that place. She died leaving no children, and on January 24, 1878, at Port Chester, he married, for his second wife, Miss Harriet E. Ferris, a native of Stanwich, who was born December 15, 1846. Mrs. Mead is the eldest in the family of Gilbert and Harriet (Howeth) Ferris, farming people, who had three daughters, viz.: Harriet E., Luwilla E. and Fanny A. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mead: Florence A. and Emma H., both of whom are at home. The family attend the Congregational Church at Stanwich, of which Mrs. Mead is a member. Mr. Mead supports the Republican party in National matters, but in local elections he votes for the man he considers best fitted for office regardless of party ties. Fraternally, he unites with the Jr. O. U. A. M. at Banksville.

ROBERT VAN BUREN. The advantages of this section as a place of residence have long been recognized by the wealthy and cultured classes from the metropolis, who desire to escape the unwholesome environments of city life while remaining in touch with its better influences. In the social circles of our towns, permeated as they are by the refinement and good breeding derived from generations of honorable and high-minded thought and life, the new comers find a most congenial atmosphere, and in their turn they add a cosmopolitan tinge which is quite noticeable. Among the families thus attracted to the pleasant little city of Norwalk is that of the subject of this biography, formerly the chief engineer of Brooklyn, N. Y., and now the consulting engineer for a number of important public works in various places.

Mr. Van Buren was born in New York City March 25, 1843, and comes of good old Dutch stock, his family having been identified with that city since the year 1700. The first of the name to cross the ocean from Holland was Dr. John Van Buren, our subject's great-great-grandfather,

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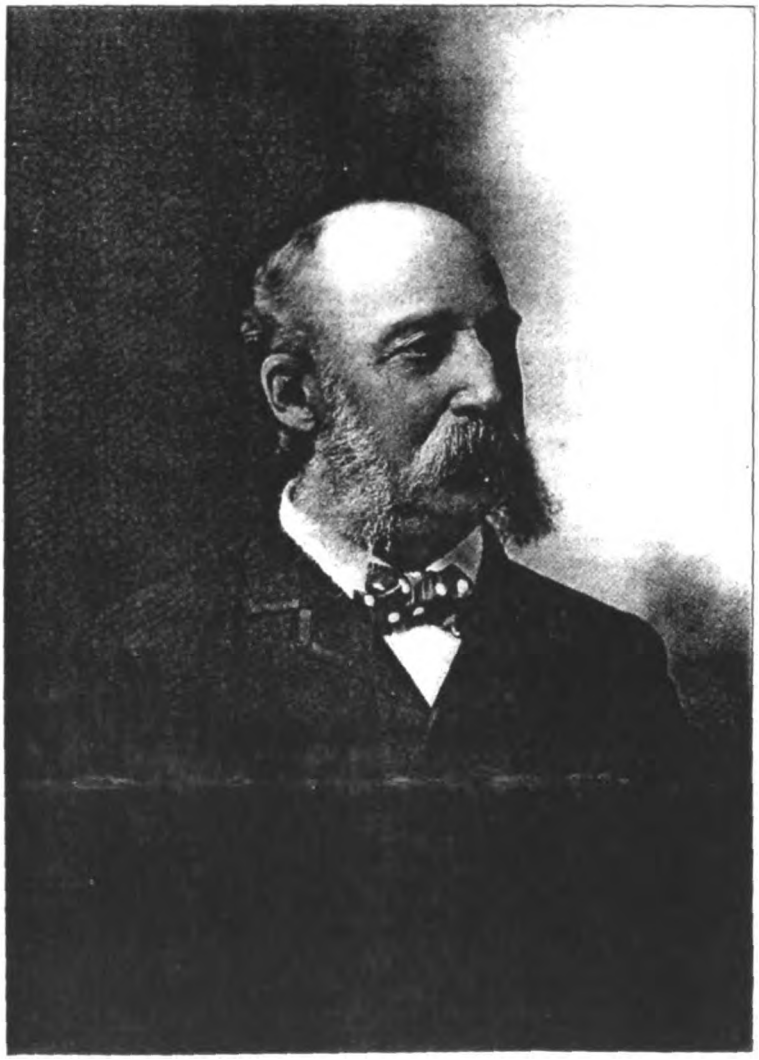

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who became a successful physician in New York. His son, Dr. Beekman Van Buren, our subject's great-grandfather, was even more noted than he, and was the first to introduce vaccination into his practice. This well-known physician began his professional career in New York in 1751, and continued there until his death, with the exception of a period of service as a surgeon in the Revolutionary army. Michael Van Buren, the grandfather of our subject, was born in New York in 1787, and the greater portion of his life was spent in mercantile business in that city, but his last days were passed in retirement at Paterson, N. J. He married Miss Ann Dash, a daughter of John B. Dash, of New York City, and had ten children.

Col. John D. Van Buren, our subject's father, was born and reared in the metropolis, became a prominent lawyer and politician, and was also widely known as a public speaker and a contributor to the current literature of that day. He was a leading Democrat, served for a time as a representative in the New York Legislature, and was twice a member of constitutional conventions in that State. At another time he held the office of paymaster-general of New York. His friends included public men of the highest rank, such as Chief Justice Chase, and he was especially intimate with Governor Hoffman, of New York, for whom he acted as private secretary during his term. He married Miss Elvira Aymar, a lady of French Huguenot descent, whose father, Benjamin Aymar, was a prosperous merchant of New York City. Our subject was the youngest of five children, the others being Aymar, now a resident of New Windsor, N. Y.; Elizabeth, wife of Dr. Thomas H. White, of New Haven, this State; John D., Jr., a lawyer and civil engineer at Newburg, N. Y., who served one term as engineer for the State of New York; and Frank R., deceased. The father of this family died December 1, 1885; the mother passed away March 20, 1898.

Mr. Van Buren spent his youth in New York City, and in 1864 he was graduated at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with the degree of civil engineer. In 1865 he entered the department of public works of the city of Brooklyn, and remained as assistant engineer until 1877, when he was appointed chief engineer, with the general oversight of all the public works of that city. The responsibility finally told severely upon his health, and in 1892 he resigned; but in Brooklyn and other cities his skill was still called into service as consulting engineer when necessary, and on December 1, 1897, he was appointed to the position of consulting engineer on the water supply and sewerage works of the city of Brooklyn. On March 1, 1898, he was apppointed engineer-in-charge of the water supply of the borough of Brooklyn, and now holds that position.

On February 4, 1875, Mr. Van Buren married Miss Louisa Aymar, daughter of Samuel Aymar, a merchant of New York, and a half-brother of Benjamin Aymar, mentioned above. Three sons have blessed this union: Robert S., Frank A. and Cortlandt. In 1884 Mr. and Mrs. Van Buren began to spend their summers in Norwalk, and in 1891 they became permanent, all-the-year-round residents. They have always shown a generous sympathy with every form of philanthropic and religious work, and are liberal contributors to the Episcopal Church, with which the Van Buren family has long been connected. Mr. Van Buren is a vice-president of the Norwalk Hospital, and belongs to various organizations, including the Norwalk Club, the Delta Phi Club of New York City, and the National Society of Civil Engineers. In political faith he has always been a Democrat.

CURTIS HARVEY BILL, M. D., one of the best and most widely known physicians and surgeons of the State, settled in Bridgeport in 1871. Coming without previous acquaintance, or any credentials recommending him to favorable consideration, he soon, through persevering industry and integrity of character, established himself in public confidence to an unusual degree.

Doctor Bill comes of good English ancestry, nearly every generation of which has furnished one or more respected members to the medical profession. He is a direct descendant of Thomas Bill, M. D. [See Athenæ Cantabrigienses, Vol. I, pp. 98 and 539], who was born about 1490 in Bedfordshire, England, and as a physician was an attendant of Princess Elizabeth in 1549. He was entitled to a B. A., in 1524; was afterward elected Fellow of Pembroke Hall; in 1558 had conferred upon him the degree of M. A. As a medical student he, in 1530, had leave extended him from his college to travel for three and a quarter years on the Continent, and again, in 1531, two additional years were voted him. This was granted that he might be the better fitted for his profession by visiting the medical schools and attending the lectures of the most eminent physicians in Europe. He took the degree of M. D. at the celebrated University at Pavia, Italy, founded by the Emperor Charlemagne. He became one of the physicians of Henry VIII, and of Edward VI, and from the latter received, March 26, 1547, a grant of one hundred pounds

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sterling per annum. The Princess Elizabeth wrote in 1549 the following letter of thanks to the Duke of Somerset, in which she gratefully alludes to Doctor Bill:

My Very Good Lord:

Many lines will not serve to render the least part of thanks that your Grace hath deserved of me, most especially for that you have been careful of my health, and sending unto me not only your comfortable letter, but also physician, as Dr. Bill, whose diligence and pains has been a great part of my recovery; for whom I do most heartily thank your Grace, desiring you to give him thanks for me, who can ascertain you of mine estate of health, wherefore I will not write it. And although I be most bounded to you in this time of my sickness, yet I may not be unthankful for that your Grace hath made such expeditions for my patent; with most hearty thanks and commendations to you and to my good lady, your wife, most heartily fare you well.

Your assured friend to my power,

ELIZABETH.

From Cheshurst, the present Friday,
To my Lord Protector's Grace.

The first American ancestors of our subject were John and Dorothy Bill, and from them Dr. Bill is in the seventh generation, namely: (II) Philip and Hannah Bill; (III) John and Mercy (Fowler) Bill; (IV) Benajah and Mary Bill; (V) Eliphalet and Dorothy (Marsh) Bill. Dorothy was the daughter of John Marsh and Dorothy Mason, who was the fifth in descent from Major John Mason, the conqueror of the Pequots. (VI) Dr. Dyer and Ruth (Coburn) Bill, parents of our subject. Dr. Dyer Bill, who was born at Hartford, Vt., April 7, 1793, was a prominent man both as a physician and as a politician. He settled in Albany, Vt., in 1819, and there practiced his profession for fifty-seven years, acquiring an enviable reputation and, consequently, an extensive practice. He also served as postmaster and justice of the peace for many years, and represented the town of Albany in the State Legislature several terms. He was twice married; his first wife, whom he married September 14, 1814, was Ruth Richardson, of Strafford, Vt., born October 9, 1792, and died August 13, 1829. The six children by this marriage were: Louisa M., Josephine, Emeline, Lucinda, Mary and Dyer Richardson. For his second wife Dr. Dyer Bill married Ruth P. Coburn, January 1, 1830. She was born at Cabot, Vt., January 30, 1803. By this marriage Doctor Bill had five children: Frank Coburn, Curtis Harvey (subject of this sketch), James Rawson, Dwight Strong, and George Augustus.

Curtis Harvey Bill was born at Albany, Vt., July 2, 1835, and was educated in the public schools of his native town, and in Barre Academy. In 1854 he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. Charles B. Chandler, of Montpelier, Vt., attending two courses of medical lectures at Dartmouth College, one at the University of Vermont and one at the University Medical College of the City of New York. At the last of these he graduated in March, 1859, with the degree of M. D. At his final examination in anatomy and surgery he was highly commended by the Faculty. The young physician and surgeon settled at Clarksville, Tenn., and there began his eventful practice. He was at Clarksville, when, in April, 1861, the firing on Fort Sumter roused the whole country, and in May of that year he was tendered a surgeon's commission in the Confederate army. This he declined, and in consequence within twenty-four hours was driven from the State. The following war service of Doctor Bill is from the records:

Having declined a surgeon's commission in the Fourteenth Tennessee Infantry in the Rebel army, he was driven from Tennessee by a Vigilance committee; reported to Gen. W. T. Sherman at Louisville, Ky., and was appointed acting assistant surgeon October 1, 1861, and assigned to duty in the 15th U. S. Infantry; served with that command in the 4th Brigade, 2d Division, Army of the Ohio, until September, 1862; 4th Brigade, 1st Division (Center), Army of the Cumberland, until January, 1863; 3d Brigade, 1st Division, 14th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, until June, 1863, and participated in the battle of Shiloh, Tenn., April 7, 1862; the siege of Corinth, April 30 to May 30; the Perryville campaign, October 1 to October 15; Dog Walk, October 9; relief of Nashville, November 5–9; Murfreesboro campaign, November 26, 1862, to January, 1863; Stone river, December 31, 1862, to January 3, 1863; Stewart's Creek, January 1, 1863; was especially complimented for gallant and faithful service on the battlefield by Gen. John H. King, commanding the regular brigade, 14th Army Corps; on detached service headquarters Department of the Cumberland, as a member of the examining board which passed upon seven thousand applications for discharge during July, August and September, 1862; detailed as surgeon-in-chief of "Howard Hospital," No. 4, Nashville, Tenn., November, 1862, until August, 1863, where he had the care of many sick and wounded soldiers, and performed many successful operations. On the request of Andrew Johnson, then military governor of Tennessee, he was commissioned surgeon of the 5th Tennessee Cavalry to rank from November 8, 1864, and served with that regiment until mustered out August 14, 1865.

Doctor Bill remained in the South five years after the war, practicing his profession and cultivating a large cotton plantation near Fayetteville, Tenn. Coming to Bridgeport in the fall of

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1871, he immediately began the practice of his profession, which he has since followed, building up, during these twenty-five years, a large and extensive practice among the best families. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the State Medical Association, the County Medical Association, of which he was president in 1880–81; and also of the Bridgeport Medical Association, of which he was president in 1879. He has been connected with the Bridgeport Hospital since its organization in 1884, and inaugurated the medical and surgical visiting service of that hospital. For ten years he served on the visiting staff, resigning at the end of that time, and has ever since served on the consulting staff. Doctor Bill has also, for many years, served as medical examiner for several of the largest life insurance companies, including the Mutual Life, of New York; the Penn Mutual, of Philadelphia; Travelers, of Hartford; Manhattan, of New York; Home, of New York, and Bay State, of Massachusetts. He has also written a number of professional papers, among which may be mentioned "Monographs on Treatment of Hospital Gangrene with Bromine," and "Exsection of Joints," etc., with cases.

On September 20, 1865, Doctor Bill was married to Mary J. Worcester, daughter of T. G. Worcester, Esq., of Hollis, N. H., and niece of Dr. Joseph E. Worcester, LL. D., author of "Worcester's dictionary." She is seventh in direct descent from Rev. William Worcester, the first minister settled in Salisbury, Mass., and a D. A. R. through Capt. Noah Worcester, who commanded a company at the battle of Bunker Hill. Mrs. Bill has always been active in charitable and Church work, and is one of the original members of the English Literary Club, one of the oldest women's clubs in the country. Doctor and Mrs. Bill have now three living children: Mary E., Philip W. and Harold C. The family attend the services of the Episcopal Church. In politics Doctor Bill is a Republican, casting his first ballot for Gen. John C. Fremont for President. He is a member of Elias Howe, Jr., Post No. 3, G. A. R.; the Brooklawn Country Club, the Contemporary Club, the Scientific Society, the American Art Society, and the Art Collectors Club. Though one of the busiest professional men in his city, Doctor Bill does not neglect the social side of life, but contributes freely of his time and talents to the occasions which make life worth living, and he can always be depended upon to cordially support every measure that promises to promote the prosperity of Bridgeport or the welfare and happiness of her citizens.

HENRY S. WELLS, a well-to-do resident of the town of Huntington, is the owner of a fine estate of 250 acres, and although he is now taking a less active part in its management than formerly he is justly regarded as one of the leading agriculturists of the locality.

Mr. Wells was born in the town of Huntington, September 25, 1825, and is a representative of an old Colonial family, his ancestors having come from England at an early period. Daniel Wells, his great-grandfather, was at one time a resident of Stratford, but his later years were spent in the town of Huntington. Abner Wells (1), the grandfather of our subject, was born in Huntington, and passed his life there in agricultural pursuits. He married a Miss Wheeler, daughter of John Thomas Wheeler, of Huntington, and had seven children, all of whom are now deceased. Billy was a clothier by trade, and for several years worked at cloth dressing; he married Pamelia Wooster, and they had four children, all of whom died young; later on he bought a farm and sawmill, and there made his home the rest of his days; by steady, hard labor he made a good living up to his death, which occurred when he was eighty-six years of age. Phœbe married Elisha Allis, a resident of this county, who was a mechanic and was noted for his inventive genius. Nancy married Sylvester Fitts, a mechanic. Rebecca was the wife of Lemuel Blackman, a farmer in Vermont. Abner is mentioned below. Mary married Judson Nichols, a farmer in this county. David, who died in 1897, aged ninety years, was a farmer in Ohio.

Abner Wells (2), our subject's father, was born in Huntington in 1798, and followed farming there throughout his active life. He was an excellent citizen, a Whig in politics, and in religious faith a Congregationalist. He married Miss Philena Shelton, daughter of Zachariah Shelton, a lifelong resident of Huntington. Her death occurred in 1834, and he survived her many years, passing away in 1857. They had a family of five children: (1) Henry S., our subject; (2) Benjamin, a wealthy retired resident of East Hartford, Conn.; (3) Catherine (deceased), who married William Colton; (4) David, a farmer, now deceased; (5) John, who settled in Minnesota and died there some years ago.

Henry S. Wells was reared as a farmer boy, his education being limited to the course offered in the local schools. In early manhood, becoming infected with the "gold fever," he spent four years in California, where he saved considerable money. After his return to Connecticut he married Miss Laura A. Bennett, daughter of

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Nathan Bennett, a well-known citizen of Huntington, and they have ever since made their home at his present farm. Of their two children, the elder, Esther, died in infancy; the younger, Franklin H., has now charge of the homestead; he married Rose Belle Beach, of Huntington, and they have a son, born November 16, 1898, named William B. Wells.

Mr. Wells has always been what is known as a general farmer, but at times he has dealt extensively in live stock. His homestead is attractive as well as valuable, and all of the improvements upon it have been made by him. As a good citizen he is interested in the movements of his time, and while he voted the Whig ticket in early life, his strong antagonism to slavery led him into the Republican party, with which he still affiliates.

WILLIAM B. FISH, who died at New Canaan, January 19, 1896, was well-known there as the proprietor of a fine farm, as well as a breeder of fine horses, and was a jovial, wholesouled man, popular with all who knew him.

Mr. Fish was born in 1819 at Danvers, Mass., and made his home in the suburbs of Boston up to 1849. The first business enterprise in which he embarked on his own account was the building of the "Merriman Hotel" at Lawrence, Mass., which in 1847 was totally destroyed by fire, this misfortune stripping Mr. Fish of all his possessions except the mare "Boston Girl." In 1849 he caught the "gold fever" and started for California, but he gave up the trip after going as far as New York, and in that city engaged as a member of the firm of Fish & Fowler, in the manufacture of skeleton wagons and sulkies, with a livery business attached. While thus engaged he built the first sulky for "Flora Temple." He was a warm friend of Hiram Woodruff and Dan Mace, and a patron of the Centreville and Fashion tracks. In 1850 Mr. Fish commenced the soda-water business, which he carried on until 1856, the year of his removal to the above mentioned farm at New Canaan, where he spent the remainder of his days. There he bred horses, among them being some of the fastest trotters and best road horses in the country, and it is needless to say that he was a keen judge of fine horseflesh. He owned the stallions "Rattler" and "Boston Boy." Mr. Fish was well liked by all who knew him as a man of sterling qualities of honesty and integrity, and a friend who was always sure to prove a "friend indeed." He was married December 31, 1864, to Miss Clarissa Curtis, daughter of Alfred and Clarissa (Weed) Curtis, and granddaughter of Peter and Susannah (Crawford) Weed. To this union were born three children, namely: Charles P., Nellie F. and Jennie Irene.

CHARLES P. FISH was born June 19, 1866, at the place where he still resides, in New Canaan, and here he has passed his entire life. In 1890 he engaged in the cattle business, which he now conducts on an extensive and ever-increasing scale. He has dairy stock, and sells dairy products wholesale to parties in Norwalk, Conn. Mr. Fish takes considerable interest in fraternal societies, being a member of Harmony Lodge No. 167, F. & A. M., and of the Heptasophs.

WILLIAM H. ZELLER, editor of the Stamford (Conn.) *Telegram*, was born in the city of Reading, Penn., May 31, 1855, was admitted to Girard College, February 16, 1864, and graduated therefrom January, 1872. He served a four-years' apprenticeship on the Reading *Eagle*, becoming attached to the local staff in 1874, and severing relations there in 1878, when he took a half-partnership in the Tamaqua (Penn.) *Courier*, March 15, same year, closing out the same just three years later (1881); was connected with the Erie *Dispatch* and the Erie *Herald*, editor of the Norristown *Register*, editor of the Harrisburg *Independent* from October, 1881, to January, 1883. He then became legislative reporter of the Harrisburg *Patriot*, covering the famous Legislature of 1883 for many outside papers; was city editor of the Reading *Times* from October, 1883, to October, 1885; editor of the Wilkes-Barre *Union-Leader* from October, 1885, to March, 1886; became part owner of the Hazleton *Sentinel*, March, 1886, and left there the following September; did special work in Philadelphia, Hatboro and Lansdale; established the *Girard College Record* in March, 1887, and edited same until 1893; was editor of the Altoona *Times* from September, 1887, to June, 1888; same position on the Altoona *Mirror* from June, 1888, to July, 1889, doing the great Johnstown flood in June of that year; then taking charge of the Du Bois (Penn.) *Express*, and in January, 1890, becoming editor of the Williamsport *Gazette and Bulletin*. In September, 1890, Mr. Zeller accepted an offer to become Pennsylvania State editor of the Philadelphia *Times*, and remained with that paper until March, 1896, when he undertook the management of the Pawtucket (R. I.) *Post*. Leaving there in April, 1897, he had a desk on the Philadelphia *Ledger* staff until March, 1898, when the American-Spanish war offered inducements

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and work was followed from Old Point Comfort, Newport News, Norfolk, Tampa and Key West until August, 1898, when he accepted the editorial chair of the Stamford *Telegram*.

The first issue of the Stamford *Telegram* was made August 18, 1897, with Edwin F. Bigelow as manager and editor, and John H. Swartwout as president of the Stamford Telegram Printing and Publishing Company. Democratic in politics and the only Democratic paper in a population of 75,000, it met with success from the start. The *Telegram* is now published by Edward Duffy, George C. Whitney, Charles B. Allyn, H. Stanley Finch, Charles H. Hobbie, John H. McGill and Enos B. Lockwood acting as a board of directors for thirty stockholders. William H. Zeller is the editor and manager.

FREDERICK AUGUSTUS BENNETT. Prominent in the business and social life of Brookfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., we find the name of Frederick Augustus Bennett, who was born in that town December 10, 1842, the third and youngest son of John Fletcher and Sarah (Dobbs) Bennett.

John Fletcher Bennett was the only son of Stephen and Hannah (Lessey) Bennett, and was born in the town of Danbury, Conn., July 8, 1808. During his early boyhood he lived there, and later in New Milford, whence he came to Brookfield and engaged as an apprentice at the trade of comb-making, from which, in due time, he graduated—an expert workman. After a few years he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Dobbs, of Danbury, and to this union were born three sons: William, who died in infancy; John F., now deceased; and Frederick A., the subject of this sketch. About this time the business of comb-making began to decline rapidly, and Mr. Bennett, foreseeing the collapse, left it and engaged with the proprietor of the Tomlinson Knife Factory. His mechanical skill and careful business habits won for him the confidence of his employers, and he became a member of the firm, continuing thus until the early "fifties," when Mr. Tomlinson disposed of his interest to Ezra W. Wildman, and the name was changed to Bennett & Wildman. In 1855 they purchased the property known as the Brookfield Lime Kiln. A year later Mr. Bennett disposed of his interest in the knife factory to L. P. Wetmore, and gave his entire attention to the management of the lime kiln. In 1867, having disposed of his interest in that enterprise, he purchased Mr. Wildman's interest in the knife factory, and personally directed its operation, leasing the shear department to Smith Brothers, former employes of the concern. As a business man John Fletcher Bennett was alert, sagacious and eminently successful. As a neighbor he was kind-hearted, liberal and obliging to all. As a citizen his strict integrity and consistent moral character were unquestioned in the community.

In 1871 Frederick A. Bennett, the subject proper of this review, in company with L. P. Wetmore, purchased of the Smith Brothers their interest in the shear department, and continued the same successfully under the firm name of Bennett & Wetmore until the death of John F. Bennett, in 1879, when he purchased from the estate his father's interest in the factory. The partnership continued until Mr. Wetmore withdrew, disposing of his share to Mr. Bennett, who then called as a business associate John Bateman, forming the firm of F. A. Bennett & Co. The business was continued by them until 1889, when Mr. Bennett retired, his health having become impaired to such an extent that he was incapacitated from giving his personal attention to the work. Mr. Bateman, now being the sole representative of the business, proceeded to form an incorporated company, under the style of The Lenox Shear Company, continuing the office and salesroom with Fuller Brothers, Chambers street, New York, with whom Mr. Bennett had been associated for many years.

Mr. Bennett's early education had fully equipped him for a business career. He attended the public schools of his town up to the age of thirteen years, when he entered the institute of Rev. E. S. Huntington, of Danbury, and later that of Rev. Frederick Jackson, then located at the "Turner House," spending thus about five years preparatory to the college course then contemplated by his parents.

About this date the war clouds began to gather on the national horizon. The continued active preparation of the seceding States for actual conflict, and then the culminating act of firing on Fort Sumter, aroused the nation like the thunders from a cloudless sky; the war spirit was instantly aroused and became dominant. Our young men offered themselves as willing volunteers to defend the flag of our Union, and the subject of this sketch was among the first to offer his services, and at the age of eighteen years he wrote his name on the soldiers' list. The elder Bennett was no whit less patriotic, but thinking the boy too young for service, took his name from the list, and advised waiting a few months, at least; but the interest was becoming more and more intense, and in less than one short year he had joined a military company, and was a member of the

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Twenty-third Regiment, in which he served the full term of his enlistment and received an honorable discharge.

Mr. Bennett's first marriage was with Miss Jennie E. Burr, of Brookfield, to which union was born one son, Stanley B. Bennett, of Bridgeport. His present wife was Miss Elvira L. Blackman, daughter of Dr. J. Blackman, inventor of the celebrated Balsam bearing his name, and the manufacturer of several proprietary medicines which have been before the public for more than half a century. Mr. Bennett has been a member of the Masonic Fraternity for twenty-five years, having joined St. Peter's Lodge No. 21, and Ousatonic Chapter No. 33, in New Milford, in early life; he is also a member of James E. Moore Post, G. A. R., Danbury, Conn. His early patriotic instinct came by inheritance, for both his great-grandfathers enlisted and served in the war of the Revolution. In his religious views Mr. Bennett is a consistent member of the Episcopal Church. Politically, he is a Republican of decided opinions, and ever ready to give a reason for the faith that is in him.

For a few years past Mr. Bennett has lived almost a retired life in consequence of his sufferings from rheumatism. There are few men better known in the community, and few who gain and retain through life such unqualified respect and good-will from their fellow-citizens. He is public-spirited and progressive, and in all works for the public welfare he takes a keen interest.

WILLIAM GREGORY THOMAS (deceased). Among the worthy men whose histories lend interest to this volume none stood higher in public esteem than the subject of this memoir, who passed to the unseen life June 1, 1892. Although a native of this county, he spent many years of his manhood in Albany, N. Y.; but as old age drew on he returned to the scenes of his early days, and there his life flowed peacefully on to its close. It is difficult to do justice to one whose unassuming nature led him to refrain from anything like publicity, for the simple record of his career from a worldly standpoint gives but little indication of the high character and lovable personality of the man.

Mr. Thomas was born March 27, 1819, in the town of New Canaan, this county, and was of Welsh ancestry. His grandfather, Gregory Thomas, was born probably in America, and Charles Thomas, the father of our subject, was a native of the town of Wilton, this county. About 1821 Charles Thomas removed with his family to Norwalk, where for many years he was prominently identified with the lumber interests. As our subject was only two years old at the time of the removal to Norwalk, his boyhood was mainly spent there and his education was acquired in the local schools. His business abilities were noted at an early age, and as a mere boy he found employment in the Fairfield County Savings Bank. When eighteen years old he went to Albany as a clerk for Ebenezer Hill, in the lumber business, and so well did he discharge the duties of the position that in a few years he became a partner, and later, as changes were made in the firm, he became the head of the business. As one of the leading business men of Albany he gained an enviable reputation among financiers, and for many years he was connected with banking interests of that city. Honesty and integrity were prominent features in his character, his uprightness being no less perceptible in his business dealings than in the ordinary affairs of life. In 1875 he retired from business, and in 1881 removed to Norwalk, where his remaining years were spent. His wealth enabled him to gratify the impulses of a kindly heart by giving to the relief of suffering as well as to the support of various worthy movements in the community, and although he was not a member of any Church, he contributed freely to all denominations. Politically, he was a steadfast Republican, his allegiance being entirely free from any shadow of self-seeking, as he invariably declined the offers of public positions made to him in both Albany and Norwalk.

In 1848 Mr. Thomas married Miss Susan M. Willson, who was born in Glens Falls, Warren Co., N. Y., daughter of John Ward Willson, a native of Washington Co., N. Y. Her grandfather, Guild Willson, was a resident of Massachusetts, and was descended from an old English family. Mrs. Thomas survives her husband with three children. The eldest, Charles H., is connected with the New York Biscuit Company. William G. is the head of the Thomas Pressed Brick Company, with headquarters at St. Louis, Mo. Alice W. is the wife of Major Stephen W. Groesbeck, of the United States Army, now stationed at San Francisco, California.

JOHN W. FYFE, M. D., of Saugatuck, one of the leading men of his town, and ranking among the foremost physicians of Fairfield county, is a native of the State of Maine, born February 27, 1839, at Swans Island. The surname Fyfe is derived from the Jutland word "Fibh" (pronounced fife, and meaning forest). According to Buchanan's "Ancient Scottish Surnames," it was first used as a surname about

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the year 834 by the younger son of Fife Macduff, kinglet of Fifeshire, he adopting the Christian name of his father as his own surname. The name is now usually spelled Fyfe.

Doctor Fyfe is fifth in line of descent from James Fyfe, who was born in Fifeshire, Scotland, in 1720 and, coming to America, settled in Massachusetts, was married there and reared a family of children, among whom was a son, Silas, whose birth occurred in 1743 at Berlin, Mass. Silas Fyfe married Miss Abigail Houghton, who was born in Bolton, Mass., in 1751, and became one of the pioneers in Troy, N. H. To this union were born nine children, one of whom, John Fyfe, the grandfather of Doctor Fyfe, was born in 1779, at Troy, N. H. Silas Fyfe was a prominent man at Troy, and left a record which his posterity take pride in. He was an officer of a company of "minute-men" in the war of the Revolution. From 1778 to 1815 he was a deacon of the Congregational Church at Troy; also held various public offices. He died in May, 1836, and his wife passed away in 1823. John Fyfe, his son, married Sarah Seward, whose birth occurred in 1774, and death in 1858. He followed agricultural pursuits, as did his father and grandfather before him, and in connection therewith conducted a general store. He lived until 1843. The six children of this couple were: Abigail married Samuel Stratton, a farmer of Jaffrey, N. H., whose death occurred in 1847; William was the father of our subject; John, born in 1807, married Caroline Stone, who was born in 1808; Mary died unmarried; and Elmira and Elvira (twins), unmarried, are still living.

William Fyfe was born in 1803, at Jaffrey, N. H., and early in life formed a partnership in business with an uncle, Nathan Fyfe, engaging in a general mercantile business at Isle au Haute, Maine. Later in life Mr. Fyfe moved to Swans Island, and there, too, for many years conducted a general store. He was one of the leading men of the community, and figured conspicuously in both social and public life. He took an interest in educational matters, and was prominent in the Church. In politics and in his religious faith he followed in the line of his ancestors, who were Democrats and Congregationalists. He married Ruth Gott, who was born in 1816, at Mount Desert, Maine, a daughter of John and Ruth Gott. The Gott family were among the friends of James Swan, who induced them to settle there soon after this island, in the southwest extremity of Hancock county, Maine, was deeded to him by Massachusetts for distinguished services in the Revolutionary war. All of these early settlers came from the vicinity of Gloucester, Mass. To William Fyfe and his wife were born children as follows: Sarah J., born in 1834, died in 1878, unmarried. Almira F., born in 1836, married Maurice R. Rich, a farmer and carpenter of prominence at Tremont, Maine, and died in 1885. John W., our subject, is referred to farther on. Nathan J., born in 1841, was for a time connected with a newspaper at Elsworth, Maine. He was a bright, promising young man, but his young life was cut short, sacrificed on the altar of his country. During the Civil war he joined the Union army, and died at Belle Plains, Va., in 1863.

Dr. John W. Fyfe passed his boyhood at Swans Island and at Elsworth, Maine. He attended the local schools, and occasionally assisted in his father's store. At seventeen he began the study of law, and for a time later on was connected with the newspaper profession, filling various positions on several papers, including those of editor, manager and proprietor. He dropped the study of law and, while connected with the press, studied medicine, attended the regular course of instruction at the American University Medical College, and was graduated a Doctor of Medicine. Later he furthered his medical studies at the Eclectic Medical College, New York City, entering in 1885, and was graduated with the class of 1888. With the exception of the three years passed in the college just referred to the Doctor has practiced his profession at Saugatuck and vicinity since 1881. He has here made for himself a commendable record as a physician and citizen. He is literary in his tastes, and is an extensive contributor to the medical literature of the day. As a lecturer in the Eclectic Medical College of New York (his Alma Mater) he has gained an extended and enviable reputation. The Doctor is the author of a medical text book entitled "Essentials of Modern Materia Medica and Eclectic Therapeutics." He is a member of the Connecticut State Eclectic Medical Association and the New York State Eclectic Medical Society; also of the Eclectic Medical Society of the City and County of New York. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and has held all offices in his local lodge and also the office of district deputy grand master. In his political views he adheres to the early teachings of the Democratic party.

On April 6, 1862, at Kingston, R. I., Doctor Fyfe was married to Mary E. Card, who was born in 1842, in Utica, N. Y., a daughter of Dr. William H. and Mary E. (Hammond) Card, natives of Newport, R. I., and of English extraction. To the marriage of Doctor Fyfe and Miss

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Card have come the following children: Florence A., born in 1867, was married in 1888 to Isaac B. Wakeman, a real-estate broker in New York City, and John W., who died in infancy.

DAVID FREDERICK HOLLISTER, who, though now past man's allotted years, is actively engaged in the practice of the law in Bridgeport, where upward of forty years of his life he has passed as an honored and useful citizen, is a native of the town of Washington, Litchfield county, Connecticut.

Born March 31, 1826, Mr. Hollister is the son of Gideon Hollister, and is of the seventh generation from John Hollister, who came, probably, from Weymouth, England, immigrating to this country about 1642, and was admitted a freeman at the General Court in Boston May 10, 1643. Later he moved to Wethersfield, Conn., and was sent from that town as deputy to the General Court at Hartford November 15, 1644; also in 1654 and 1656. He was a lieutenant in the militia. The late Hon. Gideon H. Hollister, of Litchfield, Conn., by investigations made through his direction, was able to obtain a perfect pedigree from this John Hollister, of Wethersfield, to the John Hollister who, in 1608, was lord of the manor of Stinchcomb and Burleigh, with many particulars in regard to the generations of the family, their residences and final resting places. The line of our subject's descent is through Gideon, Captain Gideon, Gideon (3) and Gideon (4).

John Hollister, the immigrant, married Joanna, daughter of Richard Treat, and their children were: Mary, John, Thomas, Joseph, Lazarus, Stephen, Elizabeth and Sarah. The father of these died in 1665 and the mother in 1694.

Stephen Hollister was married (first) to Abigail, daughter of Mathias Treat, in 1683, and (second) to Elizabeth Reynolds. His children, all excepting Stephen (2), were born to the first marriage and were as follows: Jerusha [says Goodwin] or Jonathan [says Savage], Stephen, Abigail, Ann Gershom, Samuel, Eunice, Gideon, Daniel and Stephen (2).

Gideon Hollister, born in 1698, married in 1723 Rebecca Sherman. His children were: Sarah and Gideon.

Capt. Gideon Hollister, born September 21, 1725, married (first) in 1750 Esther Preston, who died September 14, 1751, nine days after the birth of her son Preston; he married (second) in 1759 Patience Hurd, and their children were: Gideon, Anne, Abner, Esther and Preston Sherman and Sherman Preston (both baptized Feburary 11, 1778).

Gideon Hollister (3), born January 13, 1761, married in 1782 Currence Hicock. He died January 2, 1835, and she May 1, 1845. Their children were: Marilla, born July 4, 1784, married Andrew Hine; Gideon, born February 2, 1792; and Truman, born December 5, 1803.

Gideon Hollister (4), born February 2, 1792, married (first) in November, 1815, Harriet Jackson; she was born December 18, 1795, and died November 30, 1844. He married (second) November 4, 1846, Widow Lydia J. Minor. His children were: Gideon Hiram, born December 14, 1817; Laura Marilla, born January 2, 1822, married in November, 1844, George Drakely; and David F., our subject. The father of these died September 25, 1867. He was a well-to-do farmer, a man of sterling integrity and of much influence and usefulness in the community in which he lived.

David Frederick Hollister until his sixteenth year was a resident of the old homestead in Washington, Litchfield county, but at that period in his life the family removed to the town of Woodbury, same county, where in accordance with his father's earnest wish he remained on the farm for several years. While thus at home on the farm he had the fortune, good or bad, to cut his foot so severely as to interfere with his active duties for many months, and he finally obtained the consent of his father to prepare for college. He had already received a common-school education in his native town. He made up his mind to enter the class of '51, having less than a year before the commencement of the term. He made the best use of this time, and presented himself for examination without having completed, however, quite two-thirds of the preparatory course. On leaving home for New Haven, and bidding his friends good-bye he assured them that they would not see him again until he was a member of the class of '51, though he had many misgivings as to his success in passing the examination. To his surprise and delight,, however, he "passed the Rubicon" in safety. This he attributed in a great measure to an experience, serious enough in the time of it, that he had with Prof. Kingsley, who examined him in Latin. The Professor gave him an exceedingly tough oration to translate which he knew at a glance could not be trifled with or extemporized on with safety, and so told the Professor frankly that he could not read the selection. "What, what, young gentleman," said the Professor, "did you not know that this book was in the preparatory course?" "Yes, sir," replied the applicant, "but I did

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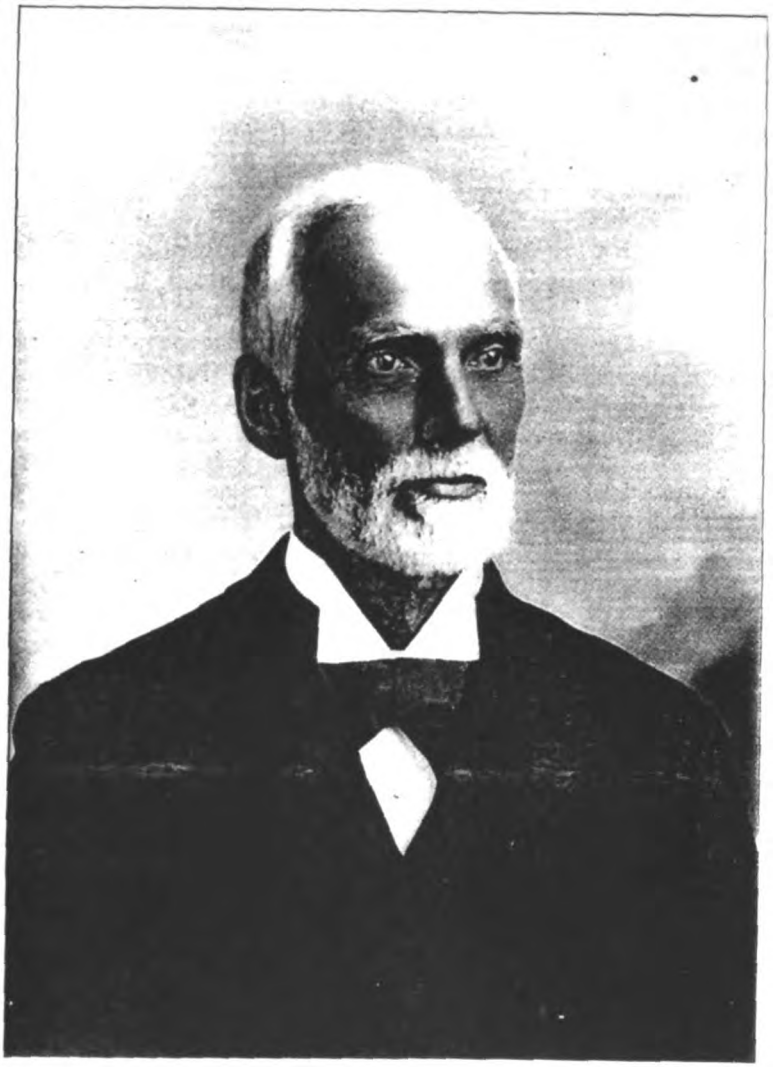

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not have time after I decided to enter this class to complete the whole preparatory course." The Professor commenced to close the book with a look on his face which seemed also to young Hollister to close the door of hope for admission to the class. In a fit of desperation the applicant exclaimed, "I can give you the derivation and meaning of every word on the page, construct the sentences properly and parse them correctly." With a doubtful smile upon his face the Professor told him he might try it. The trial proved that the boy had a fair knowledge of the principles and construction of the Latin language, and the Professor called a halt. The Professor then turned to another portion of the book and asked if he could read that. It was simply a narrative, and the boy replied, "I never saw it before, but I can read it," which he did to the entire satisfaction of the Professor. "Now, young gentleman," inquired the latter, "tell me why you did not attempt to read my first selection?" "Because," replied he, "it was a speech, and I knew nothing whatever of the occasion or subject matter, and could not enter into the spirit of it so as to translate it intelligently, and knew I should only make a fool of myself if I attempted it." A pleasant smile spread over the Professor's fatherly face as he expressed himself satisfied, and he proved ever afterward during the entire college course a most kind and considerate friend.

Young Hollister, in his senior year, was chosen first president from his class of the Linonian Literary and Debating Society, an honor which was then esteemed second to none in college life. Before entering college he had for a time studied law, and immediately after his graduation he entered the law office of his brother, the late Gideon H. Hollister, of Litchfield, author of a history of Connecticut and graduate of Yale, class of '40. In the December following his graduation, 1851, he was admitted to the Bar of Litchfield county, at once located at Salisbury, Conn., and opened an office for the practice of law. In 1854 he removed to Bridgeport, where he soon after purchased several tracts of land in and about the city, and took needed exercise and recreation, devoting his leisure time to the opening up and developing of the property by streets and avenues, upon which many pleasant homes have been erected, and a flourishing village now exists. In 1866, he received the degree of M. A. at Yale.

During his long years of residence in Bridgeport Mr. Hollister has always been closely identified with the improvements and public institutions of the Park City and its environs. He has served as a member of the city government. In 1858 he was elected judge of probate for the district of Bridgeport, and was re-elected in 1859. On August 16, 1862, he was appointed, by President Lincoln, collector of Internal Revenue for the Fourth District of Connecticut, and after the consolidation of the Second and Fourth Districts, in October, 1873, he was appointed collector of the consolidated district by President Grant, which office he held continuously until September 1, 1883, when upon the consolidation of all the districts in the State, with office at Hartford, he retired from the public service, having been continuously in the office for over twenty-one years, and having served under the following six Presidents: Lincoln, Johnson, Grant, Hayes, Garfield and Arthur. During this time he also held the office of receiver and disburser of the public funds for the government, and was also receiver of commutation money during the Civil war, thus handling in these various offices many millions of dollars, without loss to the government or the discrepancy of a farthing from first to last.

Throughout the Civil war Mr. Hollister was an ardent supporter of the government. He was not subject to military duty, owing to the accident he met with in youth, heretofore referred to; yet he sent two good substitutes to the cause to represent him on the field, while he at home assisted in various ways in rendering those important services which were so essential to the success of the cause. By means of his official relations to the government Mr. Hollister was brought into frequent contact with President Lincoln and the heads of the various departments at Washington, civil and military, being thus enabled to serve his city and district in a number of very important matters, especially in relation to the provost marshal's office in his district, which at a most critical period was a source of much uneasiness and anxiety to those who were engaged in recruiting men for the service.

Mr. Hollister's professional life in Bridgeport covers forty-odd years of the city's history. Of the seventeen practicing lawyers here on his coming, two of them moved away, four still survive, and the others have been called to their reward. On his advent into the city Mr. Hollister at once began an extensive practice, which continued to increase until he entered upon the collectorship at the beginning of the war of the Rebellion. For the twenty-one years following he gave his best energies and the most of his time to his official duties, and upon retiring from office he received the highest testimonials for his long, efficient and faithful service.

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Numerous and varied are the enterprises and movements, with which the name of our subject has been identified, that have aided in the city's growth and in its social progress. He has obtained from the Legislature of the State many charters of public interest, among them the Boys Club; the Citizens Water Company, now consolidated with the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company; the Bridgeport and West Stratford Horse Railroad Company, of which he was president for several years, but which is now consolidated with the Bridgeport Traction Company; the Stratford Land and Improvement Company; the City Savings Bank, of which he is president; and the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Hollister is a member of the Board of Trade. He is one of the trustees of the Bridgeport Orphan Asylum, and is its legal adviser. On first coming to Bridgeport himself and his late lamented wife, Mary E. Hollister, united with the First Presbyterian Church of that city, of which he has ever since been an active member, and has devoted much time and labor to its welfare. He has been an elder of the Church for upward of thirty years, is now the senior elder and treasurer of the same, and one of the Society's committee. The beautiful church chapel, Sunday-school building and parsonage of the First Presbyterian Church, corner of State street and Myrtle avenue, Bridgeport, are in a great measure the result of his planning, earnest labors and unflagging zeal, as he was the chairman of the building committees, and assisted in securing the land for the purpose. He was one of the three original organizers and managers of the Boys Club of Bridgeport, is one of its vice-presidents, and is active in its management. On the close of his official career Mr. Hollister formed a partnership with William H. Kelsey, of Bridgeport, under the name of Hollister & Kelsey, for the practice of the law, which co-partnership has since continued.

Socially, Mr. Hollister is a member of the Seaside Club; is also a member of St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M. Politically, he was first a Whig, casting his first vote with that party, and on the organization of the Republican party he espoused its principles, and has ever since been an ardent supporter of its policy. On September 23, 1852, Mr. Hollister was married to Miss Mary E. Jackson, of Brooklyn, N. Y., born May 2, 1830. She was a graduate of Packer Institute. To this union were born two children, both daughters, to wit: (1) Harriet Lydia, born August 13, 1853, who married F. W. Read, of Bridgeport, and has five children—three sons and two daughters; one of the sons is in Yale College, and another will soon enter that institution. (2) Mary Frances, born April 29, 1855, also married, but died without issue. The mother was called from earth June 4, 1896.

The following is a *verbatim* copy of the address given by Mr. Hollister to the Yale Alumni Association of Fairfield county in October, 1888:

YALE LAWYERS OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY.

HON. D. F. HOLLISTER, A. M., '51.

Mr. President and Brethren:

It may seem the height of presumption for one man to attempt to speak for so many distinguished orators as are to be found among the Yale lawyers of Fairfield County. Yet, in obedience to your behest, Mr. President, I will make the effort. In doing this, I console myself with the thought that should I fail to do the subject justice (as I certainly shall), every one is a host in himself and abundantly able to make up for my deficiencies.

In the remarks that I may make I shall abstain from the mention of individual names; where all have done so nobly, discrimination would be invidious. Should it be the desire, however, of any to enter somewhat more into detail, I would refer them (especially so far as relates to the living) to that wonderful compendium of biographies, autobiographies and caricatures entitled "The History of Fairfield County."

In every department of human activity the wide world over, wherever honest labor, mental or physical, is to be performed, there, foremost in the foremost rank, are to be found the sons of Yale.

The physical ills and infirmities that mortal flesh is heir to demand a distinct class of learned and able men, who, by patient and careful study, have become skilled in the knowledge of diseases and in the application of the appropriate remedies to relieve suffering humanity. Hence we have physicians and surgeons. We recognize some of this useful and honorable class here among us to-day. May the blessing of God rest upon them, and may He give them the requisite wisdom and skill for this most important and beneficent service. Especially may He vouchsafe to them the wisdom and skill to engineer us all safely through on this occasion, notwithstanding the temptations awaiting us at the coming feast, under which the tables are said to be literally groaning across the way. Let us hope that the groaning will all be confined to the tables.

Again: Man is not only physically, but he is morally and mentally, diseased. He is estranged from and at war with the God who made him, and refuses to obey the just and beneficent requirements of the moral law and treads the downward path of disobedience, sin and misery; hence the necessity of another distinct class of men whose lifework it is, by precept and example, to bring men back from a state of rebellion into proper relations to their Maker and sovereign; so we have the Ministers of the Gospel of Peace. This noble and self-sacrificing class of men is represented here on this occasion, and we rejoice in this ocular demonstration that, while they are faithful and untiring in their life work, they are not oblivious to the social demands of our nature nor forgetful of its amenities.

They are doing a noble and glorious work, whose fruitage, in full measure, it may not be given them to see with the mortal eye, but which shall continue long after the laborer shall have ceased from his toil and been laid away to his rest. But the enemy is so strongly entrenched in our fallen nature that, after God's messengers have done their best to enforce the claims of the moral law, still vast multitudes acknowledge no allegiance to the divine requirements and hold themselves amenable to no law, save their own unbridled passions; and hence arises the necessity for human laws and for a distinct class of men, whose duty and business it is to formulate, interpret, administer and enforce such human laws as shall best subserve the interests and protect the rights of individuals and society. Hence the necessity, the imperative necessity, of the "Yale Lawyers of Fairfield County."

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Mr. President, to speak of the noble dead, who have passed on before to their reward, and to enumerate their triumphs and their virtues, would be a most interesting and delightful theme; but time forbids; should I make the attempt the shades of night would gather around us, before the Roll of Honor could be called, and a fitting mention be made of each. Bear in mind Fairfield County, as a distinct judicial district, with courts of her own, has existed since 1666. During all these intervening years, two centuries and nearly a quarter, the Bar of Fairfield County has exerted a powerful and benign influence upon society, and has been a mighty factor in shaping the policy of the State and Nation; and in organizing and establishing those institutions public and private, which constitute the pride, the glory and the safety of our beloved land. Not merely as lawyers, in the technical sense, but as citizens, in every phase of life, the members of the Bar of this county have acted well their part, and we point with pride to the noble record of their deeds, though we may not particularize them on this occasion. The history of those, who passed away before my connection with this Bar, has been written by abler pens than mine, and anything I might say would be but a repetition of what has already been better said. And, so far as relates to those who have ceased from their labors, since my remembrance, my partiality might lead me to unduly eulogize some whom I remember with filial affection, and to pass over others in silence, equally worthy of honorable mention.

As my mind runs over the past thirty-four years of my connection with the Bar of this county, how many familiar forms and faces rise up before me! How many familiar voices seem once more to mingle in the exciting contests of the Forum!

The Yale Lawyers of Fairfield County who have passed over to the majority were an honor and a blessing to the day and generation in which they lived. At the Bar, on the Bench, in the Executive office, in the fields of art, of science, of literature, of history, of poetry, in the halls of legislature, State and National, and on the blood-stained fields of battle, whenever and wherever duty called, they responded with alacrity, and performed faithfully and well the duty assigned to them. They have left us bright examples of devotion to duty, which are a precious legacy to us all. May we prove ourselves worthy of such a priceless inheritance. The luster of their honored names still shines with undiminished brightness; may it stimulate us to higher and nobler efforts in our profession. To speak of the living is not always safe. It is sometimes positively dangerous. But, Mr. President, permit me to address a few remarks to the Yale Lawyers of Fairfield County. My brethren, bear in mind that ours is a noble profession. It was not to our crowd that the fearful denunciation of old: "Woe unto you lawyers," was addressed. There seems to have been some misapprehension on this subject, and so far as my observation goes, there has been no special effort on the part of those for whom it was really intended to correct the error; but with this simple disclaimer, on this occasion and in this presence, I will dismiss the subject.

As I look upon this gathering here to-day, it occurs to me, that a large number of the Yale Lawyers of Fairfield County are in the earlier stages of their professional career. My brethren, we old fellows are not of much account, our race is well nigh run, our sun is descending the western sky and fast sinking behind the Everlasting Hills. Your sun, on the contrary, is now climbing the heavens, toward the full meridian day. You have a noble career of honor and usefulness before you, if you are only true to yourselves, your Alma Mater, and your God.

Allow no siren tongue to entice you away from the honest and faithful study and practice of your chosen profession. Let brotherly love and professional courtesy prevail. Let all envy and jealousy be ostracised from among you. Let all your ambition and rivalry be in the line of elevating the standard of our beloved profession. I am happy to bear most emphatic testimony as to the high and manly character of the Bar of this county, as at present constituted, especially the Yale portion of it, but nothing human is so perfect that it may not be improved. Keep steadily at work qualifying yourselves for the honest and able discharge of your professional duties, and your profession will certainly take care of you.

The higher rounds in the ladder of our profession are not reached without severe mental and moral discipline, patiently and persistently endured. Like the athlete, if you would gain the prize you must work for it. There is no royal road to distinction. Your feet must tread the dusty, toilsome, common highway, notwithstanding your noble birthright, as sons of Yale. See to it, that you do not barter away or dishonor that birthright.

Let it be your proud ambition to honor Yale, to raise the standard of professional ability, of professional honor, and professional integrity, in this county, so that the name and fame of the Fairfield County Bar, through your efforts and your influence, shall stand second to none in this State, or in this nation; and so, living up to the full measure of the stature of Christian manhood, you shall be an honor to your profession, a blessing to the world, and prove yourselves true sons of Yale. And finally, when you shall have tried your last causes here on earth, and you yourselves shall stand before the Great Judgment Bar, not as advocates but to be judged, you shall hear from the lips of the Great Law Giver and Judge of the Universe the welcome plaudit, "well done!"

HON. DANIEL C. WOOD, formerly a representative in the State Legislature from the town of Stratford, Fairfield county, is one of the principal land owners in that locality, and has about one hundred acres of land in and adjoining the village, much of it being already laid out in lots for building purposes. He also owns about three hundred acres in other parts of the township, besides extensive tracts in Weston and Trumbull, and a half-mile square in Milford, New Haven county. For a number of years Mr. Wood has given his attention to truck farming during the summer season, while in winter he devotes his time to the lumber business, conducting a steam sawmill and also a grain-grinding business at Stratford. He began milling some eighteen years ago. He is justly regarded as one of the worthy self-made men of the county.

This enterprising business man is of good pioneer stock, his ancestors having come from England at an early day, and the family has long been identified with the town of Weston, this county. The first of the family in Fairfield county was Thomas Wood, who came from England, and was one of the earliest settlers here. He married a Miss Hyde, from Hyde Park, in England. Thomas Wood, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Weston and passed his life there.

Curtis Wood, father of Hon. Daniel C. Wood, was born in Weston in 1803, and followed agricultural pursuits there for many years, his death occurring in 1878. In politics he was a Democrat, and he and his wife were devout members of the Episcopal Church. He married Miss Sally Lockwood, who was born in 1805, daughter of Harry Lockwood, of Weston, and a member of

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a well-known family of that town. She died in 1893. Of their six children, our subject was the youngest. Sarah M. (now deceased) married Thomas Reed, a carriage blacksmith, of New Jersey; Mary J. is the widow of L. O. Banks, formerly a carpenter in Bridgeport; Galeta married William Lobdell, a farmer in the town of Fairfield; Eunice (now deceased) was the wife of Ephraim Osborne, a merchant in Weston; and Harriet married John Williams, a farmer in Stratford.

Daniel C. Wood was born December 25, 1840, in Weston, and was educated in the public and private schools of that town, attending during the winter-time, as his summers were occupied in assisting his parents. He was reared to farm work, but at the age of twenty-one he went to Bridgeport and entered the employ of DeWight & Chapin Company, manufacturers of guns and military supplies, who were then engaged in filling large orders for the government. Later he went to Lime Rock, Conn., where he was employed in a similar establishment for a time, and on his return to Bridgeport he became a sub-contractor for the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company, with whom he remained about twelve years, finding his contract a profitable one. He then engaged in business in West Stratford, now part of Bridgeport, as a dealer in groceries, meats and notions, and for seven years he had an extensive trade in that line, employing six or seven wagons. On disposing of his store he purchased his present sawmill property in Stratford, and engaged in lumbering, which he still continues in connection with farming, as stated above. Politically, Mr. Wood has always affiliated with the Democratic party, and he has held various important township offices, serving a number of terms as selectman, also for many years as justice of the peace, and while he was in West Stratford many cases were brought before him for trial. In 1877-78 he represented the town in the State Legislature, during his service in that body acting on a committee to consider the question of equal suffrage. The business of the Legislature was at that time conducted in the old court house, occupying the new Capitol, which they were first to use, toward the close of the session. Mr. Wood is a member of the Social Club at Stratford, and is also connected with St. John's Lodge No. 8, F. & A. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., at Bridgeport.

In 1860 Mr. Wood married Miss Celestia Sturges, daughter of Edwin Sturges, of Weston. She died in 1877, and in 1878 he married Miss Mary A. Fray, daughter of John S. Fray, of Bridgeport. His second wife died in 1890, and for his third he wedded Miss Mary A. Beardsley, of Stratford, daughter of Lewis Beardsley. She died in 1897, and May 10, 1898, he married Miss Eliza Stacey, who was born and reared in England. The only child of the first union, Edmund C., is now engaged in the real-estate business in Bridgeport; he married Miss Anna Warner, daughter of Rev. G. H. Warner, of Hartford, Conn., and they have four children—Florence, George, Catherine and Dorothy. By the second marriage there were three children: Laura B., Nellie F. and Jessie A., all of whom are living. In 1895 Mr. Wood built his handsome home, one of the finest in the township, on land adjoining the old homestead, which was one of the old Colonial houses.

SERENO S. HURLBUTT, who is now living practically retired from active life, was in his earlier years one of the most enterprising and influential citizens of the town of Ridgefield, Conn., both in commercial and public circles. He is a native of the place, born January 4, 1825. Daniel Hurlbutt, his grandfather, was a resident of Wilton, Conn. He married Anna Gilbert, by whom he had three children, namely: John H.; David; and Anna Gilbert, who, for her second husband, wedded Daniel Burchard; they had two children—Betsy Ann (who became the wife of Sturges Bennett) and Edwin.

David Hurlbutt was born November 19, 1801, at Wilton, on Vion Hill. He learned the hatter's trade, and coming to Ridgefield followed same here for a number of years, until he took up the butcher business, which was the principal occupation of his active life. It was established prior to 1841, and continued by David Hurlbutt until his death, in 1858. He had a large number of apprentices, and under his able management the business was a flourishing financial success, the income therefrom placing him in comfortable circumstances. On February 6, 1823, Mr. Hurlbutt married Julia Maria Higgins, daughter of Michael D. Higgins, of New York City, and five children blessed this union, namely: Sereno S., Hester Ann, John D., Sarah Maria and Aaron Gregory Higgins. Of these, Hester Ann, born November 8, 1829, was married June 7, 1855, to John W. Rockwell, of Ridgefield, and died December 5, 1861; John D., born August 8, 1832, married Margaret Olmstead, of Ridgefield, and died February 11, 1866; Sarah Maria, born May 30, 1835, was married November 1, 1855, to Isaac D. Sproull; Aaron G. H., born May 21, 1841, died July 17, 1878. The Hurlbutt residence was erected in 1841.

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Michael D. Higgins, father of Mrs. David Hurlbutt, was in his day a well-known merchant of New York City, highly respected for his integrity of purpose and many sterling qualities. He married Sarah Stuart, daughter of Isaac and Olive Stuart, of Wilton, Conn., who were born September 7, 1749, and October 7, 1749, respectively. A brief record of their children is as follows: (1) Betsy was born July 9, 1771. (2) Alice, born in November, 1772, died in September, 1778. (3) James, born in 1775, died in 1776. (4) Martha, born December 24, 1776, died March 26, 1811. (5) Moses, born March 26, 1780, died January 4, 1852, was one of the leading educators of his day in New England, and was for many years professor of theology in Andover Seminary; he married a Miss Clark, of Danbury, and they had a family of eight children—Isaac, James, Mary, Abbie, Elizabeth, Sarah, Moses and Mary. Austin Phelps married two of the daughters of this family, and the daughter of one of these was Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, the writer. (6) Sarah, born in 1781, died April 6, 1805; she married Michael D. Higgins.

Sereno S. Hurlbutt received his early education in the district schools of his birthplace, and completed it in the private school conducted by Samuel Sidney St. John and Hugh S. Banks, the latter of whom was a brother-in-law of Lewis H. Bailey, of Ridgefield. When he was about sixteen years old his school life ended, and at the age of seventeen he commenced to learn the carpenter's trade, as apprentice to Albin Jennings, with whom he remained until he reached his majority. He then worked one year as journeyman at his trade, and divided the year following between carpentering and farm work, at the end of that time entering the firm of Brush, Olmstead & Co., as partner in the business. This co-partnership lasted for five and one-half years, until Mr. Hurlbutt, being dissatisfied, withdrew from the concern and for a time engaged in various lines of business on his own account. In Ridgefield, finally, he found employment with his brother-in-law as clerk in the candle-stick business, shipping candle-sticks, and continued with him some three years. His father dying at this time, Mr. Hurlbutt and his brother found themselves with the butchering business above mentioned on their hands, and to this our subject devoted the remainder of his active life, giving it his principal time and attention for a period of over twenty-five years, until his practical retirement in 1883. It was located at the corner of Main and Market streets, and was the principal business in that line in Ridgefield, Mr. Hurlbutt being no less successful than his father before him. During those years he had a partner at times, but he was always the head of the concern, and displayed considerable business ability in the management of his affairs. During 1865 he was engaged in the carpentering business at Bridgeport, Conn. Since 1883 he has not given his attention to any line in particular.

In political sentiment Mr. Hurlbutt was originally a Whig, becoming a Republican on the organization of the party, for whose welfare he has since been an earnest worker, especially in his own community. He was elected tax collector in 1872, and continued in the office for three consecutive terms; in 1879 he was elected representative to the State Legislature from the Eleventh district; since 1885 he has annually been elected to the office of collector, and he has also served as constable for many years. His re-elections speak louder in his praise than any mere words, and it is safe to say that a more public spirited, upright, faithful and capable official could hardly be found within the limits of Fairfield county. Fraternally, he affiliates with Jerusalem Lodge No. 29, F. & A. M., of Ridgefield, and with Pilgrim Lodge No. 46, I. O. O. F., Ridgefield, in which he is especially prominent, having passed all the chairs; he and Lewis H. Bailey are the only charter members of Pilgrim Lodge now living.

Mr. Hurlbutt was married April 3, 1855, to Miss Julia Keeler, daughter of Silas Keeler, of Belden's Hill, Wilton, and, of their three children, David died in infancy; the living are Julia M., and Frank Stuart, who married Annie Dunkerton, of Waterloo, N. Y., and has one daughter, Hester Elizabeth. The family attend the M. E. Church, of which Mr. Hurlbutt is a trustee, having held that office a number of years.

Silas Keeler, above mentioned, was a son of Seth Keeler, who married a Mrs. James and had two children, Hannah and Silas. Hannah married General Guire, of Norwalk; Silas married Mary Gray, of Westport, Poplar Plains, and had seven children, viz.: Frank, who is dead; Catherine, deceased wife of Judge R. S. Pickett, of New Haven; Susan A., unmarried; John G., living in Oneida, Kans.; Morris, who lives in Kansas; George S., living in Medford, Mass.; and Hannah M., of Redding, Connecticut.

TALCOTT BARLOW (deceased), late of Bridgeport. Few of the residents of that city have passed as many years in active business as did this deeply lamented gentleman, who, beginning his career as a bread-winner

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when eight years old, was still "in harness" till within a few years of his decease, which occurred October 21, 1898, when in his seventy-fourth year.

Mr. Barlow was a native of Connecticut, born May 3, 1825, in the town of Westport, Fairfield county, a son of Samuel and Eunice (Mills) Barlow, of Westport, the former of whom was a shoemaker in that town, well-known and much respected.

Our subject's youth was spent in Westport, and at the age of eight years he began working for farmers in that locality. At fifteen he was apprenticed to a carpenter, and after serving a term of five years he was employed by Peter Norman, a contractor, with whom he remained five years. Coming to Bridgeport when a young man, he engaged in the carpentering and building business with the late Wakeman W. Wells, who was county jailer for many years. This partnership was known as the firm of Wells & Barlow, but it did not continue for a very long time, and after its dissolution Mr. Barlow carried on the business until a few years ago, when he retired.

In 1846 our subject married Miss Emeline Gray, of Danbury, Conn., who died in the year 1893, leaving five children, all yet living: George F., who was in business with his father, and now succeeds him; Charles H., a plumber in Bridgeport; Albert T., a resident of Waterbury, Conn.; and Amanda F. and Linnie, both at home. Socially, the family is held in high esteem. Mr. Barlow was a member of Arcanum Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Bridgeport. While he was not ambitious for official honors, he always took keen interest in public questions, and throughout his life was an ardent supporter of the Democratic party.

ARTHUR ALMON HOLMES, M. D., of Bridgeport, has won a high reputation as a physician and surgeon, his skill in the latter branch of professional work being demonstrated by a number of difficult operations successfully performed. At the beginning of his career he had exceptional opportunities for gaining a practical knowledge of surgery, as he served for a time on the medical staff of the United States army in responsible positions.

Doctor Holmes is of Scotch descent in the paternal line, but his ancestors came to America at an early period, and his great-grandfather, John A. Holmes, is supposed to have been present at the battle of Bunker Hill. This worthy patriot was a manufacturer of linen wheels, and resided at Londonderry, Mass. (now New Hampshire). Jonathan Holmes, the Doctor's grandfather, was born at Londonderry, but for many years previous to his death made his home in Canaan, Maine. In early life he was engaged in the manufacture of linen wheels, but later he devoted his attention to the furniture business.

William E. Holmes, the father of our subject, was born at Reedfield, Maine, November 16, 1804, and became a farmer by occupation, although in winter he was engaged in the manufacture of furniture. He died February 8, 1892, in Gardiner, Maine, aged eighty-eight years. His wife, Lydia P. (Wyman), who was of English ancestry, was born at Lakeside, Maine, a daughter of David Wyman, a well-known hotel keeper; she died January 8, 1892. They had two children, our subject being the younger. William L., eight years the elder, entered the Union army as a member of the First Maine Heavy Artillery, and lost a leg in the battle of the Wilderness, his death resulting therefrom.

Doctor Holmes was born February 13, 1839, at Athens, Maine, and his literary education was chiefly obtained at Somerset Academy, in that town, and at Titcomb Academy, in Belgrade, Maine. He taught school for fourteen terms, and then having decided to enter the medical profession he began his preparatory course with Dr. James S. Tobey, of Athens. He attended two terms of lectures at Bowdoin Medical College, Brunswick, Maine, but completed his course in the medical department of Harvard University, graduating early in 1865, when he passed an examination before the State board and received an appointment as assistant surgeon of the 15th Maine V. I. After Lee's surrender the regiment was ordered to Washington to participate in the Grand Review, and later was sent to Savannah, Ga., and then to Georgetown, S. C., to preserve order during the reconstruction period. While at Georgetown, S. C., the Doctor was appointed chief medical officer of the Eastern district of South Carolina, and for three months he had charge of the Post Hospital, containing at one time 300 sick men. In November, 1865, he was ordered to Chester, S. C., where he had charge of the medical service of his regiment, and on July 17, 1866, he was mustered out in New York City. Returning to Maine, he engaged in practice at Belgrade, where he remained seven years, during a portion of which time he was superintendent of the city schools. Since August, 1873, he has been in active practice in Bridgeport, where he met with success from the start. He is medical examiner of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., also advisory physician of the Preferred

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Life Insurance Co. of New York, and is identified with the State and County Medical Societies, and the Bridgeport Medical Association, of which he is a charter member and was president in 1889. Politically, he is a Republican, but he does not take an active part in the work of the organization, his professional work occupying his time.

On March 24, 1864, Doctor Holmes was married to Miss Myra N. Shattuck, daughter of Luther Shattuck, a well-known resident of Cornville, Maine, and three children have blessed the union: Miss Ina Z.; Arthur A., who died in 1877; and Miss Florence A. The daughters are both living.

CHARLES W. MURPHY, of Danbury. The Fairfield County Bar has always been noted for the high character and attainments of its members, and to have achieved prominence in such a goodly company is, of itself, a notable distinction. The subject of this sketch entered upon his professional career in 1892, and in a remarkably brief period established a fine practice, his ripe judgment and wide knowledge of men and affairs, developed by his previous experience as a successful business man, having secured for him prompt recognition in his new field of work.

Mr. Murphy was born and reared in Danbury, and the schools of that place afforded him his earlier education. On completing a four-years' course in the high school, he took a position as a clerk in a store, where he remained one year, and during the year following he taught school in the Mill Plain and Ridgefield districts. He then entered the employ of D. W. Meeker as bookkeeper, and also superintended one portion of his hat factory. Four years there gave Mr. Murphy practical knowledge of the hat business, and at the same time he also gave some attention to the study of law, reading for two years under the direction of the late William F. Taylor. At twenty-three he formed a partnership with Philander Brotherton, under the firm name of C. W. Murphy & Co., and began the manufacture of men's stiff hats. They built the factory which stands back of the present "Turner House," and continued in business together for six years, enjoying a fine trade, their output averaging seventy-two dozen hats per day, and employing over one hundred hands. Mr. Murphy sold out his interest to his partner, but a few months later purchased the entire business, and after conducting it for a time he sold it to its present owner, Mr. Delohery. While Mr. Murphy was in this line of business he served for a number of years as secretary of the Danbury Hat Manufacturers' Association, and his native capacity for leadership was seen in his relations with the hat manufacturers of the United States, at the time of the organization of their permanent association, he being the one who made the motion to that effect. He was secretary of the Committee of Seventeen who drafted the constitution and by-laws, and was the first secretary of the association, the first president being Robert Dunlap, the maker of the celebrated Dunlap hat. After disposing of his factory and business Mr. Murphy served two years as assistant superintendent of the Danbury water works, and collector of water rents, the city having just been incorporated. Later he was appointed by the common council as superintendent of the water works to fill a vacancy, but did not qualify for the office. By this time he had found his true sphere of action, and resuming the study of law was admitted in 1892. He began to practice with Arthur H. Averill (a son of Lieut.-Gov. Averill), then prosecuting attorney for the city of Danbury, but since his death in 1894 Mr. Murphy has carried on an independent practice, his office being located at No. 248 Main street, over the Danbury National Bank office. A number of important cases have been intrusted to him, and so far he has never lost one brought for the plaintiff by him before the common pleas or superior courts. In association with Mr. McMahon, of New Milford, he represented the plaintiff Morgan, in the sewer suits against the city of Danbury, in which they secured the broadest injunction of its kind ever granted in the United States. The city was represented by seven lawyers—Brewster & Davis, Tweedy, Scott & Whittlesey, J. T. Cuff and State's Attorney Samuel Fessenden, ex-speaker of the House of Representatives. The witnesses for the city were also men of note, including Rudolph Herring, sanitary engineer of New York City; Prof. Herbert E. Smith, chemist of Yale College; Dr. Cyrus W. Edson, of the New York State Board of Health; Dr. Martin, of the New York City Board of Health, and A. B. Hill, city engineer of New Haven, Conn. The decision won at such odds was sustained by the supreme court, and Mr. Murphy is now conducting a similar case against the city of Waterbury. Another important suit which he carried to a successful conclusion was that of the Cigar Makers Union, by which they secured an injunction against certain local dealers to prevent their use of counterfeit union labels; Mr. Murphy also mentions the libel suit of Dougherty *vs.* Swift, proprietor of the Waterbury *Herald*, in which his client, the plaintiff, recovered a large sum in damages. Mr. Murphy is a Democrat in political

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faith, and during Cleveland's first campaign he was secretary of the town committee. He was a candidate for the Legislature in 1886, but was defeated by twenty-five votes. Several local offices have been filled most acceptably by him, and for several years he served as school committee and justice of the peace. In affairs of a non-political nature he is also active, and at the present time he is secretary of the Wooster Hose Company. Socially, he is a member of the Royal Arcanum, having been one of the organizers of his lodge, of which he served as the first secretary.

Mr. Murphy was married to Miss Bina Hodkins, daughter of John and Sarah (Austin) Hodkins, and they reside in a pleasant home at No. 66 Town Hill avenue, Danbury. They attend the Second Congregational Church, of which Mrs. Murphy is a member. She is highly accomplished, possessing unusual musical gifts, and has been chorister of the Congregational Sunday-school.

Mr. Murphy's father, William J. Murphy, married Miss Eugenia E. Shelton, a native of Providence, R. I., born February 20, 1829, and our subject was the eldest of their three children; Mary Josephine died in childhood, and Imogene is now the wife of Arthur Wildman, of Danbury. The Shelton family has been identified with Rhode Island from an early period, and is connected with others of note. Through one line Mrs. Murphy's mother is descended from the Rutenberg family, her ancestors of that name emigrating from Germany about the close of the seventeenth century. In 1723 the name was written Ruttenburg; in 1754, Ruttinbourg; in 1767, Ruttenbourg; 1787, Ruttinber; in 1800, Rutenbor, and since then has been usually spelled Rutenbur or Ruttenber. The first of the line of whom we have a definite account is David Rutenberg, who was born at Providence in 16—, and died there May 16, 1754. His children were: Ruth, born 1723; David, born 1725; Anna, born 17—; Amy, born 17—; Daniel Rutenberg, born in Providence, R. I., May, 1730, died May, 1776, aged forty-six years (he married Innocent Healy, of Dighton, Mass., who was born of French parentage in August, 1737, and died May, 1810, leaving seven children—Betsey, born May 12, 1757, married John Shaw, and died June 15, 1830, in her seventy-fourth year; Sarah, born February 14, 1760, probably died unmarried; David, born December 24, 1763, married Polly Tripe, of Providence, R. I. (he was the captain and owner of a vessel engaged in the slave trade, a very popular business in the New England States in those days, and conducted under the authority of the Federal flag. On his last voyage he left the coast of Africa with a cargo of seven hundred negroes, and was never heard from afterward; he had no children. His widow married William P. R. Benson, of Providence, R. I.); Zilpha, born March 22, 1765, died about 1831 (she was the second wife of Benjamin Whipple, for many years a justice of the peace in Johnson, R. I.); Jencks, born August 25, 1767, died in 1853 (he married Betsey Carpenter, of Providence, R. I.); Rhoda, born August 11, 176–, married (first) General Walbridge, of Bennington, Vt., and (second) Randal James, also of Bennington; Daniel, born September 19, 1772, died in Providence, R. I., June 18, 1850, in his seventy-sixth year. He was a hatter by trade and always resided in Providence; he married Polly, daughter of John Richmond, of Dighton, Mass. (she was born February 9, 1770, and died July 30, 1847, in her seventy-first year; their children were—Mary, born February 3, 1800, died in South Coventry, Conn., December 28, 1852. She married Charles P. Shelton, born in Boston, Mass., September 10, 1801, died in South Coventry, March 3, 1855. They had four children—Polly, who died young; Eugenia E., our subject's mother; Anna Josephine, born December 29, 1832; Daniel Rutenbur, born September 5, 1839); Eliza A., born April 7, 1806, married Sterry Kelley, and resided in Providence, R. I.; Margaret Lee, born November 8, 1809, died in 18—. The Richmond family of which Polly Richmond, the wife of Daniel Rutenberg, was a member traced their descent from England at an early date, and in 1638 were among the first purchasers of the town of Taunton, Mass. Rev. J. B. Walker, of Holyoke, Mass., who was engaged in preparing a history of this family, expressed the conviction that the lineage of John can be satisfactorily traced to the Duke of Richmond, but of this there are no data.

WILLIAM O. SEYMOUR was born in the village of Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he passed the greater part of his life. He is a son of William Welles and Harriet (Betts) Seymour, the former of whom was born in 1803.

Our subject received his elementary education at the district school, after which he attended, in 1854–55, Amenia (N. Y.) Seminary, taking an elective course, one of his schoolmates being the present Bishop Cyrenus D. Foss. His school days ended, Mr. Seymour took up the profession of teacher, first for a time in the district schools in the vicinity of Ridgefield, then for twelve years, or until the spring of 1869, conducted, as proprietor and principal, a private boarding

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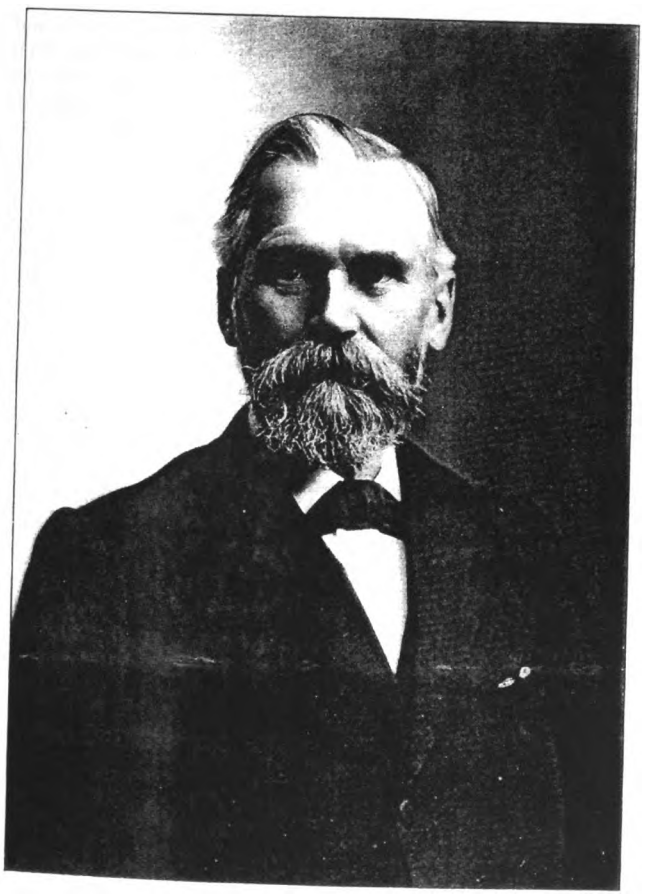

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and day school for boys, in Ridgefield, which had an average attendance of some thirty-five or forty pupils, and proved highly successful. In closing this school in 1869, Mr. Seymour commenced the profession of civil engineer, which he has followed with eminent success ever since. He had previously taught the theory of civil engineering in school, and it was on account of impaired health that he decided to make it his future life work. He began the practice of engineering in the position of rodman, and advanced rapidly from one position to another until four years thereafter he became chief engineer of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, at that time the principal railroad corporation in New England, the date of his appointment being July 22, 1873, and his service terminating November 28, 1881. At that time he was chosen chief engineer of the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel & Western railroad, with which road he remained for one year, and then for four and one-half years thereafter he was chief engineer of the location and construction work of the Wisconsin Central railroad. During his connection with this company he located and constructed 104 miles of railroad from Chippewa Falls, Wis., to St. Paul, Minn., crossing the St. Croix river with an iron bridge, consisting of ten spans, each 160 feet in length, which was built under his direction. After this line was completed and ready for operation, he located and constructed 124 miles of railroad from Schleisingerville, Wis., to Chicago, Illinois.

In July, 1887, Mr. Seymour was appointed, by Governor Phineas C. Lounsbury, one of the three railroad commissioners of the State of Connecticut, which position he is at present filling, serving his third term of four years each, having been recently re-appointed for a fourth term. He is also chairman *ex officio* of the State Board of Engineers which has charge of the construction and inspection of dams. In 1892 he was elected probate judge for the district of Ridgefield, and is still filling that position with characteristic skill and ability. During the years 1867-68 he served in the State Legislature, having been elected on the Republican ticket. He is a member of the F. & A. M., Jerusalem Lodge No. 48, of Ridgefield, while in religious faith he and his family have been prominently identified with the Congregational Church of Ridgefield for years.

On October 31, 1855, Mr. Seymour was married to Rebecca Sproull, daughter of Col. Thomas Sproull, of Warwick, Orange Co., N. Y., and they have two children: (1) Mary C., born April 27, 1858, married David L. Jones, of Ridgefield, Conn., and has two children—Christie Law Jones, born April 21, 1882, and Helen Wallace, born August 22, 1892; and (2) Augusta D., born November 3, 1863, married Howard D. Smith, formerly of S. Norwalk, Conn., and has two children—Walter Seymour, born May 1, 1891, and James Quintard, born April 20, 1892.

WILLIAM E. HINE. This venerable and highly esteemed resident of Shelton has watched the entire development of that thriving village, having located there when its site was under cultivation as a farm. But two or three persons are now living in that vicinity who were there when he settled at his present homestead, and he is regarded throughout the community as one of its foremost citizens.

Mr. Hine is of English descent on the paternal side, but his ancestors located in Connecticut at an early day, and his grandfather, Thaddeus Hine, followed the tanner's trade at Derby. William Hine, the father of our subject, was born in Derby, August 30, 1772, and became a farmer by occupation. In politics he was a Whig, but he did not aspire to official honors. He died in Naugatuck, January 24, 1850, and was buried there, as it was incorporated a town in 1844. His wife, Esther (Hickox), a native of Waterbury, born August 19, 1782, died April 19, 1864. Their married life was spent partly in Waterbury, but later they made their home at Derby, returning, however, to Waterbury in 1835. They had nine children, of whom two died in infancy; of the others, the eldest, Samuel B., was a farmer; Lucius followed the carpenter's trade; Rufus was a joiner; Mary never married; William E. is the subject proper of this sketch; Charles is a tailor in New Haven; and Henry was a joiner by occupation. Of this large family none are now living except William E. and Charles.

Our subject was born February 6, 1822, at the old home in Waterbury, and was about three years old when his parents removed to Derby, where he grew to manhood. He learned the joiner's trade, which he followed successfully for many years. In 1846 he married Miss Catherine Booth, a daughter of David C. Booth, and granddaughter of Philo Booth, of Trumbull, where her family has long been prominent. No children were born of this union. In 1859 Mr. Hine and his wife removed to Shelton, where they have since resided, taking a helpful share in the various movements that have tended to bring about the present prosperity of the town. Mr. Hine is a Republican in politics, and at times he has held local offices, including those of assessor and grand

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juror. His parents were members of the Congregational Church, and he has always been in sympathy with the work of that society.

ERWIN EDWARDS, proprietor and editor of *The Greenwich Graphic*, which needs no introduction to the residents of Fairfield county, is a native of this State, born in Norwich. His primary education was obtained at his birthplace, where he attended both public and private schools. When he was twelve years old his parents, Elisha and Lauretta (Strong) Edwards, removed with their family to New Haven, Conn., to give their sons a college education. Erwin Edwards attended the Hillhouse High School. At the age of fourteen, when about to graduate, he was obliged to abandon study on account of ill health, and went on a farm, on the advice of a physician, to build up his strength. He had been there but four months when he was called home by the death of his father.

Mr. Edwards embarked in business, continuing thus for a year or so, when he decided to go to college. He entered Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., where he fitted for Yale Scientific School, but being not over-robust, and having an offer to engage in stock farming in the West, he went to Dallas Center, Iowa, where he remained for nearly a year. Being averse to the rough life of the plains, Mr. Edwards returned to New Haven, where he again entered business, being in the office of *The Elm City Press*, of which his brother was editor. From there he went to Brooklyn, N. Y., and became connected with a large book house.

His family removed to Hartford, and, desiring to study law, he went to that city and entered a law office, gaining a good insight into the practice of the profession. From there he went to New York, where he was employed on *The New York Daily Witness*.

In 1880 Mr. Edwards and a brother started *The Bloomfield Republican*, at Bloomfield, N. J., but he sold out in the winter of that year, and went to Washington, D. C., in which city he did some newspaper work. In the summer of 1881 he came to Greenwich, Conn., on a vacation, but was urged to start a newspaper there, and decided to stay. For a time he was correspondent for a New York newspaper, and in December, 1881, he and a brother launched *The Greenwich Graphic*. On February 3, 1883, they bought *The Greenwich Observer*, which they consolidated with *The Graphic*, and our subject has been the sole owner and editor since July 28, 1890.

The Graphic, by its fearless stand on public matters and its constant efforts to further the interests of the town, has become, under Mr. Edwards, a newspaper of marked influence and weight in the community, and gained wide renown as a model country newspaper.

Mr. Edwards is one of the trustees of the Greenwich Savings Bank, but has never cared for public office. He has a valuable library, and spends his leisure movements over his books. He is an antiquarian, and has always taken a great interest in Put's Hill, which is located in Greenwich, and has written much about it, as well as of other incidents of the Revolutionary war, with which Greenwich is so intimately associated. These articles have attracted attention all over the country from those who are interested in such matters.

REV. ARTHUR REQUA. The influence of a consecrated life cannot be estimated by earthly standards, for all outward manifestations are but faint indications of the deep and lasting impression made upon his associates by one who strives to work out in his own character and life his highest thought. In the history of the well-beloved pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Noroton there is revealed a devotion and courage in the pursuit of the ideal, which overcame most unpromising conditions in his early years, and to these inspiring qualities, as well to his knowledge and eloquence, we may attribute his success in his sacred calling.

His ancestry was noted for piety, and four generations in the paternal line were identified with the Presbyterian Church at Yorktown, N. Y., his father, Isaac Requa, and grandfather, Daniel Requa, holding the office of elder for years. His mother, whose maiden name was Ellen Crosby, was also a member of a family which had long been connected with the Presbyterian Church, and at her death in July, 1856, when our subject was but seven weeks old, her last words were a prayer that he might enter the ministry. Both parents were natives of New York State, and their lives were spent there, the father, who died in 1878, being a farmer by occupation.

Our subject was born May 19, 1856, in the town of Patterson, Putnam Co., N. Y., and for some years of his boyhood he attended a district school at Jefferson Valley, N. Y. At the age of fifteen he went to Peekskill, N. Y., to make his home with an uncle and aunt, and while there he pursued his studies in the district school and the military academy. Later he entered the seminary at Pennington, N. J., but his course there

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was interrupted by an attack of typhoid fever. From that time his studies were prosecuted without aid except as helped by private instructors, but his zeal and persistence have enabled him to gain an excellent education covering a wide range of information. After his recovery from the fever he spent some time in working upon a farm, in order to strengthen his constitution by wholesome out-door life, and on fully regaining his health he opened a select school at Patterson, N. Y. His ability as a teacher being proved, he was soon placed in charge of a district school in the same locality, and he continued this occupation for ten years. From childhood he had felt a strong call to the ministry, and when only eleven years old he united with the Presbyterian Church. Having no funds to enable him to pursue a theological course, and being at the same time unwilling to accept aid from the Presbytery, he found his progress sadly delayed, and yet it may be that in this period of struggle he learned practical lessons from the book of experience which have been of untold value in the work of the ministry. While teaching, he made use of all his spare time in study, and he was frequently called upon to assist the neighboring pastors in revival seasons. After a time his pastor, Rev. Isaac L. Kip, of the Presbyterian Church, Patterson, N. Y., offered to instruct him in theology, and this opportunity was gladly accepted. Two years he spent with this instructor, and then he completed his course with Rev. J. Ritchie Smith, of Peekskill, N. Y., continuing his work as a teacher until his last year of study.

The Church at Noroton having been without a settled pastor for a number of years, Mr. Requa, in 1886, went there as a supply, and so effective was his work that in January, 1887, he was ordained and installed as pastor. There were only thirty-five members at that time, but eighty-one have since united with the Church, which is in a most prosperous condition. Recently a new chapel was built at a cost of $3,500. In addition to his regular duties Mr. Requa preaches once a month at Fitch's Home for Soldiers at Noroton. He is greatly interested in temperance reform and in work among the young people, being one of the leading members of the State Sabbath School Association, and for four years he was president of the Stamford Christian Endeavor Union. While he is not a politician, he takes keen interest in all the questions of the day, and is outspoken in his convictions. One might suppose that the varied activities mentioned would fully occupy his time, but he is also deeply interested in editorial and educational work. At one time he was chairman of the editorial committee of the *Connecticut Sunday School Record* (not being published at present), and is editor and publisher of the monthly known as *Church Tidings*. As to educational matters, he is president of the board of education of the town of Darien, also the sole Acting Visitor of the schools, which office is similar to that of superintendent of public instruction.

On October 11, 1876, Mr. Requa married Miss Mary J. Stebbins, daughter of Benjamin J. Stebbins, of Patterson, N. Y., who died in 1885 in his eighty-first year.

EDWARD MEAD (deceased). This, in his day, well-known citizen of Greenwich, who died October 27, 1885, was a man whose character and life were an inspiration to good works among all who knew him. In every relation of life he satisfied the test of a true Christian character, and the most precious inheritance left to his family is the memory of an honorable and honored career.

Mr. Mead was a descendant of John Mead, the noted pioneer [other authorities say William], of Greenwich, who (according to some authorities) located at Sound Beach in 1660, the line of descent being traced through John, son of the pioneer, Ebenezer (1), Ebenezer (2), Deliverance, and Robert Mead, our subject's father. Ebenezer Mead (2) was born in October, 1692, and died in May, 1775. He and his wife Hannah (Brown) reared a large family of children. Deliverance Mead, who married Abigail Howe, made his home at Indian Field, in the town of Greenwich, and a more complete account of him is given in the biographies of other members of the family. Robert Mead, our subject's father, was born at Indian Field November 22, 1768, and was married October 29, 1794, to Prudence Mead, who was born May 15, 1775, a daughter of J. Mead and his first wife, Rachel (Knapp), of whom further mention is made elsewhere. Robert Mead inherited from his father the homestead on the Post road, near Cos Cob, which later became the property of our subject, the dwelling occupied in the old days being only a short distance east of the present residence of the family. He followed farming during his active life, but in later years he was an invalid. His death occurred April 30, 1836, and his wife died September 23, 1849, the remains of both being interred in the Congregational cemetery at Greenwich.

Our subject was born June 22, 1809, at the old homestead, and his education was begun in the district schools of Cos Cob. Later he at-

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tended a private school in Stamford, also the academy in Greenwich, but being an only child he was called upon to take charge of the homestead at a comparatively early age. He was of small stature and slender build, yet his industry and shrewd management brought him marked success in his chosen occupation, as he was regarded as one of the leading farmers of the neighborhood. While he was not inclined to ostentation he believed in enjoying the good things of life, and his handsome and commodious residence, built in 1832, is a model of comfort. His affection for his family was a notable trait in his character. Without relaxing from wholesome discipline he gave his children every suitable amusement at home, no games being barred out except cards. Fond of books himself, he placed a high value upon education for his children, and their appreciation and use of their opportunities afforded him keen pleasure. The spacious home is admirably adapted to social gatherings, and has long been the center of a refined hospitality, Mr. Mead delighting in the society of his friends. His kindly nature was manifested in many ways, and he was prominently identified with religious work in his locality, being a leading member of the Church at Greenwich. For many years he held the office of treasurer of the society, and his voice added much to the effectiveness of the the choir for a long period. He was a quiet, unassuming man, but he had the "courage of his convictions," supporting fearlessly any cause that he thought just. Politically, he was a strong Republican, but he never aspired to office.

On December 24, 1832, Mr. Mead was married in Greenwich to Miss Susan Ann Eliza Merritt, who died August 26, 1884, her remains being laid to rest beside his own in the Congregational cemetery. She was born February 6, 1814, a daughter of Capt. Daniel and Sarah (Lyon) Merritt, and sister of Capt. Caleb W. Merritt, of Greenwich, whose biography appears elsewhere. The Merritt family is one of the oldest in New York State, and Mrs. Mead traced her descent from William Merritt, who was mayor of New York City from 1696 to 1698. Among others of the family who have won distinction is Gen. Wesley Merritt, who graduated from West Point in 1860, and after a notable career in the army was appointed in 1898 as Governor-General of the Philippine Islands. Our subject and his wife had a large family of children (six of whom are living): (1) Daniel Merritt, born June 2, 1834, attended Yale College and the law school at Poughkeepsie, and for some time practiced law in Greenwich. He was a young man of fine intelligence, deservedly popular among his associates, and gave promise of a successful career. In 1857 he completed the "History of Greenwich." At the opening of the Civil war he went to the front as captain of Company I, Tenth Conn. V. I., and later was promoted to the rank of major. While in the service he was stricken with typhoid fever and sent home, where his death occurred September 23, 1862. On June 16, 1856, he married Miss Louise Mead, but they had no children. She survived him and became the wife of Thomas Ritch, of Greenwich. (2) Mary A., born July 22, 1836, was married December 17, 1856, to John G. Clark, of Bedford, N. Y. (3) Sarah E., born February 2, 1839, married Seaman Mead, of Greenwich. (4) Miss Amelia resides at the homestead. (5) Susan C., born January 20, 1844, was married October 18, 1865, to W. H. Wilcox, of Greenwich. (6) Miss Catherine M. resides at the old home. (7) Robert, born May 1, 1849, died August 11, 1872, at the threshold of a promising career. (8) Edward W., born March 2, 1852, was a graduate of Columbia Law School, and engaged in practice with every prospect of success. He married Miss Mary Ella Knapp, and died October 6, 1882, leaving no children. (9) Augustus, born September 13, 1854, is not married, and has charge of the homestead.

SAMUEL W. BEARDSLEE, formerly probate judge of the town of Stratford, is one of the influential citizens of his locality, being prominent in business, political and social circles. During most of his life he has been interested in agricultural pursuits, but is now less active than in former years. His family is one of the oldest in Stratford, and his great-grandfather, Abraham Beardslee (2), was a native of the town. He was born in Stratford in 1726, a direct descendant of William Beardslee, who was one of the first settlers, locating in Stratford in 1639. He came from Stratford-on-Avon, England, and his descendants claim that in remembrance of his old home he gave the name of Stratford to the town. Abraham Beardslee was a blacksmith by trade, and had also a high reputation as a gunsmith. His shop was located just across the street from where the subject of this sketch resides. He served in the war, and was at one time an inspector of gunpowder. In 1753 he married Bethia, daughter of Joseph Curtis, and had eight children. Abraham died in 1815, his wife in 1801.

Abijah Beardslee, our subject's grandfather,

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was born in 1763, in Stratford, was reared there and became a successful farmer of that town. He married Nancy, daughter of Samuel Wilcoxson, and had several children, among whom was a son Oliver, our subject's father. Abijah Beardslee died in 1839, his wife in 1811, and the remains of both were interred in Stratford.

Oliver Beardslee was a native of Stratford, and always resided there. In early manhood he taught school for a time, but farming was his chief occupation. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and in politics was a strong Democrat, holding various minor offices. He married Miss Mary Wilcoxson, of Stratford, a daughter of Ephraim John Wilcoxson, and a descendant of William Wilcoxson, a native of Lancashire, England, who came to this country about 1636, and settled in Stratford in 1640. Six children were born of this union: Sarah A. (deceased), who married John Hilton, of Stratford; Oliver, who died in 1859; Mary, who died single; Samuel W., our subject; Morton (deceased), who was a school teacher by occupation; and Alfred, who died at the age of three years. The father passed away in 1865, the mother in 1875.

Samuel W. Beardslee was born in Stratford, April 24, 1841, and was educated in the common schools of the locality, also at the Stratford Academy. He is a Democrat, always active in politics, and one of the leading Democrats of the town, while his high standing as a citizen has made him a popular candidate for local office. He has served three terms as town clerk, three years as probate judge, one term as postmaster under President Cleveland, during his first term, has also been auditor of the town accounts, and for many years has served as registrar of voters. He is a leading member of the Episcopal Church at Stratford, in which he has held the office of clerk, and for thirty years has served as vestryman. In 1876 Mr. Beardslee married Miss Louisa Wilcoxson, daughter of Albert Wilcoxson, of Stratford, and they have one son, Oliver, who is at home.

CHARLES E. BEERS. Contentment is a virtue that certainly brings its own reward, and the quiet routine of country life would seem to be the environment best adapted to its development and exercise. Many a man, after wandering over the earth in search of enjoyment, has realized at last that "home keeping hearts are happiest," and has envied those who have chosen to pass their lives amid familiar surroundings.

The subject of this sketch, a prominent agriculturist of Newtown township, has always resided at the old family homestead, and worthily represents an ancestry which has been identified with that locality from an early date. Elias Beers, his grandfather, had his home at the present farm, which has been in the possession of the family for many years without interruption. He was the twin brother of Eli Beers, and both were well-known citizens of the olden times. Elias Beers married (first) a Miss Peck and (second) Miss Betsey Botsford, of Newtown. By the first union he had two children, Zenas and Smith, and by the second the same number: Norman who is mentioned below, and Elias, Jr., who married Julia Beers and had three children —Cornelia, Mary Frances and Edgar, all of whom died at an early age.

Norman Beers, our subject's father, was born at the present homestead December 21, 1803, and although he followed the combmaker's trade in his youth he later engaged in farming. For many years he resided at the homestead, his successful management of which gave him a high reputation as a substantial and thrifty man of business. He attended the Episcopal Church, and he was always much interested in all local affairs. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and as he was a man of strong convictions he wielded considerable influence among his associates. In 1833 he married Miss Betsey Dykeman, the daughter of Nathaniel Dykeman, of Lands End District, Newtown township, and she passed away on February 20, 1867, after thirty-four years of wedded life. His death occurred some years later, on January 21, 1879. They had five children: (1) Sylvia Elizabeth, born January 17, 1834, died at an early age. (2) Julia Elizabeth was born March 7, 1839. (3) Sylvia Maria, born March 6, 1842, was married April 19, 1871, to Lambson B. Lake, of South Center District, who died March 9, 1897; they had two children—Grace Elizabeth, born March 8, 1873, and Florence Amelia, born January 2, 1880. (4) Charles E. is our subject. (5) Homer E., born December 2, 1848, died December 10, 1849.

Charles E. Beers was born October 18, 1844, at the old farm, and agriculture has been his only occupation. He has been successful as a general farmer and for ten years past has also been engaged in dairying with excellent results. As a citizen he has shown much public spirit, and throughout his active life he has given stanch support to the principles and policy of the Republican party. In 1872 and again in 1894 he was chosen to represent his party on the board

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of selectmen, in which post of duty he did faithful service. On October 10, 1877, he married Miss Florence L. Burrett, who was born January 21, 1854, the daughter of Austin Daniel and Julia (Livingston) Burrett, of Roxbury, Conn. Mr. Beers and his wife are prominent members of the Congregational Church of Newtown, but his sisters are of different religious faith, Miss Beers being an Episcopalian and Mrs. Lake a Methodist.

JBOTSFORD FAIRCHILD. Among the early settlers in this county was Thomas Fairchild, a native of England, who located at Stratford in 1639 and became one of the leading pioneers of the place, being named by both Barber and Hollister as the first magistrate there. The family is of ancient origin, and its coat of arms indicates that three pilgrimages were made by some of its members to the Holy Land in the time of the Crusades, and that three captives were made by them during these chivalric journeys. It is likely that the name was originally Fairbairn, and that the family went to England from Scotland at a very early period. Thomas Fairchild, the pioneer settler at Stratford, was twice married and had several children.

About 1720 Edward Fairchild removed from Stratford to Newtown, and made his home at the place afterward occupied by Arunah Fairchild, and later, in 1887, by John J. Hughes. Edward Fairchild had four sons: (1) Jonathan, who is mentioned below; (2) Moses, who settled in Sheffield, Mass.; (3) James, who had three sons, Silas, Philo and James; and (4) Ebenezer, who had five sons, Edward, Peter, Clement, Truman and Abram.

Jonathan Fairchild, the great-great-grandfather of the gentleman whose name opens this sketch, had three sons: Seth, Josiah and Zadoc. Of these, (1) Seth remained in Newtown until 1796, when he removed to Ulster county, N. Y., with his sons, Jonathan, Abel, Daniel, Levi and Isaac. Some years later he sold his farm there, and with his eldest son, Jonathan, located at Butternuts, Otsego Co., N. Y., where he died in 1815. His other sons settled in Pennsylvania and Ohio, but no information is given as to their descendants. Jonathan remained at the "Butternuts" for six or eight years after the death of his father, and then went to Ohio with his three sons, Seth, Zerah and Elam. (2) Josiah, mentioned above, had five sons: Adoniram, Wheeler, Sturges, Ira and Josiah. (3) Zadoc, the youngest of the sons of Jonathan, son of Edward, was the great-grandfather of our subject.

Zadoc Fairchild, who became one of the prominent residents of Newtown, had ten sons, viz.: Hawley, Ezra, Ziba, Clark, Louis, Levi, Samuel, Burtis, Beers and Moss.

Ziba Fairchild, our subject's grandfather, followed agricultural pursuits on a moderate scale, and his life was spent at Newtown and New Milford. He was twice married, and had four sons and two daughters, the latter dying when young, but the sons lived to maturity and married. (1) Edmund, born January 3, 1814, died July 22, 1883. He married (first) Harriet Whitney, and (second) Louise Peck, who is still living at the head of the street, in Newtown. He had two children by his first wife, Julia A. (1), who died in childhood; and Lucy A., who married Edgar Northrop, of Newton, and had three children—Edgar, George and Lucy; and one child by second wife, Julia A. (2), who married Eugene Buckley. (2) David Wheeler, second son of Ziba, resided about sixty rods west of the home of our subject, and with the exception of a few years spent in Wisconsin, his life was passed in Newtown. He married Emeline Whitmore, of Newtown, and had six children: (a) Mary Jane married William Lawrence, and had five children—Lottie, Frances, William, Katharine and Bertha. (b) Augustine married E. A. Goodemote, and had one son, Claude, who married in Canada, and has one child now living in Buffalo, N. Y. (c) Sarah M. married (first) Myron Colby, and has one child. (d) Henry W. was married in western New York, and afterward settled in Minnesota. (e) Arthur died in childhood. (f) Julia. (3) Le Grand, the third son of Ziba, is mentioned more fully in the next paragraph. (4) Samuel, youngest son of Ziba by his second marriage, married and had one daughter, Mary.

Le Grand Fairchild, our subject's father, was born February 1, 1820, and died October 15, 1895. By occupation he was a carpenter and joiner, and many of the buildings in and around Newtown were constructed under his supervision. He possessed fine natural abilities, and although he started in business life without capital, he managed to acquire a goodly competence, by thrift and enterprise, so that he was able to retire at the age of sixty-eight in the enjoyment of the results of his early labors. For many years he was a leading member of Trinity Episcopal Church, of Newtown. In politics he was a Republican, but he never took an active share in partisan work. His wife, Emily Whitney, a daughter of Abel Whitney, was born in 1821, and died March 25, 1891. They had a family of four children: J. Botsford, our subject; Julius Burr, born August 24,

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1847, died May 1, 1873; James Burtis, born February 4, 1858, died February 20, 1858; and Emily Aurelia, who married a Mr. Mayhew, and has had four children—Susan C., Theodore F., Joseph B. and Gala.

The subject of our sketch was born March 4, 1844, and since he was about four weeks old has had his home in Taunton District, town of Newtown. He was educated in the common schools of that locality and in Newtown, attending until he reached the age of seventeen years. He then began to learn the carpenter's trade with his father, and this business he continued for a quarter of a century, the firm being considered the leading carpenters of the town. Among the buildings erected by them we may mention the Grand Central Hotel, the store of E. F. Hawley, the residence of D. G. Beers, and St. John's Episcopal church at Sandy Hook. Since 1886 Mr. Fairchild has been engaged in farming upon his homestead near Hawleyville, which is a fine tract of eighty acres. He is also interested in the sale of agricultural implements, and is the principal dealer in this line of goods in this town, being the exclusive agent for the Wiard Plow Company, of Batavia, N. Y. His energy and good judgment have been rewarded by a fair return, and he ranks among the substantial business men of his neighborhood. As a citizen he has shown much public spirit, but is not an active worker in politics, and, while he is a Republican so far as national issues are concerned, he votes independently on local questions.

On December 13, 1865, Mr. Fairchild married Miss Emma J. Jennings, who was born May 4, 1843, a daughter of William B. Jennings. Three children have blessed this union: Mary Ella, born October 11, 1867; Jennie Louise, born April 24, 1869, both now at home, and Emma Irene, born January 1, 1879, who died August 1, 1879. The family is identified with the Congregational Church at Newtown, and Mr. Fairchild is one of the prominent members of that society.

HORACE S. PLUMB, a highly esteemed resident of Bridgeport, is now spending the afternoon of a long and useful life, having retired to the home of his childhood to enjoy well-earned leisure.

Mr. Plumb was born January 18, 1827, at his present residence, and comes of good pioneer stock, his ancestors having settled in this country at an early day. David Plumb, his grandfather, was born in the town of Trumbull, June 25, 1751, and made his home there upon a farm, his death occurring May 31, 1813. On December 19, 1776, he married Miss Mary Beach, who was born March 11, 1758, and died August 10, 1833. They had the following children: Hannah, who married Silas Nichols; Noah, our subject's father; Polly, born September 8, 1787, married Eli Booth; David Beach; and Camilla, wife of Nelson C. Nichols.

Noah Plumb, the father of our subject, was born May 3, 1782, in Nichols, town of Trumbull, where he grew to manhood. He became a farmer by occupation, and in April, 1814, settled upon a homestead in the town of Bridgeport, where he died July 8, 1862. On November 22, 1804, he was married in Trumbull to Thankful Beach, who died soon afterward. On April 8, 1807, he married Eurania Wells, who was born November 15, 1784, a daughter of Elias Wells, of Stratford, and died December 27, 1866. Our subject was the youngest in a family of eight children, the others being: David W., deceased; Louisa P., wife of Peter E. Capel; Mary N., who married James Fitch; Hepsa B.; Sally E.; Elias N., a farmer by occupation; and Emily U. David W., who married (first) Clarissa Allen, and (second) Louisa Wakely, was engaged in a manufacturing business at Birmingham and Ansonia, and, later, resided in Shelton.

Horace S. Plumb was educated in the schools of Bridgeport, and in early manhood became interested in agricultural pursuits. From 1854 to 1860 he was engaged in railroading, and he subsequently embarked in business as a dealer in flour and feed, carrying on this line from 1861 to 1880, part of the time at Titusville, Penn. In 1880, returning to Bridgeport, he opened a flour and feed business there, continuing same until 1892, since when he has been living in retirement.

JAMES L. G. CANNON. The Cannon family is of French descent, the first settlers of that name in America having been Huguenots who fled from their native land to escape religious persecution. Their descendants in every generation have shown themselves worthy of their ancestry, filling honorable positions in life, and manifesting the qualities that constitute good citizenship. In the early days the family was identified with New York City, and one of the streets of the metropolis was named in their honor. Commodore Cannon, the great-grandfather of the well-known citizen whose name opens this sketch, commanded a vessel during the French and Indian war. He removed from New York to Norwalk, this county, at an early period in the history of the latter town.

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John Cannon (1), our subject's grandfather, was born in Norwalk, where he was married in early manhood to a Miss St. John, a member of an old family of that locality. They died in Norwalk leaving a large family.

John Cannon (2), our subject's father, was born in Norwalk in 1780, and passed his life there, becoming a wealthy and prominent citizen. In politics he was first a Whig, later a Democrat. His death occurred at Norwalk in 1840, and a few years later the family removed to Newark, N. J. His wife, who died in Newark in 1860, was formerly Miss Fanny Lockwood, daughter of Joseph Lockwood, of Norwalk. Five children were born to this union, viz.: Harriet (deceased); Jeannette, who married John A. Bioren, of Philadelphia (both now deceased); John, who was engaged in business in New York City; Rebecca, who married Dr. John F. Morse, and died in California; and James L. G.

Our subject was born in Norwalk, Conn., where he remained unnil he was fourteen years old. He then went to Newark, N. J., and for four years was employed as a clerk in the drug store of Charles W. Badger. In 1849 he went to California, by way of Cape Horn, and during his four-years' residence there he was proprietor of a drug store. On his return to the East he again located at Newark, N. J., but in 1867 he removed to Westport, this county, and established a drug store, which he has since conducted successfully. As a citizen he is held in high esteem, and he is one of the leading Democrats of the locality, having served as treasurer of the township for seventeen years. Socially, he and his family are popular, and he is an active member of the Masonic Fraternity, with which he united in 1868.

Mr. Cannon married Miss Caroline F. Coombs, of Brunswick, Maine, and four children have been born to them: John F., Fanny B., Legrand B. and Carrie G.

BRADLEY BROTHERS, of Westport, Fairfield county. Industry puts an entirely new face upon the products of nature. By labor man had subjugated the world, reduced it to his dominion, and clothed the earth with a new garment. The first rude plough that man thrust into the soil; the first rude axe of stone with which he felled the pine; the first rude canoe scooped by him from its trunk to cross the river and search the green fields beyond, were each the outcome of a human faculty which brought within his reach some physical comfort he had never before enjoyed. The mechanic is King, when we consider that all material things become subject to the influence of his labor, and in this connection it is with pleasure we read the life history of such well-known citizens as DeWitt C. and Gershom W. Bradley.

DEWITT C. BRADLEY is a native of the town of Weston, Conn., born December 26, 1846, and received his early education in the district schools of his native town, later attending both the academy at Easton and Adams Academy in Greens Farms, from which he was graduated. After leaving school he entered his father's edge-tool factory and learned the business thoroughly. At the age of twenty-two he enlisted in the regular army, joining Troop D, U. S. Cavalry, stationed at Fort Lapway, Idaho, and served two years and three months. On his discharge and return home he resumed his trade, and since 1886 has been prominently identified with his brother, Gershom W., in the manufacture of axes and edge-tools at Westport.

In 1877, on Christmas Day, DeWitt C. Bradley was married to Miss Emma J. Sherwood, who was born February 13, 1855, a daughter of William C. and Esther A. (Merwin) Sherwood, respectable farming people of the town of Westport. No children have been born to this union. In politics Mr. Bradley is a strong Republican, and in 1887-89-91-93, he was elected a member of the State Legislature. Socially, he is affiliated with the F. & A. M., Temple Lodge No. 65, Westport; of Washington Chapter, R. A. M., Norwalk; of Clinton Commandery No. 3, and of Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport.

GERSHOM W. BRADLEY was born in the town of Weston, Fairfield Co., Conn., October 2, 1858, and his earlier education was secured at the district schools. Later, he attended Easton Academy, from which institute he was graduated, and he then learned the manufacture of edge-tools, which business he has followed in Westport, along with his brother DeWitt C., since 1886.

On June 24, 1885, Gershom W. Bradley was married to Miss Emma Becker, who was born April 22, 1859, a daughter of Moses and Emeline (Goodsell) Becker, of Hillsdale, Columbia Co., N. Y., and two children graced their union: Edith M., born December 7, 1886, and Gershom W., born June 22, 1889, died August 29, 1890. Mr. Bradley in his political preferments is an ardent Republican, and for the past few years has efficiently filled the position of town treasurer; he is a director of the Willow Brook Cemetery Association, at Westport. Socially, he is a member of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars; in religious faith he is identified with the Methodist

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Church at Westport, in which he is serving as trustee.

Wakeman Bradley, the grandfather of our subjects, was born in the town of Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., was educated at the common schools of his day, and learned the business of axe and edge-tool manufacturing. In 1812 he settled in Weston, where he built an edge-tool factory, and engaged in that line of trade the rest of his days. He married Miss Catherine Andrews, of Weston, and children as follows were born to them: Abigail married Peter Williams; Gershom W. will be mentioned farther on; Morris married Mary Fanton; Abram W. married Mary Eliza Merwin; Angeline and Eveline (twins), the former of whom married Thomas Couch, the latter wedding Harry Fanton; Mary Catherine is the wife of Daniel C. Salmon; Amelia is the wife of Burr Sturgis; Eliza married Charles Sherwood; and Susan is the wife of Hanford Lyon. Grandfather Bradley died in 1862.

Gershom W. Bradley, father of our subjects, was also a native of the town of Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., born in 1804, and after securing a liberal education in that town went to Weston; he learned the edge-tool manufacturing industry, at which he continued up to the time of his death, March 23, 1886. In 1832, he built a large factory at Weston. In 1827 he married Lydia, daughter of Miles Merwin, of Weston, and their children were: Miles married Emily H. Ogden; George died at the age of twenty-one; and DeWitt C., the elder of our subjects. The mother of these died in 1851, and for his second wife Gershom W. Bradley wedded Miss Mary J. Goodsell, daughter of Silas Goodsell, of Westport. To this union were born children as follows: Twins, who died in infancy; Gershom W., the younger of our subjects; Warren, who married Emma Becker; Eliza J., wife of Lewis A. Burr; and Catherine, wife of Charles Candee. The father of our subjects died March 23, 1886.

The Bradley Brothers stand high in the community in which they live, and enjoy the respect and esteem of a wide circle of acquaintances.

SILAS E. MEAD, a well-known citizen and agriculturist of the town of Greenwich, where his life, almost without exception, has been passed, is a representative of one of the old families of Connecticut, his ancestors coming to Greenwich nearly two and a half centuries ago.

Mr. Mead is of the ninth generation from John [other authorities say William] Mead, the progenitor of the family in America, the line of descent being: John (1), John (2), Ebenezer (1), Ebenezer (2), Silas (1), Silas (2), Silas H., Silas D., and Silas E.

John Mead was one of two brothers who emigrated from England about 1642 [other authorities say 1635], the family being an ancient and honorable one; one of their ancestors had been the friend and physician of the talented Queen Elizabeth. One of the two brothers settled in Virginia, where the family still exists. The other, John Mead, with his two sons, John and Joseph, after remaining a short time in Massachusetts, moved to Hempstead, L. I., where they remained until October, 1660, when the sons, at least, settled in the town of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., where many of their descendants still reside. [John, the father, either did not come to Greenwich, or, if so, he took no active part in public life.] The two sons bought land of Richard Crab and others, which was deeded to John Mead, son of the pioneer. He married a Miss Hannah Potter, of Stamford, Conn., and on his death in 1699, left, as appears by his will, eight sons and three daughters. Of these, Ebenezer, the fourth son, was born in 1663, married Sarah Knapp, of Stamford, and of their children, Ebenezer (2) was born October 25, 1692, and died May 3, 1775; he married Hannah Brown, of Rye, N. Y., on December 12, 1717, and of their children Silas (1), the second son, was born May 22, 1720, and died in 1817; his wife, Mary, was born in 1724, and died in 1787, and among their children was a son, Silas (2). Silas Mead (1) settled at North Greenwich, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and was a member of the Second Congregational Church at Greenwich. He built his barns of trees standing near by, without having to draw any from a distance.

Silas Mead (2) was born in 1748, and died in 1813. His wife was Sarah Mead, a daughter of Deliverance Mead, and their children were: Sarah, Silas H., and Francis, who died in youth. The father lived on the old home farm, and was a substantial citizen of North Greenwich, Conn. He was killed by being thrown from a wagon near his home; his wife died in 1812.

Silas H. Mead was born December 12, 1796, at North Greenwich, Conn. He was a large farmer and leading man in the community. In politics he was an uncompromising Abolitionist, one of thirteen voting that way, and by voice and vote did all he could to educate the people of his community to the idea of human liberty. He united with the Second Congregational Church at Greenwich in 1826, and immediately took a deep interest in religious matters. The Congregational church at North Greenwich was built in 1827, and its erection was largely due to

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the interest and efforts of Mr. Mead. He was one of the active men in the formation of the Church, and was chosen deacon the day the Church was organized. He held his office and performed all the duties of it until his death. He died after a few days' illness, December 14, 1878, aged eighty-two, having been in office fifty-one years lacking eleven days. He was a man of wisdom, perseverance, and success in promoting the interests of the Church, and was a model for men of that office in prayerfulness, self-sacrifice and diligence. The land, twelve acres, on which the church building and parsonage stand, was his gift, and the position of the Church early taken against slavery and intemperance was largely due to him. He always took a deep interest in missionary matters, and was very liberal toward all religious enterprises. He was one of Greenwich's best and most respected citizens and, dying, left the record of a good man. Silas H. Mead married Harriet Mead, daughter of Jehial Mead, and they had the following children: Sarah M. (who married Selah Savage, a farmer of North Greenwich, and had two children: William L. and Roxa M.), and Silas D. Mrs. Mead passed away July 1, 1870.

Silas D. Mead was born January 31, 1819, at North Greenwich, Conn. In addition to the district schools of his neighborhood, he attended a select school taught by a Mr. Buffett at Stanwich and the academy at North Greenwich. He was reared on the farm and became successful in that occupation. On starting out in life for himself he went into debt for his buildings, but through his industrious habits, good management and judicious investments he became owner of a large farm. He possessed upward of three hundred acres of land, a part of which had for many years been in the possession of his ancestors. In 1838 he united with the Congregational Church of North Greenwich, and was throughout his life one of its best workers and most liberal supporters. For a half century or more he had charge of the singing, and remained at his post of duty until old age. In March, 1879, he was chosen deacon to take the place so long and faithfully filled by his honored father. He was always with the Sunday-school interests of his Church, and was for years a teacher in the same. He was a thorough temperance man, never having used liquor of any kind, or tobacco. In all matters pertaining to educational or religious work he was most liberal, and through a long life was one of the strong pillars of the Congregational Church at North Greenwich. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, joining the latter party on its organization in 1856. He seldom missed an election, never unless sickness kept him from going to the polls. He served his town as road-commissioner once, and was on the district school committee for a long time. In the days of the Abolition party he was one of its strong supporters, being one of the "thirteen" in Greenwich. He was a man of intelligence and integrity, and at his death, August 9, 1896, there passed from this earth a good man—one whose life was worthy of emulation.

On September 22, 1840, Silas D. Mead was married to Emily L., daughter of Ezekiel and Althea (Palmer) Close, born December 21, 1820, at Greenwich, Conn. The children born to this union were: Myrtilla (now Mrs. Livingston Disbrow, of New Rochelle, N. Y.), Silas E. (our subject), Emily C. (of North Greenwich), Sarah C. (who died in infancy), Horatio B. (a lumber dealer, of Douglas county, S. D.), Harriet A. (who died in February, 1895, the wife of Livingston Mead, of North Greenwich), and Ezekiel C. (a farmer of North Greenwich). The mother of this family is still living, a respected and highly esteemed resident of the town of Greenwich.

Silas E. Mead, the subject proper of this sketch, was born March 15, 1844, in what is known as the Clapboard Ridge School District, in the town of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn. He received a common-school education, his first teacher being Miss Julia Hovey. Later he attended the North Greenwich Academy under the principalship of Whitman Peck and others, also under a Mr. Foote. He was reared on a farm. On August 14, 1862, he enlisted in the Civil war, casting his fortune with Company I, 10th C. V. I., and serving with honor and credit throughout the war. His first engagement was at Kingston, N. C., thence he saw active duty, participating in all of the battles in which his company was engaged until August, 1864, when he was detailed to the ambulance train, soon becoming clerk to the commander, in which capacity he served until the close of the war. He was discharged June 20, 1865, at Richmond, Va. Returning home, Mr. Mead was married, September 12, 1867, to Miss Cornelia M. Wilcox, who was born June 22, 1843, a daughter of Josiah and Celestia (Wilcox) Wilcox. After their marriage our subject and his wife for a time resided in Round Hill, then settled in North Greenwich on a part of the large estate of his father. Here he has since continued to reside. The children born to this couple were: Silas F. (died when not quite four years of age), Mabel W. (died when eleven years old), Louise C. (now

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in attendance at Mt. Holyoke Seminary), and Josiah (died in infancy).

Our subject possesses the faculty of winning friends, and is by the community at large esteemed as a citizen. He has inherited many of the traits of character possessed by his worthy father and grandfather, and has carried forward commendable work in good lines begun by them. He is a deacon in the North Greenwich Congregational Church, to which Church his wife also belongs, and in politics he adheres to the line in which his father and grandfather led, being a stanch Republican. He cast his first Presidential vote for General Grant. He is active in the interests of his party, and has at different times served the people of his town in a public capacity. His intelligence and worth as a citizen bring him into counsel with those who direct political movements. He is a member of the board of education, and since 1887 has been town assessor. He is a member of Lombard Post No. 24, G. A. R., at Greenwich, and has filled nearly all of the offices in the same, being at this writing grand vice. He is one of the substantial citizens of Fairfield county.

WALTER NICHOLS is a son of Charles Lewis Nichols, who was born at what was then known as Nichols' Farms, town of Trumbull, Fairfield Co., Conn., but which has since been re-christened "Nichols," by the considerate edict of the good townspeople, in honor of the Nichols family, who were its first settlers, they having, about the year 1639, by Colonial grant, acquired all the land embraced within the township, some ten thousand acres.

Charles Lewis Nichols was a man of signal business ability. He started out in life as a district school teacher, which calling he followed for several years, but finding that the role of pedagogue afforded hardly sufficient scope for the development and utilization of those business qualities with which he was inherently endowed, and which distinguished his future career, he resigned his preceptorship and embarked in the wholesale grocery business, in company with Jarvis Lyon. The store of the firm was located on Water street, near the foot of State street. The house of Lyon & Nichols, as it was styled, thus entered upon a most successful career, and continued for several years, when Mr. Lyon retired and was succeeded by a gentleman of the name of Birch. The new firm, recognizing the essentially limited territorial area of Bridgeport, and its environs for commercial development, decided to remove to New York City, where they soon established an extensive and lucrative business, and in conjunction with the "commercial prince," Moses Taylor, carried on an immense importing trade in molasses and other tropical staple commodities. Mr. Birch died, and was succeeded by a Mr. Beam, of Goshen, N. Y., who, in addition to possessing great wealth, was endowed with the keenest business acumen and abundant experience; hence the firm lost none of its wonted business prestige by his advent therein. Mr. Beam also died after a few years' connection with the firm, and the business was continued by Mr. Nichols until about the breaking out of the Civil war, when he retired therefrom, having acquired a handsome fortune as the reward of a life of energy and business probity.

The mother of Walter Nichols was Jennett Burroughs, a remarkably beautiful and accomplished woman, daughter of Stephen Burroughs, the third, Bridgeport's foremost merchant and shipowner from about the year 1786 to about 1825. He had succeeded his father, Stephen Burroughs, who was not only the most conspicuous figure in mercantile trade in Bridgeport, but was possessed of transcendent intellectual qualities which, aside from his active participation in matters of commerce, he devoted to the science of astronomy, becoming the author of what was then recognized as a standard text-book on that interesting and important subject. He was the author of the present system of Federal decimal money, and was also a conspicuous and valuable member of the General Assembly of the State for several consecutive years, numbering among his friends and confreres many of the most distinguished statesmen of the time. It has been said by a clever local historian that Capt. Stephen Burroughs was the "nucleus around which Bridgeport has grown and attained its pre-eminently important status in the galaxy of its sister cities of the State."

Walter Nichols was born at Jersey City, N. J., October 10, 1847, and received his rudimentary educational training at the celebrated Hasbrouck Grammar School, located in his native city, the curriculum of this school being as varied as that of our leading colleges. It was Mr. Nichols' intention to pursue a full academic course at Princeton, and he matriculated at that College, but at the end of his Freshman year withdrew, having decided to enter mercantile life in New York. He pursued his business career successfully until the year 1881, when, his health having become somewhat impaired, he came to Bridgeport, seeking rest and recreation, which in due time he realized. Having decided to remain here, he engaged in the real-estate

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business, which at the time, due to the growing and progressive character of the place, offered great inducements for profitable investments, and it requires the citation of but two incidents to demonstrate his ability and acumen in his newly chosen line of traffic, one being the famous Long Beach, now known as "Pleasure Beach," purchase, with its accompanying incidents, which were duly chronicled in the local and State press at the time; the other was the noted purchase, in 1886, in company with former Mayor Walter B. Bostwick, of the so-called "Wordin tract," located at that section of Bridgeport designated the West End. This purchase was at the time regarded as the largest and most important single land deal ever consummated in Bridgeport, or for that matter since, and immediately resulted in creating a "boom," which in turn advanced the price of land in the section named at least fourfold. Mr. Nichols is regarded as one of the most astute real-estate experts in the State, his services in that line being constantly in demand on the part of executors and administrators in the adjustment of complex questions of equity in the distribution of land under their respective functions.

In the year 1893 Mr. Bostwick, who was then mayor, recognizing Mr. Nichols' eminent fitness for the position, appointed him a member of the local Board of Appraisal of Benefits and Damages in company with John J. Ryburn, Esq., a leading merchant and extensive real-estate owner, and Hon. Frederick S. Stevens, the prominent local druggist; Mr. Stevens was in 1895 appointed, by his excellency Governor Coffin, a member of the famous committee whose function was to formulate and execute an agreement between the city of Bridgeport and the New York, New Haven & Hudson River Railroad Company as to the manner and expense of eliminating grade crossings within the city's limits. Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Nichols' private business, together with his official duties, are seemingly all-sufficient to engross his whole attention, he frequently finds time to indulge in literary work, such as newspaper correspondence and the fabrication of short stories of an imaginative order which find a ready market, and which on account of their original and novel character have frequently been reproduced in the columns of the press throughout the country.

MONROE JUDSON, M. D. This, in his lifetime, well-known physician was a member of a family which has long been prominent in professional circles, several of the name having won distinction among the medical practitioners of this and other States. The first American ancestor was William Judson, who came from England in 1634, and died in New Haven in 1662. He was accompanied on his voyage across the Atlantic by his wife and three sons, Joseph, Jeremiah and Joshua.

Joseph, who died in 1696, married Sarah Judson, and reared a family of children, of whom a son, James, the eldest, is the next in the line of descent to our subject.

James, who was born in 1650 and died in 1717, married, and had several sons, among whom was David, the great-great-grandfather of our subject.

David was born in 1693, and by his marriage with Phœbe Stiles had four children, as follows: David, born in 1715; Phœbe (Mrs. Matthew Curtis), born in 1717; Abel, born in 1721, and Agur, born in 1724.

Abel, the great-grandfather of our subject, was married May 7, 1744, to Sarah Burton, by whom he had four children, viz.: John, born in 1745, who married Patience Fairman and reared a family of children; Abel, who is mentioned more fully below; Sarah (Mrs. Ashur Peck), born in 1749, and Ruth (Mrs. Henry Fairman), born in 1752.

Abel (2), our subject's grandfather, was born in Stratford, this county, in 1746, and became a leading farmer, owning an estate of two hundred acres on Mile Hill, in the town of Newtown, now occupied by Daniel G. Beers. He was a man of independent thought, and was active in religious work as a member of the Sandemanian Church. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Ann Bennett, had a family of fifteen children, of whom we have the following record: (1) Ruth, born November 17, 1769, married a Mr. Hard, and had a son, who became a successful physician at Hunter, N. Y., among the Catskills. (2) Bennett, born February 12, 1771. (3) Betsey, born December 22, 1772, married a Mr. Prindle. (4) Rufus, born December 27, 1774, married and settled in Ohio. (5) Abner, born October 17, 1776, married (first) a Miss Hard, (second) a Miss Judson, and (third) a Mrs. Shephard. (6) Abel, born in 1778. (7) Marcus, born February 3, 1780. (8) Laura, born December 8, 1781, married Zera Blackman. (9) Jerusha, born September 22, 1783, married Eleazer Starr. (10) Silence, born April 3, 1785, married Daniel Wells, a shoemaker, who resided in Zoar, this county. (11) Isaac, born February 3, 1787. (12) John, our subject's father, is mentioned below more fully. (13) Martin, born in February, 1791, was a miller by occupation, and made his

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home at Sandy Hook. (14) Zenas J., born March 28, 1793, was a tailor by trade; he married. (15) Anna, born January 6, 1795, married Thomas Seeley, a shoemaker and hotel keeper at Newtown.

Dr. John Judson, our subject's father, was born in Newtown, February 11, 1789, and received his literary education there under the care of Doctor Shephard, of the Sandemanian Church. He then studied medicine, securing a diploma from Yale College, and on October 8, 1812, was licensed to practice. Two years he spent in South Britain, Conn., afterward locating in Newtown, where he established a large practice, being known as one of the leading physicians of this section. As he was obliged to contend with financial discouragements in early life, his success reflects much credit upon him. Like all his family, he was identified with the Episcopal Church, and at all times he manifested an interest in the progress of the community. He died July 29, 1839. His wife, Philena (Hubbell), to whom he was married in 1813, was a daughter of John Hubbell, a prominent citizen of Sandy Hook, and she died February 1, 1881, at the age of ninety years. They had four sons, namely: (1) George, born March 11, 1814, graduated from Bellevue Medical College, New York City, in 1837, and became a successful physician of Newtown, continuing his practice until his death, April 22, 1853; he married Miss Jane Hitchcock, of Danbury. (2) Monroe, our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (3) Jerome, born April 29, 1828, was a merchant of Sandy Hook, but is now deceased; he was unmarried. (4) John, born June 23, 1830, was engaged in mercantile business at Sandy Hook with his brother Jerome for a number of years previous to his death on February 27, 1881; he married (first) Cornelia Peck, and (second) Julia Colt, of Harwinton, Connecticut.

Dr. Monroe Judson was born January 17, 1820, at the old homestead in Newtown, which occupied the site of the present town hall. He was carefully educated, especially in the sciences and languages, by Daniel Burhans, a son of Reverend Burhans, and one of the most noted teachers of his day. When about eighteen years old our subject began his medical studies with his father, and after the death of the latter he continued them under the direction of his brother George. In 1841 he entered Yale Medical College, and after taking three terms of lectures was graduated in January, 1843. In the following year he established himself in practice in Newtown, and on the death of his brother George, in 1853, he succeeded to his business. His practice from that time was very large until in 1888, finding himself in need of rest, he retired from professional work. He then spent six months in California for his health, but the greater portion of the time afterward he passed quietly in his home in Newtown. Notwithstanding his arduous labors in his profession, Doctor Judson took an active part in local affairs, being one of the chief advisers on the Democratic organization of his town. From 1849 to 1854 he served as town clerk, and from 1848 to 1850 he was assistant postmaster; in 1849 he was chosen to represent his town in the State Legislature, and about the same time he was appointed clerk of the probate court, by Jacob Beers. From 1850 to 1860 he was judge of the same court, and from 1879 to 1887 he again held that office. He was a member of Trinity Church of Newtown, in which he was always an active worker, serving as vestryman for many years.

On May 1, 1844, Doctor Judson married Miss Sarah M. Blackman, who was born May 22, 1824, a daughter of Ziba Blackman. She died February 25, 1867, and on February 2, 1869, the Doctor formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Miss Sarah Curtis, daughter of Gould Curtis. Four children came of the first marriage: (1) Jerome, born April 3, 1845, died September 14, 1846. (2) Martha J., born January 15, 1849, married Edward P. Taylor, now a resident of Oakland, Cal., and has three daughters and one son. (3) John M., born January 25, 1854, is a traveling salesman, and resides in Newtown, Conn. (4) George B., born November 10, 1862, died March 16, 1865. By the second union there was one child that died when three months old. Doctor Judson was called from earth March 28, 1898.

The Curtis family is well known in this county, and Mrs. Judson traces her descent from Matthew Curtis, of Stratford, who died in Newtown, Conn., in 1796, at the age of eighty-four years. He married Phœbe Judson, and had the following children: Phœbe (Mrs. John Beach), born in 1737; David, 1741; Niram, 1744; Matthew, 1746; Stiles, 1748; Jonah, 1750; Josiah, 1752; Abner, 1754; and Reuben, 1757. The mother of this family died in 1758, and in the following year Matthew Curtis married Abigail Thompson, by whom he had one son, Gould, Mrs. Judson's grandfather.

Gould Curtis was born December 17, 1763, and died March 5, 1840. He married Elizabeth Gould, of Fairfield, this county, on December 12, 1781, and had ten children, viz.: Abigail (Mrs. Cyrus Hard), born October 14, 1782; Betsey, born March 13, 1784, died July 16, 1807;

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Deborah (Mrs. Herman Warner), born March 19, 1786, died November 10, 1861; Gould (Mrs. Judson's father); Marilla, born March 11, 1790, died September 23, 1864; John, born March 3, 1792, who married Lucy Blackman, and died August 13, 1845; Phœbe, born October 25, 1793, died July 18, 1810; Hezekiah, born March 25, 1796, who married Marcia Glover; David, born July 28, 1798, who married Jeannette Shelton, of Monroe, this county; and Daniel, born January 26, 1801.

Gould Curtis, Jr., the father of Mrs. Judson, born December 27, 1787, married Miss Joanna Peck, by whom he had five children, Mrs. Judson being the youngest. Of the others—Mary married Cyrenius Beers; Samuel married (first) Mary Nichols, and (second) Betsey Curtis; Elizabeth married (first) Robert Peck (had by him one daughter, Charlotte, married to Eli Barnum), and (second) wedded Simeon Peck (had by him one son, Charles); the fourth child died in infancy, unnamed.

HON. CHARLES W. LOUNSBURY, of Darien, is one of the wide-awake, progressive citizens of Fairfield county, and holds in a marked degree the esteem and confidence of all classes of people. He bears an honorable record as a soldier, while in various responsible official positions he has displayed a devotion to duty which has, unhappily, been none too common among public men.

His family is noted for patriotism, his father and his two brothers, as well as himself, having served with gallantry during the Civil war, and one of his brothers, Joshua, met his death amid the horrors of Andersonville prison. Mr. Lounsbury's paternal ancestors were French Huguenots who came to this country and located in one of the Carolinas in the sixteenth century in consequence of the St. Bartholomew massacre, later migrating to the State of New York. His great-grandfather and grandfather were both named Joshua. The former, who was a farmer by occupation, had five sons, one of whom, Alexander (after whom Mr. Lounsbury's father was named), was in the shoe business at North Castle, Westchester Co., New York.

Alexander Lounsbury, our subject's father, was a native of New York State, born in Freehold, Greene county, and for a number of years was engaged in the shoe business at Fishkill. Between 1840 and 1850 he removed to the town of Norwalk, this county, for the benefit of his health, spending some time in agricultural pursuits, but later he returned to New York State, where his death occurred in 1881. He was a man of much intelligence and force of character, and took a prominent part in local affairs wherever he resided. His estimable wife, Mary (Lockwood), survived about him ten years. She was also a native of the Empire State, and her parents and ancestry were English. Of their three sons, our subject and his brother, James H., a resident of Stamford, survive them, and three daughters are living, viz.: Susan, wife of William Mather; Cornelia, wife of Henry Green, and Josephine, wife of Horace Saunders.

Charles W. Lounsbury was born March 22, 1842, in Eddyville, Ulster Co., N. Y., and during his youth he received a common-school education. He spent several years of his boyhood upon a farm, but at an early age began to learn the tinner's trade, which he followed for a time. When the war broke out he enlisted in Company A, 17th Conn. V. I., and he remained in the service three years and two months. Fortunately he was neither captured nor wounded, but he did not escape severe suffering, the exposures and hardships of army life bringing on several serious attacks of illness. On his return from the army he located in Darien and established a tin shop and hardware store, which he has ever since conducted successfully, being to-day regarded as one of the substantial business men of the place. At the same time he has found opportunities for effective work in political lines, and has gained an influential standing among the Republicans of the State. In 1864 he attended the National Convention that nominated Lincoln and Johnson, and in 1893 and 1895 he was elected as a representative of his town to the State Legislature, serving two terms with distinction on the Humane committee. In the contest for senator in the fall of 1898 Mr. Lounsbury defeated George Gregory in the Twelfth District by a majority greater than that given any other candidate in the State except in the Hartford District (and that District has more than two thousand votes to draw from), his majority exceeding thirteen hundred. He is now serving on the Woman's Suffrage committee. Possessing strong convictions, he never falters in his devotion to his party, and he is active in local affairs, having served as a member of the Board of School Visitors and District committee, and on the Superior Court committee on the Oyster Grounds. For twenty years he was a trial justice in his town, and at present he is a notary public.

In January, 1868, Mr. Lounsbury married Miss Jane L. Torrington, daughter of John and Elizabeth Torrington, of Baltimore, Md.; on the maternal side Mrs. Lounsbury is lineally

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descended from the Balls of Virginia. Three children have blessed this union: Charles Ernest, Ada May and Earle M. Mr. Lounsbury and his wife are members of the Baptist Church at South Norwalk, with which he united before the war. He is a member of Hobby Post No. 23, G. A. R., and Rippowam Lodge No. 24, I. O. O. F., at Stamford, while for ten years he was an active worker of Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 107, F. & A. M., in which he has held office as warden and treasurer.

WILLIAM TALBOT (deceased) was for many years one of the leading business men of Greenwich, as well as one of its most highly respected and honored citizens. He was born in Hampshire, England, February 9, 1825, a son of William and Sarah Privet Talbot. The father, who was a shoemaker by trade, was born in 1801 and died in 1833, leaving a family of five children, our subject being the eldest; Caroline married John Locke after coming to the United States, and died in Albany, N. Y.; Jane married William Whitty, and lives in Orange, N. J.; Robert, a partner of our subject in business at Greenwich, was killed on the railroad at that place; and Elizabeth married Henry Schenck, and died at Newark, N. J. After the death of the father, Mrs. Talbot married William Miles, a plumber, with whom our subject learned his trade, serving a seven-years' apprenticeship. Mr. Miles left England in the early '40s and came to the New World, locating in Brooklyn, where he worked at his trade. There were three children born of the second union: Ann, who married Job DeCamp, and died in Newark, N. J.; Mary A., who wedded Dennis Ryan, and died in New Jersey; and John, a retired machinist, now living at Sailors Snug Harbor, Staten Island.

In 1845 William Talbot left his old home in England, and after a three-weeks' voyage landed in New York. For some years he was employed by a Mr. Watkins on Catherine street, and during this time was married, May 12, 1851, in that city, to Miss Laura Sawyer, who was born in Kingston, N. Y., July 11, 1829, a daughter of Benjamin and Cornelia (Hermance) Sawyer. Her father was a native of Ulster county, N. Y., and was the son of a farmer, who had died when Benjamin was quite small, leaving three children—James, Benjamin and Kate. As a tanner and currier, he followed his trade in Van Buren's tannery at Kingston. Both he and his wife died of cholera, at Marbletown, N. Y., at the age of sixty-five years, and were buried in Stone Ridge, Ulster county. She was a descendant of Walter Van Twiller, one of the first five Colonial governors of New York. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer were ten children, namely: John, a farmer, who died in Kingston; Harriett, who married Cornelius Brush, and died in Ulster county; Blandina, who married Lewis Le Bars, and lives in New Haven, Conn.; Abraham, a farmer, who died in Ulster county, N. Y.; Catharine, who married Jacob Bunton, and died in Indiana; Maria, wife of Andrew Schonmaker, of Mt. Vernon; Laura, widow of our subject; Alexander, who died in Wassing, Ulster county; Jane, wife of Jacob Bunton, of Indiana; and Ann E., now Mrs. Peter Ruger, of Ellenville, N. Y. Mrs. Talbot was reared in Kingston, N. Y., until fourteen years of age, and obtained her education in the common schools there. Her home was then in New York City until her marriage and for a year and a half later.

Mr. Talbot then removed to Stamford, Conn., where he worked at the plumber's trade for Lockwood & Capron until 1859, when he embarked in business on his own account. During the entire time he worked for others, he was in the employ of only two firms, as he was always a steady and good mechanic. In connection with his brother Robert, under the firm name of Talbot Bros., he established a tin and stove store in Greenwich, and also engaged in roofing and plumbing. The brother retired in 1868, and two years later George H. Mills became a member of the firm, which assumed the style of Talbot & Mills. After Mr. Mills withdrew, Mr. Talbot was alone in business until his death, which occurred January 20, 1884, after a lingering illness. His remains were interred in Union cemetery. He erected his store building in 1860, but it was afterward enlarged, and with his own business he occupied the entire three-story structure. In all things he was upright and thoroughly reliable, and easily won and retained the confidence of all with whom he came in contact in either social or business life. After his death the business was discontinued.

In political sentiment, Mr. Talbot was a Republican, but he always declined official honors. From early life he was a sincere and earnest Christian, a faithful member of the Methodist Church, with which he was officially connected, and he was always a liberal contributor to all Church work. For many years he served as superintendent of the Sabbath-school, and only resigned when his health compelled it. He was a man of stern integrity and honesty of purpose, and despised all unworthy or questionable methods to secure success in any undertaking or for any purpose, or to promote his own advancement in any direction.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Talbot were born the following children: (1) William R., a resident of Port Chester, N. Y., married Lydia Stoothoff, and has one daughter, Nellie R. Chester died in childhood. (2) Sarah J. is the wife of Albert Grigg, of Port Chester, and had six children—Maud, Eugenie, Frederick (who died in infancy), Harold, Walter and Hazel. (3) George E. married Virginia Sparks, and died in Greenwich at the age of thirty-nine years. (4) Carrie M., at home, was her father's bookkeeper for several years. (5) Louise is the wife of George Tyler, of Round Hill, Fairfield county, and had five children—William, Laura, Chester (died at the age three years), Fred and Helen. (6) Rie E. is the wife of George H. Merrill, of Greenwich. (7) Louis died in infancy. (8) Emma married T. A. Newton, of Greenwich, and has two children—Walter and William Talbot. (9) Estelle M. is at home. (10) Harry is a plumber's apprentice. Mrs. Talbot was left entire charge of a partially involved estate, and her management reflects great credit upon her as a business woman. She was an excellent wife, and at all times is a most highly respected lady.

DAVID SHERMAN BEACH, the founder of the "North American Investment Company," is one of the sons of Fairfield county at whom our citizens point with pride. He was born in Bridgeport February 26, 1861, one of the five children of John H. and Mary E. (Merchant) Beach. The other children were: James E., Amelia B., Edmond H. and Frederick H. The two last died in infancy. John H. Beach was a son of Isaac E. Beach, and a grandson of Dr. James Eaton Beach, the latter of whom served with distinction in the war of the Revolution. He was the first doctor in Bridgeport, whither he had come from Cheshire, Connecticut.

Our subject received an unusually good education, as he attended Guy B. Day's seminary from his seventh year until his twelfth year, and then was two years at S. B. Jones' Park Avenue Institution. At the age of fourteen he became interested in partnership with the firm known as J. H. Beach & Sons, and at eighteen was enrolled as a student in the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he remained ten weeks. Having here acquired a thorough theoretical knowledge of business methods, he returned to the old firm and took an active interest as partner in business with them for ten years. Being always much interested in horticulture, he decided to make it his life work. Accordingly at the age of twenty-eight he began this work for himself, and to-day is one of the largest growers of table delicacies under glass, in New England. He has 50,000 square feet of glass in greenhouses, is also a large holder of valuable real estate, and has experienced uninterrupted success, although in his second year he had the misfortune to be burned out. His indomitable energy and pluck caused him to persevere, however, and he re-built on a larger scale.

Of late years Mr. Beach has given considerable study to corporations and the laws governing them, and has prepared a valuable work as the result of his researches. He has paid particular attention to the laws of New Jersey, and his chief work, the formation of the North American Investment Company, was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey. The offices of the company are located in Bridgeport and Jersey City. The object of this corporation, of which our subject is the chief executive, is presented in the following introduction to a pamphlet, setting forth the advantages of this system.

"It is after years of mental research and science that I have been led to organize the North American Investment Company, which will supply that long felt want that has never been filled intelligently heretofore—placing Capital and Labor on such an equal basis that both will become as one; giving to the purchaser, renter, or borrower, an opportunity to realize from his expenditures and savings, under this system, such untold advantages, which will bring joy and relief to him and his beloved ones, placing no barrier of impossibilities which will occasion losses or indebtedness to his estate, making him wholly the recipient in the end. He is, and will be now a permanent resident of the United States, a taxpayer and an independent citizen, which this great country of ours offers to everyone, not equalled by any other nation on the globe."

One of Mr. Beach's latest achievements is a municipal insurance system, whereby the public debt of any city may be extinguished with economy by life insurance. Briefly stated, the plan contemplates that the city shall take out insurance policies on the lives of a number of the best and most influential citizens, from the age of twenty-five to fifty-five years, or more properly speaking that the citizens shall make applications for insurance on their lives for the amount of $1,000 or $10,000, as the case may be, in the form of an indemnity bond, or life policy, payable, say, in twenty years at a premium of so much per thousand, which will be an average rate for the ages mentioned, and have

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these bonds or policies assigned to the city, the latter to pay the premiums. The economical and financial advantages of life insurance in individual business affairs is most clearly recognized to-day, and the plan is an application of the same principles to the affairs of the community. It is a novel and striking proposition and an index to the mental brilliancy of the inventor. Mr. Beach has elaborated Tables, demonstrating the results of the system. The plan has attracted wide attention, and at present there is a Bill before the Legislature at Hartford to legalize the items mentioned in this plan. Many legal lights declare no legislation is necessary; but in order to avoid future complications, Mr. Beach thought best to secure Legislative sanction. On July 3, 1899, the mayor of Bridgeport appointed a special committee to consider the same. What the outcome will be is hard to conjecture, but from every standpoint there is the appearance of acceptance, though it could hardly be confirmed until made final.

On October 15, 1885, at the age of twenty-four, Mr. Beach was married to Miss Mary Jane Meeker, of Westport, and to this union the following children were born: John H., David Sherman, Jr., Harold Page and Mary Jane, the last named dying in infancy. Mr. Beach is one of Bridgeport's most reliable citizens, and his mathematical researches have been made with a view of bettering the condition of the working people. The people he has enlisted as his followers are among the best in the county, and this speaks well as to the faith reposed in him as a business man and a good citizen.

ROYAL LACEY HIGGINS, M. D., a well-known resident of Norwalk, is one of the busiest and most successful physicians and surgeons of Fairfield county, and there is no one more deserving of mention in this volume. He is a direct descendant of John Lacey, an early settler of Stratfield Parish. [See page 150, "History of Fairfield County."]

Doctor Higgins is a native of Connecticut, having been born August 10, 1841, in Roxbury, Litchfield county, of New England ancestry. His grandfather, John Higgins, was a farmer in the town of Easton, and his father (John's), Abraham Higgins, had his home in an old stone house that is still standing.

Lacey Higgins, son of John, and father of our subject, was born in Easton, Fairfield county, and learned the trade of general blacksmith and wagonmaker, in Newtown, which he afterward followed in Roxbury, Litchfield county, until about the year 1853, when he took up farming. (Ex-Governor Morris, of Connecticut, was an apprentice to Lacey Higgins, but did not finish his apprenticeship, because he wished to study law, and Lacey Higgins gave him his time. In Fairfield county Lacey Higgins married Miss Priscilla Silliman, of the town of Monroe, a lineal descendant of Daniel Silliman, the first of the name to settle in Fairfield, having, so tradition says, emigrated from Holland. He died in 1690. His youngest son, Robert, married Sarah Hull, and died in 1748. His youngest son, Ebenezer, married Abigail Sellick, and their youngest son, Deodate (called "Date"), was the grandfather of Mrs. Lacey Higgins. To Lacey and Priscilla Higgins were born children as follows: Royal Lacey, Jerome Silliman, Riverius, Thornton, Harriet Priscilla, Jane Eliza and John Sellick, all of whom live in St. Louis except Royal Lacey. The mother of this family died at the home of her son in St. Louis, May 19, 1891, aged seventy-six years; the father died January 29, 1892, aged seventy-eight years. In politics he was a Democrat, and in 1852 he represented Litchfield county, and some years later Fairfield county, in the State Legislature. For several years he served as justice of the peace, and was notary public for ten years.

Dr. Royal L. Higgins passed the first twelve years of his life in his native village, Roxbury, and then removed with the family to Stepney, town of Monroe, Fairfield county, and his earlier education was received in both places, while at the same time, as opportunities offered, he worked on the farm. At the age of seventeen he was teaching school near Monroe Center, and a year later was teaching in Easton. After that he attended Winthrop Institute under the preceptorship of Rev. William Dennison, which school stood between Saybrook and Deep River, Conn. At the end of a year there he again took up school teaching for a time, the scene of his labors this time being near Bethel, but not long afterward he again went to school at Easton Center.

While living at Grassy Plain, near Danbury, our subject commenced the study of medicine under Dr. George Benedict, of Bethel, later continuing same under Dr. Robert Hubbard, of Bridgeport. In the fall of 1864 he entered Bellevue Hospital Medical College, and was graduated there in 1867, coming on the first day of March, that year, to Norwalk, where he has ever since remained in the active and successful practice of his profession, being now the oldest medical practitioner in the city.

On February 3, 1870, Doctor Higgins was

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married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Watkins, daughter of James Y. and Catherine Watkins, of New York City, and they have one daughter, May Jerome, who is living with her parents. Since 1892 the home of the family has been at No. 55 West avenue.

The Doctor is a member of the Fairfield County Medical Society, and of the State Medical Society. Socially, he was first affiliated with the F. & A. M. in Eureka Lodge, Bethel, thence demitted to Monroe (now Washington) Lodge No. 19, Monroe; is a member of Butler Chapter and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., of Norwalk. Politically, he is a Democrat, and he has ever manifested a deep interest in and taken his part in the support of all measures calculated to prove of benefit to the community at large. His pleasant and affable manner invariably wins for him friends, and as one of the popular and honored citizens of Fairfield county he stands second to none.

PATRICK KEANE, deceased. Although taken away at a comparatively early age, while entering the prime of manhood, this well-known manufacturer of Botsford had established an influence in his community which was second to none. Possessing the warm-heartedness for which the Irish race is noted, he had won hosts of friends among all classes, and as a devout member of the Catholic Church his daily life was such as to commend his religion to every one, irrespective of creed. His death, which occurred March 20, 1896, called forth many sincere tributes to his worth as a man and a citizen, and the funeral eulogy of Father Smith, of St. Rose's Church, contained the following touching words: "One has been taken from us who could be truly called a good man. He was truly a practical Catholic. He was a good citizen, and all spoke highly of him without regard to creed or nationality. He had been a dutiful son, a good father, and an affectionate brother. How true these words are touching all his relationships no one knows as as well those who are connected with him. Those who were his neighbors regarded him as kind and obliging." The editor of the Newtown *Bee*, speaking through the columns of his paper, said in part: "The passing away of Mr. Keane in the prime of his life is sincerely regretted by all our citizens of whatever creed. He was of a substantial type, square in his business dealings, a man who despised hypocrisy and dishonesty in business or wherever it showed its head. If he made a promise his word could be depended upon, a characteristic that is not as universal as it ought to be. His children, yet young, can scarcely realize their great loss in the death of their father and protector, for he was a man deeply attached to his children and chosen friends."

Mr. Keane was born March 12, 1853, in County Clare, Ireland, the son of Thomas and Mary (Lillis) Keane, who were both highly-esteemed residents of Botsford. Thomas Keane was born in Ireland December 23, 1814, and for some years of his early manhood was a farmer in County Clare, but in 1863 he came with his wife and family to America, locating first in Monroe township, this county, where he found employment with a Mr. Booth, a manufacturer of stirrups. After his son settled in Botsford he also removed there and became interested in the business of button manufacturing, which they carried on successfully for a number of years under the firm name of Thomas Keane & Son. At that time the industry was in a state of decay, but they infused new life into it and made it one of the chief sources of prosperity for the town. The works were enlarged as time passed, and their energetic and judicious business methods extended their trade greatly. Thomas Keane died February 4, 1896, and his wife on December 27, 1890. Two daughters survive them, Mrs. Dennis Crowe, who has several children, and Miss Norah E. Keane, a lady of fine abilities and rare kindness of heart, who has taken charge of her deceased brother's children since the death of their mother.

The subject of our sketch was about ten years old when he came to this country, and was educated in the common schools of Monroe and Newtown townships. At the age of sixteen he secured a position as clerk with Oliver Botsford, at Botsford Station, remaining there until 1872, when he entered the employ of William Platt, the button manufacturer of Botsford. A few years later he succeeded to the business in partnership with his father, and they conducted it with the most gratifying results, as noted above. Our subject, being naturally gifted as a mechanic, put his inventive genius to good account in his own establishment, doing his repairing and making many of his machines. He accumulated a fine property, all due to his own well-directed efforts. In politics he was an uncompromising Democrat, and for several years he was a member of the town committee of his party, his advice and work being much appreciated. Official honors had no charms for him, however, and although he served at times as a member of the school committee and board of relief he persistently refused nomination to other positions. His

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death, which was caused by pulmonary hemorrhage, was quite unexpected, for although he had been under medical care for several months his condition was not thought to be serious until a few days before his demise. Being naturally of a buoyant disposition, it is doubtful if he realized his own danger. His funeral was largely attended by the townspeople, all classes, parties and creeds uniting in the final tribute of respect. The interment took place at St. Rose's cemetery, and was preceded by a solemn high mass for the repose of the soul. Many beautiful floral offerings gave token of the grief of friends and relatives, and the pall-bearers were leading men of the community.

In 1882 Mr. Keane married Miss Margaret Finnell, by whom he had five sons, Mrs. Keane dying April 14, 1890, at the birth of the youngest. She was a daughter of Edward Finnell, formerly a well-known resident of Newtown, and her family is connected by blood or marriage with most of the old Catholic families, her ancestors having settled here many years ago.

JOHN J. BOOTH. The quiet pleasures of farm life are made doubly enjoyable by contrast with years of active work in business centers, and the subject of this sketch, a well-known retired resident of Stratford township, is fortunate in the choice of a home for the "afternoon" of his long and useful career. For many years he was identified with mercantile pursuits, and has now retired to his old family homestead near Stratford village, an attractive estate to which early associations add an unfailing charm.

Mr. Booth is a representative of one of the pioneer families, being a direct descendant of Richard Booth, the first settler in Stratford. Capt. James Booth, our subject's great-grandfather, was a native of Stratford, and made his home there throughout his life. Silas Booth, the grandfather of our subject, was born and reared there, and for many years followed farming upon an estate of which our subject's present homestead is a portion. He married Ruth (Curtis) Jones, widow of Isaac Jones, a Revolutionary pensioner, and had six children: Isaac P., our subject's father; Eliza, who married Samuel Peck, a farm in Stratford; Maria, who married Henry Beardsley, a farmer in Stratford; Susan, who married Isaac B. Bristol, of Stratford, where their grandson, William B. Bristol, now resides; Nancy, who died in childhood; and Silas C., who resided in Bridgeport, and was at one time mayor of that place.

Isaac P. Booth, the father of our subject, was born in Stratford and became a farmer at the homestead, where his death occurred in 1879. His wife, Abigail (Wheeler), who died in 1875, was a daughter of Nathaniel L. Wheeler, a well known citizen of Stratford. Eight children were born to this worthy couple: Lewis W., founder of the Booth drug store in Bridgeport (he died in 1883); Charles, who died in 1878, in Petersburg, Va., where he was engaged in mercantile business; John J., our subject; Mary, wife of Charles Fowler, of Galveston, Texas; Elizabeth, wife of Sanford Southwick, of Galveston, Texas; Emily, unmarried; George, who died in Texas, in 1859, aged twenty-two years; and Adeline, unmarried.

John J. Booth was born January 31, 1827, in Stratford, and remained at home until he reached the age of sixteen, when he began to learn the tinner's trade in Bridgeport with Porter, Booth & Co. In 1851 he started a retail crockery store at Waterbury, Conn., and this he conducted successfully for about seventeen years. In 1868 he returned to Bridgeport, where he spent sixteen years in the L. W. Booth drug store, and he has since been living in retirement at Stratford, devoting his attention chiefly to the cultivation of his homestead, which contains about ten acres. Although he has not taken an active part in politics, he has been a stanch Republican ever since the organization of the party, and he is interested in all that relates to the welfare of the community. For many years he has been identified with the Congregational Church, and he and his family have always held a prominent place in social life. On April 29, 1857, he married Miss Jane C. Bunce, daughter of Daniel P. Bunce, of New Haven, and three children brighten the home: Jennie A., Georgiana and Rinnie C.

WILL W. KIRK, editor and proprietor of the New Canaan (Conn.) *Messenger*, is one of the progressive and enterprising citizens of Fairfield county. He comes of Scotch extraction, his great-grandfather, John Kirk, having at an early day emigrated to this country from Scotland.

Born March 6, 1852, in Patterson, N. Y., our subject received his education at the common schools and at Prof. Glendining's Academy at Stamford, Conn., the family having removed to that State when Will W. was a child. At Carmel, N. Y., he learned the printer's trade, and after working nine years in the office of the Stamford *Advocate* he, in August, 1879, purchased the New Canaan *Messenger*, at New

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Canaan, and has conducted that paper continuously ever since, having by his ability, shrewdness and perseverance made it one of the leading and most newsy journals in the county.

A leading Republican, Mr. Kirk takes an active interest in the affairs of the party and in its councils. He has been a member of the Board of Warden and Burgesses every year since the incorporation of the borough system. He has been a prominent and enthusiastic member of the local fire department since it was established in 1880; is a member of Wooster Lodge, I. O. O. F.; of Harmony Lodge, F. & A. M.; and of Stamford Council, Royal Arcanum. For the past four years he has served as Deputy State Factory Inspector. As a loyal citizen, he is true to all the duties that devolve on him, and he deservedly enjoys the esteem and respect of the community.

SAMUEL TWEEDY, one of Danbury's most able and prominent attorneys, is the senior member of the firm of Tweedy, Scott & Whittlesey (formery Brewster & Tweedy), and his reputation for learning and ability extends far beyond local limits.

Mr. Tweedy belongs to a well-known family which has been identified with Connecticut from early times. He is of the fifth generation in direct descent from John Tweedy, who came from Ireland to America about 1738, and was married at Woodbury, Conn., to Miss Jane Edmunds, also a native of the Emerald Isle. They had four children: Jane, Samuel, Ann and Smith. Samuel Tweedy, the grandfather of our subject, was born March 18, 1776, and on September 22, 1805, was married to Ann Burr. Of their seven children, two died in infancy; the others were: Oliver B., Edgar S., Mariette, Edmund and John H. Edgar S. Tweedy, our subject's father, was born May 23, 1808, and was married on June 4, 1834, to Miss Elizabeth S. Belden. Ten children blessed this union: Annie, widow of C. H. Benedict; two daughters, both named Martha, who died in infancy; Edmund; Jennie B.; John; Samuel; Edgar; Elizabeth, who died in infancy, and Eleanor.

Mr. Tweedy, our subject, was born April 21, 1846, at Danbury, where for some time he attended the public schools and a private school conducted by Rev. Frederick Jackson in a building which is now known as the "Turner House." He then entered Prof. Olmstead's school at Wilton, this county, to prepare for college, and from 1864 to 1868 he pursued a course in Yale College, graduating in the latter year. Having chosen law as a profession, he began his legal studies in the Columbia Law School, New York City, and on returning to Danbury in 1870 he entered the office of Averill & Brewster. In 1871 he was admitted to the Bar and engaged in practice in partnership with his preceptor, Judge Lyman D. Brewster, under the style of Brewster & Tweedy, Mr. Averill having retired from the former firm. The new partnership continued without change until July, 1878, when Howard B. Scott was added, the firm being then known as Brewster, Tweedy & Scott. In September, 1890, Judge Brewster ceased to be a member, and since that time the firm has been Tweedy, Scott & Whittlesey. They have a large and lucrative practice, being connected on one side or the other with some of the most important cases arising in their locality.

While Mr. Tweedy is a stanch Republican, he has never taken an active part in political work. He is, however, to be found as a helper on the right side of any movement which promises to benefit his community, and has given much time to educational work, having served ten years as a member of the board of school directors.

In 1879, Mr. Tweedy married Mrs. Carrie Krom, daughter of Ira and Adah M. (Barden) Miller, and one child has blessed the union, Maud Eleanor Douglass Tweedy, who is at home. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church of Danbury, and are prominent in the best social circles. Mr. Tweedy is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, Union Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M., Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M., Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., and Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M.

LEMUEL P. WETMORE, deceased. The manufacturing interests of New England have played such a prominent part in the development of that region that the public-spirited citizen can not fail to feel a keen interest in the personal history of those who have spent their entire lives in the manufacturing business, and we here present to our readers a brief review of the life of Lemuel P. Wetmore, of Brookfield. He was born October 10, 1825, in Newtown, son of Ephraim P. and grandson of John Wetmore.

Ephraim P. Wetmore was born at Newtown, Fairfield Co., Conn., and in his native town learned the goldsmith's trade, which he followed for some time. His next venture was the manufacture of combmakers' tools, which he carried on for many years, and he finally engaged in tinsmithing. He married Miss Sophia Griffen, daughter of Peleg Griffen, of Newtown, and they

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became the parents of eight children, namely: Mary Jane, who married Wheeler Wilcox, and is now deceased; Emeline, Mrs. Fairchild, deceased; Sarah, deceased; Cyrus, of Roxbury, Conn.; Lemuel P.; Henriette, deceased wife of Walter Simpson; Harriet, Mrs. Parmalee, of Iowa, and Cornelia, Mrs. Simpson, of Iowa. The father of this family was active in the work of the Democratic party, and held the office of collector and sealer of measures.

Lemuel P. Wetmore passed his boyhood and youth in Newtown, where he attended the public schools up to the age of sixteen, when he came to Brookfield in company with a cooper, working with him at the trade about six months. He then worked at the limekiln for awhile, later learning the blacksmith's trade under John L. Burdick. After serving an apprenticeship of three years he opened up a blacksmith shop for himself and engaged in business for thirty years. He spent one year in Putnam county, N. Y., and after returning to Brookfield he secured employment as forger with the Tomlinson Knife Company, where he remained two years. He then began forging knives and doing custom work as a member of the firm of Wildman & Wetmore, having bought a half-interest in the old factory. Later Mr. Wildman retired, and the firm became Wetmore & Bennett, John F. Bennett being Mr. Wildman's successor. Mr. Bennett died, and his son, Frederick A. Bennett, took his father's interest. In 1884 Mr. Wetmore retired from the business and bought a farm, on which he passed the remainder of his days in quiet and comfort, reaping the reward of his early industry. He passed away September 17, 1897, and his wife followed him to the grave November 8, 1898.

In Brookfield Mr. Wetmore was married to Miss Sarah Anna Reed, a daughter of Tilly W. Reed, and they became the parents of four children, three of whom are living, viz.: Helen, wife of John Bateman; Mary, deceased; John C. and Vernon C. Mr. Wetmore was a strong Republican, politically, and he served his town as selectman. He was a worker in the Sons of Temperance, and his strong, vigorous frame, and clear open face, the picture of health, was one of the best arguments for the cause he aided for so many years, and whose teachings—temperance in all things—he consistently followed.

LEWIS M. CURTISS. The Curtiss family, which has been prominently identified with this county from pioneer times, is descended from I. William Curtis, who came from England in the ship "Lion" in 1632, and settled in Roxbury, Mass., where he died late in the year 1634. Like many other emigrants, he left his family in the old country while he was preparing a home for them, and in the spring of 1634 his wife and children joined him in Roxbury. He had five children: William, Thomas, Mary, John and Philip; and the subject of this sketch, who is a leading agriculturist and dairyman of Trumbull township, is a direct descendant of the eldest son.

II. William Curtiss settled in Stratford, this county, in 1639, with his widowed mother and his brother John, being among the first to locate at that place. He died December 15, 1702, and his will, which was dated December 15 of that year, was proved on the 31st of the same month. The name of his first wife is not now known, but in 1680 he married Mrs. Sarah Goodrich, widow of Ensign William Goodrich, of Wethersfield, Conn., and daughter of Matthew Morris, of Hartford, Conn. She died about 1702. William Curtiss had nine children, whose names, with dates of birth, are as follows: Sarah, October 10, 1642; Jonathan, February 14, 1644; Joshua, October 1, 1646; Abigail, April 21, 1650; Daniel, November 16, 1652; Elizabeth, September 13, 1654; Ebenezer, July 6, 1657; Zachariah, November 14, 1659; and Josiah, August 30, 1662.

III. Zachariah Curtiss died in June, 1748, aged eighty-nine years, and his wife Hannah, a daughter of Nathaniel Porter, died in 1738 at the age of seventy-three. They had three children: Zachariah, who is mentioned below; Nathaniel, who was married November 27, 1712, to Hannah Wells; and Jeremiah, born in May, 1706.

IV. Zachariah Curtiss was married January 9, 1721, to Mary ———, and died June 12, 1748. They had seven children, whose names with dates of birth are as follows: Mitchell, January, 172–; Eunice, October 3, 1722; Mary, November 6, 1724; Rhoda, January 19, 1726; Beulah, February 5, 1727; Mitchell (2), September 21, 1729; and Susannah, October 6, 1736.

V. Mitchell Curtiss (2) was married February 11, 1753, to Phœbe Peet, daughter of Deacon Thomas Peet, and had the following children: Zachariah, born September 17, 1753, who married Verona Edwards; Daniel Mitchell, who is mentioned below; Mary Ann, born November 7, 1756; Phœbe, born July, 1764; and Isaac, born in December, 1766.

VI. Daniel Mitchell Curtiss, the grandfather of our subject, was born January 5, 1755, and died April 27, 1830. On June 24, 1779, he married Huldah Burr, and they had ten children, whose names with dates of birth are here given: Justus

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Burr, January 27, 1780; Ely, September 16, 1781; Mary, August 2, 1783; David, February 9, 1786; Daniel, March 8, 1788; Hepzibah, September 29, 1790; Lucy, November 28, 1792; Huldah, January 23, 1795; Alvin, September 29, 1798; and Ira, December 8, 1800.

VII. Ira Curtiss, our subject's father, who died June 21, 1849, was reared in the town of Trumbull, near Nichols, where he attended school during boyhood. He followed farming as an occupation, and always resided at the old homestead. In politics he was a Whig, while in religious faith he was a Methodist. On December 26, 1833, he married Mrs. Sally (Bradley) Burritt, of Stratford, by whom he had three children: Caroline, born October 28, 1834, died September 2, 1835; Lewis Mix, our subject; and Henry Burr, born September 29, 1840, who now resides at No. 348 Noble avenue, Bridgeport. Our subject's mother, who was born April 28, 1798, and died April 3, 1885, was a daughter of Israel and Mary (Hotchkiss) Bradley, formerly well-known residents of Milford, Conn., and her marriage to her first husband, Isaac Burritt, occurred March 31, 1818.

VIII. Lewis M. Curtiss was born August 27, 1837, at the old homestead near the village of Nichols, and his education was begun in the public schools of that place. Later he attended the high school at Milford, and on leaving school he served an apprenticeship there to the tinsmith's trade. He then entered the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company at Bridgeport, remaining five years, but in 1862 he returned to the old homestead, where he has since resided. The estate is beautifully located, and is known as City View Farm. Mr. Curtiss makes a specialty of dairying, in which he has met with gratifying success.

On July 11, 1861, Mr. Curtiss was married in Milford to Miss Catherine Miles Baldwin, daughter of Elijah Baldwin, a prominent citizen of Milford, and two children came to brighten their home: Walter Bradley, born January 28, 1866, and Eveline Baldwin, born August 21, 1870, and died February 22, 1884. The family is much esteemed socially, and Mr. Curtiss is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Nichols, and affiliates with St. John's Lodge No. 8, F. & A. M., at Stratford.

REV. WILLIAM H. HOLMAN, pastor of the First Congregational Church at Southport, has ministered to the spiritual needs of that society for more than twenty years, and during his long term of service his faithful and efficient labors in the cause of Christ have been recognized as a potent influence for good throughout the community. While the duties of his sacred calling have received the most devoted care, he has not been unmindful of the many channels of helpfulness which lie outside of Church work, and at all times he has manifested a hearty sympathy with educational and philanthropic movements of all kinds.

The history of the Church of which he has had charge for so many years will be of interest to our readers. The pioneers of Southport were at first dependent upon the churches at Fairfield village for religious privileges, but in the year 1843 a movement was set on foot for the establishment of a more convenient place of worship. Accordingly a meeting was held in Southport on February 18, 1843, at which it was resolved by the members of the Fairfield congregation present to organize themselves into a separate body to be denominated "The Congregational Church of Southport." Letters were sent to five Churches in the vicinity, namely, the First Church of Fairfield, the First and Second Churches in Bridgeport, and the congregations in Greenfield and Norwalk, inviting them to send their pastors and delegates to meet in council with the Southport members "for the purpose of organizing a Church of Christ in the Borough of Southport." This council met on March 7, 1843, and as the purpose of the petitions was approved, the new Church was formally organized with a membership of twenty-eight. A sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Atwater, of Fairfield, and in the evening of the same day the house was dedicated, Rev. Dr. Hewit, of Bridgeport, preaching the dedication sermon. On application, the Church was received into the Consociation of the Western district of Fairfield county, on June 6, 1843. The first members of the Church were Mrs. Elizabeth B. Alvord, Elias P. Benham, Mrs. Rachel M. Benham, Mrs. Miranda Bulkeley, Levi Down, Mrs. Peggy Lacey, Frederick Marquand, Mrs. Hetty Marquand, Anna Osborn, Mrs. Eleanor Osborn, Jeremiah Osborn, Mrs. Abigail Osborn, Austin Perry, Mrs. Emily A. Perry, Mary A. Perry, Delia F. Perry, Francis D. Perry, Mrs. Ann Eliza Perry, Oliver H. Perry, Mrs. Eliza P. Robinson, Mrs. Mary A. Sherwood, Mrs. Catherine G. Sherwood, Edward A. Smith, Mrs. Esther M. Smith, Walter Thorp, Mary C. Thorp, and Maurice Wakeman. In 1880 the Church had a membership of 167, and at present there are 190 members.

The building, completed in 1843, was used by the congregation as a place of worship until

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1874, when it was removed and a handsome and substantial edifice erected on its site. This was dedicated February 2, 1876, Rev. S. J. M. Merwin, then of Wilton, preaching from Haggai 11, 9: "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of Hosts, and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of Hosts." He was assisted in the service by Rev. Dr. Atwater, Rev. Charles E. Lindsley, and Rev. George E. Hill. The first pastor of the Church was Rev. Samuel J. M. Merwin, who was ordained December 18, 1844, and remained in charge until May 3, 1859. He was followed by Rev. Charles E. Lindsley (February 29, 1860–February 16, 1869); Rev. George E. Hill (March 22, 1870–December 27, 1876), and Rev. William H. Holman was ordained and installed as pastor on June 12, 1878.

Among other worthy enterprises to which Mr. Holman has given his influence we may mention the Pequot Library at Southport, a public institution which would be a credit to any city in the United States. Except in the number of volumes it is not surpassed in any respect by the libraries of our largest cities, and the choice selection of works reduces that disadvantage to a minimum. The library was opened in 1894 through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert B. Monroe. In 1898 numerous improvements were made, and at present the building is a model of its kind, containing the latest appliances for convenience and system in the care of books. It is equipped with a steam-heating plant and electric apparatus for lighting, a storage battery of the latest design supplying the power, and in every way the managers have sought to carry out effectively the beneficent purpose of its founders.

BENNETT BLACKMAN, of Newtown, has been for many years regarded as a leader in public affairs in his locality, and although he has now retired from active participation in business and political life, his influence is still marked in the community.

Mr. Blackman belongs to one of the old families of Taunton District, town of Newtown, his grandfather, James Blackman, having come from some western point to locate there previous to the Revolutionary war. This well-known pioneer was a farmer by occupation and owned a large tract of land. He was prominent as a citizen, and was especially interested in religious work, being an active member of the Episcopal Church and a singer in the choir. He married Miss Sylvia Hitchcock, and they had five children, viz.: Beers, who became a prominent resident of Danbury; Lucy, who married Peter Hurd; Eunice (Mrs. Sherman); Hawley and Samuel B.

Samuel Blackman, our subject's father, being the youngest son, inherited the homestead, a large estate near the "Rackets," where he followed farming throughout his life. He was never inclined to public life, and took little interest in local affairs of a political nature, but for years he was a leading member of the Episcopal Church. He died in 1870. He married Eunice Ann Skidmore, daughter of Abel Skidmore, of Lake George District, and they had the following children: James, a resident of Newtown, who died in 1894; A. Beers, who resides in Buffalo; Lucy (deceased), who married William Guire, of Bethel, this county; Lacy, who died in Bridgeport, this county; Maryette, wife of Wilson Lyon, of Bethel; Bennett, our subject; Clark, a resident of Taunton District, town of Newtown; and Charlotte, wife of Stephen Burns, of Bridgeport.

Our subject was born June 14, 1820, at the old homestead in the town of Newtown. At an early age he learned the trade of combmaker, and from 1840 to 1848 he followed that business at the "Neck," near Lake George. He then engaged in butchering, locating first in Hawleyville in 1850, and in 1862 removing to Newtown, where he continued the business until 1881, when he relinquished it to his son, John H. Blackman. In all his undertakings he was successful, and notwithstanding the pressure of business cares, he found time to take an active part in the various movements of his day and locality. In 1876 he represented his town in the State Legislature, and he was constable for twenty years, member of the board of relief one year, grand juror for twenty years, and assessor for one term. Mr. Blackman has always shown a ready sympathy with religious work, and is a member of Trinity Episcopal Church at Newtown. He has been twice married, first time in 1840, to Miss Hepsa Sheppard, daughter of Orrin Sheppard, of Newtown. She died November 27, 1856, and in January, 1860, Mr. Blackman wedded Elizabeth Platt, who passed away in August, 1889. By his first wife he had two children: Susan Jane and John Henry; the daughter married (first) Rockwell Smith, of Brookfield, who met a soldier's death in the Civil war, and (second) she wedded Rufus Short, of Bethel, this county.

JOHN H. BLACKMAN, the younger child and only son of our subject, is a worthy representative of this highly-respected family. From early manhood he was associated with his father in business, and since the spring of 1881, when he

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purchased the meat market, he has successfully conducted it on his own account. This is now one of the oldest establishments in the town, and is the only one of the kind on the street. He deals chiefly in native beef, and in all ways seeks to deserve the confidence of his customers. In December, 1875, he married Miss Isabell Winton, daughter of Oscar Winton, a well-known resident of Grays Plain District, town of Newtown; no children have blessed this union. Mr. Blackman and his wife are prominent socially, and he is a member of Trinity Episcopal Church of Newtown, and of various fraternal orders, belonging to Hiram Lodge No. 18, F. & A. M., the Knights of Honor, the B. P. O. E., of Bridgeport, of which he is a charter member, and Samaritan Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Danbury; his father was at one time connected with the last named order. He has also been actively identified with local movements of different kinds, and has been foreman of the Newtown Volunteer Hook and Ladder Company ever since its organization in 1883. Politically, he is a Democrat, and he is one of the best-known managers of the party in his vicinity. Since 1876 he has held the office of constable continuously, except for one year, and in 1879 he served as a member of the State Legislature; in 1891, during the memorable deadlock in the Legislature, he acted as doorkeeper of the Senate.

CHARLES BAILEY MASON. Public officials who will use their positions as vantage ground for securing to the people the greatest possible good are rare, and the good citizens of Danbury have shown their appreciation of the fact in the hearty endorsement which they have given to this able and public-spirited gentleman. At present Mr. Mason is postmaster of that city, but his reputation for ability and faithfulness was established years ago in other responsible positions. Danbury will not soon forget his services as selectman, and many substantial improvements stand as a monument to his zeal and foresight.

As Mr. Mason can claim descent in the maternal line from several old New England families, his ancestral record is of more than usual interest, and may suitably introduce his personal history. His father, Charles B. Mason, who was born in New York City, January 20, 1807, died February 2, 1842, nearly five months before our subject was born. The mother, whose maiden name was Caroline Barnum, contracted a second marriage, in 1844, with Peter M. Holmes. By her first marriage she had three children: Mary A., who died in infancy; Mary Emeline, who died at the age of eighteen; and Charles B., our subject. There were three children by the second union: John Timmeron, who entered the Union army during the Civil war, was wounded and captured at the battle of Tybee Island, and died in a prison at Charleston, S. C.; Catherine Ann, who died in infancy; and Granville Orrin, now a resident of Danbury. Our subject's mother was born at Danbury, January 14, 1816, and died April 18, 1889. Through her father, Zoroaster Barnum, she was related to the well-known Connecticut family of that name, and her mother, Betsey Benedict, was a lineal descendant of one William Benedict I, who lived in Nottinghamshire, England, about the year 1500. He had one son, William II, who also had an only son called William III. The third William had an only child called Thomas IV, born in 1617, who was put out as an apprentice to a weaver, and afterward, in the twenty-first year of his age, came to New England together with his step-sister, Mary Bridgam, whom he married. They settled at Massachusetts Bay, and from there they moved to Southhold, Long Island, where were born to them five sons and four daughters, namely: Thomas, John, Samuel, James, Daniel, Betty, Mary, Sarah and Rebecca. In 1657 he resided at Huntington, Long Island. In 1663 he moved to Norwalk, Conn., and in the ensuing year he was appointed selectman of the town and also town clerk. He held the latter office until 1674, and was selectman until 1688. In 1670 he was representative of Norwalk in the General Assembly, and again in 1675. In the patent granted by the General Court in 1686, confirming the title of Norwalk, Thomas Benedict's name is inserted as a patentee. In May, 1684, the General Court appointed him and three others to plant a town above Norwalk at Paquage, and in the fall of that year and the spring of 1685 Samuel and James, sons of Thomas, and six others with their families settled there, the land having been purchased from the Indians. They asked that their settlement might be called Swamfield, but in 1687 the General Court denied their request and called it Danbury. Thomas Benedict is identified with the founding of the first Presbyterian Church in America, in Jamaica in 1662. He held the office of commissioner when the Dutch Governor Stuyvesant, of New York, surrendered New York to the English, and was a delegate from Jamaica to the first Legislative body convened in New York.

In the various Indian wars of his time he took an active part, and was appointed, by Governor Nichols, of New York, lieutenant of the Foot Company, of Jamaica, his commission

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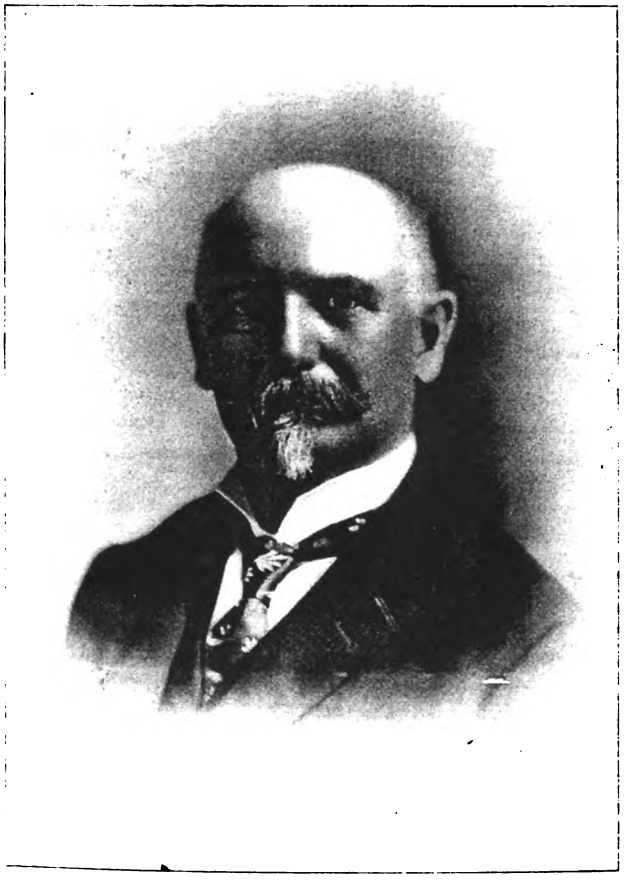

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being dated at New York April 7, 1665. His will, which was executed February 28, 1689, states he was "weak of body, aged seventy-three years, yet of perfect mind and memory." Samuel Benedict V, son of Thomas, was born at Southhold, L. I., in 1641, and continued to reside with his father until after his removal to Norwalk, Conn. He was married July 7, 1678, to Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Andrews, of Fairfield, Conn., and had five children, namely: Thomas, Nathaniel, Abraham, Rebecca and Esther. He settled at Danbury, in 1684, with his brother James, and his brother-in-law, James Beebe, and thus it will be seen that the majority of the first settlers of Danbury were of Benedict stock and connection. They soon built a little church, 40 x 30 feet, and when its frame was raised every person in the town was present and sat together on its sills. Samuel, who had been a deacon of the Church while a resident of Norwalk, was first deacon of the Church. He was named as the patentee in the Patent of Danbury, granted by the General Assembly, May, 1702. Inventory of his will, dated April 17, 1719, shows a total of £185, 11s. 5d. Abraham VI, son of Samuel, was born June 21, 1681. He married Sarah Hickok, and had eight children, namely: Abraham, Timothy, Jabez, Israel, Silas, Rebecca, Mary and Elizabeth. His will was probated June 15, 1779. Jabez VII, son of Abraham, married Charity Booth, and resided in Danbury, Conn., Cornwall, Conn., and Johnstown, N. Y., where he died in 1801. He had five children: Eunice, Rachel, Sarah, Jabez, and Ephraim. Ephraim VIII, son of Jabez, was born February 4, 1765, and married September 30, 1784, Betsey, daughter of Samuel and Mary Curtis, of Danbury. She was born June 16, 1765, and died September 9, 1825. He was married again, May 2, 1827, to Widow Anna Barlow, who died in November, 1865, aged ninety-eight years and four months. Ephraim Benedict died at Danbury April 27, 1849. He served three months in the Revolutionary army; his father-in-law, Samuel Curtis, served as ensign in eight companies in the French and Indian war, and three in the war of the Revolution. Ephraim had seven children, all by his first wife, namely: John Curtis, Sarah, Jabez, Ruth, Betsey, Roswell, and Elias Curtis. Betsey IX, daughter of Ephraim, was born April 7, 1796, and in 1818 she married Zoroaster Barnum, and had two children: Caroline X, our subject's mother, and Eliza; she died at Danbury October 19, 1873.

As will be seen, Mr. Mason is of the eleventh generation from William Benedict I, of Nottinghamshire, and those who are fond of tracing hereditary influences may ascribe his fidelity to the public welfare to the same patriotism which animated his ancestors in the Benedict and Curtis lines during the early days, when their duties required hard service in camp and on battlefield. Mr. Mason is a native of the town which his ancestors helped to found, and first saw the light June 26, 1842, at No. 13 Franklin street. The house, which was the first Methodist Episcopal church built in Danbury, was moved to its present location in 1840, and transformed into a dwelling. After attending the public schools of his native place for some time, Mr. Mason began his business career at the age of fourteen as a clerk in N. T. Hoyt's grocery, where he remained three years, and the next two years were spent in similar employment with William G. Randall. He then entered the department store of Benedict & Nichols, being employed as buyer and manager of the hardware department. In 1865 he formed a partnership with David P. Nichols and Samuel C. Smith, and purchased the business, which they continued under the firm name of D. P Nichols & Co. until 1869. In that year Mr. Mason went to New York City and organized the wholesale grocery firm of Bennett, Hawley & Mason, establishing a store at No. 333 Greenwich street. This partnership was dissolved in 1872, and Mr. Mason became connected with the wholesale grocery of A. J. D. Wedemeyer, on Washington street, New York, where he remained until 1889. Returning to Danbury, he then purchased the grocery of Peck & Wildman, and this, until 1893, was conducted under the firm name of Mason & Co., Mr. Mason's son being associated with him in the business. He has also engaged in other enterprises, and is now a director in the Danbury and Bethel Street Railway Company, and vice-president of the National Building, Bank and Loan Association.

In 1889 Mr. Mason began his successful work in municipal affairs. The city having just received its charter, he was appointed superintendent of the water-works, a position which he held until 1891. His administration attracted favorable notice, and in the fall of 1892 he was elected to the office of first selectman by a plurality of 659 on the Democratic ticket, the significance of the achievement being seen when it is recalled that for seven years previous the town had gone Republican by large majorities. He held this office one year, and before the expiration of his term he was again appointed (May, 1893) to the post of superintendent of the water-works, which he filled until April, 1895, when he received a recess appointment as postmaster.

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On December 19, 1895, he was formally confirmed in that position for the term of four years. While serving as superintendent of the waterworks he instituted the first systematic record of that department, and having seen the need of more business-like methods of keeping the town accounts, he made it his first duty as selectman to inaugurate a better system, which has since been adopted in many other towns in Connecticut. During his term the question of building a new almshouse, one of the finest in the State, was voted upon, Mr. Mason's influence being potent in securing a favorable result, and the foundations of the structure were laid before he retired from the office. He also gave great impetus to the work of improving the roads, and during his year as first selectman the first iron bridges in the town were constructed. He was a member of the committee which revised the present city charter, adopted in 1897. He has also devoted much time and attention to educational matters, and since 1890 has been a member of the school board of his city. Here, as elsewhere, his energetic support of progressive measures has won the approval of the best element among his fellow-townsmen.

Socially, Mr. Mason is a member of Union Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M.; of Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; of Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T.; of the Royal Arcanum; of Pyramid Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine; of Progressive Lodge No. 18, I. O. O. F.; of the order of the Knights of Honor; and is a member of the Connecticut Sons of the Revolution. He is a member of St. James Church (Protestant Episcopal), and from 1862 to 1869 was a vestryman. In 1867 he was one of a building committee of three who superintended the construction of the present church edifice.

On January 4, 1863, Mr. Mason was married to his first wife, Miss Mary Augusta Bennett, daughter of Austin and Maria Bennett, of Brookfield, Conn. She was born at Lake Mahopac, N. Y., in 1845, and died at Danbury in 1882. Mr. Mason formed a second matrimonial union, this time on June 5, 1883, with Miss Annie Evaline Lovell, who was born at New Bedford, Mass., January 13, 1862, the youngest daughter of Henry Sylvanus and Eliza Ann Lovell. Mrs. Mason also came from Puritan ancestry. Her paternal great-great-grandfather was Nathan Briggs, who was born September 22, 1716, and died June 18, 1798. Sarah, his wife, was born January 27, 1719, and died July 15, 1792. They had eleven children, whose names and dates of birth, etc., are as follows (old style): Lidea, December 26, 1745; Sarah, March 19, 1747, died January 18, 1830; Nathan, October 7, 1748; Leonard, February 26, 1750, died November 13, 1844; Mary, October 11, 1751; Stetson, April 16, 1753, died November 28, 1754; (new style): Benjamin and Rachel (twins), March 2, 1755 (Rachel died March 12, 1818); Jesse, May 14, 1757, died March 3, 1841; Hannah, October 5, 1758; and Rowland, September 28, 1760, died October 25, 1781. Leonard, fourth son of Nathan and Sarah Briggs, was born at Wareham, Mass., and died at Sylvanus Lovell's home at Middleboro, Mass. The abstract from the record index of the Revolutionary archives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts reveals the following: Leonard Briggs appears with the rank of private on the muster and pay roll of Capt. Nathaniel Hammond's company, as enlisting July 17, 1775; time of service, five months, twenty days. He appears with the rank of private in a return of Capt. David Nye's company, Colonel Sprout's regiment, as in service seven days, having marched to Dartmouth, on an alarm, September 3, 1778, in the Second Company of Wareham. He appears with the rank of private on the muster and pay roll of Capt. Jacob Haskins' company, Col. John Hathaway's regiment, for service at Rhode Island, enlisted March 19, 1779, discharged April 15, 1779. He also appears with the rank of private on muster and pay roll of Capt. Simeon Cobb's company, under command of Capt. Samuel Fisher, Third regiment, Gen. Godfrey's brigade, detached for four weeks for service at Rhode Island. He enlisted August 14, 1779; time of service, one month and two days. He was taken prisoner by the British and escaped from jail, but suffered ill health ever after because of the exposure and privation endured. He wrote a history of his experiences during the war, which was very interesting, but was unfortunately destroyed. He married Hope, daughter of Henry and Lidia Wood. She was born in Maine, October 15, 1757, and died at the home of Sylvanus Lovell, in Middleboro, Mass., February 9, 1837. Eight children came to them: Ancil, born December 26, 1781, was caught in a mill wheel and killed January 18, 1793; Howland, born November 4, 1783, died in Maine suddenly while drinking a cup of coffee; Martha, born November 3, 1785; Deborah, born March 28, 1788, married Aberdeen Keith; Keziah, born September 12, 1790, married Philip Leonard; Hope, born March 5, 1793, married Alen Bronson, and died September 12, 1832; Betsey, born December 24, 1796, married Foster Keith; Joann, born May 22, 1799, at Middleboro, Mass., died July 11, 1869, at New Bedford, Mass. She married Sylvanus Lovell, who was born at Wareham, Mass., and died at

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New Bedford October 26, 1854. Three children were born to them: Joann Frances, Lucy Ann, and Henry Sylvanus, who was born at Carver, Mass., March 4, 1828, and died at New Bedford June 15, 1896. He was married March 23, 1851, to Eliza Ann, who was born at New Bedford, June 5, 1833, the daughter of Samuel and Mary Dunham. Five children came to them: Charles Henry, born May 22, 1852; Walter Herbert, October 18, 1854; Hattie Eliza, June 2, 1856; Caroline F., April 8, 1860; and Annie Evaline, January 13, 1862. Annie Evaline Lovell Mason's branch of the Lovell family is as follows: Robert Lovell was admitted as freeman in England in 1635. John, son of Robert, came to Weymouth, Mass., in 1655. James, son of John; Jacob, son of James; Joseph, son of Jacob; Sylvanus, son of Joseph; Sylvanus, son of Sylvanus; Henry Sylvanus, son of Sylvanus; Annie Evaline, daughter of Henry Sylvanus.

Mrs. Mason's maternal ancestors were likewise of Revolutionary stock. Her great-grandfather, Nathaniel Downs, was born in 1740, and served during the Revolutionary war as a private in Thomas Nickerson's company, Major Z. Winslow's regiment, on an alarm at Bedford and Falmouth, Mass. He married Tabitha ———, who was born in 1742 and died May 15, 1826. Their silver spoons, all hand-made and engraved Nathaniel and Tabitha Downs, are in the possession of their great-granddaughter, Mrs. Mason. Fourteen children were born to them: Nathaniel, Jr., Deborah, Jane, Rhoda, Shubad, Anna, Warren, Tabitha, Temperance, Aca, Lidia, Lucy, Nancy and Mary. Warren was a United States naval officer, and died on a warship June 11, 1795, at Norfolk, Va. Mary was born April 23, 1790, and died in 1872. (An elaborate framed memorial, designed and embroidered by her in 1813, is still in the possession of her granddaughter, Mrs. Mason.) On May 17, 1829, she married Samuel Dunham, and died November 15, 1870. Two children came to them: Samuel W., born October 19, 1830, and Eliza Ann, the mother of Mrs. Mason.

Mr. Mason's home, at No. 29 Fairview avenue, Danbury, is a pleasant one within and without. Of his three children by his first marriage the eldest, Charles Edmund, is now a successful business man of Danbury. John Holmes, born October 30, 1867, died February 26, 1892; Bennett Howard, born September 30, 1874, died April 7, 1893. By his second marriage he has one son, Lovell Waldo, born August 27, 1891.

CHARLES EDMUND MASON, the eldest son, was born at Danbury December 14, 1863, and received his education in the public schools of that city. At the age of fifteen he began clerking in the jewelry store of A. A. Trowbridge, and a year later entered Mrs. V. E. Hawley's drug store as clerk, remaining one year. He then went to New York City, and spent two years with I. M. Seltzer, a druggist on Hudson street. On returning to Danbury he was employed in E. M. Baldwin's pharmacy for about seven years, and then he took charge of a drug store belonging to his father, continuing three years. On August 22, 1898, after a competitive examination, he was appointed money order and register clerk at the Danbury post office, which position he now holds. He is enterprising and capable, and has already won a high reputation in business circles.

On September 1, 1886, Mr. Mason married Miss Katherine Flint, daughter of Harrison and Kate (Fairbanks) Flint. He and his accomplished wife are prominent socially, and religiously they are members of St. James Episcopal Church. He belongs also to the Masonic Order, and is an active worker in Union Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M., in which he is master; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council, R. & S. M.; Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., in which he is generalissimo; Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., thirty-second degree; and Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. In political faith he is independent.

Katherine (Flint) Mason was born in Danbury April 9, 1864, and is the eldest daughter of Harrison and Kate (Fairbanks) Flint. On her father's side she is descended from the earlier settlers of Salem, Mass. Her great-grandmother was a sister of Fisher Ames, the great Massachusetts jurist and orator. Her father, Harrison Flint, established the first regular machine shop in Danbury, and afterward, associating with Gen. Benjamin F. Butler, founded the United States Bunting Company, of Lowell, and manufactured the first bunting woven in the United States. On her mother's side Mrs. Mason traces her descent from Jonathan Fairbank, who settled at Dedham, Mass., in 1636, and was the founder of the family in America. Her great-grandfather, Zaccheus Fairbanks, served with honor in the war of the Revolution, being on the roll of minute-men, and taking part in the battles of Concord, Lexington and Bunker Hill; he afterward served at different times to the close of the war.

EBELCHER MEAD is related to many of the prominent families of Fairfield county, Conn., including the Howe and Waterbury families, and is a descendant in the eighth genera-

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tion from William Mead [other authorities say John], the noted pioneer, who came from England in 1635 [other authorities say about 1642].

The "Mead Family" of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., was originally from England, and from researches that have been made there it would seem that they are from Greenwich, County of Kent. In the "History of Lexington, Mass.," we find that Gabriel Mead was among the first settlers of that place, as also David. The dates of their arrival and of William at Horse Neck (or rather Stamford) agree with one another, leading to the conclusion that all three were near relatives; furthermore, the "Coat of Arms" of the three is identical. The first record of any Mead in Fairfield county is the following in Stamford Town Records: "December 7, 1641, William Mayd received from the Town of Stamford, a homelot and five acres of land." This William, recent researches show, was undoubtedly the ancestor of the Fairfield county Meads. Very little concerning him, except that already mentioned, can be found. He, however, appears as a petitioner in behalf of his son Joseph in 1654. His wife died in Stamford in 1657. No record of his death has, as yet, been found. We have record of three children (but there probably were four, a son who died in 1657–58): (1) Joseph, born in 1630, married, December, 1654, Mary Brown, of Stamford, died May 3, 1690. He was the ancestor of the Ridgefield and North Fairfield county Meads, and had Zachariah, Joseph, Daniel, Elisha, Richard and Mary. (2) Martha, born about 1632, married John Richardson, of Stamford. No further traces have been found. (3) John, born about 1634, married Hannah Potter, of Stamford, probably in 1657, died February 5, 1699. He was the ancestor of the Greenwich Meads.

THE FAMILY IN GREENWICH.—The two sons, Joseph and John (1), seem to have migrated (though it afterward proved only a temporary stay) to Hempstead, L. I., where they resided until about 1660. Joseph, during that time, in 1658, was assistant justice of Hemptead. John (1) removed to Greenwich from Hempstead, L. I., in 1660. He had eight sons and three daughters, as follows: John (2), Joseph, Jonathan, Ebenezer (1), David, Benjamin, Nathaniel, Samuel, Hannah, Abigail and Mary Elizabeth. Thus it will be seen that John (1) was the ancestor of the Greenwich Meads, and in his day he was one of the leading citizens in the town, where he owned large tracts of land. His descendants are now numerous, as will be seen by various records preserved in this volume, and much of the real estate acquired by him is still in their possession. In the third generation the line of descent is traced through Ebenezer (1), a son of John (1). Lieut. Caleb Mead, next in the line of descent, served during the Revolutionary war as a sergeant with Capt. Joseph Hobby's "company of householders," attached to Captain Mead's military district of Col. John Mead's regiment, the Ninth Connecticut Militia.

Elkanah Mead, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born March 6, 1748, at the old homestead in North Street, Greenwich, and was a farmer by occupation. He took an active part in the struggle for independence, and in August, 1776, he accompanied an exposition to New York under the command of Lieut. Charles Smith. Later he served as a member of Capt. David Hoyt's company in the Ninth Connecticut Militia under Col. John Mead. He married Hannah Mead, who was born March 6, 1753, and died November 12, 1785, and his death occurred June 20, 1816. They had three children, of whom Amos was the youngest; Hannah B., born March 4, 1777, married a Mr. Husted, and died in New York July 2, 1826; Sally, born August 18, 1779, married Benjamin Smith, and died February 19, 1854.

Amos Mead, the grandfather of E. Belcher Mead, was born July 7, 1781, at the farm in North Street, in the town of Greenwich, and became one of the leading agriculturists of that locality, his real-estate holdings being extensive. He was also influential in local affairs in his day. He died August 24, 1850, in his seventieth year. His first wife, Alice (Belcher), to whom he was married May 24, 1803, died February 17, 1815, leaving no children. On November 14, 1816, he married Mary Prudy, who died March 1, 1832. The following children came to the second union: Elkanah, who is mentioned more fully below; Catherine, born November 13, 1819, who married Capt. William L. Lyon, of New York, and died at Marcellus, N. Y., in 1895; Stephen, born August 15, 1821, who was engaged in farming in North Street, Greenwich, and died February 23, 1852, leaving one child; Elisha B., born August 20, 1823, who became a physician, and died April 5, 1849, at the beginning of a promising career; Sarah P., born June 15, 1825, married Amos M. Bush, and died September 4, 1859; Evelina, born November 8, 1828, married Stephen G. Howe, of Salem, N. Y., where she died May 20, 1855; Edgar, born in 1830, died in infancy; and Mary P., born February 8, 1832, married John G. Clark, and died at Bedford, N. Y., July 25, 1853.

Capt. Elkanah Mead was born March 16,

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1818, at the old homestead, and was reared a farmer boy. His father, who gave all his sons a liberal start in life, intended to educate him well, and sent him to a boarding school at Wilton, this county, during his boyhood; but at the death of his mother he was called to the old homestead. As the other sons grew to a helpful age he was permitted to leave home, and having some inclination for a mercantile life he went to New York City to take the place of clerk in a clothing store in Greenwich street, kept by Mr. Close. He was there during the great fire of 1836. A few years later he returned to his native town to engage in farming. On March 4, 1839, he married Miss Jane Mead, and he soon afterward settled upon a farm in North Street. Later he resided upon a farm in Stamford township for two and one-half years; but returning to Greenwich he purchased the "Augustus L. Reynolds farm" in Cos Cob District, where his last years were spent, his death occurring April 12, 1894.

Like all of his family, he was public-spirited, and although he never cared for office, he never declined to serve when elected to the various positions when there was good work to be done. Among the offices he held were those of selectman and road commissioner, and his fidelity to duty was shown in the least as well as in great and important undertakings. On May 12, 1843, he was commissioned by the Governor as captain of the Second Company of the Ninth Regiment of Connecticut Militia, his appointment dating from August 2, 1841. In politics he was first a Whig and afterward a Republican, and in religious faith he was a Congregationalist, being a leading member of the Greenwich Church, in which he held the office of deacon for more than twenty years. His sound judgment and integrity gave him great influence among all classes in the community, his advice being sought on various questions. Of his eight children, the eldest, Thirza J., born January 14, 1841, died June 13, 1843. Catherine L., born August 20, 1842, died in Greenwich township January 31, 1893, unmarried. Hannah B., born December 21, 1844, in Stamford township, married Jared Finch, and died January 11, 1871; she had one daughter, Jeannette Mead, born May 9, 1868. Elizabeth H., born January 13, 1847, resides in Greenwich, unmarried. E. Belcher was the fifth in order of birth. Stephen W., born July 25, 1853, died April 29, 1855. Abram V. was born June 30, 1857. Elkanah Mead, Jr., born June 23, 1851, was married October 20, 1880, to Miss Esther L. Waterbury, who was born in Stamford July 11, 1856, the daughter of Aaron T. and Lavina (Searles) Waterbury; they had three children—E. Belcher, born May 11, 1884, who died July 31, 1885; Catherine, born June 30, 1886, and Winifred E., born November 21, 1889.

Jane Mead, the wife of Elkanah Mead, was born July 19, 1817, at Indian Field, in the town of Greenwich, and died April 28, 1872. She was of the seventh generation from John, the pioneer, and was a daughter of Ephraim Mead, who was born March 15, 1778, and died July 16, 1850. He was married November 30, 1808, to Azuba Mead, who was born January 9, 1787, and died January 31, 1861. Ephraim Mead was a son of Deliverance Mead, who was born May 4, 1728, and died May 3, 1785; he was married in June, 1759, to Abigail Howe, born April 28, 1737, died April 26, 1808. Deliverance Mead was the sixth son of Ebenezer Mead (2), who was born October 25, 1692, and died in May, 1775, and whose wife, Hannah Brown, of Rye, N. Y., bore him twelve children. The line of descent is traced back through Ebenezer (2), Ebenezer (1) and John (2) to John, the pioneer.

E. Belcher Mead was born April 15, 1849, at the homestead in North Cos Cob District, Greenwich, where he attended the common schools for some time, later entering the academy at Greenwich, where he studied under Prof. Frank Shepherd. For several years he worked as assistant to Daniel S. Mead, Jr., a civil engineer of New York City, and for some time he was himself employed as a civil engineer by the municipality, but he subsequently secured a position with the Standard Oil Company and is now the manager of one of their departments. Mr. Mead is a member of the Congregational Church at Greenwich. In politics he is a Republican, but aside from voting regularly he does not take an active part in the work of the organization.

CLARK SEELEY (deceased). The subject of this memoir was for many years identified with agricultural interests in the town of Bridgeport and Stratford, and his death, which occurred July 16, 1871, at the comparatively early age of forty-six years, caused sincere grief among a large circle of friends whose esteem had been won by his sterling qualities of character.

Mr. Seeley was born September 12, 1825, at Bridgeport, and was a descendant of an honored pioneer family of that locality. Monson Seeley, the father of our subject, was also a native of Bridgeport, where he followed farming during his active life, and his first wife, Fannie Mallett, was a daughter of Lewis Mallett, a well-known resident of Tashua, Trumbull. They had three

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children: (1) Mallett, who married Mary Beach, and died leaving two sons—George, now a livery man in Bridgeport, and Henry, a farmer at Rocky Hill; (2) Clark, our subject; and (3) William, who died in infancy. For his second wife Mr. Seeley married Lucinda M. Summers, sister of Stephen Summers, of Birmingham.

The early life of our subject was spent in Bridgeport, and for some years he was engaged in agriculture there, but in 1861 he removed to the present homestead in the town of Stratford. While he was not especially active in politics, he was always interested in public affairs, and throughout his life was a devout adherent of the Democratic party. On September 3, 1848, he married Miss Caroline C. Peck, who survives him with three daughters: (1) Julia C. married Henry Thompson, of Bridgeport; (2) Cornelia J. married (first) Domingus O. Mello, of New York City (now deceased), and (second) Charles A. Billings, then of Rhode Island, but now a resident of New York. (3) Lucinda M. married Bernard T. Burchardi, a business man in Florida.

Mrs. Seeley, who still resides at the homestead, is a devout member of the Episcopal Church, with which her ancestors have been identified for many generations, and she is held in high esteem in the best social circles of Stratford. She was born in New York, October 10, 1823, a daughter of Benjamin Williams Peck, and granddaughter of Deacon Daniel Peck, a shoemaker by trade, who married Phœbe Whitlock. Benjamin Williams Peck was born in Danbury, this county, November 20, 1791, and died October 8, 1823, aged thirty-two years. He was married November 20, 1810, to Miss Caroline Hawley, who was born in Trumbull, this county, May 23, 1796, a daughter of Thomas Hawley, a native of England. She survived him many years, dying July 14, 1871, at the age of seventy-five years. Mrs. Seeley was the youngest in a family of five children, the others being: Emeline Delia, born December 31, 1812, who married Samuel LaForge, of New York, and died January 8, 1856; Ursula C., born January 4, 1815, who died October 9, same year; Benjamin W., born December 24, 1816, who died in Milford, where he was engaged in the shoemaker's trade; and Daniel S., born February 6, 1821, who died January 10, 1822.

CHARLES T. LEONARD, prominent in business circles and well-known in social life in Norwalk, is a native of Long Island, having been born at Flushing, October 11, 1823, of English extraction.

Stephen Leonard, his father, was born in New Jersey, where he learned the carpenter's trade. This he followed for some time in that State, later removing to Flushing, L. I., where he became captain of a steamboat, and followed the sea during the rest of his life. He married Sarah Cornell, a member of an old English family on Long Island, and four children were born in this family: William, of a Life and Accident Insurance Co., with office in New York; Charles T., our subject; George, deceased; and Elijah, of the firm of S. D. Althouse & Co., New York City. Stephen Leonard was a Democrat in politics. He is interred in the cemetery at Flushing, Long Island.

Charles T. Leonard spent his early days on Long Island, and was given superior educational advantages, of which he made exceptionally good use. He first attended school at Flushing, then at Whippany, N. J. (a town where the stage coach was its only means of communication with the outside world), and finally completed his education at Jamaica, Long Island. In 1838 Mr. Leonard came to Fairfield county, and entered the general store of his cousins, T. L. and J. R. Peck, at South Norwalk, where he remained for nine years. Then, in company with his brother William, he started a general merchandise store at Newtown, Long Island, but this lasted for only six months, when Mr. Leonard sold out his interest and returned to Norwalk, there opening a similar store, which he conducted for the space of one year. At the close of his mercantile ventures he engaged in the slooping business, carrying freight between here and New York City. His work prospered, and in a short time he purchased valuable dock property and two boats, later adding a third boat. The business rapidly increased, and for a few years proved quite lucrative, though for some time he continued to conduct the freighting at the Connecticut end of the line. In 1859 he bought his present property, since engaging in the coal, brick and building material business. He deals in all kinds of coal and masons' building materials, and manufactures cement pipe for sewers, etc. He is also an owner or a part owner of a water plant in New York State. Ever since his coming to Norwalk his activity and commanding personality have made themselves felt in business circles, and he has become widely known as a business man far beyond the boundaries of Fairfield county.

On January 17, 1847, Charles T. Leonard was married to Emily Street, a daughter of Edward H. Street, of Norwalk. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard.

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Mr. Leonard is a stanch Republican, and while he faithfully exercises his right of franchise he has had but little time to devote to the active work of the party, his private interests fully absorbing his time. He is a member of the F. & A. M., and for some time served that fraternity as junior deacon. The entire family are active members of the Episcopal Church. Though now advanced in years, Mr. Leonard still attends to his own affairs with all the energy and acumen that characterized his early efforts. Genial and courteous, wide-awake and progressive, he is a bright companion, and socially a very popular man.

MRS. DELIA A. JELLIFF, one of the honored ladies of Georgetown, whose noble life in this world is now merging into the better, purer life beyond, now showing its silver radiance in the serenity of her later years, was born June 16, 1827, a daughter of Elijah Gregory, and a granddaughter of Moses Gregory, one of the early citizens in the town of Norwalk.

Moses Gregory was born February 22, 1771, and educated in the common schools of Norwalk. Early in life he was apprenticed to the tailor's trade, at which he worked but a very short time, however, finding in farming a more congenial occupation. He married Miss Polly Fillow, who was born February 14, 1779, a daughter of James Fillow, a farmer of Westport, and their children were: Chloe, born February 3, 1796, married Alfred Taylor; Annie, born April 17, 1798, married John Hurlburt; Orpha, born June 15, 1800, married Nathan Gregory; Nathan, born December 23, 1802, married Harriet Disbrow; Elijah, father of our subject; Esther, born December 14, 1812, married John P. Hurlburt; Moses, born December 13, 1808; and Delia, born December 29, 1809.

Elijah Gregory, father of Mrs. Jelliff, was born May 31, 1805, and after a few years attendance in the district schools learned the shoemaker's trade, which, together with farming, was his lifelong occupation. He married Orpha Godfrey, a daughter of Bradley and Orpha (Fillow) Godfrey, farming people of Weston. This union was gladdened by four children: Delia A., our subject; Alfred T., born May 3, 1831, died May 11, 1843; Nancy, born February 1, 1834, married George B. Sturges, who was born August 3, 1834; and Orpha L., born August 9, 1840, married George E. Smith, who was born June 1, 1844.

Delia A. (Gregory) Jelliff, our subject, received a good education in the schools of Weston, and on reaching young womanhood was married to Aaron Bartram, Jr., of Redding, by whom she became the mother of two children: (1) Elijah G., born May 23, 1855, now in the employ of the wire factory at New Canaan. He married Miss Sarah Bell, who was born September 21, 1858, and they have three children: Clayton G., born June 3, 1878; Floyd B., born September 3, 1882, and Stanley B., born April 16, 1885. (2) Lavinia F., born June 8, 1857, married John Hohman, a son of Henry Hohman, a farmer of Redding, and they had two children: Charles L., born October 18, 1882, and Frank G., born February 9, 1888. Aaron Bartram was given the usual educational privileges of the time, and learned the shoemaking trade, which furnished him occupation all his life. On March 7, 1861, he was called to his last rest, greatly respected by all who knew him. After his death our subject married Aaron Jelliff, who was engaged in the wire business and also in farming in Weston. Mr. Jelliff passed away January 1, 1884, leaving, besides his widow, several children by a former marriage to mourn his departure. Mrs. Jelliff has since lived practically retired, devoting her time to her father, Elijah Gregory (who died January 26, 1899, at the advanced age of ninety-three years, seven months), and to charitable organizations, in which she takes a keen interest. She is much beloved by all who know her for her many kindly traits of character.

James Fillow, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Jelliff, was born in 1737 at Norwalk, and on February 8, 1759, he married Mary Olmstead, who was born in 1742, a daughter of Garner Olmstead, and died November 26, 1828. Mr. Fillow received only a common-school education, but possessed a memory so retentive, and a reason so logical, that his early disadvantages were in a great measure overcome by his natural ability. He followed farming as a life work, and knowing the value of personal effort in the management of an estate, he carefully supervised his own affairs, and became a large land holder, at his death leaving an estate of $1,114,909 to be divided among his heirs. He attended strictly to his own affairs, and was well and favorably known for his probity and manly worth. In his political affiliations he was, in middle life, a Loyalist; he was fifty-two years of age when Washington became President, and after seeing the dark day of the formative period of our government, saw peace declared after the war of 1812. In charitable works he played a generous part, and was a devout member of the Methodist Church. He acquired the habit of taking snuff, and had a leather pocket put in his jacket in order to facilitate this, to him, pleasure. He was a man of fine physique, weighing

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at least 175 pounds, though in the last years of his earthly career he was a great sufferer from asthma. He died April 16, 1817, and was buried in Poplar Plains, Westport. His children were: (1) Benjamin, born August 19, 1765; married Miss Clementine Gregory. (2) Susannah, born April 2, 1769, married Lewis H. Hanford. (3) Chloe, born September 24, 1772, married Stephen Gregory. (4) Orpha, born June 18, 1775, died in 1858, married on August 20, 1805, to Bradley Godfrey, who was born July 12, 1783, and died August 12, 1837, and there was born to them Elias Godfrey, who married Matilda Godfrey. (5) Polly, born February 14, 1779, married Moses Gregory, and to this union were born—Elijah, who married Orpha Godfrey, daughter of Bradley Godfrey; Orpha, born April 26, 1809, married May 11, 1826, to Elijah Gregory, died September 15, 1878. (6) Elijah, born May 6, 1781, married Elizabeth Disbrow. (7) Anna, born March 29, 1784, married Aaron Jelliff.

The above mentioned Elijah, who married Elizabeth Disbrow, was a son of our subject's great-grandfather, James Fillow, brother to her two grandmothers, Orpha and Polly.

THEODORE LEEDS, an active citizen and well-to-do merchant of Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., was born in that town May 9, 1838, on the farm of his father, Samuel Leeds. Carey Leeds, the grandfather, came to this section from Long Island at an early date.

Samuel Leeds was born at Flushing, Long Island, and was only a boy when the family settled in Stamford, where he attended the public schools and grew to manhood. He married Rebecca Scofield, daughter of Silas Scofield, and by her had two children: Theodore, and Emma F. (Mrs. Mortimer Mosher), of Stamford. Mr. Leeds carried on farming in Stamford all his life. He was an Episcopalian in religious connection, and politically was a supporter of the Democratic party.

Theodore Leeds was reared on the home farm, in his youthful days attending the local district schools, where he acquired a good education. He began his business life by clerking in the grocery store of Roswell Hoyt, in Stamford, continuing with him in that capacity until 1859, when he became a partner in the concern, the firm being known as Hoyt & Leeds. They conducted this store in partnership until Mr. Hoyt's death, which occurred in 1884, and our subject has since carried on the store alone. He has acquired a comfortable competence in the steady pursuit of his business affairs, and is looked upon as one of the substantial citizens of the town, financially and otherwise. He was treasurer of the borough, and in 1895-96 he served the county of Fairfield in the position of treasurer to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. Socially, he is an active member of the Rod and Gun Club, and he affiliates with the F. & A. M., uniting with Union Lodge and Rittenhouse Chapter (which is a branch of same), Stamford; he joined the former in 1852, and has served as treasurer for the past thirty-four years, and for nearly as long a period he has held that position in Rittenhouse Chapter. Mr. Leeds is unmarried. He is a man of large social attributes, genial and companionable, possessing a wide circle of acquaintances, and it is enough to say that to be his acquaintance is to be his friend.

ALLAN PAUL MACDONALD, M. D. No citizen of Danbury is better known than this skillful and popular homeopathic physician, who for more than ten years has ministered to the sick and suffering in the locality.

The Doctor is of Highland-Scotch descent, and his family is an old one, running back to Somerled of the Isles, in the twelfth century. The family name MacDonald originated from Donald, the grandson of Somerled, whose descendants since his time, in all branches, have called themselves MacDonalds. Mac, in the Gaelic language, signifies son, therefore MacDonald means son of Donald, Donald signifying "brown eyed." From Somerled the line descends, in the eighth generation through Ronald, known as the first Clan Ronald, and from him the line runs through his grandson Allan, second son of Allan MacDonald, the second Clan Ronald, who settled in Knoydart, Scotland, in 1415, and became the progenitor of the Knoydart family of MacDonalds. Twelve generations later a descendant of the same name crossed the ocean in 1812, and located at the present site of Knoydart, Picton Co., Nova Scotia, the place being named afterward in honor of the old home.

The Doctor's father, Alexander MacDonald, son of Allan, the pioneer settler of Knoydart, N. S., was born at that place August 25, 1813, and resided at Antigonish, N. S., throughout his life following architecture and building as a profession. He married Ann MacDougall, of Hollowell Grant, Antigonish Co., N. S. He died March 27, 1861. Ann MacDougall was born at Moidart, Scotland, January 1, 1815, and through her mother, Marjorie MacDougall, *nee* Mac-

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Donald, traces her family through the "MacEachern" family of MacDonalds back to the third Clan Ronald. This Marjorie MacDonald was a cousin of Marshal MacDonald, one of Napoleon's celebrated generals. Neil MacDonald, the Marshal's father, assisted the heroine Flora MacDonald during that memorable night in which they aided Prince Charles, the Pretender, to escape from the Island of South Uist to Skye, after the defeat of the Highland army at Culloden in 1746. After suffering a short period of imprisonment for this act, he went to France and served as colonel in a Scotch regiment in the French service. The Doctor's mother is still living, and of her ten children all but two survive. (1) Ann married John Boyd; she died at Halifax, N. S., June 4, 1872. (2) John, a resident of Chicago since 1865, served in the Union army during the Civil war, and was severely wounded in the chest during the battle of the Wilderness. (3) Allan P. is mentioned more fully below. (4) Marjorie married Neil MacInnis, of Tower, Wis. (5) Daniel resides at Antigonish, N. S.; he is a pensioner of the United States Government, having lost his left hand during the charge of Hancock's corps in the gray dawn at Cold Harbor. (6) Mary E. married James Shaw, of Chicago. (7) William F. resides in Colorado. (8) Ellen G. married Alexander D. Chisholm, of Antigonish, N. S. (9) Margaret A. died in infancy in 1857. (10) Elizabeth married John J. MacPherson, of Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

Doctor MacDonald was born at Antigonish, N. S., May 30, 1841. His first name, Allan, is a family name, appearing seven times in his genealogy from the time of Allan MacDonald, the progenitor of the Knoydart family of MacDonalds, to the present time. In 1856, after receiving an elementary education in the public schools, he entered St Francis Xavier College, in the same town, and took a complete course, graduating in 1861. He began his professional studies in Hahnemann Medical College, at Chicago, Ill., and in 1874 received the degree M. D. from that noted homeopathic institution. A few months were spent in prospecting for a suitable location, and after short periods of residence at Martinsburg, W. Va., and Patterson, Putnam Co., N.Y., he settled in Port Jervis, N. Y., where he established a fine practice and remained thirteen years. In 1887 he came to Danbury, and received an introduction to the practice of Dr. S. M. Griffin when that physician retired from active practice in October, 1887. Immediately he took a prominent place among the leading physicians of Danbury, and he enjoys a large and lucrative practice among the wealthiest and most intelligent families of that place. The Doctor is not married. Although his professional duties occupy a large part of his time, he finds leisure to keep abreast of his profession by systematic reading and study.

THEODORE EDWARD SMITH (deceased) was one of Norwalk's leading citizens, and although his business interests required his residence in New York City for many years he never lost his affection for his native place, to which he gladly returned. As a conservative and successful business man he was held in high regard among financiers, but the qualities of character which win general esteem were also strongly marked in his nature.

Mr. Smith was born June 18, 1827, at Norwalk, where his family, which is of English origin, had resided since 1690. The first of the family (in America) was Lieut. Samuel Smith, who came on the ship "Elizabeth" from Ipswich, England, April 30, 1634, and settled in Wethersfield, September 3, 1634. He was representative from Wethersfield and Hadley for twenty-seven years, and died in December, 1680. Chiliab Smith, his son, born at Wethersfield in 1636, married Hannah Hitchcock October 2, 1661, and died March 7, 1731. Ebenezer Smith, born July 11, 1668, at Wethersfield, married Abigail Bouton, daughter of John Bouton, a Huguenot, in October, 1691. Eliakim Smith, born January 13, 1704, married in 1727 Abigail Hoyt, and died February 11, 1777. Noah Smith, born May 7, 1739, died June 5, 1794. Asa Smith, married, January 16, 1792, Jeruse Knapp. Asa Edward Smith, born October 1, 1798, married September 11, 1823, Ann Maria Brown, and died January 3, 1880; he was the father of Theodore Edward Smith. He (Asa E. Smith), was a native of the town, and became connected with a large pottery business there.

After receiving an education in the schools of Norwalk our subject went, at the age of seventeen, to New York City, and took charge of the salesrooms which had been established some time before by his father for the disposal of the product of the Norwalk factory, and he continued in charge of this until his death. He showed unusual ability from the first, and throughout his life was devoted to business interests, never taking any active part in public affairs, although he was a firm believer in the principles and policy of the Democratic party. Religious work claimed his active sympathy and support, and for years he was a vestryman in St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Norwalk. At his death, which occurred April 3, 1879, he was deeply mourned by a large circle

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of friends. On November 10, 1853, he married Miss Hannah Louise Camp, who survives him, and now occupies the handsome family residence at No. 33 France street, Norwalk. For some time after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Smith made their home in New York City, where two children were born to them: (1) Wilfred, who is now engaged in the pottery business, married Miss Mary E. Atwater, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and has had two sons—Leonard Atwater and Arthur Eugene. (2) Miss Elinor Louise resides with her mother.

MRS. H. LOUISE SMITH is a native of Norwalk, and a member of one of the oldest and most highly-esteemed families of this State. The Camp family traces its descent from Nicholas Camp, who lived in the town of Nasing, County of Essex, England, prior to the year 1620, and came to this country with his son, "Nicholas the younger," who was married in 1652 to Catherine Thompson, of New Haven, Conn., and made his residence, for a time at least, at Milford. Samuel Camp, Sr., the next in the line of descent, was born at Milford, September 15, 1655, and was married November 13, 1672, to Hannah Betts, of Norwalk. Their son, Samuel Camp, Jr., was married April 28, 1696, to Rebecca Canfield. Capt. Jonathan Camp, the great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Smith, is the next in order, and was born at Milford, December 17, 1702; he married Ann Platt, who was born in 1710. Jonathan Camp, Jr., Mrs. Smith's great-grandfather, was born at Norwalk, May 17, 1735, and was married in 1759 to Mary Burwell, who was born in the same locality, April 17, 1734. They had nine children.

Jonathan Camp (3), the grandfather of Mrs. Smith, was born in Norwalk, February 20, 1768, and became a farmer by occupation. He married Hannah Bouton, a lineal descendant of Count Nicholas Bouton, a Huguenot, who is mentioned again below. Six children were born of this union: Sarah, Mary, William, Jonathan, Stephen W., and Mary E.

Jonathan Camp (4), the father of Mrs. Smith, was born at Norwalk September 15, 1801, and engaged in agriculture in that locality. He was a leader in various progressive movements, serving at times as president of different agricultural associations, and helping to promote the best interests of this section in every possible way. He was instrumental in securing the construction of the Danbury & Norwalk railroad, and was also connected with a large paper-mill in that city. In politics he was a Democrat, and he took much interest in Church work, being a vestryman and, later, warden of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Norwalk. He died April 14, 1880, and his wife, Mary C. Newkirk, who was also a devout Church member, died December 4, 1896. She was born in Norwalk, February 15, 1808, where she was married January 11, 1826, and was of the fifth generation in descent from Garrett Newkirk, of Holland, who probably never came to America. His son, Conrad, who was born in Holland, crossed the Atlantic and located, it is thought, in New York. John Newkirk, the next in the line of descent, was born in 1752, probably in New York, and became a resident of Norwalk, where Garrett Newkirk, the father of Mary C. Newkirk, was born. Mrs. Smith was one of a family of six children, as follows: Stephen W., who died November 20, 1831; Rebecca G., wife of Samuel E. Olmstead; Mary E., wife of Rev. Eugene C. Pattison; H. Louise (Mrs. Smith); Jonathan (5), formerly a civil engineer and city surveyor of Jersey City, N. J., who married Miss Frances J. Wood, and died in 1874; and Albert N., who is not now engaged in any business.

Count Nicholas Bouton, mentioned above, was a native of France, but on account of religious persecutions his son John went to England in his boyhood, where, in December, 1635, he set sail for America in the bark "Assurance," and, as a young man of twenty, landed at Boston, Mass. He had a son Joseph, who had a son Jachain, whose son Esaias, a native of Norwalk, was the father of Hannah Bouton, Mrs. Smith's grandmother.

LIEUT.-COL. RICHARD FITZ GIBBON. Among the citizens of mark in Bridgeport no one is more worthy of consideration than he whose name here appears, and whose war record is second to none in the State.

Our subject was born October 6, 1836, in Montreal, Canada, the eldest in the family of six children born to Edward and Johanna FitzGibbon, who in 1832 emigrated from Ireland to Canada. Later they removed to New York, and thence came to Bridgeport. Edward FitzGibbon was born in 1810, at Youghal, County Cork, Ireland, where he married Johanna Lockhart, of the same country, and who died in 1885. He was a saddler by trade, and, while a resident of Bridgeport, for a time worked for Harral & Calhoun. He was a member of the volunteer fire department of the borough. He passed from earth in Bridgeport in 1893.

When our subject came of age he was apprenticed to the firm of Harral & Calhoun to learn the saddler's trade, but after serving some time in this business he abandoned it to fill a po-

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sition as assistant storekeeper on the "North Star" and "Ariel," Vanderbilt line of steamers, which at that time plied between New York and Havre, France, touching at Southampton, England. With this line he remained for almost three years, during which time he crossed the ocean many times. In 1860 he accepted a position as messenger with the Adams Express Company, and ran between Bridgeport and Great Barrington. He was thus engaged when the war of the Rebellion broke out, prior to which he had been deeply interested in the State Militia, having served in different capacities some five years. He commanded the famous Washington Light Guards of Bridgeport, and was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of the 8th Regiment.

When the President's first call came for volunteers to defend the Union, Col. FitzGibbon responded promptly, and assisted in organizing Company H for the 1st Conn. V. I., of which, on April 20, 1861, he was commissioned captain. The regiment served in Tyler's brigade, Department of Northwestern Virginia, from May, 1861, and in the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, Army of Northwestern Virginia. It participated in the engagements at Vienna, June 17, and Bull Run, July 21, and was mustered out July 31, 1861. On his return home Col. FitzGibbon assisted in organizing the 6th Conn. V. I., and September 3, 1861, he was mustered in as lieutenant-colonel of the 9th Conn. V. I., of which regiment he was in command from June 20–24, 1863, till October 26, 1864, when he was mustered out, his term of service having expired. The regiment sailed from Boston to Ship Island, Miss., December 26, 1861; took part in the expedition to Biloxi, April 3–4, 1862; was in evidence at the skirmish at Pass Christian and the capture of the 3rd Mississippi Infantry's colors, also at the capture of Forts Morgan and St. Philip on the Mississippi river. The 9th Regiment was also present at the taking of New Orleans, May 1, 1862, and at the operations near Vicksburg June 26, 1863. Other engagements, etc., in which it participated were the battles of Baton Rouge, duty at defences of New Orleans, expedition to St. Charles Court House and from New Orleans to Ponchatoula and Manchat Pass; also the skirmish at Chacahoula, an expedition from New Orleans to Madisonville Station under the command of the lieutenant-colonel. The regiment was ordered to New Haven on a veteran furlough for thirty days. At the expiration of the furlough it was ordered to report to General Grant at City Point; from thence it was ordered to report to Gen. W. S. Hancock at Deep Bottom on July 28, 1864. The regiment was at the Shenandoah in the campaign of August 9 to November 28; also at the battle of Opequan Creek on September 19, and Fisher's Hill.

When the war ended Col. FitzGibbon turned his attention to the paths of peace, and for some time was engaged in the manufacture of fans in New York City, later removing to Bridgeport, where he accepted a position with the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company, where he had charge of the assembling of the parts until 1877. In that year he was appointed health officer, which incumbency he filled until January, 1896, when he resigned. While his resignation was pending he was offered the position of inspector by the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company, which he accepted.

On April 15, 1862, Colonel FitzGibbon was married to Miss Nellie A. Barnum, who was born in Bridgeport, November 23, 1844. She died in July, 1889, leaving no children. Socially, Col. FitzGibbon was a member of St. John's Chapter, R. A. M., during the war, and is a charter member of Corinthian Lodge, F. & A. M., at Bridgeport; he also is a member of the Loyal Legion of the United States, with the Army and Navy Club of Connecticut, and with Elias Howe, Jr., Post No. 3, G. A. R. During Mayor DeForest's administration he served as fire commissioner.

ALFRED E. AUSTIN, of Norwalk, is a member of the legal fraternity in this section, being especially noted for his mastery of the difficult and complicated department of jurisprudence, known as real-estate law.

Mr. Austin comes of a good old Colonial family, whose members have won distinction for the name in various lines of effort, and is of the eighth generation in direct descent from John Austin, of Sandwich, County of Kent, England, who came to America at a very early date, and died at Greenwich, this county, September 5, 1657. The line of descent is traced through his son, John, Jr., born in 1635; David, born February 23, 1670; David (2), born November 2, 1703; David (3), our subject's great-grandfather, who was born in 1732 at New Haven; John, our subject's grandfather, who is mentioned more fully below; and David R., the father of our subject. Among the children of David Austin (3), our subject's great-grandfather, was a son. Stephen, who, with one or two others, went to Texas in the early times and located at the site of the present city of Austin, which was named in his honor. John Austin, the grandfather of our subject, was born in New Haven June 28,

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1774, and died in Texas in 1833, after a successful career as a merchant. He married Miss Susan Rogers, of Greenfield Hill, this county, who was a member of a well-known family which furnished several good soldiers to the Revolutionary army during the struggle for independence. Thirteen children were born of this union: Mary, Julia, John, Andrew, Susan, David R., William T., Lydia, Martha, Samuel H., Rebecca, Willis R. and Alfred J.

Rev. David R. Austin, the father of our subject, was born in Bridgeport, this county, February 28, 1807, and grew to manhood there. For some time he was engaged in educational work, and then, desiring to enter the ministry, he pursued a course of study in Union College, at Schenectady, N. Y. On leaving that institution he took charge of the academy at Monson, Mass., where he remained several years. He then entered upon his pastoral labors, and spent two years at Ludlow, Mass; also fourteen at Sturbridge, Mass., and in 1851 was settled at South Norwalk as the minister of the Congregational Church. He died there in October, 1879, deeply lamented by a large number of people in different places, whose lives had been made better by his helpful ministrations. While residing at Monson, Mass., he met and married Miss Lucinda Ely, daughter of Rev. Alfred Ely, who was pastor of the Congregational Church, at that place, some sixty-six years, his death occurring there in 1866. His father, Alfred Ely, a resident of West Springfield, Mass., married Drusilla Brewster, a lineal descendant of Elder William Brewster, who came to this country, in 1620, in the "Mayflower." The line of descent is traced from this honored pilgrim through his son Jonathan, his grandson William, and his great-grandson Benjamin to William Brewster, the grandfather of Lucinda Ely, our subject's mother, who died in March, 1864.

Mr. Austin's birth occurred June 1, 1848, at Sturbridge, Mass., and when he was about three years old his parents removed to Norwalk, where much of his youth was spent. After acquiring an elementary education he went to Monson, Mass., to prepare for college, and later took a complete course at Yale, graduating in 1869. The next seven years were passed in travel, and in 1876 he began his professional studies in the office of Judge Woodward, of Norwalk. In 1878 he was admitted to the Bar, and for twelve years served ably as trial justice and justice of the peace, more than two thousand three hundred cases passing before him in that time. He now has an extensive office practice, and is often engaged in the settlement of estates, being skillful in that branch of the law as well as in his chosen specialty of real-estate practice.

On April 29, 1885, Mr. Austin married Miss Caroline R. Converse, daughter of Col. Charles A. Converse, of Norwich, Conn., and they have one child, Mary Elizabeth. Mr. Austin is a member of various fraternal bodies, including the F. & A. M. and the Norwalk Club. Politically, he is a firm supporter of the Republican party, and his influence is recognized in the councils of the local organization.

HON. CYRUS RAYMOND, a prominent business man of Danbury, is a veteran of the Civil war, in which he gained an enviable record for courage and devotion to his country, enduring not only the hardships of active service but the horrors of prison life.

Mr. Raymond was born January 29, 1843, in the town of New Canaan, this county, and comes of good old Colonial stock. The family originated in France, but the first American ancestor came from England, where so many persecuted members of the French nation sought refuge in the early times. The name of Richard Raymond appears in the records of Salem, Mass., for the year 1634. John Raymond, a son of Richard, was born in Norwalk, Conn., and his son Thomas was also born at that place. Comfort Raymond, a son of Thomas, was born in either Norwalk or New Canaan, and his son, Comfort, our subject's great-grandfather, was certainly a native of New Canaan.

Russell G. Raymond, the grandfather of our subject, was born in New Canaan in 1782, and passed his life there in agricultural pursuits. He married Asenath Hoyt, and had five children: Arza B., a farmer at Lewisboro, N. Y., died in 1834; Joseph H., a farmer in Norwalk, died in 1882; Russell G., Jr., our subject's father, is mentioned more fully below; Cyrus E., a hatter in Danbury, died in 1895; Polly A., who married Samuel Scribner, died in New Canaan in 1880.

Russell G. Raymond, Jr., grew to manhood upon a farm, following that occupation in connection with grist milling. He died in November, 1851. His wife, Sally M. Dann, a daughter of Cook Dann, a farmer in New Canaan, died June 28, 1863. They had four children: Arza, who served three years in Company H, 17th Conn. Vol., and for twenty years was an agent for the Adams Express Company, is now a resident of New Canaan; Julia M. is the wife of Samuel Malkin, of Norwalk; Cyrus, our subject, is the third in order of birth; Sarah A., who married George Badger, of Michigan, died in 1884.

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Our subject's youth was spent in the town of New Canaan, where he attended school, and he afterward worked in a gristmill, becoming thoroughly familiar with the details of that business. In April, 1862, he removed to Danbury and was employed for a few months in a mill belonging to George Crofutt. On August 12, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, 17th Conn. V. I., from New Canaan, and went to the front where he saw much severe fighting, taking part in numerous battles including those of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. At the latter place he was taken prisoner on July 2, 1863, and he remained in captivity until August 22, of that year. His experiences so injured his health that he was obliged to stay in hospital for a time, but he finally rejoined his regiment, which was then in Florida, and remained in active service until mustered out July 19, 1865. On returning to Connecticut, he received his discharge from the State service at New Haven, on August 1, 1865. The next three years he spent in Danbury, where he carried on a trucking business, but August 1, 1868, he went to New Canaan to enter the employ of the Adams Express Company. After two years in this business he returned to Danbury where he was employed some 14 years by the Tweedy Manufacturing Company. While there he began the business of designing, engraving and printing on special order work in a small way, and as his business increased he enlarged and improved his equipment, and since 1884 he has devoted his attention entirely to that line of business. His work is most artistic in design and finish, as he makes a specialty of embossing and other high grades of work, printing in gold and silver, steel engravings, and in ink on silk and other materials. The hatters of Danbury give him many orders for fine printing, as his work is especially fitted for tips and other materials used in the trade. Mr. Raymond's industry has brought him excellent financial returns, and among his investments we may mention an orange grove in Florida.

In 1862 Mr. Raymond married Miss Mary J. Slawson, daughter of Eleazer Slawson, of Pond Ridge, West Chester Co., N. Y. Seven children were born of this union, two of whom died in infancy. Of the others: C. Frank, a resident of Danbury, is an engineer by occupation; G. Bert is also an engineer; Mary L. married C. R. Morse, formerly of Portland, N. Y., but now in the tip-printing business at Bethel, this county; Sarah I. married John T. Boughton, of Danbury; and Miss Jennie E. is at home.

In politics Mr. Raymond is an Independent with inclinations toward the Greenback movement. In 1886 he was a member of the State Legislature, and he has also taken an active part in municipal affairs, having served two years as alderman from the First ward of Danbury, and in 1895 he was made superintendent of public works. In social as well as in public life he is highly esteemed, and he is a member of the G. A. R. and the Union Veteran Legion.

EDWIN H. ABRAMS, editor of *The Greenwich News*, was born June 1, 1861, at Croton Falls, Westchester Co., N. Y., son of George W. and Susan M. (Reeve) Abrams. His ancestors, who were of English origin, settled in New York State probably early in 1700. His great-grandfather, John Abrams, who lived at Rossville, Ulster Co., N. Y., took part in the Revolutionary war, fighting for American liberty. Mr. Abrams' maternal ancestors for several generations lived on Long Island, his maternal grandfather, Hewlett Reeve, residing at Southampton. The Reeves were also an English family, and came to Long Island among the early settlers.

Mr. Abrams lived at Croton Falls until 1888, being engaged in newspaper work as publisher of the *Croton Falls Folio*, and coming to Greenwich in that year he assumed control of *The Greenwich News*, which had been recently established. In 1889 he purchased the paper, which he has since edited and published.

STEPHEN C. PECK. Among the prominent residents of Greenwich township a century ago none perhaps were better known, certainly none lived more worthily, than the Rev. David Peck. In his day the assumption of ministerial duties did not always involve the abandonment of more material pursuits, and in addition to the religious charge of the First Congregational Church at Greenwich, Rev. Peck engaged in the work of farmer. He owned a farm on the river road in Greenwich township, and rode on horseback to and from Greenwich, where he was the minister of the First Congregational Church. His son, David, was a farmer. Stephen C. Peck a son of the latter, and the subject of this sketch, was born April 2, 1836, and early acquired the habits of industry, patience and thrift, which have crowned his life.

Rev. David Peck was the son of Eliphalet Peck. David was twice married and had twenty-one children—ten by his first wife, and eleven by his second wife. David, a son by the second wife, was born March 16, 1805, and was reared on the farm. His educational opportunities

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were quite limited, for he attended the district schools only for a short period during the winter months. His summers were devoted wholly to farming. David Peck was married March 11, 1829, to Miss Mary B. Miller, who was born July 19, 1806, in Bedford, N. Y., a daughter of Lewis Miller, a blacksmith. After his marriage David began housekeeping just across Byram river from his father's farm, and frequently both he and his wife forded the stream on horseback before the construction of a bridge. He remained on this farm till his death, which occurred August 15, 1888. His wife, mother of our subject, died April 10, 1879, and both are buried in the Baptist cemetery on King Street, Greenwich. David Peck was by political faith a Democrat until the Civil war, when he became a Republican. From 1840 he was deacon of the Baptist Church, and until death was devout in his Church life. He followed farming throughout life, and was highly esteemed for his many estimable qualities. The children of David and Mary B. (Miller) Peck were as follows: Cephas, born January 3, 1830, was a carpenter at Brookville, and died April 14, 1894; Andrew, born May 7, 1831, died September 15, 1831; Annie A., born September 9, 1833, is now living at Port Chester, N. Y., the widow of Samuel Peck; Mary A., born January 27, 1835, is the wife of Samuel K. Wilcox, of Bridgeport; Stephen C. is the subject of our sketch; Clarissa R., born October 9, 1838, died October 19, 1839; Catherine M., born December 30, 1839, died March 4, 1863; Sarah M., born January 29, 1841, died in childhood; Alvord, born June 26, 1843, is a farmer of Alamo, Mich.; Elizabeth C., born June 25, 1847, married Frank Bronson, and died at Port Chester.

Stephen C. Peck in his boyhood attended the Riverside school, and for a few weeks was a student at Greenwich Academy, but he was attacked with quinsy, and so reluctantly was obliged to forego further instruction. He was a ready pupil, and acquired his limited education easily. Returning to the home farm, he was "put into harness" early in life, and assumed the obligations and hardships with cheerfulness. Stephen remained on the home farm until his marriage, at the age of twenty-nine years. In youth, after the home work was done, he was allowed the use of the oxen to earn money elsewhere. He was married November 20, 1865, to Miss Eliza B. Sherwood, who was born, in 1840, near Glenville, a daughter of William B. and Eliza (Burns) Sherwood. Mr. Sherwood was by trade a shoemaker, but he following farming, and lived at Greenwich to the age of eighty-three.

Our subject, in the spring of 1866, began housekeeping. He had purchased sixty-five acres of land off the John B. Wilson farm, and there he resided until he removed to his present home, near Glenville, the Sherwood homestead. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Peck: Emeline, now Mrs. Daniel Denton, of Greenwich; Frank, who died at the age of four years; William D., at home; and Frederick C., who died an infant. In politics Mr. Peck is non-partisan. He has strong convictions, and votes from principle. Both he and his wife are prominent members of the Congregational Church of Greenwich. He is a total abstainer from the liquor habit. He worthily represents one of the oldest families of Fairfield county, is a substantial farmer, well-known and well-esteemed, intelligent in his grasp of public affairs, and fearless in his support of measures of right and justice.

MILO MEAD, a highly esteemed resident of the town of Greenwich, is a man whose personality and achievements have left an indelible impression upon that locality, his work and influence having been potent factors in the development of the thriving villages in the southwestern part of the town. Coming of good old pioneer ancestry, Mr. Mead preserves the traditions of his race in his handsome, finely proportioned physique, full of vigor and life, and in the sound judgment, enterprise and public spirit which have always characterized his actions.

Mr. Mead is of the seventh generation in descent from John Mead, who came from England in 1642, bringing his son John with him, and, after a temporary residence in Massachusetts and on Long Island, located in 1660 in the town of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., with two sons, John (2) and Joseph. The younger son afterward removed to New Jersey.

John (2), from whom the Mead family in this section trace their descent, had the following children: John, Joseph, Jonathan, Ebenezer (1), David, Benjamin, Nathaniel, Samuel, Hannah, Abigail and Mary Elizabeth.

Ebenezer (1) reared a family of children, among whom was a son and namesake known to posterity as Ebenezer (2), who was born October 25, 1692, and died May, 1775. He married Hannah Brown and had twelve children, as follows: (1) Ebenezer, born October 8, 1718, died February 25, 1758; (2) Silas, born May 22, 1720, died October, 1816; (3) Abraham (1), born June 15, 1721, died in 1742; (4) Jonas, our subject's paternal grandfather, born December 25, 1725, died September 14, 1783; (5) Solomon (twin of Jonas), born December 25, 1725 (date of death

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not known); (6) Deliverance, born May 4, 1728, died May 3, 1785; (7) Amos, born November 22, 1730, died February 24, 1807; (8) Edmond, born 1732, died 1755; (9) Hannah, born in 1735, died June 25, 1757; (10) Jabez, born March 1, 1737, died September 14, 1866; (11) Jared, our subject's maternal grandfather, born December 15, 1738, died May, 1830; (12) Abraham (2), born December 14, 1724, died December 24, 1827. He was known as Capt. Potter Mead, and became the progenitor of the Belle Haven branch of the family. He was an officer in the Revolutionary army, and did gallant service at the battle of White Plains. The place where Capt. Abraham Mead lived was at Indian Harbor, east of what is now called Indian Field, where formerly vessels were built and fitted out, and had quite a trade with the West Indies. At that time bread was baked in what was called brick ovens, which would contain loaves enough to last a week for a large family; a fire would be made in the oven, and when the oven was hot enough to bake the bread, the coals and ashes would be taken out and the dough for the bread made in the shape of loaves and put into the oven with a long-handled shovel, and left a sufficient time to bake. Then what was called a lid was placed where the loaves were put in, to keep the heat from escaping. The oven faced the street, "out of doors," as they say, and they had a little dog they called "Cider," which some cruel fisherman, who happened to be passing just at the time the oven was ready for baking the bread, threw into the oven (having taken down the lid), and the poor animal was baked with the bread; so they said they had "bread and cider."

Jonas Mead, the grandfather of our subject, was a lifelong resident of Indian Field, in the town of Greenwich, where he owned an extensive farm, and was prominent in the various activities of his time. He was especially interested in the support of the Congregational Church, in which he held the office of deacon for many years. By his second wife, Sarah (Howe), he had three sons who lived to adult age, viz.: Noah, Mark and Jonas. Their mother died when Jonas (2) was about ten months old, and their father when he was three years old. Being consequently left minors, the three children were placed under the guardianship of their uncle, Capt. Potter Mead, of Greenwich. Mark, one of the three brothers, chose to receive an education for the ministry instead of taking his share in his father's homestead, which was accordingly assigned to the other brothers.

Jonas Mead (2), our subject's father, known far and near in later life as "Old Deacon Jonas," was born at the old homestead in Indian Field April 13, 1784, and in 1820 removed from that place to another farm, at Byram Shore, in the extreme southwestern portion of the township. The locality was then in an almost primitive condition, but has since become quite thickly settled, and some years before his death he sold seventeen acres of land, upon which the first buildings in the present village of East Port (by some persons now called New Lebanon) were erected. He was a man of firm will and strong convictions, being immovable as to any course which he thought right, and in his time he was an earnest champion of various reform movements. He was one of the early promoters of what was known as the "new temperance pledge." He was an ardent Liberty-party man at first, afterward a Free-soiler and Republican, and in 1840 he was one of the six men in his town who voted for James G. Birney, the others being his son, Mark Mead, Nehemiah Howe, Allen Howe, Gilbert Close and David Banks. As a citizen he was much esteemed, and he was a devout member of the Congregational Church (of which he was deacon) at Greenwich from 1828 to the time of his death, which occurred August 2, 1871, at the old homestead. He married (first) Miss Hannah Hibbard, and (second) Miss Hannah Mead, his cousin, who was born May 25, 1788, and died January 27, 1874, her remains being interred beside those of their son in the Congregational cemetery at Greenwich. She was a daughter of Jared Mead, and granddaughter of Ebenezer Mead (2). By the first marriage there were three children: Sarah (who died young), Charles and Hannah. Of these, Charles died January 10, 1895, at his home in Indian Field, and Hannah, who became the wife of Benjamin Mead, of the town of Rye, N. Y., died October 10, 1895. There were three children by the second union: Mark (deceased), formerly a resident of Byram; Sarah, who died at the age of nine years; and Milo, our subject, who is mentioned more fully farther on.

Abraham Mead (brother of Jonas Mead (1), grandfather of Milo Mead), was the only man in this section who understood the manufacturing and glazing of stoneware, and it is said that he learned from the Dutch the secret of glazing, adding salt in the burning of the kiln. This Abraham Mead bought one hundred and fifty acres of land called Horseneck Field, for two thousand dollars, which he paid all in silver dollars, almost as much as he could carry in his overcoat pockets. He had to keep his money over night, and fearing robbers he collected clubs, axes and other weapons, for protection against

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possible intruders, at the house at Belle Haven formerly occupied by Oliver Mead, now occupied by Oliver D. Mead, farther south across what is called Byram Cove of Belle Haven, where our subject's father, mother and his aunt Alma resided, and where they died. Abraham Mead bought the farm which is now owned by Oliver D. Mead, for his two sons, Zopher and Isaac; Zopher Mead was the father of Oliver Mead, from whom the property was inherited by Oliver D. Mead, and Isaac was the father of Augustus, the father of the present Augustus and Nelson B. Mead.

In 1851 William P. Abendroth, William Provost and a William Jones bought seventeen acres of Jonas Mead, and laid out a village opposite Port Chester. They also built a draw-bridge in Connecticut nearly opposite the Aberdroth foundry, and later another bridge farther north nearly at the head of navigation, but without a draw, to avoid expense. At the death of Deacon Jonas Mead, that part of his farm which adjoined the village known as East Port Chester was inherited by his son Milo, who extended streets farther to the east, and called the place New Lebanon.

Milo Mead, the subject proper of these lines, has always resided at the old farm house, at Byram Shore, and at his father's death he and his brother Mark inherited the estate. He was extensively engaged in farming, but of late years the rapid development of the locality has made his land valuable for building purposes, and he has laid out and sold many lots at large prices. With his good judgment he has been quick to encourage local improvements, and he has made liberal expenditures of money from his own pocket, especially in the building up of the village of New Lebanon, where he has laid out numerous roads and assisted in various public enterprises. He is a man of intelligence, and as he is fond of reading, and possesses an excellent memory, his conversation is both interesting and instructive. His education was largely self-acquired, as in his youth the schools of the locality were of a crude sort. The old Byram school house, 15 x 15, which was moved to where William Newman formerly lived, and where Abraham Slater now lives, was occupied as a corn crib a number of years, and at the most liberal estimate could not have cost $300 for labor and materials, while the box stove, the uncomfortable wooden benches, and the other features of the place were in sharp contrast with the furnishings of the modern school. Our subject's first teacher was a Mr. McFunn, and his other instructors in the old school were William Dusenberry and John Tyler. The methods of teaching were as primitive as the building, but in spite of that the scholars, who usually numbered forty, learned the elements of reading, writing (with quill pens made for the scholars by the teacher) and arithmetic, and laid a good foundation for further progress. When thirteen years old Mr. Mead began attending the academy at Greenwich during the winter, walking to and fro every school day, and while there he enjoyed the able instruction of Jeremiah Spencer and Prof. Philander Button.

While Mr. Mead has never united with any religious society, he attended the Congregational Church regularly in his younger days, and has always contributed generously to its support and to the work of other denominations. For many years he served as assistant librarian of the Second Congregational Church at Greenwich. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and at one time he held the office of tax collector; but he does not care for official positions, preferring a quiet life, devoted to his own business and to the companionship of his books. It is the wish of all who know him that he may keep up the family record for longevity, the average age being eighty-five years.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM H. HOYT, of South Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn., is at the head of one of the leading business enterprises of that city, being the senior member of the firm of W. H. Hoyt & Son, planters, exporters and wholesale dealers in East River oysters and seed.

The Captain is regarded as a veteran in his line, having begun the business when only fourteen years old, with an elder brother, George A. Hoyt, afterward being in partnership with Charles W. Hoyt, under the firm name of Hoyt Brothers, for eight years. He was also connected with a similar enterprise at New Haven, in addition to his business at South Norwalk. The latter was established in 1865, and in July, 1880, a stock company was formed under the name of The Hoyt Brothers Company, the subscribers being Charles W. and William H. Hoyt and George H. Townsend. In 1887 this firm was succeeded by that of W. H. Hoyt & Son, and the trade has been constantly extended by them, their seed trade and European orders taking their entire product. They own large oyster beds in Long Island Sound, and the bivalves, after being packed in the establishment at South Norwalk, are shipped by propellers from the firm's docks to steamships at New York, by which they are carried to the European consignees. The firm has built several fine steamers; the last one, the "Mildred," is a remarkable

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boat, designed on scientific principles to meet all of the special features required to bring the work of the oyster industry to a fine point. Her equipment is as fine as that of any steamer afloat, and in point of speed she is the fastest in the oyster business. She is used in the transplanting and cultivation of the product, and in catching the oysters for market. A large force of workmen is needed to carry on the business of the firm, and the partners, who are experts, give their whole attention to the management. The plant at the foot of Raymond street, South Norwalk, including docks, barges and store houses, is fitted with every known device for facilitating the proper handling and packing of the oysters. The business has always been conducted in a way to command the respect and confidence of customers, reliability and fair dealing having been the watchword of its management from the start.

Captain Hoyt was born in Norwalk in 1836, his youth was spent in S. Norwalk, and during that time he became acquainted with the details of the carpenter's trade; but as he thought the oyster business more congenial and promised greater profits, he worked only three months at his trade, and he has every reason to be satisfied with the result of his choice. He is fond of travel, and has made many trips to Europe. Politically he is a stanch Republican, as was his father before him, but he has never held office. The Captain married Miss Mary Bull, daughter of Ezra D. Bull, of Danbury.

Captain Hoyt's father, the late Major George Hoyt, was also a native of Norwalk, and was identified with all its interests. He was a pioneer in Methodism, and the itinerant preacher always found a welcome at his home. He married Miss Lorinda Smith, daughter of Ephraim and Sally Smith, of Wilton, and they died at the advanced ages of seventy-nine and eighty-two years, respectively, after fifty-eight years of happy wedded life. They had four sons and one daughter, of whom George A., a pioneer in the oyster business, became a soldier in the Civil war, and after serving in many battles, died on his way home. Charles W. is a boat builder, and is also engaged in the oyster business at Bridgeport. James W. is an oysterman of South Norwalk. The daughter is the wife of George N. Burbank, of Stratford.

JOHN H. ROMAINE, who is in the employ of the Yale & Towne Company in Stamford, as chief clerk of Department A, has during his residence in that city identified himself with several of her important interests, and earned a place among her public-spirited and reliable citizens.

Mr. Romaine's father, Joseph Romaine, was born on what is now the corner of First and the Bowery, New York, but was then the Romaine family farm. The property had been obtained by patent from the Dutch in 1668. Joseph Romaine was married in New York City to Phebe A. Vredenburg, of White Plains, N. Y., and their family consisted of eight sons, of whom John H. was the second youngest. They were well represented in the Civil war, the father and four of the sons enlisting in the Union service, Mr. Romaine as a member of the First Regiment of New York City Volunteers. He was wounded at the battle of Big Bethel, and died from the effects of his injuries eight years later. During the greater part of his life he was engaged in the manufacture of shoes, but for some time he was a detective in the central office of New York City.

John H. Romaine was born December 20, 1850, in New York City, and was brought up there, attending the public schools, and graduating from the grammar school when twelve years of age. He then entered the employ of the East New York Boot & Shoe Company, with whom he remained for a time, later finding work with a flour firm, and after that doing clerical work in the publishing department of a newspaper concern. For two years he was with the publishers of *The Saturday Night*, subsequently giving his attention to the publication of city guides, directories and souvenirs, and then becoming weigh-master for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. In April, 1889, he came to Stamford, Conn., where he was given the position of clerk in the special order department of the Yale & Towne Company, from which comparatively humble beginning he has made steady advancement until he is now holding the responsible position of chief clerk in Department A, an incumbency he is thoroughly qualified to fill. Mr. Romaine has also given his attention to various interests which have proved a benefit and credit to the city, and is a member and director of the Stamford Co-operative Building & Loan Association, and a stockholder in the Stamford *Telegram*. In fraternal circles he is well-known and popular, being a member of Puritan Lodge, I. O. O. F., the Yale & Towne Mutual Benefit Society, and the New England Order of Protection in Stamford.

Mr. Romaine was married June 26, 1895, in Stamford to Mrs. Carrie A. (Smith) Hoyt, and they make their home in the comfortable resi-

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dence at No. 6 Woodland avenue, Stamford. Mrs. Romaine has six children by her first marriage. Our subject gives his political support to the Republican party; in religious faith he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

DANIEL A. NICHOLS. Ability and energy are at a premium in any line of effort, and the subject of this sketch, a leading agriculturist and dairyman of the town of Huntington, has given abundant evidence that he possesses these admirable qualities. Having inherited a fine estate, he has made judicious use of his advantages, and is now regarded as one of the wealthiest citizens of his locality.

The Nichols family is one of the oldest in Huntington, and Daniel Nichols, our subject's grandfather, was born and reared there. After his marriage to Miss Hannah Bennett, also a native of that locality, he settled permanently upon a farm in the western part of the town. He had four children: George L., a farmer of Huntington, who died there at the age of eighty-five years; Nathan B., our subject's father; Daniel A., a farmer and speculator, residing in the town of Monroe; and Clarinda, who married a Mr. Burton, a farmer in the town of Trumbull.

Nathan B. Nichols, our subject's father, was born August 12, 1810, and grew to manhood at the old homestead. About 1833 he located on his late farm near the Center, and resided there till his death, which occurred when he was nearly eighty-nine years of age. As a citizen he was held in high esteem, and for many years he was a leading member of the Congregational Church. Politically, he was a stanch Republican, and throughout his life he took an interest in the various questions of his time. His real-estate holdings were extensive. On December 21, 1841, he married Miss Phœbe A. Drew, who was born May 11, 1819, in Dutchess county, N. Y., a daughter of James Drew, a prosperous farmer. Five children were born to the union, viz.: Nancy M., wife of Oliver Beard, a farmer in Huntington township; Hannah E., married to Charles B. Nichols, a farmer in the town of Trumbull; Daniel A., our subject; Alsadie, who died in early womanhood, unmarried; and Phœbe L., at home.

Daniel A. Nichols, our subject, was born September 1, 1850, and has always resided at the present homestead. After completing the course offered in the district schools of his locality he attended a select school in Huntington for a time, securing a good practical education. He owns about 250 acres of land in different parts of the town of Huntington, much of it being under cultivation, and for some time he has made a specialty of dairying, keeping about thirty cows. At present he conducts a milk route, supplying various points in his vicinity. He is one of the leading workers in the Republican party in his town, and he has held the office of assessor some fifteen years, a longer term than any other man has served in that position. His popularity is due no less to his genial manners than to his business-like way of discharging his duties, and his efficient service is appreciated by all classes of people.

On November 7, 1883, Mr. Nichols married Miss Ella M. Hawley, daughter of Deacon Roswell Hawley, a well-known citizen of Huntington; no children have blessed the union. Mr. Nichols and his wife are both members of the Congregational Church at Huntington, and he is now serving as treasurer of that society.

LEWIS E. FUNNELL, principal of the Elm street school in Stamford, Conn., is a well-known member of his profession in Fairfield county. Indeed, his renown may be said to extend over the entire State, for, in addition to his enviable record as a successful teacher, he has gained a reputation as a persistent and energetic advocate of advanced methods and modern ideas relating to educational work.

Mr. Funnell is of English descent, his father, Eliel W. Funnell, having been born in England. The latter was one of thirteen children of Henry Funnell, also a native of England, who came to America, when Eliel was six years old, settling in Huntington, L. I. He, Eliel, learned the shipbuilder's trade at Setauket, L. I., and followed it for many years. For some time he worked at this business in Chicago, Ill., but he returned east in 1860, and was employed in the Brooklyn Navy Yard throughout the Civil war, after which he was in the employ of Pratt & Devoe, the oil men, erecting buildings for them. He passed away in 1869 at Long Island City. Mr. Funnell was united in marriage with Amelia D. Lewis, daughter of John Brush Lewis, of Huntington, L. I., and they became the parents of three children, viz.: Lewis E., Nellie S. (of Huntington) and Walter S. (Long Island editor of the Brooklyn *Daily Times*).

Lewis E. Funnell was born March 16, 1862, at Huntington, where he received most of his primary education, attending the common schools until he was about fifteen years of age. He then entered the service of the general coasting trade, in which he continued for five years, and in 1882 he came to Stamford, Conn., where

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he has since had his home. In September, 1883, he began teaching, to which profession he has since devoted himself. The first two years of his experience were passed in the Bangall school, from which he was transferred to the Springdale school, where he taught one year and part of another. At the close of the fall term in 1886, he was appointed to a position in the Willisville school, retaining same until June, 1889, when he was made principal of the Elm street school in Stamford. Mr. Funnell has nine assistants in this school, where nine grades are taught, and he has seen its attendance increase from eighty-five pupils to an average of about four hundred. However, he has proved himself equal to his growing responsibilities, and has kept himself abreast of the times in every way, winning the esteem of pupils and fellow teachers by his ability, tact and patience. Mr. Funnell's continued success and popularity leave no room for doubt as to his especial fitness for his life vocation, and his earnestness during his early years in preparing himself has been well rewarded by the high rank to which he has already attained.

On April 30, 1890, Mr. Funnell was married, in Stamford, to Miss Alice Mitchell Haslam, daughter of Thomas Haslam. They have had two children—Harry, who died at the age of five years, and Margaret.

OLIVER D. TAYLOR, a highly respected resident of New Fairfield, can look back over an eventful life spent in railroading and other occupations requiring activity of mind and body, while he also passed eighteen exciting years in financial operations in Wall street. As he is now free from business cares, he has wisely chosen to make his home among the picturesque hills and valleys of Fairfield county, an ideal location in which to enjoy the rewards of past years of effort.

Mr. Taylor was born in the town of Patterson, Putnam Co., N. Y., May 13, 1828, and descended from good old Connecticut stock. An old Danbury record tells of Thomas Taylor, who died in that town in 1736, at the age of ninety-two, probably the second son of John Taylor, who came from England with Winthrop. He, Thomas, had ten children, who lived to old age: Thomas died at ninety; Joseph, ninety; John, seventy; Daniel, ninety-four; Timothy, fifty-six; Nathaniel, one hundred; Theophilus, eighty; Deborah, eighty; Rebecca, ninety-nine; Eunice, ninety. John Taylor's fourth son, David, was the father of Zalmon Taylor, our subject's grandfather. Zalmon Taylor was a native of Ridgebury, this county, where he engaged in farming, and for a number of years he carried the mail between New York City and Hartford, Conn., the journeys being made on his black mare, "Bess." He served as a soldier during the Revolutionary war, having enlisted May 16, 1775, in the Fifth Connecticut Regiment, and he spent some time in the suttler department; he received one wound while in the ranks. He was known as the "Little Captain," and in his later years was granted a pension by the government. His wife, Hannah Benedict, of Danbury, whom he married before the war broke out, was living in Ridgebury, at the time of the burning of the former city, and some British soldiers who came to her home to demand cider were given a pail of soft soap by mistake instead. Those were troublous times, and being alarmed for their safety, the family left their home and did not return until peace was restored. Many domestic articles which they buried out of sight were afterward recovered, more or less damaged, however, and some are now in use in our subject's family.

Ezra Taylor, son of Zalmon, and our subject's father, was born February 26, 1785, in the town of Danbury, and his youth was passed in this county. As the schools were not of the best his education was mainly self-acquired, a fact which reflects great credit upon him, as he always held a high position in the community because of his intelligence. In his boyhood he learned the shoemaker's trade, and for some years he conducted an establishment in New York City in partnership with a Mr. Cole. While there he and his partner purchased some lots near what is now Broadway, near Canal street, but as the locality was chiefly low land, and seemed unlikely to yield any returns, they sold out for a comparatively trifling sum ($250 per lot). Later Mr. Taylor settled in the town of Patterson, Putnam Co., N. Y., where he engaged in farming. In politics he was a Whig, and he took an influential part in local affairs, being at one time a candidate for the Legislature of Connecticut. Although he was defeated, it was by one vote only, showing an enviable popularity. Socially he was prominent, his musical gifts making him a welcome addition to any circle. He was especially proficient as a performer on the violin, and was the first to introduce the cotillion into his locality. His death occurred August 27, 1867. His first wife, a Miss Stebbins, was the daughter of a wealthy importer of New York City, and his second wife, Miss Betsey Oyster Banks, was a native of the town of Sherman, this county, born August 17, 1801. By the first union he had four children: Zalmon, William

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S., Daniel B. (a prominent lawyer of New York City), and Ann Maria (wife of a Mr. Camp, a broker of New Haven, Conn). There were ten children by the second marriage: Esther, born August 15, 1826, died July 23, 1843; Oliver D. is our subject; Francis A., born May 24, 1830; Drusilla, born October 18, 1832; Nathan B., born June 14, 1834; Margaret E., born September 15, 1835; Ferdinand, born July 21, 1837; Eunice, born August 30, 1839; Catherine, born September 7, 1841; and Laura B., born June 8, 1843.

The subject of our sketch was educated in the schools of his native town, and in the academy at Danbury. Much of his time in boyhood was spent in farm work, but as he desired to enter business life he took the first opportunity and became a clerk in a large general store in Danbury. After two or three years in that incumbency, he went to New Haven to fill the position of clerk in a grocery for Asa Bradley & Sons (all the Faculty of Yale College were patrons of their store), and with them he remained for some time. He then found employment on a railroad as a fireman, and his first visit to New York City was made while firing on a locomotive on the first road built to that place from the East. The engineer of that train carried the President's message to the city of New Haven, Conn. Later, while working on the Canal road, Mr. Taylor was placed in charge of an engine, and for a time he ran a construction train on that line. He remained in the service of that road for about two years. One night during the time he slept in a room with the man who had that day murdered the Smith family at East Rock, New Haven, Conn. Mr. Taylor, with characteristic thoroughness, became an expert as an engineer, and at the opening of the Saratoga and Washington line he was employed by that company, and had the honor of running the train. At the formal opening of the line he was in charge of the engine which took many officials from Boston to Buffalo on a tour of inspection, he being then the youngest engineer in the service. On leaving that road he spent two years on the Georgia Central railroad, and then after a short stay with the Michigan Southern railroad he was employed for a time in the shops of the Rock Island line.

Altogether Mr. Taylor was in the railroad business some seven years, and his experiences furnish the foundation for many interesting reminiscences. He was the engineer on the train which carried the first load of coal (consisting of about one hundred tons) to Collinsville, Conn., the great axe-manufacturing town. While employed on the Saratoga line he averted a collision on the Gansvort grade. There had been an accident on the Vermont branch caused by a landslide, and the train was off thirteen rails. A special train, loaded with flour, was on its way from Saratoga to Boston. Here we give Mr. Oliver's own version of the affair: "Mr. Van Renssaeler, the superintendent, was so anxious to save time that he decided to go on with the flour train and meet the expected passenger train. The master mechanic, W. B. Gage, told me to take a lantern and go with them, Mr. Van Renssaeler and myself riding on the engine. We knew there was a reckless engineer running the flour train. When we arrived at Gansvort station it was dark, and we had a long grade to go down with a bridge at the foot of it. There was a curve on the cut beyond. Knowing this, I suggested to Mr. Van-Renssaeler that I take a gang of trackmen and a handcar and go ahead of the train. The engine that was coming was a day engine with no headlight. Our train was too heavy to be stopped readily, which made the situation more hazardous; but I got the men and started on. It was several miles to the cut, and when in it and on the curve, the only place where I could have seen the train far enough away to avert the disaster, I saw the flash of the lights in the car windows, although neither engineer could see my light. I left my car and ran toward the flour train swinging my lantern. It seemed as if I should never hear the signal 'down brakes' from either train; but it came just in time, and the trains were stopped when the engines were so close together that I stood with one foot on each cow-catcher."

Mr. Taylor's last work at railroading on the C. & R. I. R. R. at Rock Island was repairing the old pioneer engine "Essex," built in Boston or Lowell, Mass. It might here be also mentioned that when he was on the canal or New Haven & Northampton railroad in 1849 Seth Thomas presented him with a marine clock, which Mr. Taylor thinks was the first clock ever used on a locomotive in America. It kept good time, and they are now in general use.

On giving up railroading Mr. Taylor engaged in a general blacksmithing business at Rock Island, under the firm name of H. M. Adams & Co., and for four years was connected with what was known as a "jobbing shop," doing work for railroads and steamboats, and furnishing the iron work for the piers for the first bridge built across the Mississippi at that point. They did a one-hundred-dollar job on the steamer "Effie Afton," bound for St. Paul, Minn., the day she was burned, and a span of the bridge floated

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down the river on the wreck, which was what started the first lawsuit between the railroads and the steamboat men. They fitted out Mormon trains for Salt Lake and many emigrants for the far West, and ran a stage line by the rapids in summer, up the Mississippi river. From that place Mr. Taylor went to Iowa City, where he speculated in grain and "wild-cat money." His last transaction in the latter line was the sale of some paper of the Florence Bank, a Nebraska institution, to a Western man by the name of of Austin Corbin, later a great railroad magnate of New York. Mr. Taylor's next venture was in the shipping business in New York City, which he continued until shortly before the Civil war. He then became a broker, his first office being at No. 23 William street, New York, but on the day that Fort Sumter was fired on he moved into an office in Wall street, where he continued in business some eighteen years under the firm name of Taylor & Co

On February 2, 1864, Mr. Taylor married Miss Valeria Pearce, daughter of Alvah S. Pearce, and three children have blessed the union: (1) Josephine married Samuel T. Penny (now deceased), and they had two children—Louise and Samaola. (2) Miss Grace married Alfred Penny, April 20, 1899. (3) Oliver P. is at home.

HENRY C. MEAD, a well-known agriculturist of Greenwich township, Fairfield county, is a worthy representative of one of the best old families of that region, for the Meads have always borne an enviable reputation as industrious, thrifty and valuable citizens. He is a native of the township, born June 16, 1850, a son of Abram and Jane (Selleck) Mead.

The great-grandfather of Henry C. Mead was Abram Mead, whose son, Job, reared a family of five children, namely: Zaccheus, Abram, Amanda, Eliza and Emeline. Of these, Abram was born in Clapboard Ridge District, and was but a young boy when his parents settled on the farm where he spent his days. He was educated in the primitive schools in vogue during his boyhood, and grew up to the knowledge of farming under his father's instruction, proving an apt pupil in that line. After his father's death the home farm came into his possession, and he displayed more than ordinary ability in its management and cultivation, always seeming to get the best results, and wresting more than a mere living from the soil. He added to the tract as increasing means enabled him, and at the time of his death was the owner of 300 acres of arable land. He passed away in January, 1867, at the age of sixty-five years, highly respected by his neighbors, among whom he had a wide acquaintance. His remains were interred in the cemetery of the Congregational Church at Greenwich, of which he was a member. He was a Republican politically. Mr. Mead married Abigail Selleck, who was born in Greenwich township, daughter of Sands Selleck, and seven children were born to their marriage, viz.: Henry C., the subject of this sketch; Elsie, deceased wife of Abram Close; Samuel, who has a butcher and grocery business at Five-Mile River, Fairfield county; Emeline (Mrs. Isaac Wilson), of Greenwich township; A. L., a farmer of Greenwich township; William E., also a farmer of Greenwich; and Frederick, of Five-Mile River. The mother, now aged seventy years, is passing her declining years on the old homestead with her son, A. L.

Henry C. Mead was given a good practical education, which was commenced in the "meeting house" school in Greenwich village, during which time, for the greater part of two years, he lived with his uncle, Zaccheus Mead, whose home was near the village. Later he was a pupil in the schools at Round Hill and Peck's Land, there being no school at that time in Clapboard Ridge, and then for some time in a school which had been established in Clapboard Ridge District. He completed his literary training at Greenwich Academy under Prof. Shepherd, being obliged to leave on account of his father's death, which threw a great deal of responsibility on his shoulders, as he was the eldest son. However, he cheerfully set about the work which had fallen to his lot, aad proved a great help to his mother, who with his assistance was able to rear her large family in comfort. In 1872 Mr. Mead wedded Isabella La Forge, who was a native of New York City, daughter of B. S. La Forge, and they commenced housekeeping in April, living on a rented farm. About three years later they came to the place where they have since had their home, at that time a twenty-five-acre tract with but one building on it, a barn. The house which the family has occupied was erected by Mr. Mead in 1875, and he has put up all the buildings on his farm with the exception of the barn above mentioned, which has been remodeled and improved. As he prospered he has been able to add to the original tract, and is now the possessor of one hundred acres of fine land, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devotes all his time and attention. Mr. Mead formerly carried on a dairy business in addition to managing his farm, disposing of his own produce in that line, but this he has discontinued.

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Mr. Mead is a stanch Republican in political belief, but he likes to see the best man elected, especially in local office, and, while not a politician in the ordinary sense of the word, is willing to assist to that end. Personally he is not an office seeker, but he has served his township in various capacities, and has been a member of the school committee of Clapboard Ridge District. It was mainly through his efforts that that district secured its present school house, and he served on the building committee during its erection. Mr. and Mrs. Mead have two children living: Clara B., who is attending school; and Chester R.; Edith H., Seguine L., Henry S. and Grace M. died in childhood.

WILLIAM GREGORY. One of the oldest homesteads of the town of Norwalk is that of the Gregory family, as it has been handed down from one generation to another since pioneer times. At the time that John Gregory, the great-grandfather of the respected citizen whose name opens this sketch, came from England and settled upon the homestead, the land was in a primitive condition, footpaths here and there through the wilderness being the only sign of human life. He engaged in farming in true pioneer style, building a home and helping to develop the locality by cutting roads in various directions. He married and reared a family of children, among whom was a son, Denton, the grandfather of our subject. Denton Gregory was born at the old home, and passed his life there in agricultural pursuits except for a period spent as a soldier in the Revolutionary army. His remains now rest in an old burial ground near the homestead, together with those of his wife, Elizabeth (Sherwood), of Jamaica, Long Island. They had seven children, viz.: John, Samuel, Josiah, Elizabeth, Mary, Clemens and Denton, none of whom are now living. All settled within two miles of their early home except Mary, who married Samuel Sterling and removed to the West.

Denton Gregory, Jr., our subject's father, was born at the homestead, and continued to reside there throughout his life. For some time he conducted a hat factory on the farm, but later he devoted his attention entirely to agricultural work. He took much interest in the questions of his day, and was a Democrat in political faith. His death occurred there August 9, 1844. His wife, whose maiden name was Polly Jelliff, was born in the town of Norwalk, a daughter of William Jelliff, a merchant and farmer residing near the Gregory homestead. Our subject was the youngest of six children, of whom an account is given as follows: Lewis, born April 12, 1804, and who became a hatter in Wilton, this county, was accidentally killed by the cars some years ago. Lura, born December 1, 1806, married David S. Hubbell, a contractor and builder of Westport, this county. Gould, born December 28, 1811, was a carpenter in Westport. Rachel, born March 28, 1813, married James Hyatt, a hatter of Wilton. Elizabeth, born October 14, 1823, married Nicholas Banks, a farmer in the town of Weston, this county.

William Gregory, our subject, was born April 12, 1824, at the homestead which he now occupies and cultivates. When he was seventeen years of age he left the parental roof in order to serve an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade with his brother in Westport, and on becoming proficient in the work he returned home, where he followed the trade of contractor and builder some forty years. At present he is engaged in farming exclusively, and his attractive little farm near the village of Cranbury shows the results of many years of affectionate care that it has received from him and his ancestors. In politics he is a steadfast Republican, and he and his family are identified with the Methodist Church, in which he has been a leading worker for years. His wife, who passed to the unseen life April 3, 1897, was formerly Miss Louisa Betts. She was a member of a well-known family of this county, and was born in Norwalk, where her father, William Betts, was engaged in business as a shoemaker. Of the eight children born to our subject and his estimable wife, the eldest, Franklin, born April 28, 1848, is a carpenter and builder in Norwalk; James L., born March 3, 1850, is the foreman of a large factory in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Eudora, born December 12, 1852, married John B. Gregory, a carpenter, and died September 8, 1890; Ernest, born June 17, 1855, followed the trade of wagon-builder until his death, which occurred January 4, 1877; an infant, born March 1, 1859, died unnamed; Carrie L., born December 17, 1861, married William N. Craw, of South Norwalk, and died March 29, 1874; William T., born May 6, 1864, is a carpenter and resides at home; and Edgar, born August 6, 1867, became a shoe cutter by trade, but died February 4, 1888, in early manhood.

ELIJAH N. FILLOW (deceased), who in his lifetime was a prominent resident of Bethel, made his own way to success, having started in life without other capital than what his abilities and energy represented. By close attention to

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business, and a careful investment of his savings, he secured a comfortable competence, while at the same time he gained a high standing as a citizen.

Mr. Fillow was a native of this county, having been born at Westport, August 14, 1827. When he was seven years old the family removed to the town of Redding, and here he obtained a district-school education. He was reared to farm work by his father; but desiring to enter business life he went to Bethel at the age of fifteen, and began to learn the hatter's trade with Orrin Benedict, with whom he remained several years. In 1850 he formed the partnership known as Farnham & Fillow, and engaged in the manufacture of soft hats, continuing same until the Civil war broke out. The firm then went out of business, and Mr. Fillow conducted a livery stable until 1873, being also interested during this time in dealing in horses. In 1886 he succeeded Col. George S. Crofut in the coal and truck business at Bethel, which he carried on successfully up to his death.

Mr. Fillow was married in Bethel to Miss Emily Bassett, who died some years ago, and he afterward wedded Miss Martha Walker, of Bethel. He had two children, both by his first marriage: Frank L., who is now employed as foreman by Durant & Andrews, of Bethel, and Emily Alice, the wife of Edward Pelton, of Norwalk. Socially, Mr. Fillow was identified with Eureka Chapter No. 83, F. & A. M., and he justly held the esteem of a large circle of friends. Mr. Fillow died May 3, 1899, after an illness of two months, and was deeply mourned, being greatly beloved by all who knew him.

G. HOPKINS FERRIS. There is no citizen in Sound Beach who stands higher in the esteem and respect of his fellow men than Mr. Ferris, who since 1890 has been living retired in that town, spending his days in peaceful enjoyment and laudable efforts to improve the community. He is a native of Fairfield county, Conn., born August 21, 1831, in Riverside, and is a son of Deacon Samuel Ferris and grandson of Samuel Ferris, both of whom were well-known men in their respective generations. Samuel has been a family name for generations, and the Ferrises are of old New England stock.

Samuel Ferris, grandfather of the gentleman whose name introduces these lines, was a prosperous merchant, owning the old mill at Mianus, this county, and vessels which plied between that town and New York City, carrying the product of the mill to the store which he conducted there. He had three children: Samuel, Peter and Deborah, of whom, Peter was a prominent citizen of Greenwich township, which he represented in the State Legislature. Deborah married Gen. Gilbert Hopkins, who was an officer in the war of 1812, and a prominent merchant and public man of New York City, where he served at one time as president of the board of aldermen; he was grand marshal of the day at the celebration of the completion of the Croton Water Works; he is buried at Sound Beach, and his monmuent was the first in the Congregational cemetery there.

Deacon Samuel Ferris, also known as Captain Ferris, was born in New York, and from his boyhood was familiar with the boat business, working in his father's employ. He finally became the owner of a packet which plied between New York City and Mianus, and later, at different times, he owned the "Greyhound," the "Atlantic" and the "Isabella." He married Isabella Whiting, who was born at Riverside, and was a granddaughter of Dr. Whiting, of Revolutionary fame, and they passed the greater part of their wedded life at Sound Beach, where Mr. Ferris passed away, at the age of seventy-one years. His widow died June, 1898, at the advanced age of ninety-four. Eight children blessed their union, viz.: Adeline, Mrs. Kimberly Ferris, of Sound Beach; G. H.; Edwin, who is engaged in business in New York City and resides in Mt. Clair, N. J.; Samuel, of Brooklyn; Phœbe, unmarried, who lives with her brother, G. H.; Franklin, of Mt. Clair, N. J.; Sherwood, living in Lakewood, N. Y.; and Murray W., of Orange, N. J. Deacon Samuel Ferris was originally a Democrat in political faith, but at the time of the Slavery agitation he became a stanch Abolitionist, fearless in the defense of his principles, and he finally joined the ranks of the Republican party. In religious connection he was a Congregationalist, being one of the most prominent and active members of the First Congregational Church of Sound Beach, in whose affairs he took a deep interest, and he was an office holder, serving as deacon for thirty years prior to his decease, and also in other capacities.

G. H. Ferris received his education in the district schools of his boyhood where John W. Hendrie and Mr. Hawes were among his early teachers, and in Greenwich Academy, where he studied for five years under the able instruction of Prof. Philander Button. When eighteen he was just about ready to enter Yale, but lack of means and various responsibilities led him to change his plans, so he went to Brooklyn and

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entered the navy yard to learn the trade of ship carpenter. There he remained three years as an apprentice, working at first for $2.50 per week and receiving an increased salary as he became proficient, and then continued in the same employ for a year after completing his trade, after which he began business for himself. He hung out his first "shingle" at the foot of Montgomery street, beginning as a ship repairer, and one year later built a floating dry-dock located at the foot of Bridge street, whence he finally removed his business to the Erie Basin, in Brooklyn, where he engaged in shipbuilding as well as repairing. Mr. Ferris had no capital to commence with, but he had a good stock of energy and self-confidence, and he prospered from the start, increasing his business from year to year, and he continued as a shipbuilder and repairer until 1876, when he abandoned that branch and took up river and harbor work, buying an outfit of dredges, etc. In this line he engaged until 1888, being extensively employed with contracts in various harbors all along the Atlantic coast, and subsequently organized a stock company for this work, his interest in which he sold out, abandoning active business life in 1890. During his experience in river and harbor work he was superintendent for J. E. Simpson, of New York, in building large dry-docks, such as the one for the Newport News Transportation Co. at Newport News, Va.; and he also directed the work on the Government dock at League Island, Philadelphia. Mr. Ferris was active in the business world for forty long years, and he has since lived retired in the pleasant town of Sound Beach, occasionally doing a little work in the insurance line, but engaging in no arduous exertion of any kind. He still has an interest in the H. P. Smith Publishing Co. of New York City.

In 1855 Mr. Ferris was united in marriage with Miss Mary Knight, a native of New York, who died in 1870 and is buried in Sound Beach. She was the mother of six children, viz.: Edwin W., of Brooklyn, who is in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railway Company; Mary L., wife of Prof. Archibald Daniels, of Burlington (Vt.) University; Helen, wife of Dr. Harry B. Ferris, professor of anatomy at Yale; Lincoln G., who died at the age of thirty-three, in Brooklyn; Warren K., who is in the ordnance department, at Washington, D. C.; and Jessie R., now Mrs. Richard S. Kirby, of Port Chester, N. Y. Mr. Ferris' comfortable home at Sound Beach was erected under his own supervision. A zealous member of the Congregational Church, he has taken great interest in Church and benevolent enterprises in Sound Beach since his removal there, and he was a liberal contributor to the new First Congregational Church erected there, which cost $21,500. He was active in carrying the work to completion, and since 1892 he has served as deacon, and member of the board of trustee, of that Church, in whose welfare he is deeply concerned. Mr. Ferris cast his first Presidential vote for John C. Fremont, and he has always been a regular voter and an interested observer of public affairs. He is active in school matters in Greenwich township, and at present is serving as justice of the peace here.

NATHANIEL B. HILL. The Hill family is one of the oldest in Fairfield township, and has furnished to this section some of its ablest and most valued citizens. The first to come to America was William Hill, an Englishman, who landed in Boston, June 5, 1632, from the ship "William and Frances." On November 2, 1635, he had land granted to him at Dorchester, Mass., but later he removed from that place to Windsor, Conn., and he finally made his home at Fairfield, his death occurring there in 1650. He was a man of influence in the little colony, and became the first clerk of Fairfield township. He and his wife Sarah had six children: Sarah, William, Joseph, Ignatius, James and Elizabeth.

II. William Hill, the next in the line of descent in which we are now interested, died December 19, 1684. His wife's name was Elizabeth ———, and among their children was a son William.

III. William Hill, son of William II, died in 1728, leaving a family, among whom was a son William, known as Deacon William.

IV. Deacon William Hill died in 1739. He and his wife Sarah reared a family of children, their son Joseph being the next in the line of descent.

V. Joseph Hill was born April 1, 1699, and died March 6, 1797. He married Abigail Dimon, and among their children was a son Moses, the great-grandfather of the well-known citizen whose name opens this sketch.

VI. Moses Hill was born January 11, 1748, and died October 13, 1779. His wife, Esther (Burr), was a daughter of Ebenezer Burr. Three children were born of this union: William, Abigail and Esther.

VII. William Hill, the grandfather of our subject, was born April 30, 1774, and died July 6, 1808; his wife, Betsey (Barlow), who was niece of the poet, Joel Barlow, Esq., and who was born August 3, 1778, died September 9,

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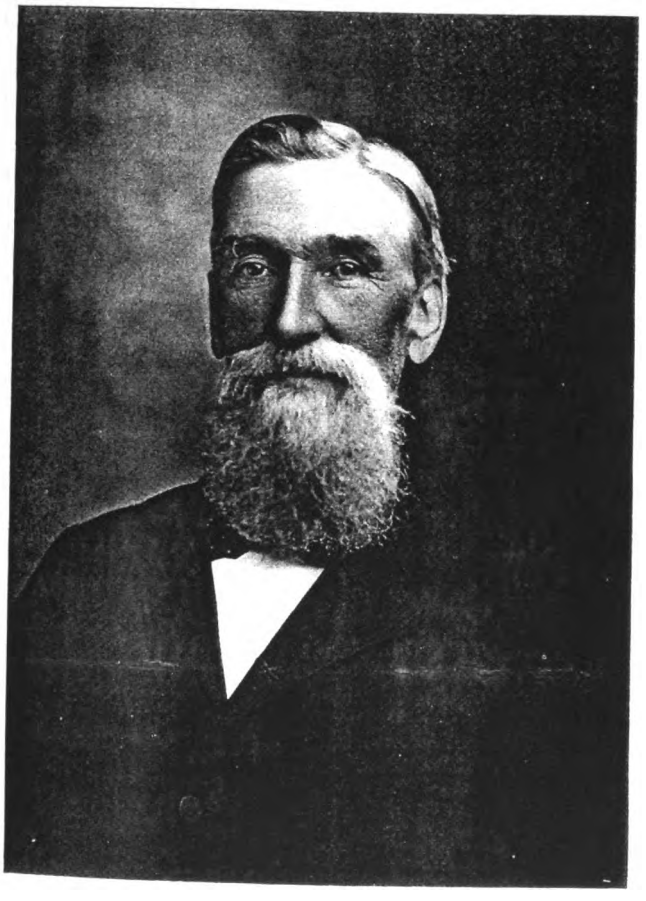

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1864. They had the following children: Bradley, born September 9, 1798, died in the town of Redding, where he was engaged in farming for many years; Abigail, born November 23, 1800, died at an early age; Horace, our subject's father, is mentioned below; Burr, born December 23, 1804, died January 29, 1810; and William, born October 6, 1807, died September 6, 1815.

VIII. Horace Hill was born December 5, 1802, in Buckley's District in the town of Fairfield, and died March 9, 1877, his remains being interred in the old Greenfield cemetery. He taught school for many years, and was also engaged in farming and milling. Although he began his career without special advantages, he acquired a handsome competence. He was six feet in height and well proportioned, and notwithstanding his many years of energetic industry he enjoyed excellent health until a year previous to his death. While he was not an office seeker, he took an intelligent interest in political questions, voting regularly first with the Whigs and later with the Republicans. In religion he inclined to the Congregational faith, and although not a member of that Church he attended its services frequently. On January 7, 1830, he married Miss Eleanor Lyon (born February 27, 1806, died February 27, 1842), a daughter of Eliphalet and Mary (Perry) Lyon, and a member of one of the old families of this section. On September 27, 1843, for his second wife, he married Miss Almira Ogden, who was born November 10, 1808. By the first union there were four children: Mary J., born February 28, 1831, died December 27, 1850, unmarried; Nathaniel B., our subject; Eliphalet R., born Ooctober 16, 1833, died December 13, 1853; and William B., born March 23, 1837, who is now a farmer in Fairfield township. The only child of the second marriage, Betsey A., born September 17, 1847, died April 7, 1851.

IX. Nathaniel Barlow Hill was born September 24, 1832, at the old homestead in Fairfield township, and his education was begun in the local schools, his father being his first teacher. Another instructor whom he especially remembers was Minot Banks, and after completing the course offered in the home school he studied for one winter under Zalmon Wakeman, who conducted a select school at Greenfield Hill. When seventeen years old he began to learn the miller's trade with his father, and spent three years in that business. In the spring of 1853 he sailed from New York with two comrades, William Sherwood and Edgar A. Pennoyer, on the full-rigged ship "Florida," making a voyage to Australia, *via* the Cape of Good Hope, and after nineteen weeks landing at Port Phillip, Melbourne. For more than three years he was engaged in mining in Australia, and on his return he sailed first for London in the full-rigged ship "Blackwall," by way of Cape Horn, stopping *en route* at Pernambuco, South America. From London he sailed for New York in the full-rigged ship "Southampton," thus completing a journey around the world, and soon after landing he made a trip through the Western States, prospecting for a congenial location. While in Illinois he was taken ill, compelling him to return home, and as his father was having the mill repaired our subject resumed his work there. On December 17, 1856, as he was putting some corn in the hopper, a connecting pin in the shafting caught his trousers, irresistibly drawing him within its power, and he was thrown round and round by the action of the shaft. His limbs were badly injured, and his recovery seemed almost a miracle; but having a powerful constitution, together with the best surgical skill obtainable, he was able to walk without crutches after more than two years of suffering.

On November 27, 1862, Mr. Hill married Miss Mary E. Morehouse, who was born June 5, 1844, next to the youngest in the family of five children of Deacon William B. and Mary (Lyon) Morehouse. Her father was an extensive agriculturist of Fairfield township, and was held in high esteem in that locality. Mrs. Hill, who has been a most excellent helpmeet, was educated in the Burr district school in Fairfield township, and in the academy on Greenfield Hill. Our subject purchased his present homestead before his marriage, and has since resided there, his handsome dwelling house having been built by him in 1882. Of his five children, the eldest, William B., born September 22, 1863, was graduated from Yale College in 1886, and was already winning a fine reputation as a teacher and civil engineer, when death, in June, 1898, cut short a promising career. Horace E. is a resident of Bridgeport. Joseph is a farmer in Easton township. Wakeman B. is at home. Charles L., who graduated from Yale College in 1895, when less than twenty-two years old, and in 1897 from the Yale Law School, is now an attorney at Bridgeport.

Deacon Hill has always taken keen interest in politics, being one of the active Republicans of his locality, and he has served as justice of the peace and registrar. For many years he has been a leading member of the Congregational Church at Greenfield Hill, having held the office of senior deacon some thirty years. At various

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times he served as superintendent of the Sunday-school, making eighteen years in all, and since his resignation his son Charles L. has held the position. The family is prominent socially, and Mr. and Mrs. Hill are both greatly respected among their associates. Although he has gained a goodly share of this world's wealth, he has been thoroughly honorable in his dealings, and his word is considered as good as his bond.

HON. SAMUEL FESSENDEN. Few families, even of the sturdy New England stock, have produced so many talented men as has the Fessenden family of Maine, of which this distinguished citizen of Stamford is a member. The late William Pitt Fessenden, an uncle of our subject, gained an honorable place in history by his able and patriotic service as a statesman during the Civil war, and the trying period of reconstruction which followed, and another uncle, Hon. Thomas A. D. Fessenden, and Hon. Samuel C. Fessenden, our subject's father, both now deceased, represented Maine in the 37th Congress. Mr. Fessenden has more than maintained the enviable celebrity attaching to his name, but while he also has become widely known in the field of national politics as an organizer and leader of rare sagacity and energy, his most cherished triumphs have been won in the arena of his chosen profession of law. Here his keen, logical mind finds congenial ground, and with his unusual gifts as an orator it is not strange that he should have won and maintained a foremost place in the ranks of American lawyers, especially as he possesses the unanalyzed but unquestioned power which accompanies a magnetic personality and a genial temperament.

Rev. Samuel C. Fessenden, the father of our subject, was born March 7, 1815, in New Gloucester, Maine, and after graduating in 1834 from Bowdoin College entered the theological seminary at Bangor, where he prepared for the ministry, completing his course in 1837. For some time he was pastor of the Congregational Church at Rockland, Maine, and in 1856 he became editor of *The Maine Evangelist*. Later he entered the legal profession, and soon afterward was appointed judge of the municipal court at Rockland. From 1864 to 1867 he was examiner-in chief at the United States Patent Office, and on retiring from that position he located at Stamford, where he resided until his death on April 18, 1882. His service in the 37th Congress has been mentioned, and among other important posts which he filled with ability and credit was that of consul at St. Johns, N. B., his appointment having been made by President Garfield.

The subject of this sketch was born April 12, 1847, at Rockland, Maine, and the opening of the Civil war found him a student in the academy at Lewiston, Maine. He had planned to take a collegiate course, but as the dark days of the war drew on he relinquished the hope, and as a well-grown boy of sixteen he entered the army, enlisting as a private in the Seventh Maine Battery. He served under Gen. Grant in that fierce yet glorious campaign which was made memorable by the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor and Petersburg, and on recommendation from the General was appointed by President Lincoln as first lieutenant, and afterward as captain in the Second United States Infantry. As he preferred artillery service the young soldier declined promotion in the regular army, but accepted a commission in the First Maine Battery, and later he was appointed on the staff of Gen. A. P. Howe, where he served until the close of the war. On his return to the paths of peace he applied himself with characteristic energy and persistence to the study of law, and on March 4, 1869, was graduated from the Harvard Law School. His family having removed to Stamford, he was admitted to the Bar in Fairfield county, and began practice at Stamford as a member of a firm in which the senior partners were the late Joshua B. Ferris and Calvin G. Child. Upon the retirement of Mr. Child to form a partnership with N. R. Hart the firm became Ferris & Fessenden, continuing until the retirement of Mr. Ferris from all active professional labor. The firm was then reorganized under the name of Fessenden & Carter, and has later been known as Fessenden, Carter & Cummings. Mr. Fessenden's eminent ability as a lawyer, demonstrated in many important cases which he has brought to a successful issue, has added lustre to the fame of the Fairfield County Bar, and his work as State's Attorney has been notably effective.

Mr. Fessenden has always been a stanch supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and his political career began when he was but twenty-seven years old, by his election in 1874 to the State Legislature. During the session he attracted favorable notice by his work as a member of the judiciary committee, as well as by his eloquent and forceful speeches on various topics, and in 1879, when he again became a member of the House of Representatives, he entered upon his labors with the influence belonging to a recognized leader. In 1895 he again served as a representative in that body, and was chosen

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speaker of the House, on honor which was well and ably sustained by him. In 1876 he was a delegate to the National Republican Convention at Cincinnati, which nominated President Hayes, and in 1880 he was a delegate-at-large from his State. In 1884, at the opening of Blaine's campaign, he was made secretary of the National Republican Committee, and during his service in that capacity he displayed executive ability of the highest order, his natural desire for the success of his party being stimulated to even greater force by his admiration for the great statesman from Maine, with whom he was on terms of intimate friendship. In 1888 Mr. Fessenden was again made delegate-at-large from Connecticut to the National Republican Convention, and served as chairman of the delegation, and was again selected for the same position as delegate-at-large to the Republican National Convention of 1896 at St. Louis, where he took a conspicuous part as a member of the committee on Resolutions in framing the platform which was subsequently ratified and adopted by the convention. Throughout his life he has continued to manifest an interest in military affairs, and in 1872 he was appointed by Governor Jewell to the position of judge advocate of the Fourth Regimental District of the National Guard of Connecticut, with the rank of major.

Mr. Fessenden's popularity rests upon a solid basis, the confidence of his fellow-citizens having been confirmed by many years of faithful effort in public life, and his friends anticipate for him the highest honors, State and National, which Connecticut can bestow.

THE POST PUBLISHING COMPANY, of Bridgeport, of which George W. Hills is president and general manager, William H. Comley, vice-president, Frank W. Bolande, secretary, and Robert N. Blakeslee, assistant general manager and treasurer, are issuing two papers—*The Bridgeport Evening Post* and *The Bridgeport Morning Telegram*, both newsy and attractive papers.

The *Post* was established in 1883 by George W. Hills, as both publisher and proprietor, the first issue appearing on February 7, from its home in a little one-story wooden building at No. 304 East Main street. The paper was started and published in the interests of East Bridgeport, and did not circulate beyond its environments. East Bridgeport then, as now, teemed with busy factories, and the *Post* started with the idea of being the "People's Paper", a privilege and honor which it has from that day to this jealously guarded. "Independence in politics and the cause of the people," was a sentiment followed zealously from the first day. When first started the *Post* was a four-page, four-column paper with patent inside. Vincent Dawson was one of its early local editors. His successor was Louis C. Prindle, who retired (in 1884) after a term of eleven months. After Mr. Prindle's retirement Frank W. Bolande, the present editor, having less than a year's experience, filled a period of three months, and was succeeded by Thomas W. Wood, who before had been night editor of the *News*. During this time Mr. Hills acted as business manager, but his varied experience qualified him to help out in the editorial room, the composing room or the press room as the occasion warranted, which was often. From 1883 until 1884 the *Post* was was owned and controlled by George W. Hills solely.

In the latter year Mr. Hills, realizing the advantage of having assistance in the management of the business which was rapidly growing, gave his brother, Henry M. Hills, a half-interest. They conducted the *Post* as partners until September 15, 1891, when a stock company was formed with the following officers: President, George W. Hills; vice-president, Henry M. Hills; secretary, Frank W. Bolande; treasurer, Robert N. Blakeslee. The formation of the stock company was made under circumstances and conditions which rendered such a move a great advantage to the *Post*, and helped to increase its popularity and prominence. Since then its line of enterprise and progress has been followed with renewed zeal and energy. The erection of the new *Post* building, the enlargement of the paper, the putting in of two new web perfecting presses and a type-setting machine, the donning of a new dress of type, and the publication of a mammoth forty-four-page souvenir edition on November 30, 1892, were the most prominent features of the busy first year of the company's existence. We quote from the souvenir edition: "The occupancy of the finest and best appointed newspaper building in the State is certainly cause enough for the issuance of a souvenir that will mark an important epoch in the paper's history. Very few papers in a city of the size of Bridgeport accomplish as much as the *Post* has during its first ten years of life. The early years were full of that grim struggle which means life or death to any enterprise, while the latter years have been signalled by the growing favor of the public which has gradually developed into a stanch and appreciative support. The clientage of the *Post* has not been confined to

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any one class; rich and poor finding features of interest that no other paper furnished. The *Post* is eminently the people's paper, and has always been ready and aggressive in advocating the greatest good to the greatest number. In has been steadfast in urging municipal reform and city improvements, and being bound by no party lines and subject to no clique its tone has been fearless and independent."

The Bridgeport Morning Telegram was established several years ago by the company mentioned in the foregoing. It has at this writing (December, 1898) a circulation of 4,552, while the average circulation of the *Post* for November is given as 11,368.

George W. Hills, president of the Post Publishing Company, and general manager of both the *Post* and *Telegram*, when a lad sold papers for the *Brooklyn Eagle*. It is presumed that here he gained the true newspaper instinct, for from that time on he gazed longingly at the ponderous presses, and gradually became filled with the determination that bore fruit in later years. He came to Bridgeport in 1870, and in 1875, while attending school, embarked in the visiting-card business, printing cards for the school children. His office was a very primitive one, and the capital invested was small, indeed, but the venture was a success from the start. It was not long before he had card agents in all the principal factories in the city, which brought him orders that compelled him to work from the closing of school until late at night. The money derived from the work was put into new stock and a varied assortment of type. Young Hills finally left school and went to work in the Howe Sewing Machine factory, later on, for several years, working in the Wheeler & Wilson factory. He continued of evenings his printing business until in the fall of 1881 he left the factory to devote his whole attention to the printing business, and he then rented the small building that was located on East Main street, which little wooden structure was the birthplace of the *Post*. The history of the paper as told in the foregoing is practically the history of its founder. Very seldom is a paper started with a paid-up capital of only six dollars, but that was the exact status; such was the resolute character of the proprietor. If ever he looks back on those early years of toil, and thinks of the many struggles when it seemed the little paper would totter and fall, Mr. Hills can breathe a great sigh of relief and behold the legitimate results of his labors. The *Post* first circulated in East Bridgeport, but by dint of hard work its scope was broadened until it moved over to the center of the city. Six years ago it moved into its present building at No. 49 Cannon street. All that pulled the paper through in its early days was the dogged will, hard work and grim determination of the founder. During those pioneer years he acquired an experience and familiarity with surmounting the most stubborn obstacles that have proven a valuable heritage, and steadied his hand in solving the difficult problems which continually arise in the management of an aggressive newspaper. During the past three years Mr. Hills has given special attention to placing the *Morning Telegram* on a secure footing. It now has a circulation of upward of four thousand, is served by the Associated Press, and in brief space of time has taken a prominent place with the newspapers of the city.

Frank W. Bolande, managing editor of the *Post*, has been well known in newspaper work in Bridgeport for the past fourteen years. In 1884 he joined the city staff of the *Bridgeport Farmer*. He was later local editor of the *Meriden Republican*, and for several years reporter and then city editor of the *Bridgeport Standard*. Besides this he corresponded for a number of papers, and did special work for various publications. In 1891 he cast his fortunes with the newly-formed Post Publishing Company, as secretary, and has been the editor of the *Post* ever since. Mr. Bolande is a firm believer in special enterprise and attractive features, and the *Post* is first in all matters of public enterprise. Its mammoth bicycle parades on July 4, 1896 and 1897; Sound Money bicycle parade in 1896; Good Roads parade October 27, 1898; the celebrated "red wagon" collections for the poor in 1897, are only a few of the demonstrations which the *Post* and *Telegram* have undertaken with success and credit. Mr. Bolande endeavors to maintain a clean, healthy tone in the columns of the *Post*, and, to make the paper bright with illustrations, telling cartoons and various features of enterprise that are out of the usual rut. The *Post* strives to handle news matter originally, and in a way that attracts attention. An instance of this is the Boinay trial, when some of the most prominent clergymen in the city were induced to write their impressions of the day's scenes in court as an introduction to the newspaper report of the trial. From his knowledge of Bridgeport politics, public men and newspaper opportunities Mr. Bolande is able to direct the editorial department of the *Post* with an appreciative idea of the public's wishes and demands.

Robert N. Blakeslee, the assistant general manager of the Post Publishing Company, entered the employ of the counting room of the *Bridgeport Farmer* in 1890. At one time he

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was connected with the *Post* as bookkeeper. He resigned from the *Farmer* to become treasurer of the Post Publishing Company.

When Mr. Blakeslee entered the Post Publishing Company as treasurer, the *Bridgeport Farmer* took occasion to publicly comment upon the fact that he was not required to give a bond, which it considered a splendid tribute to his honesty and integrity. Mr. Blakeslee handles many thousand dollars during a year, all of the moneys in the business of both the *Post* and *Telegram* going through his hands. In the eight years during which he has been connected with the company every dollar has been properly accounted for. Mr. Blakeslee also has had much success in securing new business for both papers, and in his dealings among the business men with whom he comes in contact he endeavors to be fair and square, never promising anything but what he can perform. The remarkably prosperous conditions of the advertising columns of these papers is due in some degree to the energy and alertness of the subject of this sketch.

Thomas W. Wood has been editor of the *Bridgeport Morning Telegram* for the past two years. He has had a newspaper experience in Bridgeport extending over a number of years; he was once night editor of the *Morning News;* has been city editor of the *Post* and connected with the *Farmer*. He is an industrious, hardworking newspaper man, thoroughly faithful to the interests which he represents. The *Telegram* has progressed steadily since it was launched three years ago, and has a large residential circulation. It is credited with being one of the neatest and most enterprising papers in the city.

HON. LYMAN SHELDON CATLIN. Rising above the masses are many men of sterling worth and value, who by sheer perseverance and pluck have conquered fortune, and by their own unaided efforts have risen from the ranks of comparatively common place to eminence and positions of respect and trust. Prominent among these is the gentleman whose name here appears. He has been a leader in thought and action in Fairfield county, and is also one of the representative and leading business men of Bridgeport, where he is the able and efficient secretary and treasurer of the Mechanics and Farmers Savings Bank of that borough.

Mr. Catlin is a representative of one of the families of that name of Harwinton, Litchfield county, where he was born January 21, 1840.

Going back to the Mother country, we find the family name is frequent at Newington, Rochilan, County of Kent, England. They have held property in that county since the Norman Conquest. "R. de Catlin was one of the followers of William the Conqueror, and is mentioned in 'Domesday Book' as possessing two Knight's fees of land at the time of his succession in the County of Kent, and several individuals of the same name appear in England as honorably employed in the King's service. Sir Robert Catlin was knighted for honorable services at the battle of Agincourt under Edward the Black Prince, and the Catlin coat of arms is that granted to him." [Hinman's "Puritan Settlers," p. 869.] The *Arms* are: Per chevron Or and Azure. Three lions passant guardant in pal, counter charged in chief Argent. *Crest:* A leopard's head couped at the neck Argent, ducally collared and lined Or reguardant. *Motto: Semper Fides.* ["English Annals."]

The first Catlin who appears to have come to this country was a boy. Thomas Catlin came to Hartford, Conn., in 1632. Later he left his master and went to Saybrook, Conn. He returned to Hartford about 1645–46, where he settled. He acquired a good deal of property, and took great pains with the education of his only son John. It is stated in the "Memorial History of Hartford County," edited by the late J. Hammond Trumbull, LL. D., that Thomas Catlin was born about 1612, was first mentioned in the Colonial Records in 1644; was chimney viewer 1647–48 and '53; surveyor of highways in 1655; townsman in 1659; constable in 1662–74. "an office at that time one of the most honorable and trustworthy in the colony;" that he married (first) Mary, and (second) Mary, widow of Edward Elmer, and died in 1690. [Elsewhere it is stated that Thomas Catlin was living in 1687, when testified in court that he was eighty-seven years old. Savage says that "he died in 1690, aged about seventy-eight."]

Lyman Sheldon Catlin, our subject, son of Sheldon Catlin, is in the seventh generation on his father's side from Thomas Catlin, the American ancestor, the line of his descent being through John, Benjamin, Jacob, Benjamin (2) and Sheldon.

II. John Catlin (son of Thomas Catlin) married, July 27, 1665, Mary, daughter of Capt. Samuel Marshall, of Windsor. She died in Hartford, October 20, 1716. Their children were: Mary, Samuel, John, Thomas and Benjamin.

III. Benjamin Catlin (son of John Catlin), born February 1, 1680, died in 1767. He married, May 6, 1714, Margaret Kellogg, born in 1689, in Hartford, Conn., and died in Harwinton, Conn., in 1786, aged ninety-seven. Their

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children were: Jonathan, Daniel, Sarah, Abraham, Joel, Benjamin, Jacob, Amos and George.

IV. Sergeant Jacob Catlin (son of Benjamin Catlin), born December 7, 1723, in Hartford, Conn., died in Harwinton, Conn., July 1, 1802. He was a farmer in Harwinton. He married Hannah Phelps, who was born March 13, 1731, in Windsor, Conn., and died at Harwinton in 1812, aged eighty-one years.

V. Benjamin Catlin (2) (son of Sergeant Jacob Catlin), born October 6, 1772, in Harwinton, Conn., died there (a farmer) July 10, 1835. He was for twenty years a deacon in the Congregational Church. He married, November 27, 1797, Rhoda Catlin, daughter of Isaac Catlin (2) (a son of Isaac Catlin, a son of Samuel Catlin), who was of the third generation of Thomas Catlin, the ancestor. Rhoda Catlin was born November 8, 1774, at Litchfield, Conn., and died at Harwinton, September 3, 1863. Her children were: Anna, Rhoda, Lucy, Benjamin, George, Sheldon, Clarinda, Henry and Julius.

VI. Sheldon Catlin (son of Benjamin Catlin, and father of Hon. Lyman S. Catlin) was born October 8, 1805, in Harwinton, Conn. He married, October 22, 1834, Cornelia Baldwin, of Harwinton, born there December 23, 1806, daughter of Nehemiah Baldwin, of Woodbridge. To this marriage were born children as follows: Ellen C. and Lyman S.

Sheldon Catlin was by occupation a worker of stone, and also a farmer. He died July 29, 1840, at the early age of thirty-four. Samuel Hine, the maternal grandfather of Cornelia (Baldwin) Catlin, served in the war of the Revolution.

Returning to the third generation to get the ancestry of Rhoda (Catlin) Catlin:

III. Samuel Catlin (son of John Catlin and grandson of Thomas Catlin), born in 1672-73, married Elizabeth North, of Farmington (now Berlin), Conn., and their children were: John, Thomas, Samuel, Isaac, Abigail, Job, Mary, Adam and Ebenezer.

IV. Isaac Catlin (son of Samuel Catlin), born November 11, 1712, died May 5, 1803. He married (first) Betsey Kilbourn, of Litchfield, and (second) Widow Abigail (Desire Ives) Tuttle. The children of the first marriage were: Isaac, Elisha, Charles, Irene, Polly, Betsey, Ruth, Sarah and Bradly. Those of the second marriage were: Samuel, Caroline, Hannah, Abigail and Desire.

V. Isaac Catlin (2) (son of Isaac Catlin), born August 20, 1739, married (first) Anna Barnes, of Litchfield, and (second) Huldah Matthews, of Plymouth. She was born in 1750, and died July 4, 1825. He died April 9, 1828. His children, all by his first wife, were: Betsey, Isaac, Irene, Amy, Rhoda, Hosea, Clarinda, Elisha and Sofronia. Isaac Catlin (2) served in the French and Indian war, also in the war of the Revolution.

The name of Catlin has been a prominent one in the history of New England from the Colonial period, and from Harwinton and Litchfield county, Conn., have gone out men that have achieved distinction in public affairs, and success in the professions and various callings of life.

VII. Lyman Sheldon Catlin (son of Sheldon Catlin), the subject proper of this sketch, received his education in the public school and academy of his native town, and remained in the town until the breaking out of the Civil war, or early in its progress. From 1862 until 1866 young Catlin was in the service of his country, in which he made an honorable record. Enlisting in 1862 as a private in Company A, 19th Conn. V. I., he remained two years with the regiment, and at the end of that period was commissioned as first lieutenant in the 13th U. S. Colored Artillery. While with the colored troops Lieutenant Catlin was in an engagement on the Cumberland river, in southwestern Kentucky, in which the entire company was captured by General Forrest's cavalry. The officers connected with the colored troops were ordered to be hung, but they escaped by means of a gunboat. In 1865 this command was mustered out, and its first lieutenant was commissioned by Secretary Stanton as lieutenant and quartermaster in the 5th U. S. Cavalry. He served with this command in Arkansas until 1866, when it was mustered out of the service.

Since the Civil war Mr. Catlin has passed most of the time in Bridgeport, his only absence being between 1870 and 1873. Early in 1870 he located in Alabama as the agent of a Chicago insurance company, but in a few months was driven out by the "Ku-Klux." The same company then sent him to Kansas, where he remained until 1873, when he returned to Bridgeport, Conn., and organized the Mechanics and Farmer Savings Bank of that city, and has since been its chief executive officer. The well-known success of this institution has been largely due to his energy and business talent. He is approachable and genial, and commands the respect of all of his business associates.

Mr. Catlin is universally regarded as an able and faithful exponent of Republican principles. He has filled various offices for the town of Stratford, and was elected to represent the town in the General Assemblies of 1881 and 1883.

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The first year he served on the House committee on School Funds, and in 1883 he was House chairman of the committee on Banks. In 1888 he was elected senator from the Thirteenth district, and in the session of 1889 was chairman of the joint committee on Banks, and was appointed by the Governor chairman of the committee on Further Accommodation for the Insane. That committee made reports to the General Assembly sessions of 1891 and 1893. His career was one of prominence and usefulness in both branches of the Legislature. Mr. Catlin is a member of Elias Howe, Jr., Post No. 3, G. A. R., of Bridgeport, of the military order of the Loyal Legion, of the ex-Prisoners of War Association, and of the I. O. O. F. He is a thorough business man and a valued citizen.

On September 28, 1871, Mr. Catlin was married to Miss Helen J. Lewis, of Stratford, and their marriage has been blessed with four children, namely: Sheldon, a graduate of Yale, class of '94; Lucy Jeannette, married to Egbert Marsh, of Bridgeport, Conn.; George Lewis, a sophomore in Yale College; and Cornelia Judson, at home.

JOHN M. WILLIAMS, a prosperous attorney of New York City, who resides at Mianus, Fairfield Co., Conn., is the son of a man whose history is perhaps more remarkable and unique than falls to the common lot of humanity. Isaac Williams, the father, was one of four brothers, who when mere lads living in a home where economy and honesty were active virtues, started in business for themselves, and without training or experience, without means or assistance, with only their pluck and determination, started out, life's battles to win.

Their career exemplified the maxim that in union there is strength. Each subordinated his personal interest in the common good. There was but one treasury and one fund. It was used by the four brothers to advance their mutual good.

The grandfather of our subject, Matthias Williams, was a man whose greatest legacy to his four boys was the inculcation of sound principles. He married Miss Elizabeth Maxwell, and attained only a very moderate success in the accumulation of worldly goods.

Isaac, our subject's father, was born in New York City in 1816. He had meager opportunities for an education. He was only a lad of ten years when he entered the strange business partnership with his brothers. The business at its start was a little grocery store, so small that it scarcely deserved the name. It may be said to have begun with almost nothing. But the boys were attentive and industrious. They prospered, and the business grew larger and larger, until they launched out in other business enterprises. They bought real estate and city property as money came in and was not required in their business. Thus for twenty-five years their business was conducted, and when settlement came, each took his share according to his age, and an amicable settlement resulted. Their property had become valuable as a result of judicious investments, and their business interests were by no means small.

Isaac was the only one of the four brothers who married. His wife was Miss Susan Crane, of Elizabeth, N. J. In 1866 Isaac Williams, seeking retirement from his active life, removed from New York to Mianus, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he had bought the Lot Palmer place. His forty years of active business life had developed energies that could not endure a complete retirement, and he opened a grocery store at Mianus. After discontinuing this business he, for a pastime, devoted his attention to horticulture; he erected green-houses and built up an extensive florist business, the management of which afforded him a pleasant and healthful occupation. He was a man quite well preserved in mind and body, for his years. He liked good horses, and had them. He was fond of driving, and drove a great deal; was a reinsman; his horses were not of the gentle kind, and his death was directly attributed to injuries received in collision while he was engaged in his favorite and exciting pastime. He was thrown from his vehicle, and sustained injuries from which he died December 31, 1895; he was buried at Woodland cemetery, Stamford. His wife died January 19, 1885. Isaac Williams was a member of the Universalist Church at Stamford, which his wife also attended, though a member of the Presbyterian Church. No stancher supporter of the Democratic party could be found than he, being twice elected a representative from Greenwich township; he declined a renomination for a third term. He served on the school committee, but was not an office-seeker. He was fully conscious of the evils of the liquor traffic, and so expressed himself frequently. He possessed good judgment, and was a practical man, one who was thoroughly self-made, and who enjoyed the respect of all. He was progressive in his ideas, and spent much money in improving his home and estate at Mianus. He established the business of extensive ice-cutting at Mianus, with which he was later identified, and a large ice-house was

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built there. He was industrious, and took a deep interest in all matters to improve the community. The four children of Isaac and Susan Williams were as follows: Louise, who resides on the old homestead; Isabelle, who married William J. Bird, and died in Greenwich township, leaving four children—Belle L., Isaac, Margaretta and Charles; John Maxwell, our subject; and Anna M., now Mrs. Jacob V. Close, of Darien, Conn., who has five children—Miriam, Gertrude, Jessie, Leland and Clarence.

John Maxwell Williams was born September 4, 1854, and was reared in New York, there attending school. He graduated from the grammar school, and then took the Junior year in the College of the City of New York. He entered the law department of Columbia College, and completing the course was graduated in 1877. The young lawyer then took charge of the extensive business interests of his father and uncles in New York. He has since practiced his profession in New York City. When his parents removed to Mianus he remained in New York, and had always been a resident of that city until in recent years, when he removed to Mianus. In 1888 Mr. Williams married Miss Hannah Gertrude Close, who was born near Round Hill, Greenwich township, and is a daughter of Allen H. Close, a representative of one of Greenwich's oldest families. Two children have been born to John M. and Hannah Williams—John M., Jr., and Gertrude.

Mr. Williams, while a Democrat in politics, is liberal, and in 1896 voted for McKinley. He is a prominent member of the Larchmont Yacht Club, Indian Harbor Yacht Club, New York Athletic Club, and is prominent in the social life of Greenwich and New York City.

WALTER B. BOSTWICK. There are times in the history of states and municipalities when changes of great moment are made in the organization of the government. These occasions, like the formative periods of history, require that the right man should be in the right place—at the helm of the ship of state. A new law, involving many changes in its official organism, became effective at Bridgeport in the spring of 1893. At that time, as events well proved, the electors of the city made no mistake in choosing their mayor. He was Walter B. Bostwick, trained by an active business life and by an intimate acquaintance with the government of the city.

Mr. Bostwick is connected with several families prominent in the early history of Connecticut. Seven generations back the original American Bostwick left his native home in Cheshire, England, and settled at Stratford, Conn. This was in 1664, and his family were among the earliest pioneers of the wilderness in that vicinity. Later the family ascended the Housatonic river and settled at New Milford, where many descendants yet remain.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Benjamin Bostwick, a farmer. He married Anna Wells, who was a descendant of Governor Wells, the first governor of Connecticut. The father of our subject, Solomon E. Bostwick, was for thirty years a prominent merchant of New Milford, retiring in 1856. Solomon E. Bostwick married Adeline Booth, daughter of Walter Booth (for whom our subject was named), and granddaughter of Ithemar Canfield, who was in his day one of the prominent citizens of New Milford, and widely known as "Squire" Canfield. Solomon E. Bostwick died in 1882, leaving three children: Henry E., who died in December, 1893; Elizabeth, who married J. Leroy Buck; and Walter B.

The last named was born at New Milford August 26, 1840. He was educated at Alger Institute, which he attended two years, and at G. B. Day's school, at Golden Hill, Bridgeport, which he also attended two years. After leaving school he remained at home six years, and assisted his father, who was postmaster during President Buchanan's administration, subsequently engaging as a salesman in New York City. In 1868 Mr. Bostwick embarked with his brother Henry E. in the manufacture of buttons at New Milford. Fire destroyed their plant in June, 1884, and Walter B. purchased his brother's interest and removed the establishment to Bridgeport, three years later selling his large establishment to Wilison Knight & Co., of New York, and retiring from the manufacturing business. Meantime he had become interested largely in real estate in the "West End," or State street extension, as it was known, and to him is due a large part of the credit for the development of that portion of the city. He was one of the three "B's," Barnum, Bostwick & Bassick, who were chiefly responsible for its improvement and appreciation in value.

Mr. Bostwick has been a lifelong ardent Democrat. He was elected alderman from the Second ward in 1888, 1889 and 1890, and during the latter two years was president of the board of aldermen. Under Mayor DeForest he was for three years chairman of the finance committee, served also on various other committees, and for

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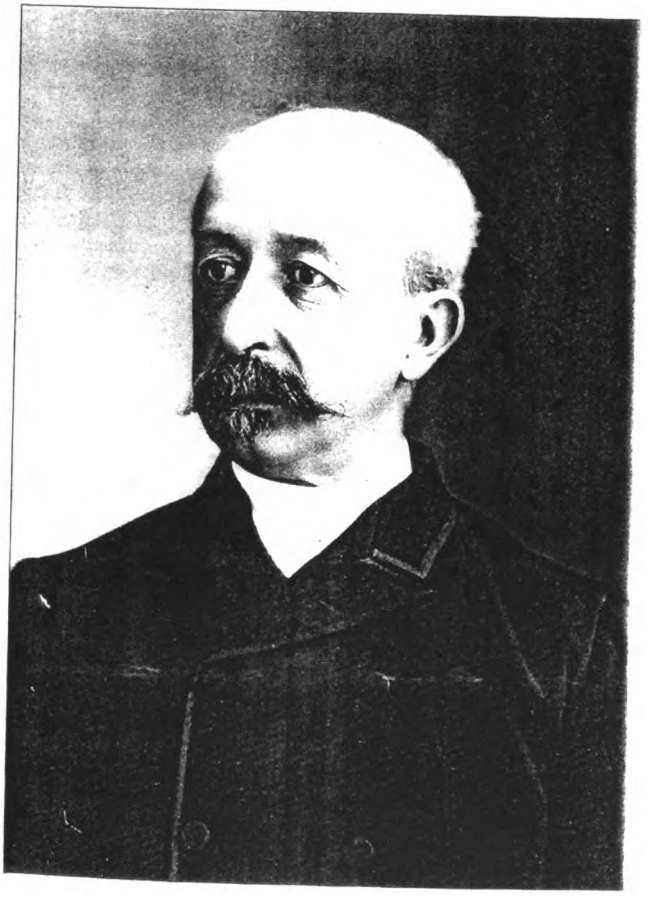

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a considerable portion of the time was acting mayor. In April, 1893, Mr. Bostwick was elected mayor of Bridgeport, being the first elected to that incumbency for the term of two years, under the new law. One of the most important changes occurring during his term of office was the transfer from the people to a board of finance of the power of appropriation. Mayor Bostwick's administration was progressive and aggressive as well. He instituted many needed reforms and gave the people of Bridgeport one of the best administrations in its history, applying as he did to the public service the same rare combination of qualities which made his business one of crowning success. He is one of the prominent citizens, whose opinion in matters referring to the material prosperity of the community in which he lives is made trebly valuable by his natural aptitude for large affairs, his wide experience and success in individual business and the wider grasp given him through the happy and important administration of the city government.

Mr. Bostwick is an active member of the Masonic Fraternity. During the early stages of the war he was one of the thirty recruiting officers appointed by Governor Buckingham, but before he was mustered into service sickness compelled him to resign his commission. Mr. Bostwick was a close friend of P. T. Barnum, and during the latter's lifetime was intimately associated with him in a number of large and important enterprises. His business interests at present are largely in the "West End."

Mr. Bostwick has one daughter, Lesbia, and he had one son, Willford W., who died at the age of three months.

EZRA J. HALL, a leading business man of Sandy Hook, is a citizen whose influence is felt as a power for good in all the various progressive movements of his locality, and he worthily represents a family which has long been held in high esteem for sterling qualities of character.

Mr. Hall's ancestors came from England at an early date. His grandfather, Eli W. Hall, was a native of Newtown, and during the greater portion of his life was a tailor in North Center District. He married Miss Polly Booth, and they had the following children: Ira, who moved to Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Philo B., who made his home in Jackson, Mich.; Joseph B., a cattle dealer, who resided in Chicago; Ezra B., who is mentioned below; Polly Ann, who married Ira Squires, of Bridgewater, Conn.; Sarah, who did not marry; Booth, a merchant at Southville, Conn., who died at the age of twenty-eight, and William, our subject's father. Ezra B. Hall, mentioned above, was a carpenter by trade and did the first work in his line on the Housatonic railroad. He afterward went to Michigan and thence to Geneseo, Ill., later settling in Carthage, Mo., where, with the exception of a short residence in Texas, he spent his remaining days.

William Hall, the father of our subject, was born in Newtown in 1816, and became a tailor by occupation, learning the trade in Brooklyn, N. Y. After working for a few years as a journeyman, he in about 1836 established a business of his own at Bristol, Conn., and a year or so later he removed to Bridgewater, opening a shop over the store then occupied by Dunning Babbitt. There he carried on a successful trade until about 1856, when he settled at Sandy Hook and engaged in business, his shop being located first in his own residence and later in the building which is now used as a jewelry store. His business prospered, and in addition to its management he held the office of postmaster at Sandy Hook for many years previous to his death, which occurred in 1865, his appointment being made early in the administration of President Lincoln. Mr. Hall was one of the early members of the Republican party. In religious work he was active as a member of the Methodist Church, in which he served as class-leader both in Southville and Sandy Hook. Through private study he became well-informed upon many subjects of interest, and he was especially fond of reading the Bible. His wife, whose maiden name was Susan Luckey, was born in 1821, the daughter of John R. Luckey, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and she is still living. They had six children, of whom our subject is the youngest; Cornelius Booth, born January 13, 1839, was formerly a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y.; William L., born May 7, 1840, is a blacksmith in Danbury; Edward H., born October 22, 1841, is a boot and shoe merchant in Springfield, Mo.; Cornelia, born October 1, 1843, married (first) George J. Tucker, and (second) John R. Smith, formerly of Cornwall, Conn., and now of Bridgeport, this county; Joseph, born January 1, 1847, resides in Springfield, Mo., and is the vice-president and treasurer of the National Loan & Investment Company.

Our subject was born October 17, 1851, in Bridgewater, Conn., and was educated chiefly in the common schools of Sandy Hook, although he attended school for two winters at Long Hill. His opportunities for study ended when he attained the age of sixteen, and he then began to work as a farm hand for Miles Beardsley, of Long Hill. When about seventeen years old he went

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to Sandy Hook to learn the turner's trade with Henry L. Wheeler, and after two years there he was sent to Westville, Conn., to manage a store belonging to Mr. Wheeler. Later this business was purchased by Charles M. Platt, with whom Mr. Hall remained for seven years, at the end of that time returning to Sandy Hook and re-entering the employ of Mr. Wheeler for about eight years. After spending eighteen years in this manner he decided to purchase the business, which has now been established for more than forty years, and since July 14, 1886, he has conducted it at the old stand with marked success. At present Mr. Hall is also a director in the Sandy Hook branch of the Mercantile Co-operative Bank of New York.

In 1879 our subject married Miss Anna J. Taylor, daughter of Rev. James Taylor, a native of England, who is now a resident of Sandy Hook. No children have blessed this union. Mr. Hall is an active worker in the Methodist Church of Sandy Hook, in which he holds the office of trustee, and his fine voice is used to good advantage in the choir. In politics he is a Republican, but he has never been an aspirant for official honors.

HON. WILMOT C. WHEELER, formerly a representative from the town of Trumbull in the State Legislature, is one of the most highly esteemed citizens and, although now less active in political and social life than of old, he continues to wield his influence in a quiet way on the side of progress.

His family, of which a more complete account is given elsewhere, ranks among the oldest and wealthiest in this section, and he is one of the eighth generation in descent from Sergeant Ephraim Wheeler, who came from England prior to 1639. The line of descent is traced through Deacon Isaac Wheeler, son of Sergeant Ephraim; Isaac; Ebenezer, who married Abigail Edwards; John, who married Esther Mallett; John M., who married Ann Walker; and Ebenezer, our subject's father, who was born and reared in the town of Trumbull, receiving his education in the local schools, and later engaging in farming in the same locality. He was married February 20, 1840, to Cordelia Mallett. This worthy couple had two sons, of whom our subject is the younger. Hon. Hobart R. Wheeler, the elder of the two, was born November 30, 1840, and is now a prominent resident of this county, his home being in Trumbull in the summer, and in the city of Bridgeport in the winter. The father was much interested in the church at Long Hill, to which he gave generously when it was built, and of which he was junior warden for some years, as has also been his son Wilmot, since the death of his father.

Our subject was born March 11, 1848, at the old home in the town of Trumbull, and his elementary education was secured in the neighboring schools. On completing the course of study offered there, he pursued higher branches at Cheshire Academy near New Haven, and later he attended an advanced school in Bridgeport. He has a beautiful home in Trumbull, where he spends the summer months, while in the winter he resides in Bridgeport. The care of his estate has occupied much of his time since early manhood, but at present he is living in retirement. On June 3, 1873, he was married in Stratford to Miss Sarah Curtiss, daughter of Peter P. and Mary (Fitch) Curtiss, and they have two children, Lillian C. and Wilmot F.

HENRY F. GUTHRIE (deceased). Among the people who come to us from other lands there are many whose thrift, industry and intelligence make them welcome as citizens, but our English-born residents seem as a rule to possess a keener understanding of our national spirit than others, and to appreciate more fully the essential purpose of our institutions. This might be expected when we consider the relations which we as a nation sustain to the "Mother country," but it is none the less gratifying to find the facts exemplifying the theory so thoroughly.

The subject of this sketch, who in his lifetime was a well-known resident of Norwalk, was born in London, England, August 18, 1828, and his ancestors in both paternal and maternal lines were of English blood. Alexander Guthrie, his grandfather, spent his entire life in the old country, where he was successfully engaged in business as a merchant tailor. He reared a large family of children, among whom was a son, Robert, our subject's father, who was born in London, December 13, 1802, and is still living at the advanced age of ninety-six, being one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Norwalk. This venerable gentleman passed his youth in his native land, and was married there to Miss Elizabeth Ann Walls, of Cornwall, England, who was a true helpmeet to him in all his enterprises. At one time when he was principal of a private school for boys in London, she conducted a similar institution for girls in the same city. Her death, which occurred in Norwalk, April 8, 1887, was deeply mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. In his early life Robert Guthrie learned the tailor's trade, and for some time

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followed it in London, but in 1842 he came to America, and settled in Norwalk, where he has since lived in retirement. Of a family of eleven children, the greater number were born in England, several dying and being buried there. Robert B., born December 22, 1826, died in 1834; Henry F., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Claude, born September 16, 1830, is a resident of the town of Norwalk, and has been engaged in business there as a turner, farmer and blacksmith, but now follows the latter occupation exclusively; Margaret J., born March 4, 1833, died in 1835; Alexander, born March 24, 1835, served during the Civil war in the 17th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, and for some years previous to his death, which occurred in 1875, he was engaged in business as a turner at Silvermine, in the town of Norwalk; Elizabeth A., born December 14, 1836, died March 4, 1838; Elizabeth A. (2), born October 16, 1839, died in 1839; Sidney, born August 16, 1841, was a soldier in the 10th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, and is now a resident of Silvermine; St. Clair, born March 21, 1844, is a farmer in Kansas; Joseph, born February 2, 1846, died June 22, 1867; Edmond A., born August 13, 1849, died in 1890.

Henry F. Guthrie's education was obtained chiefly in the private school in London of which his father was the head, and at the age of thirteen he began clerking in the establishment of William Buckmaster, a regimental tailor, with whom he remained about eighteen months. He then took a trip to the coast of Africa in a ship which was sent for a cargo of guano, and on his return set sail for America, his first employment after landing being as a farm hand in New Jersey, where he spent one season. In 1846 he came to Norwalk; on June 10, 1850, he engaged in business on his own account at Silvermine, and ever after conducted a lumber mill and turning shop there, his extensive trade keeping his mill running night and day most of the time, and giving employment to a large number of hands. During the fifty years which he spent in this business Mr. Guthrie won the esteem and confidence of financiers, and he was a valued adviser in various enterprises. For many years he was a director in the Central National Bank of Norwalk, also in the Fairfield County Savings Bank, and for a long time he was a director in the Fairfield County Agricultural Society, which is now a thing of the past.

On January 30, 1854, Mr. Guthrie married Miss Hannah Buttery, who was born May 20, 1834, in Norwalk, this county. Her father was Silas Buttery, a highly esteemed citizen, and her family is well known in this locality. Mr. Guthrie was identified helpfully with all forms of philanthropic work in his oommunity, and contributed liberally to the advancement of religious enterprises. He took a keen interest in the questions of the day, and on October 20, 1852, became a naturalized citizen of the United States. Politically he was a steadfast Republican, but he neither sought or held office—in fact he refused nominations when tendered to him. He died April 28, 1898.

DAVID A. NICHOLS makes his home in the town of Monroe, Fairfield county, and is one of the most popular men in that section. He was born there May 19, 1856, about two miles east of Monroe Center, on what is known as Barn Hill, and belongs to a family identified with Connecticut history from the earliest days, the first ancestor in this country having been Sergeant Francis Nichols, who lived in Stratford in 1639, and was one of the first settlers and original proprietors of that town.

Sergeant Francis Nichols was a native of England, and was doubtless closely related to Col. Richard Nicolls, the first English governor of New York State. He had been a military man in his native country, and there is some evidence that he belonged to the famous regiment of Horse Guards, of London, some of whom are known to have come to Boston about the time of his emigration. Francis Nichols was twice married, his second wife being Anne Wines, daughter of Barnabas Wines, of Southold, L. I. From his second son, Caleb, who was born in England, our subject traces his descent through Abraham, born January 19, 1662; Joseph, born September 21, 1685; and Lieut. Nathan, born December 1, 1709. Nathan, Jr., son of Lieut. Nathan and Patience Nichols, was baptized May 24, 1778. His son Daniel was a native of the town of Huntington (formerly Stratford), Fairfield county, where he owned considerable land and carried on farming. He married Hannah Bennett, and they reared three sons, all of whom have long since passed the four-score mark, viz.: George L., Nathan B. and Daniel A., the last two living in Huntington. The father was of a very retiring disposition, and passed his life quietly, dying at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years.

Daniel A. Nichols was born March 4, 1814, in the town of Huntington, where he spent his youth and early manhood. In about 1854 he removed to Monroe, where he purchased a 180-acre tract at what was known as Barn Hill, which was considered one of the best, if not the best, farms in the town, and here he carried on

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agricultural pursuits until his retirement from active life. He has also been extensively interested in cattle droving and dealing, bringing stock to the Eastern markets, and combined his two principal branches of business very successfully, acquiring a comfortable competence for his declining years. As an example of a typical self-made man he stands foremost among the well-to-do citizens of his town and county, for he began life with no money, no brilliant prospects, and no capital but his own good character, industry, thrift and sobriety. His first wages were fifty cents per day, but as the years went by he rose from one degree of prosperity to another, and finally found himself the possessor of a fine property. In about 1889 he sold his Barn Hill farm, and has since led a comparatively retired life, taking the ease which he well deserves, and enjoying the universal respect and esteem of his neighbors and friends.

Mr. Nichols was first married October 12, 1837, to Nancy Tomlinson, who became the mother of one son, which died in childhood, and his second wife was Selina Treadwell (daughter of Ebenezer Treadwell, and granddaughter of Ebenezer Treadwell, Sr.), to whom he was married February 23, 1853. To this union also came one son, David A. In 1877 he wedded Mrs. Elizabeth (Lewis) Clarke, widow of William Clarke. Mr. Nichols is a member of the Congregational Church of Monroe, and in his political predilections he is a stanch Republican, taking a deep interest in the welfare of his party. He is no politician in the sense of being an office-seeker, however, although he has served his town creditably as selectman and member of the board of relief.

David A. Nichols commenced his educational training in the schools of Monroe, and later attended, for six months, the private school at Riverside, kept by R. S. Hinmans (who is now (1897) assistant Secretary of the State of Connecticut), finishing with a course at the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which institution he was graduated February 9, 1875. Returning home, he took up farming, which he followed until he was twenty-three years old, when, in the fall of 1879, he was first elected to the office which he has so ably filled ever since—that of town clerk. He has been re-elected every year up to the present, and for the past twelve years without opposition—a record which speaks more highly for his ability, trustworthiness and fitness than could any words. In 1896 his fellow citizens further honored him with election to the State Legislature, on the Republican ticket, though on that occasion, also, he had no opposition, and was again elected to the General Assembly in the fall of 1898. In the session of 1897 he was on the committee of Finance and Judicial Nominations, and was a member of the Special States Prison investigating committee. In the session of 1899 he was a member of the committee on Cities and Boroughs. Mr. Nichols has never sought office in any way, and his continued popularity is ample evidence that he has not disappointed his constituents in the estimation of either his personal qualities or practical talents. For a number of years he has carried on a fine insurance business, representing six of the best companies in the State, and he has a large agency which extends all over Fairfield county, and brings him a substantial income, this, like all his other affairs, being managed with unusual success.

In 1884 or 1885 he became interested in the raising of fancy chickens, principally black cochins and black cochin bantams, and he still continues this business with profit and pleasure. He has been a leader in the American Poultry Association, of which, without solicitation on his part, he was elected president for one year January 1, 1897. As may be judged, he is enthusiastic in any cause to which he gives his time or attention, progressive, public-spirited and faithful in his civic life and well liked everywhere.

On January 1, 1883, Mr. Nichols was married to Miss Elsie E. Beardsley, a daughter of Agur and Elizabeth (Lewis) Beardsley, of Monroe, and granddaughter of Elihu Beardsley; her family is one of the oldest in Monroe, Conn. Agur and Elizabeth Beardsley had three children: Elsie Edwards, William Agur (who is rector of St. Thomas Church, New Haven), and Edward Sherman. To Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have also been born three children, whose names with dates of birth are as follows: Daniel Alonzo, June 9, 1886; Morris Beardsley, March 30, 1890; and Selina Elizabeth, December 4, 1891. The family attend the Congregational Church.

FRANK H. BARNES, M. D., is, in his labors as a physician in charge and the proprietor of Grey Towers Sanitarium, located at Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., carrying on a work which is daily becoming more and more appreciated. The physician's life is always considered an especially interesting and useful one, filled with opportunities for noble and charitable deeds, but in these days, when the fields of science are so broad that no one man can thoroughly explore them all, it is the specialists who, from a strictly professional standpoint, do the most direct good.

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And it is in this connection that we introduce Dr. Barnes and the institution of which he is the head, and without mention of which no history of Stamford would be complete.

Dr. Barnes is a native of New York State, born at Mohawk, Herkimer county, a son of Charles T. and Flora A. (Johnson) Barnes, the former of whom was one of the corps of Institute Instructors of New York State. There were four children in the family: Margaret E., who lives in Sauquoit, N. Y.; Frank H.; Charles A., of Little Falls, N. Y.; and Harry L., of Sauquoit. The grandfather, Charles L. Barnes, was also a resident of New York State, for a time engaging in the hotel business in Westchester county and later farming at Norwich Corners, in Herkimer county. He married a Miss Ludlow, and they had seven children, four of whom are yet living, viz.: Charles Tapan; and George D., James L. and Richard S., all of whom make their home at Norwich Corners.

Frank H. Barnes spent his childhood at Sauquoit, N. Y., and in his youth attended the public and private schools and the Utica free academy. At Utica he commenced the study of medicine under Dr. Aaron Osborne, with whom he continued for one year, and then for a year was in the employ of the Aetna Insurance Co., at Utica, N. Y. He finished his professional preparation at a New York medical college, from which he was graduated, and he shortly afterward came to the Grey Towers Sanitarium, where he was assistant physician until March, 1897. He then became proprietor.

The Grey Towers Sanitarium was established in 1893 by Dr. J. J. Kindred, and was duly incorporated by a special Act of the State Legislature of Connecticut as the Darien Home, being really a physician's home for the private care and treatment of patients suffering from mental and nervous diseases. The institution is constructed on the detached-cottage plan, with special departments for alcoholic and narcotic habitues, who may here receive the most modern treatment in comfortable homelike surroundings; and the number of actual cures of this nature which have been effected is really wonderful. Situated as it is, in Summer street in the suburbs of Stamford, on Long Island Sound, within easy reach of New York City, the Home could not be otherwise than popular for those desiring such a retreat. The rare scenery of the beautiful hill country of this region, the surroundings, healthful as only rural surroundings with the extra advantage of fresh sea air can be, and yet affording all the modern comforts and conveniences of a city home, make a combination which could not fail to benefit at least, and at the same time please the senses with the general air of quiet picturesqueness. The site of the Home is the highest elevation in the vicinity, and the central stone building with the several roomy cottages of pleasing architecture are situated in spacious grounds. The buildings are new and modern, equipped with the best system of heating, electric lights, hot and cold water, etc. The rooms are handsome and tastefully furnished, and the general arrangements are made with the view of providing home-like comfort for all. The patients enjoy the greatest degree of freedom consistent with their welfare, and cheerfulness and attractiveness are everywhere noticeable features. Amusements of all kinds are planned and provided, such as carriage drives, delightful walks, weekly dances, entertainments, billiards, lawn tennis, croquet and other out-of-door exercises; but all are arranged with the utmost regard for the needs of the occupants, of whom there is a general average of fifty, looked after by twenty employes. Diseases such as nervous prostration, chronic dyspepsia with nervous symptoms, paralysis, spinal cord affections and all nervous maladies receive special attention, every facility being at hand for their proper care and treatment, while all the systems employed are based on experience, with the newest and most improved methods. Patients of moderate or abundant means can be equally well accommodated, a circumstance which adds much to the popularity of the place, and increases its benefit to mankind in general.

Dr. Barnes was married in Stamford, Conn., to Miss Ella B. Jerman, daughter of Chauncey L. Jerman, one of the former prominent shoe dealers of Stamford, and a descendant of one of the old and highly esteemed families of the county, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere.

ANDREW JACKSON BELL, a leading citizen of Stamford, has probably done more than any other one man of late years toward the material development and improvement of that charming little city, and many of its most costly and attractive buildings owe their existence to his enterprise. Although he has now passed the allotted limit of three-score and ten years, he is still active and vigorous, his extensive real-estate interests receiving his personal attention, and his reminiscences of his long and busy life are most entertaining and instructive. He was born April 5, 1824, in the town of Five Mile River, Norwalk, Fairfield county, and comes of a long-lived family.

In October, 1640, a company of Wethersfield

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men, twenty-nine in all, purchased from the New Haven Colony a tract of land in Connecticut, agreeing to remove thereto by the 16th of May, 1641. This was first called Rippowam, but afterward Stamford. Among these early settlers was Francis Bell, who received as his share seven acres, on which he settled, and it is evident from the town records that he was an active man of affairs in the new settlement. At a town meeting held October 19, 1641, he and Nathan Mitchell were appointed "to lay out the house lots and order the manner of assigning them, rectify what is amiss and consider what allowance is to be made for holes not fit to be measured for land, and to measure these lots for every man at two pence an acre, or three shillings a house lot." On October 27, 1641, Francis Bell was elected representative from the town to the General Court—the legislative body of the New Haven Colony—having the honor of being the first to serve in his community, and two years later he was selected by the General Court to form a military company in the town, and received his commission as lieutenant. He was equally prominent in religious matters, and in 1644, when a contention arose between the people and their pastor, he was selected by them to make a pedestrian journey to Boston, in company with George Slawson, for the purpose of persuading John Bishop to come and minister to them; and the mission was successful. In 1659 he was again appointed as an arbitrator to settle a disagreement between the congregation and the Rev. Mr. Bishop, from all of which we may judge that he possessed considerable influence and was deeply respected. In 1670 he was given charge of the work of building a new meeting-house. Besides the service above mentioned, he acted for five years as selectman of his town, beginning with 1666. This Francis Bell was a native of Yorkshire, England, and came to Massachusetts in 1630 with Rebecca, his wife, forming part of a company led by Sir Richard Saltonstall, some of whom settled at Wethersfield and other towns in the New Haven Colony. A copy of the coat of arms of the Yorkshire family is in the possession of John V. Hecker, of Noroton, Conn., whose wife belongs to the Bell family. Francis Bell died January 8, 1689, and his last will and testament, proved March 11, 1690, a curious document, is on file in the archives of the Fairfield probate court.

Jonathan, son of Francis and Rebecca Bell, was born in September, 1641, and the first white child born in Stamford. He became a prominent citizen of the town, of which he was selectman for fourteen years, and in 1670 was sent as representative to the General Court, serving there with few interruptions for twenty-six years. He was appointed to select a school teacher, and in 1693 was delegated "to treat with Mr. John Davenport in order to his settlement as a minister of the Gospel." This Mr. Davenport was a man of note in his day, and his descendants for a number of generations were prominent in the history of the town and State. In 1672 Jonathan Bell was appointed lieutenant of the Stamford Military Company, and in 1698 was commissioned captain. He died March 11, 1699. Jonathan Bell was married twice, and by his first wife, Mercy, daughter of Jasper Crane, of New Haven, he had three children. His second wife was Susannah, daughter of Rev. Abraham Pierson, of Branford, by whom he had eight children—three sons and five daughters.

Jonathan Bell, son of Jonathan and Mercy Bell, was born February 14, 1663–64, and like his ancestors was prominent in the affairs of the town. From 1689 to 1699 he was town clerk; in 1692 he was made lieutenant of the military company, and from 1712 to 1719 he was representative to the General Court at Hartford. He reached the advanced age of eighty-one years. He was married three times, first to Grace Kitchell, of New Jersey, who bore him one child,

Jonathan, born January 15, 1693-94. He was a leading man in the town, and for nine years selectman of Stamford, was ensign in the military company, and in 1736 was appointed school commissioner. He was an active churchman, and was conspicuous in the organization of the "Middlesex Society," a religious body made up of people on the east side of the town (now Darien), who, after separation from the Society of Stamford, built a meeting-house of their own. On December 2, 1742, Ensign Bell was appointed to investigate whether a plot of land might be granted to the Episcopalians, who had applied for it, "without injury to the town." It was granted, Ensign Bell laid it out, and it was the site of the first St. John's Church. He also sang in the Church, and at a meeting in 1748 it was "Voted, That Mr. Jonathan Bell shall sing or tune the psalm in times of public worship, and that he may tune it in the old or new way, as suits him best; and also that he shall read the psalms." On January 24, 1716, Ensign Bell married Eunice, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Olmstead) Reed, of Norwalk, and they had eleven children, of whom,

Thaddeus Bell, born March 31, 1728, was the great-grandfather of the gentleman whose name introduces these lines. He lived at Ox Ridge, in the outskirts of Stamford, and was engaged in

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farming. In July, 1775, at the outbreak of the Revolutionary war, he was appointed on a "committee of safety," and on December 1, 1777, on a "committee to care for the families whose husbands had gone into the Continental service." On December 14, 1753, he married Mary, daughter of Cary and Martha (Holly) Leeds, and they had five children.

Their son Thaddeus, born March 18, 1759, in Stamford, served gallantly throughout the Revolution, and rose to the rank of orderly sergeant. He was taken prisoner and confined in New York, and after being exchanged again enlisted, serving to the end of the war. In 1805 he was chosen representative to the State Legislature, and served as such for sixteen consecutive years, during which time he played a notable part in the setting off of the eastern part of the town of Stamford. It was proposed to call it Bellville, after the family, but he modestly declined the honor, and it was left to him to name the town, as there was a general disagreement among the people. He was on his way back to the Capital without having decided what to call it when he met a friend just returned from the Isthmus of Darien, and on his suggestion the present name was adopted. The next year he was chosen to represent the new town in the Legislature, being the first in Darien as his ancestor Francis Bell had been the first in Stamford. On May 4, 1780, Thaddeus Bell married Elizabeth, daughter of James and Sarah (Waring) How, and they had six children. The father lived to the ripe old age of ninety-four years.

Andrew Bell, son of Thaddeus, was born February 12, 1791, and was married September 29, 1813, to Betsy, daughter of Stephen and Mary (Selleck) Raymond. They had children as follows: Mary Elizabeth, born May 3, 1818, married December 24, 1839, Legrand Johnson. Fannie Raymond, born October 12, 1819, married, January 1, 1843, Alonzo St. John. Maria Antoinette, born March 1, 1822, married, March 4, 1847, Henry L. Weed. Andrew Jackson is mentioned below. Amanda Malvina, born September 16, 1827, married, March —, 1845, George C. Wilson. Thaddeus Holly, born October 4, 1832. Andrew Bell was a school teacher in early life. In 1835 he became captain of a sloop called the "Mayflower," plying between Stamford and New York. He died at Five Mile River, Fairfield county, Conn., July 17, 1874.

The old Bell Bible, which has been in the family for nearly three centuries, is a rare curiosity, and was printed many years before the first New England settlers came hither. Only part of the Old Testament remains, but it is very legible and clearly printed, and the book was used at the 200th and 250th anniversary celebrations in Stamford. The following record gives the names of its owners and the length of time each one had it in possession:

Francis Bell, before 1640 to 1690; Jonathan Bell, 1690 to 1699; Abraham Bell, 1699 to 1744; Abraham Bell, 1744 to 1795; Mercy Bell, 1795 to 1842; Isaac Bell, 1842 to 1848; Abraham Bell, 1848 to 1891; Georgianna Bell, 1891 to present. The last named is the wife of John V. Hecker, of Noroton, Connecticut.

Our subject spent his boyhood in the town of Norwalk, where he attended school until he reached the age of seventeen. He then removed to Stamford and learned the blacksmith trade with James B. Scofield, receiving, as compensation for each year's work, only thirty dollars. Being too independent and ambitious to remain in a subordinate position, he determined to begin business for himself as soon as he became of age. Having borrowed fifty dollars from his father, he put his resolution into effect, opening a blacksmith shop in Stamford, near the bank of the canal on Stage street, and in the rear of the "Stamford House." He prospered from the first, the stage line furnishing him a profitable custom, and at the end of three months he easily repaid the money borrowed. During the first year he cleared five hundred dollars, and having formed a partnership with Mr. Waterbury, removed his business to a shop located on the present site of the postoffice. A year later he purchased his partner's interest, and for twelve years continued the business with uninterrupted success, working from sunrise to sunset the year round. In looking over his old ledger he now finds but six of his former customers living, namely: Isaac Wardwell, Dr. Chauncey Ayres, Charles Gaylor, Joseph D. Warren, Lewis Weed and Silas Scofield. His first purchase of real estate in Stamford was a house and lot on Bank street, intended as a residence for himself, and later he bought land on Atlantic street, just north of the railroad, for the sum of $700, which he sold a few weeks afterward for $1,300. His next investment was a lot on Summer street, where he built the house now occupied by Dr. P. P. VanVleet. Finding the real-estate business both congenial and profitable, he disposed of his blacksmith shop shortly before the war, and devoted his attention to this new line of effort. He is now one of the chief property owners of the town, and having laid out some popular sub-divisions, he opened a street through his property in the center of the city, called Bell street. At one time he owned the old Academy property, at

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the corner of Atlantic and Bank streets, which was in litigation for many years. When the town hall was built he was the leading member of the building committee. Subsequently he erected on his own account many handsome residences and business houses, including a block of stores called Bell block. Politically, Mr. Bell is a Democrat, but not a strict partisan so far as local issues are concerned. His ability and public spirit are highly appreciated by his fellow-citizens, and for many years he has held office as justice of peace and burgess of the borough of Stamford. He served as chief of police, and also as chief engineer of the fire department.

In 1848 Mr. Bell was married in Stamford to Miss Maria Louise Miller, daughter of Mr. Seth Miller, a well-known resident of that city. Of the five children of this union the eldest, Harry, now cashier of The First National Bank of Stamford, married Olive Barber, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and had—Gertrude, Andrew Jackson and Arthur. (2) Georgianna is the wife of John V. Hecker, of Noroton, Conn. (3) Frank died in 1880. (4) Edward Morgan (deceased) married Jessie Polhamus, of New York City, and had Edward M. (deceased), Jessie H. and Florence. (5) Mary Louise married (first) L. D. Griswold, and (second) Mr. Vincent.

CYRUS BEERS SHERMAN. This venerable and highly respected citizen, who has now passed an honorable life of four-score years, and is yet hale and hearty, was born February 24, 1819, in the borough of Newtown, then a mere village, in the same house he now owns and occupies. He is of the seventh generation from Samuel Sherman, the line of his descent being through Samuel (2), Daniel, Samuel, Jotham, and Cyrus. [See Sherman genealogy.]

Cyrus Sherman, father of our subject, also born in Newtown, married Huldah Matilda Booth, and children as follows came to this union: Jotham, who was a farmer, is now deceased; Cyrus B., whose name introduces these lines; and Mary, the widow of Elijah B. Price. The father, who was a lifelong agriculturist, died when our subject was a small boy of some six summers, the mother passing away when he was about twenty-one years old.

Cyrus B. Sherman was reared on the home farm, and his primary education was secured at the district schools of the neighborhood of his home, after which he attended the Newtown Academy for a few years. At the early age of seventeen he took charge of the home farm, and has ever since had the exclusive management and control of it. This fine property, located near the railroad station in the town of Newtown, now comprises some seventy acres of highly-improved land; and its well-kept appearance denotes the care and superior judgment of its owner.

On February 10, 1847, Mr. Sherman was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Beers, a daughter of Lemuel Beers, of Newtown. In religious faith Mr. Sherman is a lifelong adherent of the doctrines of the Episcopal Church; in politics he is a stanch Republican, originally an equally zealous Whig. Affable and courteous to all alike, he possesses the essential qualification to success in any sphere of life, that of making friends readily, and of strengthening the ties of all friendships, which in his case are of that lasting nature that cease only with the final summons.

HON. JAMES EDMUND MILLER. Few citizens of this section are as well known throughout its limits as the subject of this sketch, who has been for many years a leading spirit in the varied activities of business, political and social life. At present he is serving as county commissioner, and for two terms he represented the town of Redding in the State Legislature. His business interests have been largely connected with agriculture and stock raising, and during the summer he resides upon his farm in Redding, his winters being spent at his residence at Danbury, while he maintains an office in Bridgeport for the transaction of business.

Mr. Miller was born July 28, 1848, in the town of North Castle, Westchester Co., N. Y., and comes of excellent ancestry. Albert Miller, our subject's grandfather, was a farmer in Westchester county, where he died in 1821, at a comparatively early age.

Peter H. Miller, our subject's father, was born December 23, 1817, in the town of Bedford, Westchester county, and as he was left fatherless when only three or four years old he was obliged to make his own way in the world from boyhood. He was reared to farm work, but as a boy he served an apprenticeship with a carriage maker in South Salem, N. Y., and this business he followed successfully for some years in North Castle. In 1853 he removed to the town of Redding, this county, and engaged in farming and stock raising, his death occurring there August 2, 1879. He married Miss Mary Ann Jones, a native of Ridgefield, whose ancestors came from England at an early day. Her father, Timothy Jones, who was a well-to-do farmer in Ridgefield, was a nephew of Lieutenant

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Jones, of Revolutionary fame. She is still living, and of the three children of the marriage all occupy honorable positions in life. (1) Rev. Elbert L. Miller graduated from the University of Michigan, and entered the Methodist ministry about thirty years ago, joining the Iowa Conference, and is now a presiding elder, with headquarters at Davenport. He married Miss Charlotte I. Hill, of Norwalk, this county, sister of Hon. E. J. Hill, a member of Congress from that district. (2) Jennie O. married John F. Sanford, a farmer in Redding, and a brother of ex-Sheriff Sanford of this county, and of Henry Sanford, of Bridgeport, ex-president of the Adams Express Company.

Our subject, who is the youngest of this trio, spent much of his boyhood at the old farm in Redding. For some time he attended the local schools, and later he took a course in the Greens Farms Academy at Westport, graduating at the age of sixteen. The next four years were devoted to helping his father in the business of stock raising, and at twenty years of age he went west on a prospecting tour, spending about a year in Iowa. The more he saw of other places the more he appreciated the advantages of this section, and in the spring of 1869 he returned to Redding to resume the business of stock raising. In the fall of 1872 he went to Bridgeport, and entered the employ of the Adams Express Company, but, his health failing he, in the spring of 1874, removed to New Britain and engaged in business as a dealer in hats, caps, and gents' furnishing goods, as a member of the firm of Brotherton & Miller. In 1875 he sold his interest to his partner and returned to Redding, where he remained until his marriage, October 25, 1876, to Miss Frances W. Coley, of Danbury. He and his bride visited the Centennial Exposition, and then went to Iowa for the winter, and in the spring they made a trip to Texas, where Mr. Miller wished to make personal observations in the cattle business. Leaving his wife at Gainesville, Texas, he went through the Pan Handle region with two friends, his experiences while "roughing it" being very interesting. Buffalo and other game were plentiful on the plains, and their journeys through the hills were sometimes broken by deep falls of snow. The cowboys whom they met treated them royally, and Mr. Miller speaks of them in the highest terms. On the way back to Connecticut he and his wife visited some Southern States, and for one year after their return they resided in Danbury, but in the spring of 1879 Mr. Miller purchased a homestead in Redding, while in 1883 and 1889 he was elected to the Legislature. In 1895 he was nominated on the first ballot by the Republicans of Fairfield county for the office of county commissioner, he being considered one of the ablest workers in his party. On September 12, 1898, he was elected chairman of the State Central Committee for the Fifteenth Senatorial District; on January 23, 1899, he was elected county commissioner for a second term.

Mr. Miller and his wife have three children: Howard C., now (1899) a lad of eighteen; Edmund J. and Francis B. Mrs. Miller is popular in Danbury, where her youth was spent. Her father, Wakeman Coley, who died when she was two years old, was a resident of Weston, this county, and her mother, whose maiden name was Anna Augusta Sanford, was a member of a leading family in Redding. Mrs. Miller is a direct descendant of Joel Barlow, poet, statesman and diplomat, and also a direct descendant of Col. Aaron Barlow, of Revolutionary fame.

MRS. M. A. MERRILL. The president and proprietor of the Merrill College, this capable and talented woman needs no introduction to the readers of this volume. By her own energy in and persistent devotion to her particular line of work she has made for herself a worthy name among educators everywhere in this section, and placed the institution, of which she is at the head, in the foremost rank among those of its kind. Mrs. Merrill's maiden name was Harriet E. Mills, and she is a native of Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y. She has for a number of years followed her present profession, having, prior to her marriage, taught in private schools in New York City and Norwalk, Conn. In 1883 she became the wife of M. A. Merrill, instructor in classics in Dr. Warring's Preparatory School for Boys, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., who died in 1886. For some time Mrs. Merrill was the principal, and had entire management of a business school in Hartford, Conn., and in 1888 she established herself in Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., opening a school of which the Merrill College is the outgrowth.

Mrs. Merrill's first school, known as the Merrill Phonographic Academy, occupied one large room in the Ayres Block, and only two branches of study — shorthand and typewriting — were taught. Another room was soon found necessary, and at the end of the first eight months, to meet a growing demand in that direction, a bookkeeping department was added. With the beginning of the second year more space was secured, a commercial department, suitably equipped, was opened in the day school, and the

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name was changed to the Merrill Business College. When the school entered upon the third year of its career, two floors of the building were leased and handsome new fittings were put in, with facilities for the conducting of two new departments—an English department and one for the study of telegraphy. Since then departments for the study of architecture and the fine arts have been added, and the school is now known as the Merrill College, with Mrs. Merrill as president and sole owner. It is not often that even the most industrious and enterprising are rewarded with such a degree of success as has come to this lady. Those who have had the opportunity of watching the steady and rapid growth which this school has experienced from the start are filled with amazement at its present attainments and capacity. From the date of its comparatively humble beginning eleven years ago to the present time the history of its expansion, both as to size and usefulness, is full of interest. Each year the facilities have broadened, the standard raised, the equipment enlarged, and the high rank of the college among kindred institutions made more and more apparent by the patronage and commendation of competent judges.

In the spring of 1895 Merrill College was removed to its present home, a building planned and erected expressly for its use, and fitted up in the most approved modern style, with special attention to the sanitation, which is perfect throughout. The assembly hall, 40 x 80 feet in dimensions, occupies the center of the first floor, and adjoining, on the first floor, are the college and school offices, typewriting and reception rooms, main corridor, coat rooms, etc. The second floor is on two sides indicated by galleries, from which may be viewed the large auditorium, and the entire front part of this story is devoted to the English school, which opens on the north gallery. This department is replete with appropriate furnishings, and in the character of its work is separate and distinct from the others. A library, reading-room, studio and lunch-room open on the east gallery.

Merrill College is not remarkable only for its material improvement. It has gained a wonderful reputation for the many able students graduated and the great number who through its influence, especially in New York City, have been placed in good positions in business houses, it having been said, and truthfully, that this school provides ninety per cent. of the graduates with profitable employment. The general courses are taught in different departments, viz.: The department of Commerce, department of Shorthand and Typewriting, department of English, department of Art, department of Architecture and department of Telegraphy. Evening school is held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The instructors are all carefully chosen, and have the personal as well as intellectual interests of the students at heart, tolerating none whose intention is not work, and giving encouragement and help in every possible way, their aim being to make the graduates useful and successful men and women, as far as practical. The influence cannot be otherwise than refining and stimulating to all the better faculties, and, locally, the school is regarded as adding considerably to Stamford's standing as an educational center. Unique in its methods, and devoted entirely to the preparation of young men and women for practical, wage-earning work in the commercial and manufacturing world, it occupies a field peculiar to itself, and one of no inconsiderable importance and value in the economy of modern business. Its prestige throughout New England is a source of pride to the citizens of Stamford, and its benefits are fully recognized and appreciated in that and the neighboring towns, where it draws its support, as well as by the business public of New York and other cities where graduates are employed.

GEORGE MORGAN. For several generations the Morgan family has been identified with this county, and the name has always been associated with industry, thrift and intelligence. The subject of this biography, a prominent citizen of Bethel, was born in Wolf Pits District, in the same town, April 29, 1828, the son of Eli Morgan and grandson of Abijah Morgan, both of whom were natives of this county.

Abijah Morgan was born in the town of Redding, where he spent his boyhood, but he afterward located in Bethel and for many years followed the cooper's trade there successfully. He was an excellent citizen, and was a regular attendant of the Episcopal Church at Redding. The family is noted for longevity, and he attained the advanced age of eighty-four years. His wife, whose maiden name was Molly Williams, was a native of the town of Bethel. Four children were born to them: Eli, our subject's father; Sally, who married Lodovick Dart, of Redding, and died at the age of ninety-three; Melinda (deceased), formerly the wife of Mr. Hickok, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; and Edson, who died at the age of seventy-eight.

Eli Morgan, the father of our subject, was born August 11, 1791, in Wolf Pits District,

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of the town of Bethel, and was educated in the district schools of that locality. He learned the hatter's trade with Joseph Hitchcock, of Plum Trees District, town of Bethel, and later engaged in hat manufacturing in his own district, continuing until 1855, when he turned his attention to farming. In religious work he was active as a member of the Episcopal Church, and his sterling qualities of character won for him the esteem of all who knew him. He died June 25, 1876, in his eighty-fifth year. His wife, Fannie Burr, to whom he was married in Redding on October 2, 1816, was a daughter of David Burr and granddaughter of Moses Burr, both well known residents of Weston, this county. Eight children were born of this union, all of whom lived to maturity: (1) Lorenzo, born November 29, 1817, started to California by sea in 1849, and died on the voyage. (2) Maria, born September 2, 1819, was married in 1846 to Josiah H. Hornblower, who died March 29, 1879. She had one daughter, Annie S., who married George B. Benjamin, Jr., of Danbury, and died August 24, 1896. (3) Caroline, born November 18, 1821, married Russell Hoyt, of Danbury, now deceased, and they had five children—LeGrande, a resident of St. Louis; George, deceased; Julia, who married Louis Wakely, of Stepney, this county; Russell, a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Lorenzo, of Bethel. (4) Emeline, born April 18, 1824, is the widow of William K. Banks, of Norwalk, Conn., and has two children—Emma and Edward K. (5) Fannie, born December 28, 1826, married the late Reuben Taylor, and has one son, Reuben R. (6) George, our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (7) Edson, born March 15, 1834, is a resident of Danbury. He married Miss Searls, and has one daughter, Frances. (8) William, born March 4, 1838, resides in Bethel.

During his boyhood our subject attended the district schools near his home, and also learned some branches of the hatter's trade under his father's direction. Later he went to Danbury to learn the details of silk-hat manufacturing with McKenzie & Roe, and from 1849 to 1861 he gave his attention to that line of work. He then removed to New York City and followed his trade for a time. In the spring of 1865 he located at New Britain, Conn., where he clerked in a hotel until 1870. His next employment was as a foreman in a hat shop in Newark, N. J., and from there he went to Philadelphia. In 1879 he returned to Bethel and purchased the farm upon which he was born, having decided to engage in the healthful calling of agriculture, and this he continued until 1891, when he sold the farm and moved to his present home in Bethel. Mr. Morgan is a member of the Episcopal Church at Bethel, and his sympathies are always on the side of progress, any movement for the benefit of the community receiving his endorsement.

FREDERICK C. TAYLOR, present judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stamford, Fairfield county, stands foremost among the younger men of this section who have made a mark for themselves. He is a native of Stamford, born November 3, 1866, and is a son of Henry F. Taylor.

Henry F. Taylor was born in the town of Westport, Fairfield county, Conn. John W. Taylor, his father, was prominent there in his day, carried on a drug and stationery business, and was town clerk for thirty-two years. Henry F. Taylor, our subject's father, was born in the town of Westport, Fairfield county, and there grew to manhood, receiving a good education. During the principal part of his business life he was engaged on "Scribner's Magazine," and, later on, "The Churchman," holding the position of advertising editor. In October, 1863, he was married in Stamford to Mary E. Clark, and is now living retired in that town. His family consisted of children, as follows: Emily L., Frederick C., Francis G. and Sarah H.

The elder son in this family, Frederick C. Taylor, received his preliminary education in Stamford, attending the common and high schools of that town. In 1883, at the age of eighteen years, he entered the employ of The Continental Insurance Company, in New York City, continuing in its service some five years, and in 1888 embarked in the insurance brokerage business in New York, on his own account. Two years later he came to Stamford, and in partnership with R. J. Bishop, under the firm name of Bishop & Taylor, engaged in the real-estate business, in which he was interested for several years. Meantime, in 1893, he commenced the study of law, and in 1894 entering the law school of Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1896. His connection with the real-estate business was severed after his graduation, and in February of the following year he formed a law partnership with James S. Jenkins, the firm name being Taylor & Jenkins. In November of the same year, he was elected on the Republican ticket, to the office of Judge of Probate, for the District of Stamford, Fairfield county.

In 1892 Mr. Taylor was married to Miss Elizabeth H. Tilley, daughter of George H. Tilley, who resides in the town of Darien, and is

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secretary and treasurer of the Southern Express Company. Two children have been born to them: Harriet Dorothy, December 4, 1894, and Frederick Heath, September 15, 1896.

Judge Taylor has always taken a lively interest in social organizations. He is a member of the Suburban Club of Stamford, the Graduates Club of New Haven, the Phi Delta Phi fraternity, and the Yale Club of New York. While at New Haven he was chairman of the editorial board of the "Yale Law Journal."

JAMES W. GORDON, M. D. The Gordon family has held a prominent place in Scottish history, and the branch to which this well-known physician belongs has been identified with the city of Glasgow, Scotland, for many generations.

Dr. Alexander Gordon, our subject's grandfather, was a native of that city, and although he served as a surgeon in the English army previous to his marriage, he afterward engaged successfully in general practice there, and at one time he owned two apothecary shops in the city.

A tinge of romance surrounds his marriage, as his wife, Elizabeth Hellen Gordon, was a member of the Catholic branch of the family while he was a Protestant in religious faith, and the opposition of the lady's brothers, John W., George and Charles, formed for a time a serious obstacle to the union. About 1848 he came to America, leaving his wife and children in Glasgow, and for five years he was not heard from. Hoping to gain some knowledge of him, his wife disposed of their property and followed him to this country, with five of their six children, the eldest son remaining in Madrid, where he was attending college at the time. After a short period they located in this county, in what is now known as South Center District, of the town of Newtown, where the wife and mother died in 1853. Of the six children, John, the eldest, our subject's father, is mentioned more fully below. William married Margaret Egan, and made his home at Newtown, Conn.; James enlisted when eighteen years old in the Union army, and met a soldier's death at Gettysburg, July 3, 1863. Georgianna married John Ennis, of Ansonia; Elizabeth married Edward Eagan, of Newtown; and Ina married William Baum, of New Haven, Connecticut.

John Gordon, the father of our subject, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1832, and was carefully educated, having the advantage of study in several noted European schools. In 1851 he followed the family to America, but as he did not know where any of them were to be found, he was in sore perplexity for a time. On landing in New York City he called upon James Gordon Bennett, who had been a friend and college chum at Paris; but his reception was not as cordial as he had expected. He then turned his attention to the search for his family, and finally found them at Newtown, where he remained some eight months. He then joined the regular army, and from 1852 to 1857 served as a scout on the frontier. On his return to the East he learned of his mother's death, and after a three-months' sojourn he went South. At one time while in Texas he found himself penniless, but securing a position as a cattle drover he worked his way to St. Louis, Mo., where he entered the ordnance corps at the arsenal. Being an accomplished linguist, speaking German, French and Spanish as well as English, he was appointed, at the outbreak of the Civil War, to the charge of all equipment issued from the department at St. Louis to the department of the Southwest and the forces under Generals Grant and Sherman, which position he held until the close of the war, with the rank of sergeant. When peace was restored he took charge of girls numbering about two hundred, whose duties were to remove the powder and balls from millions of cartridges, and he continued this work until his death, which occurred January 4, 1867. In 1861, while residing in St. Louis, he came East and married Miss Margaret Colgan, a native of Westmeath, Ireland, whose father, James Colgan, was a teacher in the national school there, and who died in the year 1863 at Newtown, Connecticut.

Our subject, who was the only child of this marriage, was born in St. Louis, December 22, 1862. After his father's death his mother brought him to Newtown, arriving in August, 1868, and from his sixth to his sixteenth year he attended the public schools of that town. In the meantime his mother married a second husband, Joseph Lavery, boss machinist in the rubber factory. In the fall of 1877 Doctor Gordon entered St. Charles College, at Ellicott City, Md., near Baltimore, and after completing a three-years' course there he pursued his studies at St. John's College at Fordham, N. Y., where he received the degree of A. B. in 1885. He then began his preparation for the medical profession in the office of Dr. Robert Hubbard, of Bridgeport, this county, and in October, 1885, he entered the medical department of the University of New York, where he attended lectures for three winters, his vacations being spent in study with Doctor Hubbard. In 1888, after securing the degree of M. D., he took the civil service examination

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for a position on the staff of physicians attached to the asylums of New York City, and, the result being satisfactory, he obtained the coveted post, and at the end of the first year was promoted to the rank of first assistant. The work afforded most valuable opportunities for gaining professional knowledge and skill, and after two years and a half he resigned to engage in private practice in Bridgeport, where he remained about four years. As might be expected in the case of one of his attainments, he met with success from the start, and during his stay there he served as physician to the county jail for two years, and as one of the staff of the Emergency Hospital for three years. On July 15, 1895, he opened an office in Sandy Hook, where he speedily built up a large and lucrative practice. While his professional work occupies his time to the exclusion of other interests, he is in sympathy with all progressive movements in his locality, and although he is not an office seeker he wields much influence in a quiet way as a member of the Democratic party. He has served on the board of education of Newtown, Conn., and he is one of the leading members of St. Rose's Catholic Church at Newtown, Conn. He belongs to the Bridgeport Medical Society, the Fairfield County Medical Society, and the State Medical Society.

In June, 1890, Doctor Gordon was married to Miss Louisa Telgmann, third daughter of Dr. Jene Ferdinand Telgmann, of Kingston, Ontario, a native of Germany, who was sent by the German Government to Canada to attend to matters relating to a settlement there. On the maternal side Mrs. Gordon is a great-granddaughter of Johan Jacob Leonardi, who served as minister of war in Germany during the time of Louis Napoleon. One daughter, Margaret Doretta Leonardi Gordon, has blessed the union.

THOMAS JUDD AND HIS DESCENDANTS. Thomas Judd came from England in 1633 or 1634, and settled at Cambridge, Mass. His home lot of four acres, granted in August, 1634, was in that part of Cambridge called the "West End," on the northeast side of the highway to Watertown. He built a house upon this lot. His name was among those who were to receive their portion of the meadow ground, August 20, 1635, and also in the list of those who had a house or houses in Cambridge in February, 1636. He was admitted freeman of the Colony, May 25, 1636. In 1636, he removed to Hartford, and it is not improbable that he was one of that company, of about a hundred men, women and children, who departed from Cambridge on the last day of May, 1636, and traveled through the wilderness to the Connecticut river. His house lot at Hartford is thus described in the records: "One parcel of land on which his dwelling house now standeth, with other outhouses, yards and gardens thereon being, containing by estimation two acres, more or less. Abutting on the highway leading from William Gibbons's to the ox pasture on the east, on James Cole's land on the south, on the highway leading from John Moody's towards Wethersfield on the west, and on Mr. Willys's land on the north." Thomas Judd's house lot was on the south side of Willys's home lot, which is distinguished by the Charter Oak, and both lots extended westward to the highway leading to Wethersfield.

Thomas Judd was one of the first proprietors and settlers of Farmington. The year in which he removed from Hartford is not known, but it was apparently about 1644. His home lot was the third lot from the north end of the main street, on both sides of the street, and extended westward to the Farmington river. He was a substantial farmer and an influential man. Farmington first sent deputies, viz., Stephen Hart and Thomas Judd, to the General Court in May, 1647. Thomas Judd was subsequently a deputy at the May session, 1648; May, 1649; September, 1650; September, 1651; February, 1657; October, 1658; October, 1659; May and October, 1661, 1662, 1663; May, 1666; October, 1668; October, 1670; May and October, 1677; May, 1678; and October, 1679.

The wife of Thomas Judd died in Farmington, perhaps about 1678; her death is not recorded. Thomas Mason, of North Hampton, died in 1678, leaving a widow (Clemence) with a good estate, and no children. On December 2, 1679, Thomas Judd married Widow Clemence Mason, and he resided with her in North Hampton most of the time during the remainder of his life. Her homestead was on the east side of Pleasant street, the front extending from two or three rods below the great elm down to Hawley street, and she owned about forty acres of meadow land. Thomas Judd was one of the selectmen of North Hampton in 1682. His youngest son, Samuel, came to North Hampton and lived with his father, and after his decease took care of his widow, Clemence, and she gave to him her estate.

Thomas Judd was a member of the Church under the care of Rev. Thomas Hooker and Rev. Samuel Stone, both at Cambridge and Hartford, and his connection with the Hartford Church continued until a Church was gathered at Farmington, October 13, 1652. Some of his children were carried from Farmington to Hartford to be

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baptized. He was one of the seven pillars of the Church at Farmington at its organization, and his wife united in November, 1652. The first pastor was Rev. Roger Newton, 1652, and the second Rev. Samuel Hooker, 1661. Stephen Hart was the first deacon, and Thomas Judd the the second. In what year the latter was chosen deacon is uncertain. He is styled "deacon" in the Connecticut Colony record, in 1668 and after, and he bore the same title in North Hampton. Deacon Thomas Judd died November 12, 1688. His death is not in the North Hampton record, but it was registered by the county clerk at Springfield. His age must have been about eighty, perhaps above. His second wife, Clemence, died November 22, 1696. He was probably married before he came from England, but neither the family name nor the Christian name of his first wife has been found. He settled his estate by deeds, and not by will. Several of his deeds to his children are dated in 1683, 1684 and 1685.

Deacon Thomas Judd was one of the eighty-four proprietors of Farmington among whom the lands of that extensive township, now embracing five or six townships, were to be divided, according to an agreement made January 8, 1673. Many divisions were made after his decease, and administrators on his estate were appointed once or twice after 1708. Large tracts of his land were distributed to his children and grandchildren at several times between 1708 and 1730. Five of his sons were also among the eighty-four proprietors. Samuel was not of age in 1673, and not a proprietor. In March, 1662, the General Court granted to Thomas Judd, probably for some public service, 200 acres of land, which were located, and called Judd's Farm, but some years after the land was found to be within the bounds of Wallingford and was given up, an equivalent being taken elsewhere.

II. Thomas Judd had nine children, viz., six sons and three daughters. No record of their birth can now be found, but from records at Hartford and Farmington the order of birth is ascertained, excepting in regard to the two oldest, and some knowledge is obtained in regard to the years in which they were born, though not so exact as is desirable. When Thomas Judd died he had a large number of grandchildren, each of his sons and daughters having had children. (1) Elizabeth, (2) William, both born from 1633 to 1636 (it is not known which was the eldest); (3) Thomas, born about 1638; (4) John, born about 1640 (called thirty-six years of age in 1676); (5) Benjamin, born about 1642; (6) Mary, born about 1644; (7) Ruth, born in 1647, baptized February 7, 1647; (8) Philip, born in 1649, baptized September 2, 1649; and (9) Samuel, born about 1651 or 1653. Waterbury, called by the Indians Mattatuck, began to be settled by families from Farmington about 1677. Among the early settlers were Thomas Judd and Philip Judd, sons of Deacon Thomas Judd: and, a few years later, Thomas Judd, son of William Judd. Four of the sons of Thomas Judd, contemplating a removal to Mattatuck, and being members of the Church, desired the advice of their brethren in the Church. The following counsel was given, and is recorded in the Church records of Farmington:

> The church, having considered the desire of their brethereen, William, Thomas, John and Benjamin Judd; as also John Stanley, Jr., touching their removal from us to Mattatuck, agreed as follows:—
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> 1. In general—that considering the divers difficulties and inconveniences that attend the place toward which they are looking, and how hazardable it may be (for aught that appeareth), that the house and ordinances of Christ may not (for a large time at least) be settled among them—the church doth advise the bretheren to be wary of engaging far, until some comfortable hope appear of being suited for the inward man in the great things fore mentioned.
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> 2. Particularly—to our brother William Judd, that it having pleased God to deal so bountifully with him, that not many of the bretheren with us have so large accommodations as himself, yet see not his call to remove on the account of straightness for outward subsistance, and therefore counsel him, if it may be with satisfaction to his spirit, to continue his abode with us, hoping God will bless him in so doing.
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> 3. To the rest—though we know not how much they will be bettered as to land, all things considered by their removal, especially John and Benjamin Judd, and therefore cannot much encourage; yet if the bent of their spirits be strong for going, and the advice aforegiven, touching the worship of God be taken, we shall not trouble, but say,—the will of the Lord be done.

The record is without date. The advice was probably sought and given between 1677 and 1680. William, John and Benjamin did not remove, but lived and died in Farmington. Philip did not ask counsel with the others; but he was not a member of the Church till 1681. William Judd was admitted freeman May, 1656; Thomas, Jr., and John, May, 1664; Benjamin before 1669; and Philip, May, 1677. Samuel was made a freeman in Massachusetts, May, 1684.

III. Philip Judd, fifth son of Deacon Thomas Judd, married Hannah Loomis, daughter of Thomas Loomis, of Windsor, by his first wife. (The second wife of Thomas Loomis was Philip Judd's sister Mary). Philip Judd resided at Farmington until a few years before his death, removing thence to Waterbury, where he died in 1689, probably in October. The inventory of his estate, 329 pounds—consisting of property in Waterbury, 237 pounds, and land in Farmington, 92 pounds—was taken November 2, 1689 and presented to the court at Hartford, November 11. The widow was administratrix, but she

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seems to have been married again before 1691, to some person whose name does not appear; and Ens. Thomas Judd and Thomas Judd, the smith, were appointed administrators, and to take care of the children, March, 1691. The estate was much in debt, and considerable was expended for the children. Deacon Thomas Judd reported, November 5, 1703, that the debts had amounted to 139 pounds, and other expenses and losses to 46 pounds, leaving 144 pounds to be divided. The names and ages of the children are recorded in the probate office, 1689, being returned with the inventory; and the baptisms are in the Farmington Church record. The baptism of the youngest child was delayed; probably the mother was not a Church member when her husband died. We give the Church and probate records, the latter recording the ages: (3) Philip, baptized March 13, 1681 (eight years old); (4) Thomas, baptized May 27, 1683; (5) Hannah, baptized October 19, 1684 (five years old); (6) William, baptised July 3, 1687 (two years old); (7) Benjamin, baptized May 4, 1690 (three months old). Of these, Thomas died young; Hannah married Thomas Hoyt, of Danbury, and had nine or ten children.

IV. Philip Judd, first son of Philip Judd, of Waterbury, lived in that part of Danbury called Bethel, and died, aged eighty years or more, between 1760 and 1765. He and his second wife, Lydia, were members of the Church in Bethel in 1760. That Church seems to have been organized in 1760. He had three sons, and Deacon E. Taylor thought he had five daughters. Russell Judd, Esq., of Kent, knew of only one daughter, Rebecca. Children: (8) Philip, (9) Thomas, (10) Samuel, (11) Hannah (named by Deacon Taylor), (12) Rebecca (named by Russell Judd).

V. Samuel Judd, son of Philip Judd, of Danbury, in Bethel Society, married Hannah Knapp or Hannah Pickett. He and his wife Hannah were members of the Church, 1760. He had six sons, viz.: (35) Ebenezer and (36) Samuel, twins, born about 1743-44; and (37) Comfort, born about 1745; (38) James and (39) Jonathan, who were Tories in the Revolution, joined the British on Long Island, and died without issue; (40) Elijah, born June 19, 1759.

VI. Samuel Judd, son of Samuel Judd, of Bethel, and twin brother of Ebenezer, married Lucy Hawley, and had one son, Benjamin, born 1769. This wife died, and he married a second. He lived some years in Cornwall, and is believed to have died there.

VII. Benjamin Judd, son of Samuel Judd, Jr., of Bethel, married Zilpha Williams, of Bethel, June 13, 1790. She died April 15, 1819, and he married Elizabeth Sturdevant, April 30, 1820. He died March 6, 1826, aged fifty-seven. His widow is living. Children by first wife: (138) Samuel, born November 2, 1790; (139) Lucy, born December 15, 1792 (married Abel Crofut); (140) Polly, born August 15, 1795 (married Stephen Adams); (141) Hawley, born September 13, 1797; (142) Hiram, born May 14, 1803. By second wife: (143) George B., born January 24, 1821.

VIII. Hawley Judd, son of Benjamin Judd, of Bethel, married Eleanor Adams, of Redding, December 31, 1818. He removed to Pembroke, N. Y., and thence to Michigan. His first wife died, and he married a second. His children were all born in Bethel, as follows: (233) Betsey, March 29, 1819 (married 1838); (234) Grant, June 29, 1821; (235) Hiram Benjamin, April 3, 1823; (236) Harrison, June 2, 1825; (237) Henry, July 20, 1827; (238) Amelia, February 22, 1831; (239) Frank, December 18, 1833; (240) Mary, January 28, 1839; (241) Edgar, March 10, 1841.

IX. Hiram Benjamin Judd, second son of Hawley Judd, of Bethel, married Polly Maria Williams, October 21, 1846. She died April 7, 1858. He married for his second wife Martha E. Butler, of Danbury, April 24, 1859. Children by first marriage; Harrison Hawley, born July 2, 1849; Franklin Williams, born April 16, 1851 (died August 12, 1851); Ina Amelia, born March 16, 1853. Children by second marriage: Herbert Newton, born February 17, 1865. Hiram Benjamin Judd died at Bethel, May 6, 1872. His eldest son, Harrison Hawley Judd, married Esther M. Saunders, of Edgerton, Wis., September 5, 1877; he died December 9, 1889. Ina Amelia Judd married Henry Mansfield, of Bethel, May 22, 1873.

X. Herbert Newton Judd, third son of Hiram Benjamin Judd, married Jennie May Alexander, daughter of Thomas T. Alexander, of Danbury, November 27, 1888. Children: Charles Alexander, born September 21, 1890; and Harrison Hiram, born September 7, 1892, died December 26, 1894.

CHARLES NAPOLEON RUGGLES, a well-known citizen of Bridgeport, now living practically retired at his beautiful home on Main street, was born March 15, 1835, a son of Asher Ruggles, and a grandson of Nathaniel Ruggles, one of the founders of the first Methodist Church in Bridgeport.

Asher Ruggles was born in Bridgeport, where his father, in addition to his ministry, engaged in

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shoemaking for the Southern trade. He passed his youth in his native town, and learned the trade of shoemaking with his father. In politics he was quite active, and under the administration of James K. Polk was appointed custom house collector for Bridgeport and Stamford, which office he was holding at the time of his death, in 1849. He married Miss Isabella Mulholland, of Bridgeport, and four children were born of this union: Charles Napoleon; George, deceased; Mary B., wife of Theodore Curtis; and Isabella, who died in childhood.

Charles N. Ruggles received his education at the public schools of Bridgeport and at the Newtown Academy. When his father died he was taken to New York city, and there began his first labors for self support. For two years he clerked in a wholesale clothing house, and then entered the employ of the Golden Hill Shirt Factory, where he remained until 1862. That year he began the livery business at Bridgeport, and for thirty years this engaged his time and attention. He was careful in the management of his affairs, and when, in 1892, his building was desired by the city for use as an emergency hospital, he was able to sell his stock and retire on a comfortable competence.

Mr. Ruggles has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Arretta Remington, of South Norwalk, by whom he had one son, Lawrence R. After the death of his first wife he was united in marriage with Mrs. Lizzie Peet, a daughter of Gilbert Wordin.

Benevolent and public-spirited, Mr. Ruggles occupies a prominent place in the city. He affiliates with the Democratic party, and has filled a number of local offices. In 1883 he acceptably served as councilman, and in 1897 was alderman for his ward. Mayor Taylor appointed him assessor, but he resigned. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F.; socially he belongs to the Algonquin and Pequonnock Clubs. What he has he has acquired through his own efforts, and if he stands high in the estimation of those who know him best, the credit is all his own.

HON. LEWIS CURTIS SEYMOUR. Political differences form so strong a barrier to friendship, that a man who commands the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens without regard to party lines must possess unusual ability and high character. The subject of this sketch, a well-known citizen of Ridgefield, is one of those happily-constituted individuals whose genial temperament wins good will, while his ability and integrity are recognized by all. Mr. Seymour has been frequently chosen to offices of trust and responsibility, and his twenty-four years of continuous service as treasurer of Ridgefield township is in itself a convincing evidence of his personal worth and high standing. He was born February 11, 1835, in the town of Ridgefield, the son of Lewis C. Seymour, and grandson of Nathaniel Seymour.

Lewis C. Seymour (1), our subject's father, was born in Ridgefield April 22, 1801, and became a farmer there, but later removed to Wilton, where he followed the mason's trade for some time. He was married in Wilton to his second wife, Mrs. Eliza (Morgan) Hoyt, daughter of Joel and Eunice Morgan. His death occurred April 8, 1859, and his wife died October 27, 1861. Our subject was the only child of this union, but by a previous marriage, to Almira Betts, his father had two children: (1) Jonathan H., who married and went to the South, where he died leaving two children—Lillie and Helen. (2) Emily A., who married Edwin Rile, of Rowayton, this county, and died leaving two children—Curtis and Emily, both residents of Rowayton. Our subject's mother also had two children by her first marriage: (1) Betsey M. Hoyt, now the widow of Philip Barhite, and W. M. Hoyt, the latter of whom is deceased, and the former resides in Ridgefield (she has one son, William C. Barhite, a merchant in that town, and one daughter, Emma Barhite, who married Francis Statford (now deceased), and has one son, Philip, a resident of Ridgefield).

Mr. Seymour's boyhood was spent chiefly in the town of Wilton, where he learned the shoemaker's trade. This he followed for eight or ten years when he became interested in farming, but later he engaged in the canning of fruit at Port Chester and Wilton, continuing the business about two years. In 1865 he located at Ridgefield, where he engaged in general mercantile business with Philip Barhite. The partnership lasted until the death of Mr. Barhite, whose son, W. C. Barhite, then entered the firm, which was continued under the name of Seymour & Barhite. In 1890 Mr. Seymour sold his interest and retired from business. Politically, he is a stanch Republican, his connection with the party dating back to its organization, but his first Presidential vote was cast for the candidate of the "Know Nothing" party. Since 1874 he has held the office of township treasurer, and in 1874 he was elected as a representative from his town to the State Legislature, where he served one term with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents.

Mr. Seymour married Miss Martha L. Keeler,

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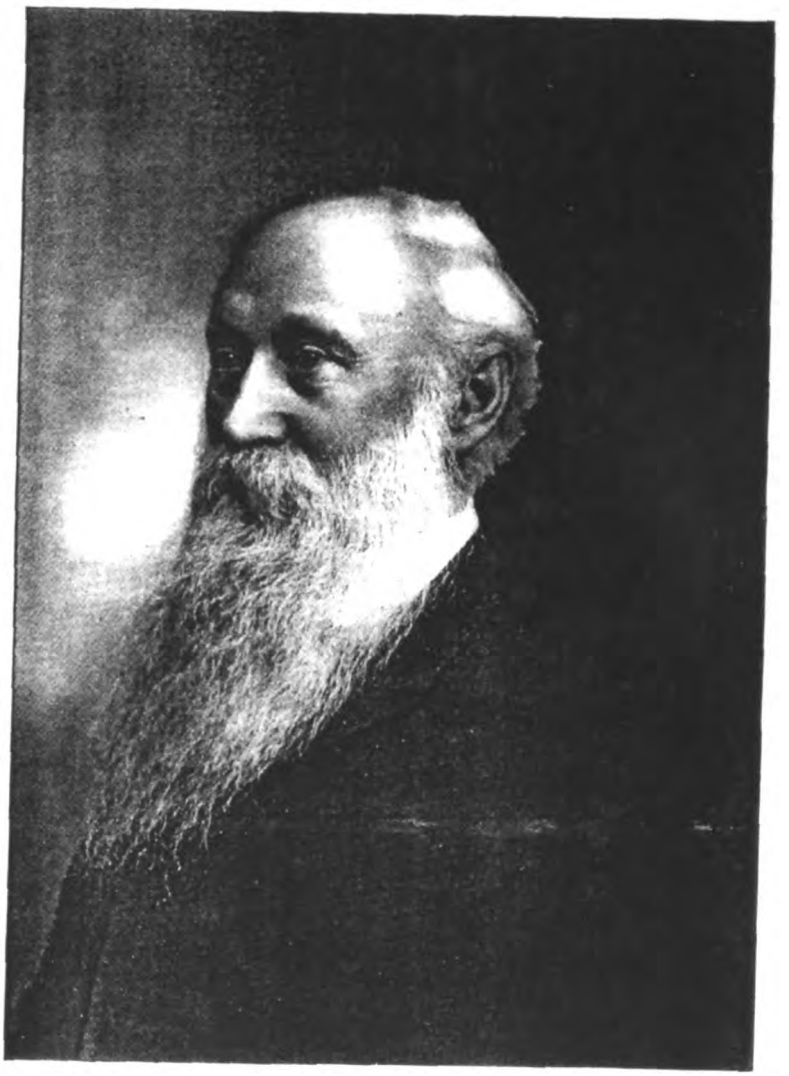

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of Wilton, but no children were born of the union. Socially, Mr. Seymour is identified with the I. O. O. F., Pilgrim Lodge No. 46, at Ridgefield, in which he holds the office of treasurer, and with the Masonic Fraternity, having been for thirty-one years an active member of Jerusalem Lodge No. 49, F. & A. M., at Ridgefield, in which he has served as treasurer.

HENRY H. NICHOLS. This leading and enterprising resident is conspicuous not only as such, but as one of the best known and widely-respected citizens in this portion of the State.

Mr. Nichols is a native of Fairfield county, born August 28, 1856, in the town of Weston, and received a liberal education at the common schools of the place, subsequently graduating at the Episcopal Institute, Cheshire, Conn. His first business occupation was in the capacity of bookkeeper for a New York wholesale firm, with whom he remained over three years, and then returned to Weston. Learning the hatter's trade, he has since continued in that line successfully at Danbury.

In 1876, Mr. Nichols was united in marriage with Miss Lillie A. Sproul, who was born June 13, 1856, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Humphreys) Sproul, the former of whom is a coal dealer in Danbury, and four children have blessed this union, of which, Harry H., born March 9, 1881, and Frank M., born February 25, 1884, are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols attend the services of the Episcopal Church. In politics he is a stanch Republican, but no office seeker. Socially, he is a member of the I. O. O. F., Progressive Lodge No. 18, Danbury, of which he is past grand; is past chief patriarch of Devotion Encampment No. 5; district deputy grand master of the State; grand conductor of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, I. O. O. F., and member of Echo Lodge, Order of Rebekah, No. 30, Danbury (auxiliary to the I. O. O. F.). He is also a member of Court Danbury No. 71, A. O. F. of A.

Hanford Nichols, grandfather of our subject, was born in 1797, in the town of Weston, was a lifelong farmer, and died in 1868. He was very prominent in Church work, and materially assisted in the organization of the Episcopal Church at Lyons Plains, which he attended all his life. In politics he was a Whig; for several terms he represented his district in the State Senate, and he also held various town offices. He was thrice married: first, to Betsey Wakeman; second, to Laura Chapman; and third, to Lorinda Chapman. By his first wife he had three children: Henry, married to Mary L. Sutton; Laura, wife of David W. Sherwood; and Lloyd, who died young. By his second wife Mr. Nichols had two children: Evaline, wife of Albin B. Sherwood; and Mary Betsey, wife of Edgar Giles.

Henry Nichols, father of our subject, was born February 29, 1824, in the town of Weston, Fairfield county, and, like his father, followed agricultural pursuits all his days. In politics he was an ardent Republican, in religious faith a member of the Episcopal Church at Weston, of which he was vestryman, clerk and organist. In 1846 he married Miss Mary L. Sutton, who was born March 31, 1825, a daughter of Daniel M. and Polly B. Sutton, prosperous farming people of Wilton, and Henry H., our subject, is their only child. The father died June 3, 1869; the mother on July 15, 1887.

HON. ELI JAMES MORRIS. The Morris family residence, near Sandy Hook, stands on historic ground, and the house itself, which is more than a century old, has sheltered many distinguished men, including, as residents, a congressman, Hobart Curtis, and a governor of Connecticut, the late Luzon B. Morris, a brother of the well-known gentleman whose name opens this sketch.

The family has been prominent from an early day in this section, and is noted not only for ability but for longevity. By a singular coincidence our subject's grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather, each of whom was named Daniel Morris, attained the same age—seventy-seven. The great-grandfather was born May 7, 1715, in Bridgeport, this county, and on July 9, 1741, married for his first wife Sarah Mackhard, who died April 16, 1761; his death occurred March 1, 1792. His second union was with a widow, Mrs. Jackson. By his first marriage he had seven children, whose names with dates of birth and death are as follows: Mary, December 1, 1742, November 30, 1776; Sarah, September 1, 1745, March 21, 1771; Amos, November 30, 1747, December 7, 1747; Daniel, March 8, 1749, May 7, 1749; Daniel (2), December 13, 1750, March 28, 1828; James, June 14, 1753, who when last heard from was an admiral in the British navy, North American station; and Matthew Mackhard, July 25, 1757, September 28, 1762. By the second wife there was one son, Amos, born September 28, 1762.

Daniel Morris (2), the grandfather of our subject, was born in Bridgeport, and was the first of the family to locate in Newtown, although his

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father settled there later, and both engaged in agriculture in Grays Plains District, now known as Walkers Farms. He was active in local affairs, and was regarded as one of the leading men of the town in his day. He married Mrs. Mary (Salter) Burritt (widow of Israel Burritt), who was born in Anthiego, one of the West India islands, and came thence to Bridgeport. The following children were born of this marriage: Sally, born October 1, 17—, in Bridgeport, married (first) Abraham Blackman, and (second) Abel Curtis; James, born July 23, 17—, died January 3, 1855; Israel B., born July 26, 1775, died July 25, 1837; Daniel, born January 27, 1781, in Newtown; Eli Gould, our subject's father, is mentioned below; Polly, born August 1, 1786, married John Blackman; Nancy, born July 1, 1790, married Norman Glover; Elizabeth, born January 30, 1792, did not marry; and Eunice, born June 6, 1793, married John Blackman.

Eli Gould Morris, the father of our subject, was born June 6, 1783, in Newtown, and became a successful agriculturist, being held in high esteem among his associates for his excellent judgment. In 1819 he purchased from Mrs. Curtis the farm now occupied by our subject, which then comprised eighty-five acres, but by subsequent additions he increased it to about one hundred and thirty acres. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and in politics was a stanch Democrat, although he never aspired to public office. His death occurred January 3, 1856, and his wife, whose maiden name was Lydia Bennett, survived him many years, passing away July 2, 1879. She was born in Trumbull, this county, June 4, 1793, a daughter of Thaddeus Bennett, formerly a prominent resident of Trumbull township. Our subject was the eldest of three children, and is now the only survivor. Hon. Luzon Burritt Morris, the second in order of birth, was born April 16, 1826. He attended school in Berkshire District, Newtown, having, for some of his early teachers, Peter Nash, C. C. Warner, and Charles Beers. At about the age of fifteen he began to shift for himself, and was apprenticed to a blacksmith at Roxbury. Later he was in the employ of Raymond French, of Seymour. After this experience he attended Yale College, where he was graduated, and a year later he was elected to the Legislature from Seymour. In 1870 he represented New Haven in the Legislature, and in 1874 he was in the State Senate. In 1876 he was again sent to the Lower house. He served some time as judge of the probate court, and in 1878 he was chosen Governor of Connecticut. His death occurred August 23, 1895. (3) Miss Martha Jane Morris, born December 14, 1835, died June 12, 1877, after a successful career as a teacher in the public schools.

Our subject was born December 20, 1821, at the homestead where he now resides. His education was begun in the common schools of Zoar District, Newtown township, and he also attended an academy at Roxbury, Conn., for a short time. At the early age of twelve years he took charge of the farm, but during the winter seasons he managed to find time to pursue his studies for a few years longer. These meagre opportunities were quite unsatisfactory to one of his clever and active mind, and after leaving school he carried on an extensive course of reading, his fine memory enabling him to acquire a wide range of information. He has always resided at the homestead, which now contains about one hundred and seventy acres of land, and in addition to the care of the farm he was engaged in the cattle business from 1853 to 1869. In 1853 he shipped the first car-load of cattle from Sturges, Ind., and during the period mentioned he bought from 500 to 1,000 head of stock cattle per year in Michigan and Indiana for the home market. His ventures in this and other lines have been rewarded with success, and for many years he has been regarded as one of the substantial men of the town. He has always been active in local affairs, and is influential in the Democratic organization. For many years he held the office of justice of the peace, and for some time he was selectman of his town, while for fifteen years past he has served as poormaster. In 1859 he was sent to the State Legislature as a representative of his town. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian; socially, he is connected with Hiram Lodge No. 18, F. & A. M., at Sandy Hook, Conn., in which he is one of the oldest members.

In 1850 Mr. Morris was married by the Rev. Dr. Burhans; then in his eighty-third year, to Miss Jane Elizabeth Chambers, who was born February 6, 1825, a daughter of Thomas O. Chambers, of Zoar District, Newtown township. She died October 4, 1891, sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends.

JOHN BENJAMIN. The Benjamin family, one of the wealthiest and most influential in the town of Stratford, has been identified with that locality since 1710, while the first of the name in this country settled in Massachusetts in 1630. Its members have distinguished themselves in various lines of effort, and by intermar-

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riages the family has become related to many others of note, one line of descent being traced to Governor Bradford, of "Mayflower" fame.

The genealogy of the Benjamin family, which was originally known as Berington, runs back to Norman ancestry under William the Conqueror, and is traced through Walter De Lacey, Great Baron (1074); Roger de Lacey (1095) under William Rufus; Ilbert de Lacey (1137), and John de Lacey (1222). Under Henry III the Confederacy of Barons was dissolved, resulting in the caste known as "landed gentry." These Barons de Lacey were in Hertfordshire after 1222, and in the reign of Edward III the de Laceys appear as landed gentry in Beryton of Stoke Lacey, and later as Berington of Stoke Lacey and Windesley Mote Hall, Galop, Hereford, England. In Edward III's reign Beryton of Stoke Lacey married the daughter and heiress of Rowland de Windesley, and had by her the ancient seat of Windesley, which has continued in the family ever since; but in later years the family name was changed to Berington. The ancient seat of Windesley, which came into the possession of the Beringtons by the aforesaid marriage, lies in the Parish of Hope-under-Dinmore. The coat of arms used conjointly by the Beringtons and Benjamins is supposed to have been granted at the knighting of a Berington July 21, 1403, on the field of Shrewsbury, just north of Hereford. Tradition says that the Beringtons changed their surname to Benjamin about the year 1494. John Berington (II), Esq., of Stoke-Lacey (the second John counting John de Lacey of 1222), was heir of Rowland Wyndesley, of Windesley. William Berington, Esq., whose eldest son Simon was the great-grandfather of John Berington III, born 1683. John Berington II, the eldest son, was the ancestor of the American Benjamin family.

John Benjamin, the first of that name in America, sailed in the ship "Lion" July 16, 1630, with his wife Abigail. John Benjamin I was a personal friend of Governor Winthrop, who witnessed his will and gave an account in his manuscripts of the Benjamin house, library, etc. He located at Watertown, Mass., and was appointed high sheriff of Boston May 20, 1633.

II. John Benjamin, son of John the pioneer, married Lydia Allen, of Boston, and removed to Hartford in 1664, with his brother, which brother went to Norwich, Conn. The brother of John Benjamin (II), who removed from Hartford to Norwich, Conn., was the ancestor of Park Benjamin, the poet, whose daughter married Motley, the historian, and whose granddaughter married Sir Vernon Harcourt, of London, England.

III. John Benjamin, son of John II, married Mary Smith, of Hartford, removed to Stratford in 1710, and was the first of the Benjamin family to take up his abode in that beautiful and historic town.

IV. John Benjamin, born August 28, 1731, was a colonel in the Revolutionary army on General Wooster's staff, and fought with distinction at Redding, Danbury and Ridgefield, Conn., at which latter he received a bullet in his shoulder which he carried the remainder of his life. Colonel Benjamin had extensive cordage manufacturing interests. He married, in 1752, Lucretia Backus, of Windham, Conn., the great-great-great-granddaughter of William Bradford, the first governor of Plymouth, who came over in the "Mayflower" in 1620.

Col. John Benjamin fourth (eldest son) had a son John (the fifth), who died without issue, and John's (the fourth) second son, Col. Aaron Benjamin, entered the Revolutionary army at the age of seventeen as lieutenant, and the family holds all his commissions, three in number—the first signed by John Jay and the other two signed by John Hancock. In the war of 1812 he commanded the important post of New London, Conn. His commission as colonel, signed by James Madison, is also held by the family. Capt. Pulaski Benjamin, the eldest son of Col. Aaron Benjamin, was born in Stratford March 12, 1796. He married Susan Curtis, of Stratford. Clara Benjamin, daughter of Col. John Benjamin and sister of Col. Aaron Benjamin, married Josiah Meigs, of Philadelphia. John Benjamin, son of Capt. Pulaski Benjamin, married Hannah Seely Parkinson, daughter of Leonard Parkinson, who was a descendant of Richard Parkinson, of Kinnersley Castle, Hereford, England. Col. Aaron Benjamin was one of the original members of the order of the Society of the Cincinnati, to which John Benjamin, his grandson, has succeeded. Col. Aaron Benjamin married Dorothy Brooks, who was descended from an old and highly-respected Stratford family.

VII. John Benjamin, whose winters are spent in New York City, resides during the summer season in Stratford, at his beautiful country seat in Elm street. The family holds a high position in social life, its members being welcomed in the most exclusive circles of the metropolis, and Mr. Benjamin is related to many prominent citizens. A cousin, Col. Samuel Nicoll Benjamin, married Miss Julia Fish, a daughter of the late Hon. Hamilton Fish, of New York and Garrisons-on-Hudson. Hamilton Fish Benjamin, Julian Arnold Benjamin and Willam Massena Benjamin are grandchildren of the late

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Hamilton Fish and sons of Col. Samuel Nicoll Benjamin and Julia Fish. Mrs. John de Ruyter and Mrs. Moses Taylor Campbell, of New York, and Mrs. Willam Noble (*née* Brooks), of Bridgeport, Conn., are among his relatives, and are direct descendants of Governor Bradford through the marriage of Col. John Benjamin.

The handsome Benjamin homestead at Stratford, Conn., the residence of Arthur Bedell Benjamin, which he inherited from his father, the Hon. Frederick Augustus Benjamin, stands in a park which has been in the possession of the Benjamin family more than one hundred and ninety years, adjoining the celebrated Johnson country seat. Arthur Bedell Benjamin married Miss Jessamine Stagg, of Stratford. Arthur Bedell Benjamin's father, the Hon. Frederick Augustus Benjamin, a son of Col. Aaron Benjamin and a grandson of Col. John Benjamin, married Elizabeth Bedell, only daughter of Rev. Doctor Gregory Thurston Bedell, the eminent New York clergyman, and a sister of the Rt. Rev. Gregory Thurston Bedell, the Bishop of Ohio.

EPHRAIM MEAD, a prominent resident of Greenwich, is a worthy representative of one of the oldest and most highly esteemed families of Fairfield county. While he is of an unostentatious disposition, being averse to public display, he ranks among the substantial citizens of his town, and his influence is none the less potent for being quietly exercised.

Mr. Mead is of the eighth generation in descent from John Mead [other authorities say William], who came from England in 1642 [other authorities say 1635], and in 1660 located in Greenwich, where his posterity is now numerous. The line of descent was continued through John, son of the pioneer, and the first of the Mead family to acquire land in Greenwich. Ebenezer Mead (1), the next in order of descent, was the fourth son of John, the son of the pioneer. Ebenezer Mead (2), son of Ebenezer (1), and the great-great-grandfather of our subject, was born October 25, 1692, and died May 3, 1775. He was married December 12, 1717, to Hannah Brown, of Rye, N. Y., and had twelve children—eleven sons and one daughter. Deliverance Mead, our subject's great-grandfather, was the sixth son of Ebenezer (2), and was born May 4, 1728. He was married in June, 1759, to Miss Abigail Howe, who was born April 28, 1737, and died April 28, 1808; his own death occurred May 3, 1785. Abigail Howe was a daughter of Capt. Isaac Howe, a Revolutionary soldier, who was born January 9, 1710, a son of Isaac (1), and the grandson of Nathaniel Howe, who married a Miss Bauers, and became one of the pioneers of Greenwich, where he died June 29, 1692. Isaac Howe (1) was born September 20, 1669, and was married June 1, 1701, to Elizabeth Waterbury, his death occurring May 7, 1733. Elizabeth Waterbury was born January 19, 1683, a daughter of Lieut. David Waterbury, who served in King Philip's war, and a granddaughter of John Waterbury, who located, in 1646, in Stamford, where he died July 31, 1658. Isaac Howe (2), the Revolutionary hero, was born January 9, 1710, and died October 8, 1779. He was married in 1736 to Keziah Mead, who was born February 10, 1707, and died November 19, 1808. By this it will be seen that our subject is connected with several of the leading families of that county.

Ephraim Mead, the grandfather of our subject, who bears his name, was the third son and the ninth child of Deliverance Mead and his wife Abigail (Howe). He was born March 15, 1775, and died July 16, 1850. On November 30, 1808, he married Azuba Mead, who was born January 9, 1787, and died January 21, 1861. She was also a descendant of John Mead and Jonah Mead, the second son and child of Lieut. Caleb Mead, who was the second son of Ebenezer Mead (1). Jonah Mead married (first) Mary Mead, (second) Rachel Husted (mother of Azuba) and (third) Hannah Mead. To Ephraim and Azuba Mead eight children were born, viz.: Mary, who married Willis J. Merritt, of Norwalk; Huldah, wife of Daniel S. Mead; Thurza and Alathea, who died in childhood; Jane, who married Elkanah Mead; Isaac Howe, who is mentioned more fully below; Elizabeth L., born October 17, 1826, married, March 23, 1859, Augustus Mead; she died April 4, 1890; had Nelson B., Augustus I., Oliver Z. (died in infancy), and Samuel C. (died in infancy); and Orphelia, who died in childhood.

The late Isaac Howe Mead, our subject's father, was born July 4, 1823, at Indian Field, in the town of Greenwich, and as the only son he inherited the old homestead there. He possessed a fine intellect, and although his educational privileges were of a crude sort he acquired a wide range of information through his own effort. He was an energetic man, carrying through an undertaking successfully, and was of good physique, being about six feet tall and well proportioned. He was a member of the Society of the Second Congregational Church of Greenwich, which he attended, and to which he contributed of his means. He was respected through-

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out the community for his integrity and uprightness. On March 1, 1855, he married Miss Mary E. Mead, and they made their home in the handsome brick house built by his father in 1830. His death occurred December 13, 1889, and his wife passed away April 12, 1891, at Greenwich village, the remains of both being interred in the Putnam cemetery. Mrs. Mary E. Mead was a woman of refinement, and her influence as a kind mother and a loving wife made the home life an inspiration for good. She was a member of the Episcopal Church, and greatly beloved by her wide circle of friends. She died October 18, 1823, in New York City. She was of the seventh generation in descent from John Mead (1), the line being traced through John (2). Benjamin, fifth son of John (2). Captain Sylvanus (3) (Capt. Sylvanus Mead served as a corporal in the French and Indian war, 1759; 1st Lieut. in the 8th Company, 7th Regiment, war of the Revolution; was captured when Fort Washington was taken by the British on the 16th day of November, 1776. He was afterward exchanged, and rendered valuable and efficient service in the struggle for liberty as captain of a company of Rangers until near the close of the war, when he was surprised by a party of Tories and shot by them at Greenwich, Conn., probably during the year 1781). Whitman, and Zophar Mead, her father. She was also of the eighth generation in descent from Capt. John Seaman, who, with his six sons, held the original patent, or grant, of Hempstead, Long Island, issued by the English Crown in 1665. Captain Seaman was engaged in various conflicts between the Dutch of New York and the English of Long Island, and in various Indian wars from 1668 to 1676.

Zophar Mead married Martha Seaman, who died in New York City May 29, 1869, and he died October 3, 1838. Our subject was the first in a family of seven children, of which six are living, and are now occupying honorable positions in business and social life. Their father gave them the best opportunities that lay within his power, and by precept and example he impressed them with a value of true manly character. The second son, Elbert, died in infancy; Clarkson S., a graduate of Columbia College and the College of Physicians & Surgeons, of New York, is a physician at Port Chester, N. Y.; Willard H. settled in Wyoming, where he conducts a ranch; Spencer P. graduated from the New York Law School, and is a member of the Bar of the State of New York; he resides in the metropolis, and is in the employ of the Standard Oil Company; Thomas M. is a farmer in the town of Greenwich, and Amos H. is engaged in business in Greenwich village.

Our subject was born September 7, 1856, and was reared in the old homestead, his education being begun in the Cos Cob district schools with Miss Kate Quintard as his first teacher. Later he attended the academy at Greenwich, studying under Profs. Shephard and Webster, and in the intervals of school life he assisted in the work of the farm. At the age of twenty he was employed as a clerk in a grocery store at Greenwich, owned by Mosier & Mead, and after two years in that position he went into business for himself, purchasing a crockery store at Greenwich from E. N. Healey. This enterprise he carried on successfully until 1895, when he sold out, and since that time he has given his attention to various investments. He is interested in local progress, and he and his family are identified with the Second Congregational Church at Greenwich. In politics he is a Republican, and at one time he held the office of borough assessor. As an active member of the Amogerone Fire Company he has done much to promote the usefulness of the valued organization, having served as foreman and also as secretary and treasurer. He has also a pleasant home in Millbank avenue, Greenwich, built by himself, and he and his wife are prominent in the best social circles of the town. In 1890 he married Miss Katy McKinley, a native of New York, and a daughter of Hugh McKinley, deceased. As both her parents died when she was a child she was reared by her aunt, her girlhood being chiefly spent in Dunellen, N. J. Three children brightened the home of our subject: Mary E., Clarkson H. and Richard O.

FRANK P. CLARK, M. D. Among the well-known citizens of Danbury, descendants of the pioneer families of Fairfield county, who have left clean and honorable records, we find Frank P. Clark, M. D., a physician and surgeon of deservedly high rank in his chosen profession.

John Clark, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Danbury, where he grew to manhood and learned the hatter's trade. He married Miss Hulda Ambler, a daughter of Stephen and Rachell (Munson) Ambler. Stephen Ambler was one of those brave men who offered to die, if need be, for the independence of the thirteen colonies. He served as a private in the Eighth Company, Fifth Regiment, under Captain Kingsbury, enlisting at Danbury May 12, 1775, and serving until December 10. His country, recognizing his valuable services, pensioned him in his declining years. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Clark located in Danbury, and they be-

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came the parents of three children: James, a hatter by occupation, died in early manhood; Oliver P., a hat finisher and later a grocer in Danbury, died there in 1892; and William H., who was the father of our subject. In politics, the father of these children was a Democrat and active in the interests of his party. He and his wife both lived until nearly three-score years and ten, and then sank quietly to rest at their home in Danbury.

William H. Clark, the third in the above mentioned family, was born November 19, 1819. He passed his early days in Danbury, and received his education in the common schools. At the age of fourteen he went to New York and began life for himself. He was first employed by J. H. & J. H. Tweedy in the capacity of clerk in their dry-goods store, and after one year there entered the dry-goods house of Ira W. Wheeler, with whom he remained until 1840, when he returned to Danbury and formed a co-partnership with his uncle, Irel Ambler, in the same kind of business. This co-partnership continued until Mr. Ambler retired from business, since which Mr. Clark has conducted his affairs alone.

In 1841 occurred the marriage of William H. Clark and Miss Julia M. Andrews, a daughter of John Andrews, of Bethel, and to this union were born five children, two of whom died in infancy; the others are: Sarah C., who married Henry C. Smith, a salesman of Brookfield; Frank P., the subject proper of this sketch; and Harriet C., who married John C. Averill, a clerk of the courts, New London county, Conn. In 1891 Mr. Clark suffered a severe loss in the death of his noble and devoted wife. In politics he has always been a Democrat; and has efficiently served his party as alderman, and has held other offices. He is a liberal contributor to the Congregational Church, of which he is a faithful and consistent member, as was also his wife. Highly respected and esteemed by all, he is now the oldest merchant doing business in Danbury, and still hale and hearty, with a mind unimpaired, he bids fair to be an important factor in the commercial world of his town, for many years to come.

Frank P. Clark, whose name opens this review, was born July 14, 1852, in Danbury, where he passed his youth and received his elementary education. When quite young he manifested a decided liking for the study of medicine, and concluded to make it his life work. At the age of eighteen he entered the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons, and from that institution was graduated with the class of 1876. His further study in the science only deepened his liking for it, and besides the study outlined in the curriculum, his reading at college was extended over a wide range of medical works penned by physicians and surgeons of world-wide reputation. The ideas there acquired equipped him at graduation with a technical knowledge an older and more experienced surgeon might well envy.

On leaving school our subject returned to Danbury, and associated himself with Dr. A. T. Clason, which association continued for about two years, when Doctor Clark withdrew and until 1889 practiced alone. In that year he formed a co-partnership with D. C. Brown, and together they practiced until 1896, since which time our subject has continued alone.

In 1880 Frank P. Clark was married to Miss Mary K. Benjamin, a daughter of George B. Benjamin, a representative of one of the oldest families of Fairfield county. To this union have been born two promising daughters: Susan B. and Julia C. Both the Doctor and his wife are interested in the Congregational Church, and contribute largely to its material interests. They occupy a prominent social position, and in their cheerful home delight to welcome their many friends. As far as his professional duties will permit him to engage in politics, the Doctor works for the interests of the Democratic party. He can, however, devote but little time to this, as his practice has become so large as to require almost all of his time—his thorough knowledge of medicine, his deep insight into human nature, and his firm, decisive manner, coupled with the kindly disposition, inspires confidence in his patients, and often wins for him success where others might meet failure. He is an ideal physician—gentlemanly, courteous, firm and true.

HON. MICHAEL JOHN BRADLEY, of Newtown, who is now serving his fifth term as judge of the probate court for his district, is a man of much ability and force of character, and the account of the manner in which he has made his way to success will be of interest to all our readers.

Judge Bradley is a native of this county, having been born in Newtown January 31, 1858, but he traces his descent from one of the oldest families of Kilbaha, County Clare, Ireland. John Bradley, his grandfather, a lifelong resident of that locality, married Johanna Finnell, and had six children, viz.: Patrick, who came to America, and for many years was an employe of the rubber factory at Sandy Hook; Michael comes next; John, our subject's father; Thomas, who is now postmaster at Sandy Hook; Bridget, who mar-

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ried Thomas Griffin, of Newtown; and Mary, wife of Martin Daily, of Bridgeport.

John Bradley, the father of our subject, crossed the ocean in or prior to 1847, and immediately settled at Sandy Hook, where he was employed for some time in the rubber factory. On July 5, 1861, he was accidentally killed, being caught by a belt in the factory. He was a devout Catholic, and always took keen interest in all that concerned his adopted country, affiliating in politics with the Democratic party. After coming to America he married Miss Ellen Collins, daughter of Michael Collins, and a native of County Clare, Ireland. They had four children, as follows: Johanna, who died in infancy; Mary, wife of Cornelius DeLury, an undertaker and furniture dealer in Danbury; Michael John, our subject; and Maggie Frances, who married Thomas Kenny, a hatter of Danbury.

Judge Bradley was educated chiefly in Newtown, where he attended the public schools and the academy, later purchasing a six-months' course in the Washington School, in the city of Bridgeport. By making good use of these opportunities he secured a practical education, and his reading has kept him well informed upon current topics. In 1877 he left school and entered the employ of the New York Belting and Packing Company, with whom he remained about seven years, his work there being terminated October 29, 1883, when he received the nomination as representative from Newtown in the General Assembly. The campaign resulted in his election, and he served in the session of 1884 with credit to himself and satisfaction of his constituents. In 1887 he was appointed deputy United States internal revenue collector for the Seventh district of Connecticut, and this office he held until the appointment of his successor in October, 1889. In November, 1890, he was chosen judge of the probate court for the district of Newtown, for the term of two years, and so well did he perform the duties of this position that he was re-elected in 1892, 1894, 1896, and 1898, his fifth term beginning on January 1, 1899. He has always been active in the work of the Democratic party, and for five or six consecutive years served as registrar of voters. As he possesses great energy, he is regarded as a valuable member of the organization, and has gained more than a local reputation.

Our subject's wife, whose maiden name was Julia Leavey, is a daughter of Matthew Leavey, now a resident of Newtown, but formerly of County West Meath, Ireland. They have had six children: John Thomas, William James, Samuel Charles, Mary Ellen, Wallace E., and Howard Joseph, all at home. Mr. Bradley and his family are identified with St. Rose's Catholic Church at Newtown, and socially he is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

SHEPARD. From old Colonial days this name has been "familiar as household words" in the New England States. The first of the family at present under consideration, of whom we have record was (I) Edward Shepard, mariner, who is supposed to have come from England, and, as shown by old deeds, was a resident of Cambridge, Mass., as early as 1639. His first wife, Violet, died in 1648-49, the mother of children as follows: John, born (in England) 1627; Elizabeth, born 1629; Abigail, born 1631; Deborah, born 1633; Sarah, born 1636. After the death of their mother the father married Mrs. Mary Pond, widow of Robert Pond. He died about 1680.

(II) John Shepard, son of above, was married October 1, 1649, to Rebecca, daughter of Samuel Greenhill; she died December 22, 1689, and August 3, 1691, he married Mrs. Susannah Goodwin, widow of William Goodwin; she died, and Mr. Shepard, September 8, 1698, wedded Mrs. Martha Henbury, widow of Arthur Henbury. John Shepard died June 12, 1707; his children (all by his first wife) were: Rebecca, born 1650; John, born January 22, 1653; Sarah, born March 5, 1656 (she married Benijah Stone, of Guilford, Conn.); Violet, born 16—; Elizabeth, born 1660; Edward, born July 1, 1662; Samuel, born 1664; Thomas, born November 12, 1666; Deborah, born 16—; Abigail, born 16—; and Hannah, born 16—. Hinman says he was a man of prominence in the colony, and was known as "Sergeant John."

(III) John Shepard, eldest son of the above, married (first) May 12, 1680, Hannah, daughter of Deacon Paul Peck; and (second) Mrs. Mary (Benton) Bigelow, widow of John Bigelow, and he had these children—John, born November 4, 1681; Samuel, born February 2, 1684; Hannah, born January 29, 1688; Joseph, born April 29, 1689, Rebecca, born May 20, 1696; Timothy, born June 7, 1697, died April 21, 1716; and Rebecca, born May 20, 1698, died October 29, 1706. Of these, Hannah married May 22, 1712, Charles Buckland, and had issue—Jane, Hannah, Charles, and Mehitable.

(IV) John Shepard, eldest son of the above, was married October 9, 1707, at the Third Church, Boston, to Abigail, daughter of Gideon and Sarah Allen. He lived at Milford, Conn., and died in 1719, the father of these children:

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John, born October 26, 1708; Rebecca, born November 1, 1710, married June 20, 1732, Joseph Peck, and died 1773; Abigail, born October 22, 1713, married October 21, 1734, Peter Perritt; Hannah, born November 11, 1715; and Timothy, born March 22, 1718.

(V) John Shepard, eldest in the above enumerated family, was an ensign in 1753. He married Mary Parsons, of Derby, May, 1732; removed to Newtown in 1737. Issue: Mary, born June 19, 1733; Abigail, July 6, 1735; John, 1737; Simeon, May 30, 1739; Abraham, 1744; David, 1747; Gideon, June 2, 1752; Stephen, 1753; Allen, 1756; and Abigail, born April 10, 1759, married August, 1787, Jehiel Foote, and died August 18, 1836.

(VI) Stephen Shepard, sixth son of above, died July 27, 1830; married Anna Foote; issue: William, Allen, Oliver, Joanna, Daniel Parsons and Anna Maria.

(VII) Oliver Shepard, third son of the above, and the grandfather of the subject proper of this biography, was born in Newtown, Conn., in 1784, and died in 1861 aged seventy-seven years. When a boy he moved to Bethel, and served an apprenticeship there to the trade of hatter with Capt. Eli Taylor. In 1806 he engaged in the business for his own account on Fountain Place, and in 1830 took his son William C. into partnership, which continued under the firm name of Oliver Shepard & Son till about 1833 when the senior member retired from the business. In Bethel, Oliver Shepard married Mercy Laura Comstock, daughter of Andrew Comstock, of that place, and children as follows came to their union: Charlotte (married Daniel Barnum, and died in 1881), William C., Augustus C. (deceased), Frederick (deceased), Charles H. (deceased), Andrew and George (both in Missouri), Julia (in Brookfield, married to Philo C. Merwin), and Mary (in Bethel). Oliver Shepard was the first postmaster at Bethel, and held most of the town offices, including that of justice of the peace. In 1826 he was a member of the House of Assembly, and in 1843 he was sent to the Senate.

(VIII) William C. Shepard, eldest son of the above, and father of our subject, was born in Bethel November 24, 1809, and is still living there at the advanced age of nearly eighty-eight years. He attended the public schools, and learned the trade of hatter with his father. In 1832, when the latter retired from business, William C. and his brother, Augustus C., became partners under the firm name of W. C. & A. C. Shepard until 1847, in which year Augustus C. retired, William C. continuing the business alone until 1860, when he also retired. In 1831, at Bethel, Mr. Shepard was married to Emily Trowbridge, daughter of Eliachim D. Trowbridge. She died December 24, 1893. Issue: Josephine E.; George A.; and Horace H. (in Kansas City, Mo.). Of these, Josephine E. was married January 14, 1857, to Dr. Elijah Gregory, who practiced medicine at Bridgeport, Conn., and died October 5, 1877. They had one child, William A., born May 7, 1858, now living in Bridgeport. Horace H., the second son of William C. and Emily Shepard, was married August 28, 1844, to Emma Hibbard, and one child was born to them, Edith. William C. Shepard was a Whig until 1857, when he became a Republican. In 1844 he represented his constituency in the House of Assembly; he served at various times as selectman, town treasurer, constable and justice of the peace; in 1862 was assessor of internal revenue; in 1870 was census taker for Bethel, Redding and Ridgefield. Socially, he is a member of the I. O. O. F., noble grand of Howard Lodge No. 29, and was secretary of same.

(IX) GEORGE A. SHEPARD, the subject proper of this review, was born September 2, 1839, in Bethel, received his education at the public schools of the borough, and also in a boarding school at Ridgefield under the tuition of Rev. Short, rector of the Episcopal Church at North Salem. When old enough he learned the trade of hatter with his father, and in course of time conducted the business for him. At the age of twenty years, his father having given up the business, our subject entered other hat factories, and worked therein as a journeyman until October, 1866, when he went to Millburn, N. J., and with Edgar Northrop, of Newtown, engaged in the manufacture of hats under the firm name of Northrop & Shepard, doing a commission business. This arrangement continued until April 1, 1867, and May 1 following Mr. Shepard commenced the manufacture of hat leathers, later taking up the making of wire and other hat supplies, starting in business at Danbury in the Benedict hat shop on West street. At the end of six months he located in an old tannery on the spot where J. H. Baird's hat factory now stands, thence after two or three years removing to the building now occupied by Joseph Brotherton, in Bethel, and remained there three years. At the same time he was associated with James D. Baldwin in a comb factory on Center street, but sold out his interest to Mr. Baldwin. When the latter went out of the comb business our subject moved his concern into the vacated premises; in November, 1893,

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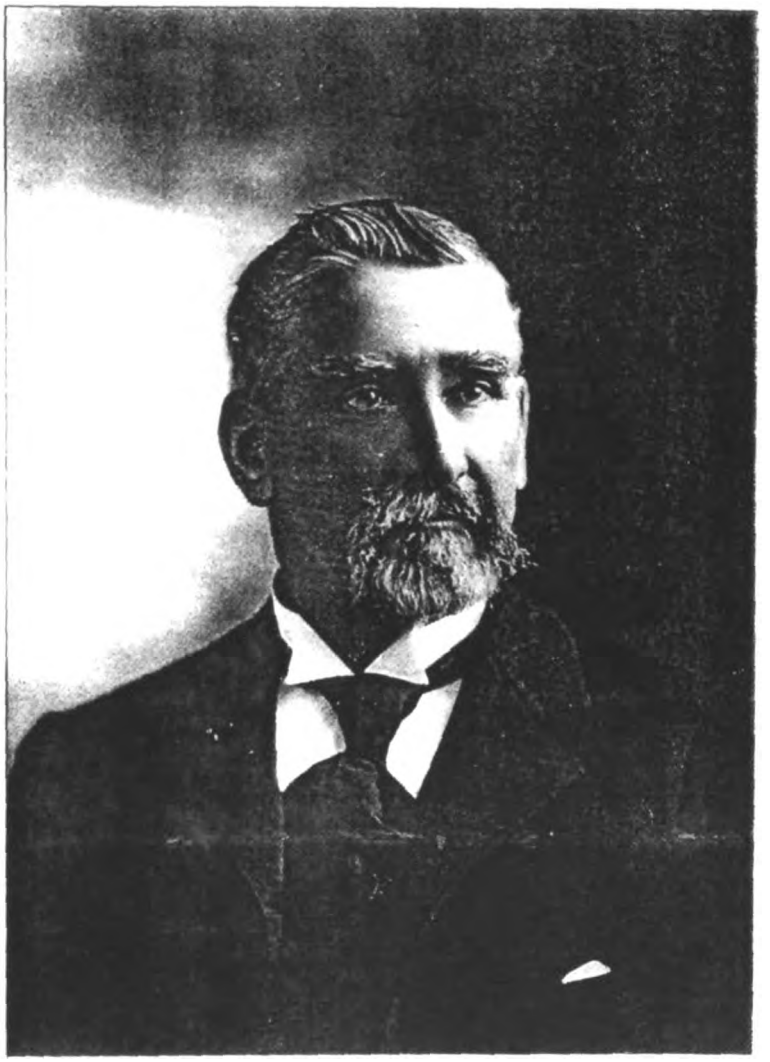

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he removed to his present factory which had been built and equipped during the summer and fall of that year.

In 1870 Mr. Shepard invented and patented a machine for covering whalebone for hats, which machine will turn out 5,000 pieces per day. This he operated until the patent had nearly expired. His business has constantly increased—from two employes in 1867 to sixty in 1897. He now tans the skins and manufactures sweat-leathers, hat-pads, hat-wire, eyelets, rubber cement, covered wire or reeds, etc. In 1880 his son George F. was taken into partnership, the firm continuing as George A. Shepard & Son until June, 1894, when another son was admitted, Horace Leon (a graduate of Stevens Institute of Technology), under the new firm name of George A. Shepard & Sons.

On April 24, 1858, George A. Shepard was united in marriage with Josephine L. Sloan, daughter of David and Mary Sloan, and children as follows were born to them: George F., November 11, 1859; Frank H., September 20, 1863; and Horace Leon, May 17, 1871. Of these, George F. was married April 29, 1884, to Miss Elizabeth B. Meilbury, daughter of Charles Meilbury, of Providence, R. I., and their children are: Ruth Emily, Laura Josephine and Morton William. Frank H. married Miss Annie Agnes Boll, of Hoboken, N. J., and has one child, Florence; he is a teacher of instrumental and vocal music at Orange, N. J. Horace Leon was married September 1, 1897, to Miss Bessie A. Durant, daughter of George G. Durant, of Bethel, and on September 10 he and his bride started for Europe, remaining until the following June.

Socially, Mr. Shepard is a member of Eureka Lodge, F. & A. M., at Bethel; Eureka Chapter at Danbury; and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Pyramid Temple, at Bridgeport. Politically, he is a Republican. In religious connection he is a member of the Episcopal Church at Bethel, in which he holds the office of vestryman.

HANFORD N. HAYES (deceased.) This well-known resident of Bridgeport, who passed to the unseen life October 6, 1883, was a man whose sterling qualities of mind and heart won for him the esteem and confidence of all who knew him. During the Civil war he made an honorable record, serving as quartermaster, and for many years he was successful in business in Bridgeport as a cabinet maker. Although he never sought prominence in public life, he took keen interest in all that concerned the welfare of his country, and throughout his life he was a stanch supporter of the principles and policy of the Republican party.

Mr. Hayes was a native of Brookfield, this county, and always made his home in this section. In 1880 he married Miss Mahala B. Banks, a member of a highly esteemed family that has been identified with Greenfield Hill, this county, from an early day. Her grandfather, Nathan Banks, a Revolutionary soldier, was a native of that locality, and passed his life there in agricultural pursuits.

BRADLEY BANKS, the father of Mrs. Hayes, was born and reared at Greenfield Hill, and his wife, Polly Banks, was a native of the town of Weston, and a daughter of Daniel Banks, a prosperous farmer of that town. Bradley and Polly Banks had children as follows: (1) Nathan B. (deceased) was a farmer at Greenfield Hill, Conn.; he married and had two children—George H. and Harriet M. (2) William E. (deceased) was a farmer in Fairfield, Conn.; he married and had one son, William B. (3) Henry B. (deceased) was a carpenter at Bridgeport; he married and had two children—Charles H. and Frances U. (4) Rufus B. (deceased) was a farmer at Greenfield Hill; he married and had four children—Henry B., Frederick S., Rufus W. and Carrie L. (5) Sarah M. died unmarried. (6) Mahala B. (Mrs. Hayes) comes next in the order of birth. (7) Catherine A. married Albert B. Hull, and resided at Hulls Farms, now deceased; they had five children—Martha J., William H., Mary B. and Albert B., and Amelia Catherine. (8) Miss Mary E. resides in Bridgeport. (9) Berzillia B. (deceased) was a merchant at Greenfield Hill, where for some time he also held the office of postmaster; he married and had six children—four sons: Edgar B., William H., Frank S. and Jesse L.—and two daughters: Georgie A. and Mamie Elizabeth. (10) Harriet B. married Henry E. Andrews, of Weston, now deceased; they had one daughter, Sarah Elizabeth. (11) Martha and (12) Daniel died in infancy. (13) Amelia S. married Capt. Merritt W. Davis, of Long Island. (14) Edwin J., a resident of Bridgeport, married a sister of Capt. M. W. Davis; they have one son, Herbert B.

THE NORTHRUP FAMILY comes of good old Colonial stock, and is numerously represented in this section. According to early deeds and records and inscriptions upon tombstones, the name was sometimes spelled Northrup, and it appears that about the time of the Revolutionary war several branches of the family

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changed the spelling to Northrop, which has since been retained.

I. Joseph Northrup, the head of the family in America, came from England, probably from Yorkshire, and was one of the first settlers at Milford, Conn. The first planters of that town were enrolled November 20, 1639, but as this worthy pioneer was not then in fellowship with the Church, his name appears with others in a list immediately after those of the "free planters." It is further recorded that he united with the First Church at Milford on January 9, 1642, and his death occurred in that town September 11, 1669. Some of the settlers were members of the company, all possessing "good character and fortunes," who left England in charge of Eaton and Davenport, landing at Boston July 26, 1637, whence they went to New Haven in April, 1638. Others of the settlers belonged to Sir Richard Saltonstall's company, and having become attached to their pastor, Rev. Peter Prudden, from Egerton, Yorkshire, England, they accompanied him from Watertown, Mass., to Wethersfield, Conn., and later to Milford. To this company belonged Francis Norton, whose daughter Mary became the wife of Joseph Northrup. Eight children were born of this union, viz.: Joseph, Jr., baptized August 9, 1649; Samuel, baptised in 1651; Jeremiah, who is mentioned more fully below; John, born September —, 1656, who probably died before 1683; Zophar, born June 21, 1661; Daniel, born in August, 1664; William, born June 2, 1666, and Mary, born in January, 1670. The descendants of Jeremiah only are traced in this sketch, the list extending to the ninth generation.

II. Jeremiah Northrup was born in January, 1654, at Milford, where his baptism occurred in the same month, and he died April 11, 1734. He and his wife, Phœbe, had five children, all born in Milford. They were John, who is mentioned in the next paragraph; Jeremiah, who was baptized January 16, 1695, and died July 4, 1771, at the age of eighty-two; Phineas, born January 16, 1695, who married Elizabeth Brinsmade; Benjamin, baptized in October, 1696, who is mentioned more fully below; and Phœbe, born in November, 1705. Two lines of descent are traced below, and for convenience we will follow first that of John, leaving the descendants of Benjamin to be mentioned later in the sketch.

III. Lieut. John Northrup was born in 1687, and baptized January 16, 1695. For some years he followed the weaver's trade at Milford, but in 1712 he and his brothers, Jeremiah and Benjamin, had home lots assigned to them at Newtown, then a new settlement. In 1720 ten acres more were allotted to John and Benjamin. All of the brothers were prominent in the affairs of the town, and the office of town clerk was held by John and his son of the same name, during a period of twenty-five years. Here also resided Thomas Northrop, a son of William and a grandson of Joseph; he married Abigail Terrill, of Newtown, and after her death removed to New Milford and lived with his sons—his descendants residing in Sherman and New Milford. The name of Thomas is also on record with those of his cousins, John Jeremiah and Benjamin, in 1712, and his children were born in Newtown. On January 7, 1713 or 1714, Lieut. Northrup married Mary Porter, of Milford, who died March 19, 1786, aged ninety-seven years, and he himself died very suddenly January 9, 1767, at the age of eighty. They had four children: (1) Jonathan, (2) Ruth, (3) Mary and (4) John, Jr., all of whom are mentioned in the next paragraph.

IV. Capt. Jonathan Northrup was born in Milford March 3, 1715, and died in 1783. He was married June 2, 1740, to Ruth Booth, who died July 25, 1799. They had eight children, several of whom left descendants, but as the lines of descent are not traced out, we will mention the names here. (1) Solomon, born March 8, 1741, had two children, Joseph and Johanna. (2) Gideon, born May 20, 1742, was married November 15, 1764, to Rhoda Northrup (a daughter of William (III) of Newtown, a son of William, seventh child of Joseph, the first settler), and died April 21, 1818. (3) Elizabeth, born September 29, 1744, was married August 7, 1764, to William Northrup, Jr., who died in 1798. (4) Mary, born June 28, 1746, died February 22, 1753. (5) Clement, born April 15, 1749, married Jerusha, daughter of Jared Clark. (6) George, born March 21, 1754, married (first) a Miss Kimberly, and (second) Anna Booth, and his death occurred August 11, 1821. (7) Lemuel, born May 31, 1757, married Lois Woodward. (8) Amos, born September 7, 1759, was married three times, and had fourteen children, but their names are not given. 2. Ruth Northrup, daughter of Lieut. John (III), was born in Milford January 15, 1717, and was married November 30, 1737, to Peter Ferris, son of Samuel Ferris, of Newtown. She died May 28, 1804, and her husband in 1795, aged eighty-one. Their three children will be mentioned here, as the line is not continued farther. (1) Capt. Samuel, born May 10, 1740, died January 12, 1796, and his wife, Phœbe, died July 10, 1832, aged ninety-two. (2) Martha was born November 12, 1743. (3) Joseph, born August 2, 1746, died December 4, 1833, and his wife, Abigail, passed away December 27, 1820,

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aged seventy-four. 3. Mary, second daughter of Lieut. John (III), was born in Newtown October 17, 1725, and was married August 21, 1743, to Daniel Sherman, of Newtown, who afterward settled in Woodbury, Conn. They had five children, whose names with dates of birth were as follows: Abigail, March 1, 1747; Ann, November 20, 1749; Ebenezer, November 5, 1752; Philo, July 29, 1760, and Mary, April 27, 1763. No further mention is made of this line. 4. John Northrup, Jr., youngest son of Lieut. John (III), was born in Newtown, July 9, 1732, and died March 11, 1805. He succeeded his father as town clerk, as noticed above, and held the office twelve years. On July 30, 1752, he married Lois Northrup, a daughter of William Northrup, of Newtown, and she died December 3, 1800, at the age of sixty-eight. They had ten children: (1) Peter, (2) Mary, (3) Nanny, (4) Amy, (5) Lois, (6) Betty, (7) Huldah (8) Ruth, (9) Johanna, and (10) John, all of whom are mentioned in the next paragraph.

V. Peter Northrup, son of John, Jr. (IV), was born July 3, 1754, and died November 27, 1810. He was married June 3, 17—, to Lucy Sherman, who died February 14, 1828, at the age of sixty-four. Of their four children, the eldest, James, born July 15, 1783, died January 15, 1869; and the second, Polly, born September 11, 1788, died February 16, 1815. James, who did not marry, lived alone for many years previous to his death. The other children, Walter and Norman, will be mentioned more fully in the following paragraph. (2) Mary, daughter of John (IV), was born January 28, 1756, and died June 3, 1812. She was married February 2, 1773, to Solomon Glover, of Newtown, who died July 26, 1842, aged ninety-two. They had eleven children, who will be mentioned here, as no lines of descent are traced from them. Johanna, born August 12, 1774, married, May 18, 1794, Henry Botsford, of Newtown; Mary Ann, born November 19, 1776, and died September 30, 1878, married James Glover, of Newtown; Annadine, born April 8, 1779; Huldah, born July 24, 1781, married Russell Canfield, and died November 12, 1812; Silas Norman, born September 30, 1783; Volucia, born July 9, 1785; Isaac, born August 26, 1787, died February 9, 1788, from scalding; Isaac, born December 10, 1788, died April 12, 1791; Ziba, born June 17, 1791, died August 24, 1862; Marcia, born May 2, 1794; and Heman, born June 26, 1796, died August 17, 1816. (3) Nanny, daughter of John, Jr. (IV), was born May 14, 1758, and died of consumption April 2, 1818. She was married May 22, 1778, to Elijah Sherman, of Woodbury, Conn., who died January 5, 1844, at the age of ninety. Of their eleven children, the eldest, John N., born December 28, 1779, married Mary Beers, and died August 1, 1798, of consumption; Betsey, born September 22, 1781, died October 8, 1798, of the same disease; Elijah, born April 23, 1783, married Fanny Strong, and died October 23, 1854; Isaac, born May 28, 1787, married Rosetta Root, and died March 9, 1868; Anna, born December 24, 1789, married Joel Pierce, and died March 13, 1846, of consumption; Samuel, born October 23, 1792, married Julia Preston, and died September 11, 1844, of bilious fever; George, born July 23, 1794, was killed October 22, 1798, in his father's bark mill; Rebecca, born October 1, 1796, married Chester Foote, of Jonesville, N. Y., and died April 20, 1883; Amy, born October 29, 1798, died in Woodbury January 13, 1813, from what was known as New Milford fever; Sally, born March 27, 1801, married Daniel Abbott, and died in October, 1889; and Charles, born October 22, 1803, married Jerusha Rogers, and died March 10, 1844, of heart disease. (4) Amy, daughter of John, Jr. (IV), was born February 9, 1760, and died in October, 1849. She married John Sanford, of Newtown, who died January 20, 1839, aged seventy-six years and six months. Of their three children, the eldest, David, born August 1, 1783, died in 1804, unmarried; Elijah, born May 23, 1787, married Abigail E. Tomlinson, and died October 26, 1849; and Charlotte, born April 16, 1792, married Rev. B. S. Noble, of New Milford, Conn., and their son, Gen. Wm. H. Noble, of Bridgeport, died January 18, 1894, aged eighty-one years. (5) Lois, daughter of John, Jr. (IV), was born January 26, 1762, and married Jacob Wallace, of Newtown, by whom she had six children, viz.: Abijah, born November 3, 1794, died December 26, 1877, in Huntington, Conn.; John, born in 1801, died April 26, 1886, in Bridgeport, Conn.; Abigail; Warren, born in 1805, died June 17, 1835; Polly, who married James Staples; Sally. (6) Betty, born January 15, 1764, married Daniel Foote, and removed to Butternuts, N. Y. (7) Huldah, born October 26, 1765, died October 15, 1804. She married Abner Betts, who was born July 12, 1763, and died November 6, 1802. They had five children, whose names with dates of birth and death are as follows: David, February 15, 1786, died January 6, 1877; Nathaniel, February 2, 1788—September 15, 1856; Betsey, January 12, 1789—April 17, 1818; Polly, December 28, 1792—July 14, 1798; and John, December 12, 1794—December 3, 1829. (8) Ruth, born Oc-

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tober 5, 1768, married Solomon Johnson, and died October 5, 1822. (9) Johanna, born November 10, 1770, died July 9, 1771. (10) John, born August 2, 1772, died of consumption January 23, 1836. His wife, Nabby, daughter of Daniel and Abigail (Northrop) Baldwin, was born December 20, 1771, and died December 24, 1859. Of their five children, the eldest, (a) Nanny, born September 27, 1796, was married February 20, 1815, to Capt. Oliver Northrop (mentioned below as a descendant of Benjamin III), and died November 25, 1835, leaving three sons, Heman G., Horatio N. and Hosea B. (b) John B., born October 27, 1799, was a bookkeeper in Bridgeport at the time of his death from consumption, May 2, 1835. (c) Alonzo, born December 12, 1803, followed farming as an occupation, and died August 30, 1881. He married (first) January 17, 1841, Mary Ann Skidmore (who died August 24, 1854, aged forty-four), and (second), on October 2, 1860, wedded Mrs. Almira Sherman, widow of Nelson Sherman, who died August 15, 1882, at the age of eighty-one. (d) Nelson, born September 26, 1805, was a tailor by occupation, and his death occurred February 6, 1839, from consumption. He was married October 23, 1836, to Mrs. Abigail Walker, a widow, who died May 6, 1862, aged seventy. (e) David, born July 21, 1810, who was a comb-maker and carpenter, died November 12, 1883. He was married December 26, 1836, to Sarah Emily Johnson, who was born July 15, 1819, a daughter of Samuel Johnson, of Newtown.

VI. In this generation only the names of Walter and Norman, sons of Peter (V), have been carried over to this paragraph as the lines of descent are traced through them. Walter Northrop was born March 8, 1795, and followed farming, his death occurring August 8, 1874. He was married four times. His first wife, Rebecca, a daughter of Samuel Northrop, of Newtown, died November 12, 1821, and on February 11, 1822, he married Sally Platt, who died July 26, 1846. On May 10, 1851, he married Mrs. Volucia Botsford, a widow, from whom he was divorced later, and on May 13, 1863, he married Mrs. Emily L. Hoyt, a widow, who died November 12, 1884, aged sixty-eight. By his first marriage he had two sons, Charles and Norman, and by his second union he had four, Walter, Norman, William N. and Jerome, all of whom are mentioned in the next paragraph. Norman Northrop, the youngest son of Peter (V), was born June 24, 1800, and died January 24, 1866, in Crete, Ill. He was married in Danbury, to Eliza Selleck, who died September 1, 1878, aged seventy-six. The names of their two children properly belong in the paragraph devoted to the seventh generation, but as both died at an early age they will be mentioned here for the sake of convenience: Elizabeth was born in Bridgeport, and died when about six years old, and John James, born July 25, 1832, died in Kankakee, Ill., July 3, 1855.

VII. Of the sons of Walter Northrop (VI), the first, Charles, was born July 26, 1817, and died October 28, 1890. He was married March 29, 1849, to Sophia Amelia Banks, who was born February 17, 1824, daughter of Abram and Eunice Banks, of Greenfield, Conn. (2) Norman, born in 1821, died April 20, 1822. (3) Walter, born June 27, 1823, died November 2, 1874. He was married March 24, 1844, to Emily Botsford, who was born February 19, 1824, daughter of Daniel Botsford, of Newtown. They had five children, Caroline and Emeline (twins), Sarah Eliza, Annie Belle and Emeline A., all of whom will be mentioned in the next paragraph. (4) Norman (2) was born March 18, 1825, and was married September 12, 1847, at Easton, Conn., to Julia Sanford, who was born October 21, 1826, a daughter of Eben Sanford. The two children of this union, Sarah Maria and Charles William, are mentioned in the next paragraph. (5) William N., born July 15, 1829, was married May 15, 1855, in Westport, Conn., to Julia, daughter of Henry and Eveline Lamberton. Their children, Mary Eliza, Charles Henry, John James and Mary Hattie, are mentioned below. (6) Jerome, youngest son of Walter (VI), was born December 8, 1833, and was married April 19, 1859, to Sarah, daughter of Lewis L. and Emeline Stuart. Their two children, Nellie L. and Sarah Frances, are mentioned below.

VIII. Of the children of Walter Northrop (VII), Caroline and Emeline, born December 17, 1845, died in February, 1846, the former on the 8th and the latter on the 12th. (3) Sarah Eliza, born January 3, 1849, was married April 2, 1873, to Birdsey Glover, and had three daughters, Emma, Bessie and Florence, who are mentioned below. (4) Annie Belle, born October 20, 1852, was married September 10, 1872, to Orrin B. Smith, and had one daughter, Jessie, mentioned in the following paragraph. (5) Emeline A., born January 7, 1856, was married October 19, 1875, to William Rowell, and died April 12, 1876. Of the two children of Norman Northrop (VII), Sarah Maria, born October 21, 1849, was married September 24, 1873, to Walter Glover, by whom she had two sons, William B. and Norman B., who are mentioned below. (2) Charles William, born August 26, 1854, was married

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March 27, 1889, to Alice D., daughter of D. E. Kewes, of Crete, Ill., and has had two children, Maud A. and Julia Loretta, mentioned below. Of the four children of William N. Northrop (VII), Mary Eliza, born December 9, 1856, died December 9, 1861. (2) Charles Henry, born November 21, 1859, was married December 28, 1887, to Mary Grace, daughter of Daniel and Sophia Hammond, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and has had three children, Mary Grace, Eleanor Louise and Nelson William, mentioned below. (3) John James, born November 9, 1862, resides in Newtown. (4) Mary Hattie, born February 8, 1865, is at home. Of the two children of Jerome Northrop (VII), Nellie L. was born June 11, 1863. (2) Sarah Frances, born December 8, 1869, was married December 16, 1890, to John J. Schermerhorn, of Newtown, formerly of New York City, who died February 21, 1895, aged twenty-eight years, four months and twenty-six days.

IX. In the line of descent from Walter Northrop (VII), we have in this generation the three daughters of Sarah Eliza Glover, viz.: Emma, born January 7, 1874; Bessie, November 2, 1875, and Florence, August 31, 1882, and the daughter of Annie Belle Smith, namely: Jessie, born August 16, 1873. Of the descendants of Norman Northrop (VII), we have the two sons of Sarah Maria Glover, viz.: William B., born February 25, 1876, who married, October 19, 1898, Lydia Anna Benedict, of South Salem, N. Y., and Norman B., born September 6, 1881, and the two daughters of Charles William Northrop, namely, Maud A., born August 6, 1890, and Julia Loretta, born February 27, 1896. Of the descendants of William N. Northrop (VII), we have the three children of Charles Henry Northrop (VIII), viz.: Mary Grace, born October 17, 1888, died February 10, 1892; Eleanor L., born December 19, 1889, and Nelson William, born December 6, 1896. This completes the list of descendants in these lines from John (III), and we will now return to the account of those of Benjamin (III).

III. Benjamin Northrup, fourth son of Jeremiah (II) and grandson of Joseph (I), was baptized in Milford in October, 1696, and became a mason by occupation. His name appears among the pioneers of Newtown in 1712, and as mentioned above he had land assigned to him then and in 1720. He was a deacon of the Congregational Church in that town. On March 4, 1724, he married Sarah Platt, who died February 25, 1775, aged seventy-two years, and he himself passed away August 9, 1775, at the age of seventy-nine, his death being occasioned by a fit. He had eleven children, Benjamin, Sarah, Phœbe, Benjamin (2), Abigail, Meriam, Mercy, Alice, Nathaniel, Eunice and Elihu, all of whom were born in Newtown, and will be mentioned in the next paragraph.

IV. Of the above, (1) Benjamin, born February 7, 1725, died November 7, 1727. (2) Sarah, born February 25, 1727, died December 5, 1787. She married Abner Wakelee, of Roxbury, Conn., who died July 22, 1769, and they had three children—Henry, born April 9, 1751; Eunice, September 19, 1752; and Elizabeth, born July 8, 1754, who was married March 9, 1780, to Thaddeus Hurd, of Roxbury. (3) Phœbe, twin to Sarah, was married May 14, 1760, to Joseph Rockwell, of Danbury. (4) Benjamin, born February 24, 1729, was married March 24, 1755, to Sarah Prindle, of Newtown, and died in 1785. He had eight children, Prudence, Andrew, Rebecca, Jerusha, Naomi, Alanson, Oliver and Annis, who are mentioned in the next paragraph. (5) Abigail, born January 9, 1734, died June 21, 1816. She married Samuel Castle, of Roxbury, who was born February 16, 1734, and died November 16, 1813. They had six children, Huldah, Oliver, Silas, Nabby or Abigail, Zalmon and Northrop, who are mentioned below. (6) Meriam married Gideon Bristol, and had three children, on Woodbury Records—Philenèy, born August 23, 1765; Meriam, August 16, 1767, and Joseph, December 23, 1770. (7) Mercy married Benjamin Munger, and had four children, born in Woodbury, Conn.: Benjamin, May 9, 1763; Damaris, born July 27, 1765; Jesse, December 3, 1767, and Caleb, October 12, 1769. (8) Alice married, January 5, 1760, Joseph Botsford, who died April 5, 1774. (9) Nathaniel, born in 1740, was engaged in farming throughout his life, and died at a good old age May 1, 1812. He was married (first) November 10, 1767, to Esther, daughter of Daniel Gould, a pioneer settler of Redding, and his second wife's name was Rebecca ———. He had eight children: Nancy, Grace, Samuel, Susan, Jerusha, Andrew, Esther Ann and Hezekiah, all of whom are mentioned below. (10) Eunice, baptized June 3, 1743, was married November 17, 1768, to Ebenezer Castle, of Roxbury, who was born August 25, 1743. They had three children: Samuel, born January 10, 1770; Eunice, December 8, 1772, and Ebenezer, April 6, 1774. (11) Elihu, baptized February 16, 1747, is mentioned in 1775 in connection with the distribution of his father's estate.

V. From the above-named children of Sarah, Meriam, Mercy and Eunice (IV), no lines of descent are traced, and they will not be again men-

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tioned. Of the eight children of Benjamin (IV), (1) Prudence, born March 27, 1756, married Thomas Hall, and removed to Cornwall, Vt. (2) Andrew was born September 24, 1757. (3) Rebecca, baptized August 26, 1759, married Ebenezer Bostwick. (4) Jerusha was baptized May 23, 1762. (5) Naomi, baptized October 5, 1764, married Gershom Bostwick. (6) Alanson, born September 24, 1765, who was a carpenter by occupation, died April 18, 1812, a horse having thrown him; he was married April 18, 1792, to Lydia, daughter of Eliphalet and Rebecca (Baldwin) Hull, and she survived him many years, dying January 9, 1860, at the age of eighty-seven. They had four children: Oliver, Cyrenus, Lydia Ann and Elizur, who are mentioned in the next paragraph. (7) Oliver was baptized May 15, 1768. (8) Annis married Amos Baldwin, and settled at Butternuts, N. Y. Andrew and Oliver both died before their father, Benjamin, as in his will, dated 1785, he calls Alanson his only son. Of the six children of Abigail Northrup (IV) and Samuel Castle, the eldest, Huldah, was born December 22, 1758. (2) Oliver, born April 8, 1761, and married May 17, 1784, to Thankful Strong, of Woodbury, Conn., died June 17, 1786. (3) Silas, born September 21, 1763, became a physician; he died December 5, 1840, at the age of seventy-seven, and his wife, Hannah ———, of Wethersfield, Conn., died March 7, 1847, at the same age. They had seven children: Harry H. (who is supposed to be the same as Harvey H.); Chancey N., Abigail R., Charles H., Julia H., Jerome S. and Catherine L., all of whom are mentioned below. (4) Nabby (or Abigail), born June 19, 1767, was married in Roxbury, Conn., January 31, 1791, to John Mosely. (5) Zalmon was born April 6, 1774. (6) Northrup was born March 21, 1776. Of the eight children of Nathaniel Northrup (IV), the eldest, Nancy, born February 1, 1769, married Ziba Washburn. (2) Grace, born July 24, 1771, married William Birch, and had two children, Samuel and Harriet, who are mentioned below. (3) Samuel, born in 1773, married Clarissa Johnson, of Newtown, and died October 26, 1821. (4) Susan was baptized April 2, 1775. (5) Jerusha, born in 1778, married Jacob Johnson, and died October 30, 1828. (6) Andrew married a daughter of Jacob Wallace. (7) Esther Ann. (8) Hezekiah, born February 1, 1780, married, September 15, 1804, Huldah Johnson, a daughter of Abel Johnson, of Newtown, and died January 5, 1825; he had eight children.

VI. Of the children of Alanson Northrup (V), the eldest, Oliver, known as Captain Oliver, was orn August 24, 1793, and followed farming. He was connected with public business during the greater portion of his life, and served as a member of the General Assembly in 1836, and as a selectman for six years, while he was frequently called upon to act as administrator and executor in settling estates. On February 20, 1815, he married Nanny Northrup, who is mentioned above as a descendant of John (III). Her death occurred November 25, 1835, from consumption, and on April 30, 1843, he married Mrs. Jerusha Skidmore, a widow, from whom he was divorced. He died May 4, 1871, from typhoid fever. The three children of his first marriage, Heman G., Horatio N. and Hosea B., are mentioned in the next paragraph. (2) Cyrenius, born October 24, 1795, engaged in farming, and died May 30, 1869, from dropsy. He was married October 22, 1821, to Phœbe Ann Parmalee, who was born August 29, 1799, a daughter of Amos Parmalee, of Newtown, and she survived him, dying February 10, 1891, at the age of ninety-one, from pneumonia. Their three children, Mary Eliza, Horace and Lydia Ann, are mentioned below. (3) Lydia Ann, daughter of Alanson (V), was born September 7, 1799, and died July 12, 1862. She was married July 2, 1817, to Timothy A. Benedict, of Bethel, who died December 14, 1878. Their three children, Rebecca, Juliette and Granville, are mentioned below. (4) Elizur, youngest child of Alanson (V), was born August 21, 1807, became a farmer and comb-maker, and died January 21, 1868. He was married March 25, 1828, to Charlotte Johnson, daughter of Samuel Johnson. She died March 8, 1839, aged twenty-eight years and ten months, and on June 21, 1839, he married Delia Sherwood, who survived him, and was married July 15, 1873, to a second husband, Wooster Ives, of Wallingford, Conn.; she died April 24, 1883, aged sixty-one. By his first marriage he had six children, Juliette, Alanson, Emily, John, Harriet and Charlotte, and by the second he had two, John and Phœbe Ann, all of whom are mentioned among the seventh generation. Of the seven children of Dr. Silas Castle (V), the eldest, Harvey H., born October 5, 1796, was married (first) on September 24, 1818, to Lucinda Youngs, who died February 1, 1850, aged fifty. On October 28, 1852, he married Widow Irene Summers, and his death occurred February 10, 1873. By his first marriage he had one child, Emeline L., born July 1, 1822. (2) Chancey N., born May 12, 1799, was married December 7, 1828, to Sarah Amanda Minor, by whom he had two daughters, Frances, who died in 1837, and Henriette V., born September 3, 1838, who was married January 3, 1865, to R. T. Kendall, of Waterbury, Conn. (3) Abigail R.

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born July 22, 1805, was married March 28, 1824, to Heman Patterson. (4) Charles H. was born July 18, 1824. (5) Julia H., born December 14, 1826, was married September 2, 1848, to Edward A. Garlick. (6) Jerome S., born December 3, 1829, was married May 24, 1852, to Mary H. Garlick, and died February 2, 1862. (7) Catherine L., born July 2, 1833, was married October 26, 1853, to Eliad Taylor. Of the two children of Grace Northrup (V) and William Birch, namely: Samuel and Harriet, the latter was born July 25, 1791, and died May 26, 1887. She married Samuel Toucey, who was born June 1, 1789, and died July 21, 1850. Their children were Charles, born October 8, 1808, died March 14, 1880; William, December 15, 1810, died February 16, 1894; Russell, July 25, 1814, was drowned May 25, 1836; Walter, April 4, 1818, died March 24, 1841; Laura, April 4, 1820, died December 15, 1840; John, about 1827, died September, 1898; Clarissa, June 11, 1828, died June 10, 1841, and Donald, October 5, 1830, died September 8, 1832; there were two other sons, Beers and Frederick.

VII. Of the three sons of Capt. Oliver Northrop (VI), the eldest, Heman G., born October 14, 1816, who was a carpenter by trade, died April 6, 1877, from epilepsy. He was married April 18, 1838, to Fanny Dimon, born July 12, 1819, daughter of Gershom and Lucy (Peck) Dimon. They had three children, of whom, (1) Annie Eliza, born October 23, 1842, was married October 18, 1861, to Francis W. Platt, of Newtown, who died in Waterbury, Conn., November 11, 1877, of typhoid fever, at the age of thirty-seven. (2) Lucy Amelia, born November 20, 1846, died December 31, 1891. (3) George Wilbur, born June 20, 1859, was married January 11, 1881, to Frances E. Merrell, of Newtown, and has three children: Raymond G., born January 17, 1883; Roland D., July 3, 1884, and Mabel F., March 26, 1886, this being the ninth generation from Joseph of Milford. 2. Horatio N., second son of Capt. Oliver (VI), was born January 20, 1820, became a farmer, and died February 13, 1884, from paralysis. He was married June 12, 1853, to Louisa French, who was born October 5, 1827, daughter of Turney and Betsey (Bennett) French. Of their three children, (1) Ella Louisa, born December 17, 1856, was married November 9, 1876, to Lauren Skidmore, of Newtown, who was born July 4, 1856. (2) Oliver, born October 30, 1861, was married November 28, 1890, to Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Roger Sherman and Jane Melissa (Hubbell) Mallett, of Tashua, Conn., and has had one child, Edith Hazel, born December 16, 1892, thus continuing this line also to the ninth generation. (3) Turney, born November 9, 1863, was married November 9, 1892, to Novella, daughter of Moses H. and Anna Maria Thorp, of Easton, Conn., and has had two children, Moses Stanley (IX), born July 13, 1895, and Elliott Sherwood, born March 16, 1897. 3. Hosea B., youngest son of Captain Oliver (VI), was born June 20, 1828, and is now a prosperous agriculturist of Newtown. He was married March 17, 1852, to Juliette Fairchild, born August 5, 1832, daughter of Peter W. and Caroline (Briscoe) Fairchild. Two children were born of this union, and here also the lines of descent are continued to the ninth generation. (1) Caroline Emily, born August 23, 1862, was married October 13, 1881, to Frederick C. Sanford (who was born January 1, 1857, son of William O. and Lydia A. Wheeler Sanford, of Weston, Conn.), and they have had two children: Juliette F., born January 26, 1885, and Eva L., born November 24, 1887. (2) Annie Cornelia, born October 16, 1866, was married June 12, 1889, to Arthur J. Wilson (who was born December 6, 1867, a son of James W. and Adeline Ives Wilson), and they have had one child, Annie Caroline, born January 10, 1896. Of the three children of Cyrenius Northrop (VI), (1) Mary Elizabeth, born July 22, 1822, died September 15, 1846. (2) Horace, born December 12, 1827, is a farmer by occupation. He was married November 9, 1851, to Sylvia Nichols, who was born January 5, 1828, a daughter of John L. and Emily Mallett Nichols, of Tashua, Conn., and they have had five children: Mary Elizabeth, born November, 18, 1853, died January 8, 1872, of consumption; Emma Jane born September 27, 1855; Lydia Augusta, born October 1, 1857; Clara Louise, born April 25, 1860, and William Nichols, born October 7, 1863. (3) Lydia Ann, born September 22, 1828, was married June 19, 1853, to Homer Hurd Dikeman, of Cheshire, Conn., who died October 15, 1865, in New Orleans, of consumption, and her death occurred February 15, 1891, from pneumonia and heart disease. Lydia Ann (Northrop) Benedict (VI), daughter of Alanson (V), had three children as noted above. (1) Rebecca, born September 15, 1821, was married October 15, 1860, to George Parmalee, and died July 27, 1877. (2) Juliette, born September 13, 1823, was married May 13, 1848, to Almon Edwards, of Trumbull, Conn., who died March 16, 1885, of heart disease. She died March 22, 1898, in Bridgeport, Conn. (3) Granville, born August 21, 1826, settled in Utica, N. Y., and was married January 1, 1857, to Sarah Moshier,

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of that city. They have had two children: Marion Delia, born January 20, 1860, who was married January 19, 1887, to David Wolcott, of Utica; and George Herman, born February 9, 1864, who is now a florist in the same city. Of the children of Elizur (VI), youngest son of Alanson (V), 1. Juliette, born April 23, 1831, was married July 5, 1852, in Danbury, to Dr. William H. Bronson, a native of Danbury, who died in Newtown October 5, 1874, of consumption, and her own death occurred in Danbury December 14, 1882. They had three children: Eudora, born March 16, 1854, in Bethel, died August 13, 1873, in Newtown; Catherine J., born April 24, 1858, died August 15, 1875, of consumption, and William T., the youngest, was born August 12, 1869. 2. Alanson, born August 6, 1832, died March 3, 1836. 3. Emily, born January 5, 1834, was married February 1, 1852, to Jerome H. Botsford, son of Austin Botsford. She died January 8, 1879, and he died on the 20th of the same month. They had six children; and three have descendants in the ninth generation. (1) Henry Bronson, born November 22, 1852, was married November 22, 1872, to Ella M. Couch, daughter of Nathan and Betsey Couch, and he died April 14, 1877, from accidental injuries, a brick wall falling on him. He left one son, Leonard Austin, born January 6, 1876. (2) Samuel Johnson, born September 25, 1854, was married May 10, 1882, to Ella M. (Couch) Botsford, and has had children: Gertrude E., born March 10, 1883; Herbert C., May 18, 1885; Robert C., August 8, 1887; and Frances Adella, September 10, 1893. (3) Adella Frances, born August 22, 1856. (4) Homer Clayton, born February 20, 1859, died July 20, 1872. (5) Charlotte Amelia, born January 10, 1861. (6) Emily Volucia, born February 10, 1865, was married November 25, 1885, to Lester K. Coleman, of Danbury, and has three children: Willis, born March 23, 1886; Marjorie Adella, born October 11, 1889, and Clayton, born August 14, 1893. 4. John, born October 15, 1835, died May 15, 1839. 5. Harriet, born April 29, 1837, was married March 13, 1866, to Oliver M. Allen, a dentist, then of Marion, Wayne Co., N. Y., but later (in 1890) a resident of Bridgeton, N. J. They have had four children: Ida May, born May 24, 1867; Nellie Grace, August 7, 1870; Arthur Parker, June 1, 1873; and Addie Belle, May 31, 1876. 6. Charlotte, born September 10, 1838, was married March 18, 1868, at Port Chester, N. Y., to Hiram Pulling, of Ridgefield, Conn., now a resident of Danbury. They had four children: Harriet Gertrude, born December 23, 1869, was married November 18, 1891, to S. Ernest Downs, of Danbury; Achsah Lurana, born September 13, 1872, died June 5, 1874; Emily Agnes, born September 8, 1874, died August 26, 1875; and Charlotte Marion, the youngest, born January 8, 1876. 7. John (2), born November 15, 1842, married (first) Mary V. Beardsley, of Monroe, this county, from whom he was divorced. On October 24, 1872, he married Mrs. Annie Sherwood, a widow, who died February 8, 1873, of consumption, and on June 14, 1879, he married Mary Tomlinson, of Newtown, Conn. He died March 31, 1897, in Joliet, Ill.; no children. 8. Phœbe Ann, born June 21, 1845, was married January 22, 1866, to Prosper Beach, of Trumbull, who was drowned July 11, 1886. They had two children: Ernest, born April 26, 1867, who was married, November 24, 1887, to Harriet Coneway; and Elizur, born May 25, 1871.

DAVID NORTHROP (deceased), formerly of Newtown, Fairfield county, was born July 21, 1810, in Newtown, the son of John, and great-grandson of Lieut. John (III). [See sketch of Northrop family.]

David Northrop was educated in the district schools of his neighborhood, and in the Newtown Academy. In early life he learned the comb-maker's trade, and also worked at carpentering at times, but finally he devoted his attention to agriculture, as he owned a good farm. The old brick house on his father's farm was built in 1825, and the new one, in which his life was passed, in 1841. He was a man of good information, and took some part in public affairs, representing the town in the Legislature previous to the Civil war. In his religious views he was a Universalist, and in politics he was a Democrat. He was public-spirited and a respected citizen, became successful in his farming and business operations, and acquired considerable property through his own efforts. He died November 12, 1883; his widow, Mrs. Emily (Johnson) Northrop, still survives.

Samuel Johnson, father of Mrs. David Northrop, was born September 18, 1780, and became a well-known agriculturist of Huntington District, town of Newtown. On December 27, 1805, he married Sally A. Griffin, who was born March 10, 1782, and their family was comprised of the following named children, their names and dates of birth being given: Alonzo, November 2, 1806; Julia, February 24, 1808; Charlotte, May 1, 1810; John, July 6 (or 16), 1812; Abel, March 20, 1813; Philo, December 6, 1814; Andrew J., March 9, 1816; Albert J., November 9, 1817; Emily, June 15, 1819; and Reuben J., May 19, 1821.

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HOSEA B. NORTHROP. This well-known agriculturist resides about two miles southeast of Newtown village, upon an attractive homestead which has been in the possession of his family since 1712, his ancestors having been among the first settlers of that vicinity. Mr. Northrop, like all of the name in this county, is a descendant of Joseph Northrup, a native of England, and a pioneer settler at Milford, Conn. A genealogical record appears a few pages back in which it will be seen that Mr. Northrop is descended, in both paternal and maternal lines, from Joseph, of Milford, his father, Capt. Oliver Northrop, tracing his descent through Benjamin, grandson of Joseph, and fourth son of Jeremiah, and his mother, whose maiden name was Nanny Northrop, through John, grandson of Joseph, and eldest son of Jeremiah.

Mr. Northrop, our subject, was born in Newtown, June 20, 1828, and received as good educational opportunities as the locality afforded in that day, his course in the district schools of Newtown being supplemented with an attendance at a private school in Taunton conducted by Harry Peck. He remained with his father at the present homestead until he reached the age of twenty-four, when he removed to the farm just below. For twenty-four years he resided at the latter place, in 1877 returning to the old homestead, where he has since remained. His judicious management of his estate has won for him a high standing in business circles, and his advice upon financial matters is highly valued. At present he is a director in the Newtown Savings Bank. Politically he is conservative, voting independently for the best men and measures. Although he has often been urged to take office, he has invariably declined. On March 17, 1852, he married Miss Juliette Fairchild, by whom he has had two children: (1) Caroline Emily, born August 23, 1862, was married October 13, 1881, to Frederick C. Sanford, of Weston, Conn., born January 1, 1857, son of William O. and Lydia A. Sanford, and they have had two daughters—Juliette F., born January 26, 1885, and Eva L., born November 24, 1887. (2) Annie Cornelia, born October 16, 1866, was married June 12, 1889, to Arthur J. Wilson, born December 6, 1867, son of James W. and Adeline Wilson, and they have had one daughter—Annie Caroline, born January 10, 1896. The family is identified with the Congregational Church, and has always been prominent in the social life of the neighborhood. Mrs. Northrop was born August 5, 1832, a daughter of Peter W. and Caroline (Briscoe) Fairchild. The Fairchild and Briscoe families are well known in this section, and she is also related to other leading families including the Sherman and Glover lines. Capt. Henry Glover, who was prominent in the early history of the county, married (first) Sarah Bassett, and (second, on November 14, 1762) Ann Sanford, by whom he had the following children: Sarah, born November 6, 1763 (the great-grandmother of Mrs. Northrop); Anna, born October 27, 1765; Rhoda, born February 25, 1769; Simeon, born May 14, 1772; Prudence, born November 3, 1774; Henry, born April 7, 1779; and Lucy, born in July, 1782. Ann Sanford, wife of Henry Glover, died February 3, 1814, aged seventy-two years. Sarah Glover married Lewis Sherman, and their daughter Anna became the wife of Isaac Briscoe, of Newtown, and the mother of Caroline Briscoe, mentioned above.

BRISCOE. The Newtown Briscoes, who descended from Lieutenant Nathaniel Briscoe, of Milford and Newtown, trace their ancestry back to Edward Briscoe or Biscoe, and his wife Ann, of England. He was buried at Little Messenden, England, June 1, 1553.

The line of Lieutenant Briscoe's descent is from Edward through John, who married July 18, 1567, Johan Randall, daughter of Edward Randall; Nathaniel; Nathaniel (2); Nathaniel (3), and James.

Edward Briscoe, a son of John, was baptized in Little Messenden, England, July 31, 1569, and died in 1605. Married Alice, a daughter of Henry Taylor.

Nathaniel Briscoe, son of Edward, was baptized November 16, 1595, and was married October 21, 1615, to Elizabeth Honor, daughter of Henry Honor. He came to America with his family in 1639, but returned to England in 1651. [Savage mentions him as being at Watertown, a rich tanner, and a selectman in 1648 and 1650.] His wife died in Watertown, Mass., and was buried November 20, 1642.

Nathaniel Briscoe (2), son of Nathaniel, was baptized in Little Messenden, England, May 18, 1629. [Savage mentions him as being at Cambridge in 1639, and says that he probably moved to Milford, Conn., before 1646, as he was an early settler there. His descendants seem to have removed from Milford before 1721 with the exception of Samuel, and they probably went to Newtown, as the names of James and Nathaniel Briscoe are found in the list of pioneers of 1712.]

Nathaniel Briscoe (3), of Milford, Conn., was baptized in January, 1647, married November 29, 1672, Mary Camp, daughter of Edward Camp,

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and died in 1690. [Savage names his children as James, born August 14, 1673; Mary, born November 15, 1675; Samuel, born March 4, 1678; Sarah, born January 22, 1681; Abigail, born November 1, 1684; John, baptized February, 1687; and Dinah, baptized December, 1689, died young; and says Nathaniel died the next year.]

James Briscoe, son of Nathaniel Briscoe (3), born August 14, 1673, married June 1, 1699, Elizabeth Adams.

Lieut. Nathaniel Briscoe, son of James, born June 16, 1708, in Milford, Conn., was married late in life (about 1770) to Eunice Hurd Johnson, of Monroe, Conn. He died in July, 1790, and she passed away December 22, 1838, aged ninety-six years. Lieutenant Briscoe removed from Milford to Newtown, Conn., and there passed the rest of his life in farming, keeping a number of slaves. He owned a large amount of real estate, and the homestead which he occupied is now a part of Newtown cemetery. He was quite active in public affairs, as the records show that he was selectman of the town for ten years between 1743 and 1778. In 1768 he and Capt. Amos Botsford gave the bell to the Congregational Church, at Newtown, which is still in use. Lieut. Nathaniel had three children: (1) Eunice Briscoe, baptized May 12, 1774, married Thompson Booth, of Bridgewater, Conn. Their children were: Maria Emma married James Hepburn, of Milford, and died soon after her marriage; Louisa died in New Milford in 1877, unmarried, aged seventy-five; Lyman went to Berkshire, Mass.; Charles went to Illinois; Susan and Laura were unmarried. (2) Isaac Briscoe, born in 1781, died June 26, 1812, married in February, 1801, Anna Sherman, daughter of Lewis and Sarah (Glover) Sherman, and had children: Amy, born June 6, 1802, married August 30, 1819, William Tomlinson; Lewis S. is mentioned farther on; Harriet, born November 16, 1806, married June 5, 1827, Horace Dibble, of Brookfield, Conn., and resided in New Haven, Conn.; Polly, born April 9, 1808, married in 1824, David J. Glover, of Newtown; Sally, born April 2, 1810, married June 1, 1828, Alonzo C. Frost, of Bridgewater, Conn.; and Caroline, born November 16, 1811, married December 27, 1829, Peter Warren Fairchild (they were parents of Mrs. Hosea Northrop), who died February 29, 1884. She died November 11, 1884.

(3) Nathaniel Briscoe, born September 22, 1784, died January 5, 1869. He had a remarkable memory, and was known as "Preacher Briscoe" from the fact that as a child he would mount a chair on returning from Church and repeat the sermon verbatim. For many years he taught school with marked success. About 1862 he made his home in Palestine with a son who had purchased Mrs. Jerusha Skidmore's homestead. He was married (first) on October 2, 1808, to Hannah Leach, and their children were: Susan, born March 20, 1810, married October 23, 1828, Alfred Wixon; and Mary, born in March, 1812, married Joseph G. Ferris, of Newtown. On September 17, 1820, he married Sally D. Raymond, who died August 2, 1869, aged seventy-six years and six months. The children by the second wife were: Priscilla Elizabeth, born June 28, 1823, died December 6, 1842; Bradley D., born March 17, 1825, died March 11, 1871; Miranda, born 1827, married Deransel Hall, and died April 18, 1886.

Lewis S. Briscoe, son of Isaac Briscoe, was a resident of Taunton District, where he farmed and dealt extensively in cattle. He was one of the active business men of his town at that time. He was born August 23, 1803, and died January 27, 1880. In 1855 he served as selectman. He married November 6, 1824, Jane E. Pettis, who died August 30, 1895, aged ninety years, and their children were: Isaac, born August 29, 1825, married on February 5, 1849, Cornelia Fairchild, of Newtown; Cornelia E., born Dec. 14, 1827, married Dec. 25, 1850, Edward Crofut, who died August 19, 1859, aged thirty-three, and she died June 24, 1895; Theodore, born June, 1831, died January 25, 1832; Gustavus, born December, 1835, married November 27, 1855, to Susan Taylor, daughter of Hoyt Taylor, and died September 25, 1863; Louisa S., born March 31, 1837, married February 27, 1855, Leroy Taylor, and died June 1, 1861; Charles L., born February 6, 1845, married June 12, 1864, Jenette Taylor, daughter of Hoyt Taylor.

Charles Briscoe, son of Isaac Briscoe, born February 7, 1805, married, in 1826, Mary Davison, of Milford, Conn. He died in Newtown, Conn., November 28, 1843, and she died in Enfield, Conn., March 7, 1889. She was a member of the Congregational Church. After her daughter Mary's death she made her home with her son, Judge Charles H. Briscoe. Charles Briscoe was a tanner, and owned a tannery in Newtown village; also owned the home next to that of the late Marcus C. Hawley in the Street. He had four children: (1) Harriet Briscoe married July 28, 1851, Henry Mygatt, and moved to California. (2) Mary E. Briscoe died July 31, 1881, aged fifty-three years. (3) Hon. Charles Henry Briscoe was born December 20, 1831, in Newtown. He read law with Amos S. Treat, and was admitted to the Bar in Fairfield county

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in 1854. In September of the same year he located in Enfield, Conn., in practice, and has ever since resided there, but in 1868 he removed his office to Hartford. In 1857, 1864 and 1878 he represented Enfield in the General Assembly, being speaker of the House in 1878. He was a member of the State Senate in 1861, and served as chairman of the committee on Military Affairs. He was the first judge of the court of common pleas for Hartford county, serving from 1869 to 1875. In 1855 Judge Briscoe was married to Anna J. Traver, of Newark, N. J. She died in March, 1875, and June 18, 1878, he married Alice E. Bradley, daughter of George W. Bradley, of Newtown, Conn. His children by the first marriage were: Willis A., Annie T. and Alice M. (4) Willis Briscoe died in Panama.

CURTISS C. HOYT, M. D., a leading physician and surgeon of Bridgeport, is well worthy of prominent mention in this volume, not only because of his success as a medical practitioner, but also as a citizen whose public spirit has been manifested in hearty support of the best interests of the community.

The Hoyt family is of Colonial stock, and Noah Hoyt, the Doctor's great-great-grandfather, was born probably in America and, according to some authorities, made his home at or near the site of Danbury. He died at the age of one hundred and seven years. Jesse Hoyt, our subject's great-grandfather, was probably a native of Danbury, and he was a farmer by occupation; he died at the age of one hundred and one years. Lewis Stephen Hoyt, the grandfather of our subject, was born at Danbury, and became a farmer there. He was also a noted surveyor of the early day, and laid out the city of Danbury. He was a member of the Legislature, a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, and was known as "Deacon Lewis." He was a strong, forcible character, and a leader among men. He died about 1859 or '60.

Lewis Clark Hoyt, our subject's father, was born in 1824, and reared at Danbury. After spending some years as a school teacher, he engaged in surveying and in the insurance business, being the only agent there for many years, and he was the first one in the place. He was known as "Clark Hoyt," and was a successful man in all his dealings. In addition to all this, he was a burgess of Danbury, and city surveyor. He died in that city April 1, 1865. His wife, Sarah M. (Hough), was born in Trenton, N. J., of English descent, a daughter of William Case Hough, a resident of Madison, Wis., at the time of his death, a surveyor by occupation, which he followed all through the State of Wisconsin. She died May 10, 1887. Our subject was one of a family of five children, the others being Sarah E., who married James Cummings, and died in Danbury in 1886; Carrie, who died in 1862; Hattie M., who became a trained nurse, and afterward married Dr. Frederick Lyons, of New York City; and Lewis C., an engineer on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad.

Doctor Hoyt was born July 28, 1852, at the old home in Danbury, the public schools of which city he attended until he reached the age of twelve years. He then found employment, and was engaged in different occupations; but his cherished wish to enter the medical profession was sustained through all discouragements. In 1883 he began a study by preparatory reading with Dr. A. E. Adams, of Danbury, with whom he remained a year and a half, and later, October 1, 1885, he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, graduating May 10, 1887, being the last man who graduated from this college in a two-years' course. On June 3 of the same year he located in Bridgeport, where he speedily gained a desirable practice. He is a member of the City, State and County Medical Associations, and for four years was president of the Bridgeport Board of Health. In politics he is a Democrat, and wherever he has resided he has taken a keen interest in local affairs. While in Danbury he served as justice of the peace, and for some time was chief engineer of the fire department. His first wife, who was Miss Anna E. Crofut, daughter of George and Mary Crofut, of Danbury, died in 1887, and he afterward married Miss Hattie M. Rees, of Bridgeport, who was born in Massachusetts, daughter of Abram L. and Pauline Rees. His only child, the offspring of the first wife, died in infancy. Socially, the Doctor and his wife are prominent, and he is connected with various organizations, including the I. O. O. F., in which he has passed the chairs, is noble grand in the subordinate lodge and in the degree of Rebekah, also high priest in the Encampment No. 5. He is also a member of Arcanum Lodge No. 41, I. O. O. F.; of St. John's Lodge No. 3, F. and A. M., and Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; is also a member of the Foresters of America, Court Waldemere No. 19, and is a physician of Catalpa Circle, Companion of the Forest Court Norden No. 129, F. of A.

The Doctor is one of the self-made men of his city, and has been very successful. He attributes his success to perseverance in a prearranged course laid out years ago.

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CHARLES WHEELER WILSON, an agriculturist of this section, has a fine farm in the town of Fairfield. His systematic and progressive management seems to produce good results, and the farm is kept in a high state of cultivation.

Mr. Wilson was born February 13, 1831, in Burr's District, Fairfield township, a son of Wakeman Wilson, grandson of Samuel Wilson, and great-grandson of Isaac Wilson. Samuel Wilson, the grandfather, was born November 1, 1761, and became a successful farmer of Fairfield township, owning property on what was known as Wilson's Highway. During the struggle for independence he served with the Colonial forces, being called out at the time of the burning of Fairfield by the British. Politically he was always a stanch Democrat. The *Bridgeport Farmer* was subscribed for by him at an early date, when the paper was first started, and has ever since been taken by the family, his son, Wakeman, and, later on, our subject, continuing the subscription down to the present time. Samuel Wilson was a large man, well-built, possessing a heavy voice, and an excellent constitution, as he lived to the advanced age of eighty-one, his death occurring April 11, 1842. His wife, Eleanor (Lyon), died July 12 of the same year, and their remains now rest side by side in the old cemetery at Greenfield Hill. She was born in April, 1764, a daughter of Eliphalet and Esther (Wakeman) Lyon, of Fairfield. The children of Samuel and Eleanor Wilson were: Samuel, born November 19, 1784, who became a noted gunsmith, and lived to his ninety-seventh year; Eunice, born August 17, 1786, who married Bryant Glover, and died at an advanced age; Wakeman, our subject's father; and Eleanor, born November 30, 1792, who also attained a good old age.

Wakeman Wilson was born February 9, 1790, in Burr's District, town of Fairfield, and as he possessed remarkable mechanical skill he devoted much of his attention to the carpenter's trade, limiting his efforts, however, to the finer branches of the work. He drew all his plans for buildings, and notwithstanding the fact that he was self-taught, he made a decided success. When a boy he learned to play the violin, and, being extremely fond of music, he often played for entertainments. In his later years he played upon a bass viol which he manufactured for himself, and which is now in the possession of our subject. From the age of twenty he made his home upon a farm in his native district, and his industry and thrift enabled him to secure a fine competence. He enjoyed robust health until a short time previous to his death, which occurred September 10, 1851, his remains being interred at Greenfield Hill. As a citizen he was much esteemed, and while he was not an office seeker, he was a strong supporter of the Democratic party, voting regularly for its candidates. When twenty years old he married Miss Betsey A. Glover, of Plattsville, who died some years later, her burial taking place at Greenfield Hill. By this marriage there were three sons: Morris, born September 18, 1813, who died in childhood; Henry G., born August 23, 1819, who conducted a sawmill for many years in Burr's District, where he died May 12, 1890; and Silas, born July 8, 1822, who followed the carpenter's trade in Bridgeport, and died there November 28, 1880. Mr. Wilson for his second wife married Miss Eunice Wheeler, who was born in Fairfield, February 19, 1790, a daughter of Nathan and Mabel (Bulkley) Wheeler, the former of whom was a successful agriculturist of near Samp Mortar Rock, owning a farm at what was known as Wheeler's Mill, in Jennings Wood District. She died January 19, 1869, and was buried in Oak Lawn cemetery. Our subject was the only child of this union.

Nathan Wheeler, our subject's grandfather, was the son of Thomas, who was the son of Joseph, a descendant of Thomas Wheeler, Sr., who came from England to Concord, Mass., about 1636, and early removed to Fairfield, where he bought a home lot in Pequonnock, upper part of Bridgeport. Joseph, with his family, in 1724, moved from Black Rock to Jennings Wood District, and settled near Samp Mortar Rock, and about that time built a gristmill. Mabel Bulkley, wife of Nathan Wheeler, was a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Whitehead) Bulkley, of Southport, and granddaughter of Peter Bulkley, whose ancestor, the Rev. Peter, son of Rev. Edward Bulkley, of Bedfordshire, England, came to Massachusetts in the year 1635, settling at Concord, where he died March 9, 1659, aged seventy-six years. Nathan Wheeler died November 12, 1812, aged sixty-eight years; Mabel, his wife, passed away December 14, 1827, aged sixty-two years. Their family were as follows: Esther, Nathan, Samuel, Sanford, Eunice, Howkin (who was a sea captain in his early life, later becoming a farmer), Sarah, Moses, Mary, and William (who for some forty-eight years practiced medicine in Merrick, L. I.); there were two by the name of Charles, who both died young. Tradition says the Wheelers were originally from Wales.

Our subject was educated in the schools of Burr's District, town of Fairfield, and among his early teachers were Miss Turney, of Eas-

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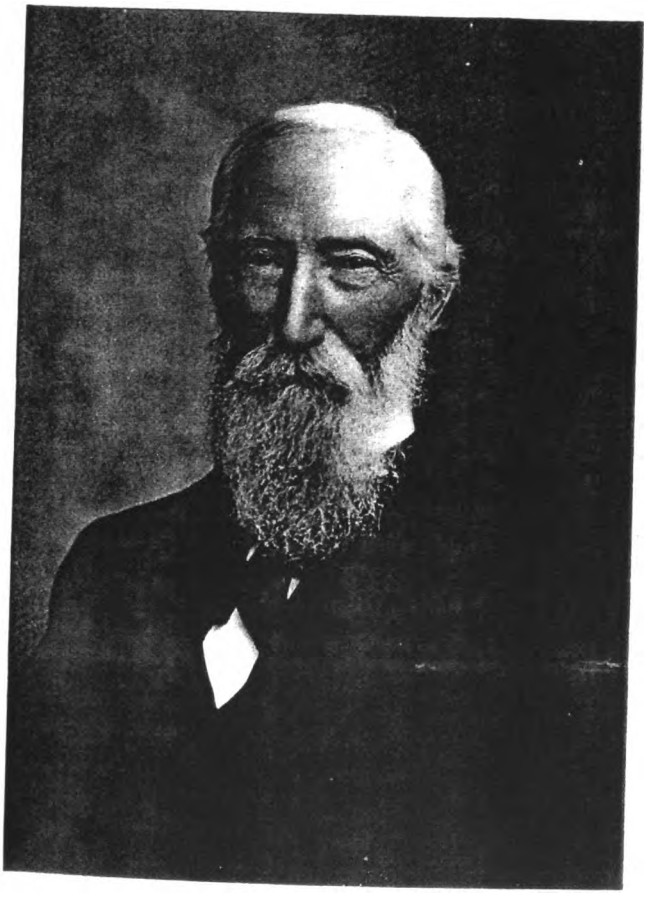

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ton, Miss Ellen Nichols; Uriah Bulkley, Abram Sherwood, Nathan Bulkley and David Gould. At the age of four years he was taken to the home of an uncle, William Jennings, who occupied our subject's present homestead, but in 1851, after the death of his father, he returned home and remained until the winter of 1854-55, since which time he has resided on his present farm. He seems to have inherited his father's mechanical genius, and after picking up the carpenter's trade he followed it successfully for some years, but of late his time has been given mainly to the management of his farm. While he is a steadfast believer in Democratic principles, so far as National affairs are concerned, he often selects the best man in local elections, irrespective of party. He has won an enviable reputation for upright dealing, his word never being questioned. His family is prominent socially, and he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church at Greenfield Hill.

On May 31, 1852, Mr. Wilson was married at Greenfield Hill, by Rev. Thomas B. Sturges, to Miss Frances J. Banks, and six children have blessed the union, the four living being still at home. They are as follows: William W., born June 23, 1853, is unmarried; Mary E.; Charles W., Jr. (a school teacher), born April 14, 1859, died November 5, 1893, unmarried; Frances J.; George B., born August 21, 1865, died November 14, 1892; and Samuel F., born October 26, 1875. The last named is a musician of both vocal and instrumental attainments, and possesses a fine tenor voice; he has been connected with the choir of Greenfield Hill Church five years. Mr. Wilson has sold a portion of his former holdings, but he retains the farm, which comprises some eighty acres.

Mrs. Wilson was born May 14, 1831, in Burr's District, town of Fairfield, a daughter of William Banks, a well-known farmer and shoemaker, who died at the age of forty-four years. William Banks was the son of Elija, who, with his brother Hyatt, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and was the son of Gershom, whose ancestor, John Banks, a lawyer, was an early settler of Fairfield, and one of the richest and most prominent men of his time. Mrs. Julia (Banks) Wilson, daughter of Elija, was presented with a gold spoon by the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is now over ninety years of age. Harriet (Fairman), wife of William Banks, and who survived him, living to her sixty-first year, was a daughter of Richard and Sarah (Wakeman) Fairman, the former a native of Newtown and, later, a resident of Fairfield. William and Harriet Banks had eight daughters: Sarah (1), who died aged seven and one-half years; Mary, who died in infancy; Annie, widow of David DeForest, of Bridgeport; Frances J. (Mrs. Wilson); Flora, who died in infancy; Sarah (2), who married Carmi Hart, and died in Bridgeport; Mary W., who died unmarried; and Caroline C., who married Simon Cronenberger, of Bridgeport, and died there some years ago.

Mrs. Wilson's maternal grandmother, Sarah (Wakeman) Fairman, was the daughter of Ebenezer Wakeman, and granddaughter of John Wakeman, both of Fairfield township, and descendants of the Rev. Samuel Wakeman, who was prominent in Colonial days. Ebenezer Wakeman was a farmer, and he also engaged in the making of fine shoes, at the same time operating a tannery. He was a thorough business man. His first wife was a Miss Webb, and their children were: Ebenezer, Eunice and Betsy. For his second wife Ebenezer married Mrs. Sarah (Shelton) Hawley, widow of Eli Hawley, and they had three children: Jonathan, an attorney; Abijah, who became a farmer, and Sarah, who married Richard Fairman. Mrs. Sarah (Shelton) Wakeman owned slaves which she brought to Greenfield from Stratford, and she afterward sold and freed some of them. She was a native of Huntington, Conn., and a descendant of Daniel Shelton, who emigrated to this country with his brother Richard, from Yorkshire, England, in the year 1690. He settled in Stratford, Conn. Richard went to Virginia.

JOHN HENRY SHERWOOD, a well-known horticulturist of Fairfield township, is the owner of a valuable farm near Southport, which he manages with rare skill and judgment. He is thoroughly progressive in his methods, and has made notable improvements in his chosen line of work, being the originator of the celebrated "Pequot strawberry," one of the finest varieties known of that fruit.

Mr. Sherwood comes of good old pioneer stock, being of the seventh generation in descent from Thomas Sherwood who came from England and settled in what is now Fairfield township before the organization of the town. In all the movements relating to the settlement of the locality he took an active part, his death occurring about 1675, and his descendants have always been characterized by the qualities that constitute good citizenship.

Benjamin Sherwood (1), through whom the line of descent to our subject is continued, was

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a wealthy land owner of Fairfield township, his estate covering the entire circuit of Mill Hill, and his residence stood on the knoll inside the present limits of Oak Lawn cemetery, near the gate.

Benjamin Sherwood (2), the next in the line of descent, was born in 1699, and died January 19, 1763. His wife, Eleanor (Bradley), was born in 1707, and died March 20, 1793. They had the following children: John, who is mentioned below; Seth, who was married three times; Benjamin, who never married; Ellen (Mrs. Hull); Sarah (Mrs. Burr); and Mehitable (Mrs. Hill).

John Sherwood, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a prominent citizen of Fairfield in his day, and was especially active in religious work, the first meeting of the congregation of Trinity Episcopal Church at Southport being held in his house. He lived to the age of sixty-four, and his wife, Sarah (Hill), who survived him, attained the age of eighty-five. They had nine children: John, who married Hannah Bradley; Eliphalet, who married Abigail Sherwood; Benjamin, who is mentioned more fully below; Zalmon, who married Sarah Ogden; Increase, who married a Mr. Gould; Nehemiah, who died in childhood; William, who married Abigail Burr; Abigail; and Sarah, wife of Samuel Dimon.

Benjamin Sherwood, our subject's grandfather, was born April 13, 1760, on a farm east of Oak Lawn cemetery, and throughout his active life he followed farming on Mill Hill. He was an excellent citizen, industrious and law-abiding, and was much esteemed by his neighbors. He was six feet tall and weighed two hundred pounds. In 1782 he married Anna Hull, who was born August 17, 1760, the daughter of Peter Hull and his wife, Jerusha (Sturges), a daughter of Solomon Sturges. Benjamin and Anna (Hull) Sherwood had a family of six children, as follows: Joel (September 6, 1783—May 9, 1825), was married November 13, 1806, to Abby Hall; Jerusha (September 19, 1786—April 19, 1813) was married September 25, 1801, to Jesse Banks; Lucretia (January 4, 1789—October 30, 1839) was married September 6, 1807, to Walter Sherwood; Hull, our subject's father, is mentioned below; Eunice (October 10, 1794—February 13, 1839) was married in November, 1813, to Edmund Darrow; Eleanor (October 9, 1801—December 24, 1843) was married in 1825 to James Bulkley. Benjamin Sherwood, the father of this family, enlisted in the Revolutionary army at the age of seventeen years, subsequently re-enlisting, and Anna Hull, whom he married, was seventeen years of age at the time of the burning of Fairfield, and from a high rock, now on the land of C. Buckingham, saw her home burn.

Hull Sherwood, the father of our subject, was born December 31, 1791, and died March 1, 1864. He was reared as a farmer, after the old-fashioned methods, but in many respects he anticipated, in the management of his own land in later life, the conclusions of modern science as applied to agriculture. His progressive ideas were often met with sneers by his less enterprising neighbors; but they have been vindicated by the practice of the best farmers of the present day. He was extremely fond of flowers, and the yard around his house was nicely kept, while in all parts of his farm evidences of taste and systematic management were to be found. On one occasion, at a fair where a prize was offered for the best bouquet of flowers, he gained the coveted distinction against the competition of the best florists of the county, amateur and professional, his bouquet containing one hundred and fifty varieties of choice flowers. He was five feet ten inches in height and weighed one hundred and sixty-five pounds, while intellectually he was much superior to the average man. Theological questions interested him greatly, and ministers frequently said that he was the best informed layman they had ever met. For forty years he was warden of Trinity Episcopal Church at Southport. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, but he did not take an active share in party work. From the time of his marriage he resided upon a farm adjoining that of his father, and in 1816 he built the house in which our subject was born. On April 30, 1818, he married Caroline Burr, who was born in February, 1798, and died May 29, 1882, the remains of both being interred in Oak Lawn cemetery. [The Burr family has been prominent in this section from the earliest times, and Mrs. Sherwood's father, Amos Burr, grandfather, Ozias Burr, and great-grandfather, Col. John Burr, were well-known citizens of their respective periods.] Of the five children of this marriage, the eldest, Cornelia A., born August 16, 1819, was married February 15, 1859, to Rev. David Hawkins Short (now deceased); Cornelia A. died November 12, 1898. (2) Caroline B., born November 8, 1822, was married April 23, 1846, to Henry A. Knapp (now deceased), and she is also deceased. (3) J. H., our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (4) David H., born June 29, 1829, died April 11, 1892, was married October 7, 1856, to Marie Antoinette Beardsley, and died April 11, 1892; they had three children: Mary B., Antoinette B. (now dead), and Alice H. (5) Arthur H., born July

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8, 1839, is a farmer on Mill Hill; he was twice married, first time December 31, 1861, to Julia A. Bulkley, who died July 30, 1885, and on November 4, 1886, he wedded Florine Olivia Bulkley; he has one son, Albert B., by his first marriage.

J. H. Sherwood, whose name introduces this sketch, was born August 6, 1825, and was reared at the old homestead, becoming familiar with all branches of agricultural work. He first attended the district school at Mill Plain, Burr Betts and Abram Sherwood being among his early teachers, and on leaving that school he spent three years as a student in Fairfield Academy, of which Daniel March was then principal. Until he reached the age of twenty-eight he assisted his father at the home farm, and the latter then gave him seven acres of land, with one very large oak tree upon it. This little tract became the nucleus of the present farm, additions having been made from time to time until Mr. Sherwood now has fifty acres of land under cultivation. In 1850 he built his barn, and in 1853, the year of his marriage, he erected his residence. He inherited his father's originality and sound judgment, and his management of his farm has brought to him a good income. He and his family enjoy life, and he has given his children the best educational privileges within his reach, their success in life being a source of greater pleasure to him than any material wealth would supply. On October 13, 1853, he married Miss Salina Beecher, daughter of Beri and Mary (Chatfield) Beecher, of Bethany, Conn., and a member of one of the leading families of that section. Three children have blessed the union: Nellis H., born November 29, 1859, now a resident of Mill Hill, near his father's place, is one of the most progressive farmers in the State, and is also a noted fruit grower and florist, growing flowers under glass; Anna C., born December 31, 1862, wife of Conrad Buckingham, of Southport; and Herbert B., born August 22, 1870, a merchant of Southport.

Politically, Mr. Sherwood was first a Whig, later a Republican. At one time he was active in party work, attending conventions, and for a number of years he held the office of justice of the peace. He always associated with men who were older than himself, as he enjoyed their instructive conversation, and he was thus brought into prominence in various movements while quite young. When but twenty-one years old he was elected secretary of the Fairfield County Agricultural Society, of which P. T. Barnum was president, and during the forty-nine years in which the society held fairs he attended forty-seven. The only time their fair was held in Fairfield township was through his individual efforts, and he was ever ready to devote his time and influence toward strengthening the association and increasing its usefulness to the people. He was one of the organizers of the "Greens Farms Farmers Club," presiding at its first meeting, and as this is one of the most efficient clubs in the State, as well as one of the oldest, he can look upon it with justifiable pride. He has made more than a local reputation by his able work in these lines, and at one time he was chosen on the executive committee of the State Agricultural Society. For many years he has been active also in religious work as a member of Trinity Episcopal Church at Southport, in which he has held office for forty-five years, and is now serving as vestryman. For some time he was a teacher in the Sunday-school, and for ten years was a member of the Church choir. Notwithstanding his advanced age, Mr. Sherwood is vigorous in mind and body, and his kindly, generous and upright nature makes him a favorite among all classes in the community.

DAVID ELLIOTT PLUMB, a well-to-do resident of Nichols, has been identified for many years with the agricultural interests of that locality. He was formerly engaged extensively in lumbering, owning and operating a sawmill, but of late years he has relinquished that business in order to enjoy in well-earned leisure the fruits of his past efforts.

Mr. Plumb resides at the old family homestead in the same house in which he first saw the light on November 28, 1835, and among the attractions of his home is a large and well-selected library. While his educational opportunities were limited to the local schools of his day, he has been a constant reader of the best literature, and his information covers a wide range of topics. On April 26, 1893, he married Ermina Nichols, daughter of Elbert Nichols, of Nichols, Trumbull.

Our subject's ancestors were early settlers in the town of Trumbull, and his grandfather, David Plumb, who was born June 25, 1751, in Milford, Conn., and died May 31, 1813, was a prominent agriculturist at Nichols. He was married December 19, 1776, to Mary Beach, who was born March 11, 1758, and died August 10, 1833. They had five children, whose names with dates of birth are as follows: Hannah, October 9, 1777; Noah, May 3, 1782; Mary, September 8, 1787; David B., our subject's father; and Camilla, August 13, 1801.

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David B. Plumb was born March 31, 1796, and became a farmer at the old homestead, where his death occurred November 26, 1878. He was married December 26, 1821, to Miss Esther Wheeler, who was born February 3, 1796, and died January 2, 1893. This worthy couple had seven children: Abbie M., born December 7, 1822, died November 26, 1894; Ezra W., born February 25, 1825, died November 10, 1897; Orange B., born October 11, 1827; Mary E. (Mrs. Lockwood), born March 2, 1830, died January 17, 1899; Catherine E., born February 4, 1833, died August 29, 1879; David E., our subject; and Francis A., born September 18, 1841, died November 16, 1894.

CHARLES H. GETMAN was born June 1, 1840, in Troy, N. Y., the son of Charles and Chloe (Hutton) Getman, and the grandson of George Getman, of Fulton county, N. Y. He was the eldest of five children—Charles H.; Timothy W., deceased; Edward M., of Watervliet, N. Y.; Webster H., of Chicago; and Julia E., deceased.

Mr. Getman received his education in the public schools of Troy and the academies of Lenox, Mass., and Warrenville, N. Y., and as a student he manifested the same persistent application which characterized his business life. Leaving school at an early age he was clerk for three years in the lumber office of Platt, Getman & Harris, of which firm his father was a member, and this proved to be his introduction into the line of business which occupied his attention for the remainder of his life. In 1859 Mr. Getman entered the office of J. W. Freeman & Co., of West Troy, N. Y. It was here that his sound business judgment was developed, and under Mr. Freeman he received the practical training which in after years proved so valuable, during his employment with this firm rising from the position of clerk to that of junior partner. In 1874 he acquired an interest in the wholesale lumber business of Boyd & Co., of Oswego, N. Y., and the business was carried on for three years under the firm name of Getman, Boyd & Co., after which Mr. Getman assumed entire control. In 1888 he purchased the interest of Mr. St. John in the firm of St. John, Hoyt & Co, of Stamford, Conn., and also became connected with the St. John Wood Working Company, at Stamford, holding the office of vice-president. Under the firm name of Hoyt, Getman & Judd the business continued until 1893, when upon the death of Mr. Hoyt the style was changed to Getman & Judd. In April, 1897, Mr. Frank W. Bogardus, who had been connected with the business for fifteen years, was taken into the firm as junior partner, the name being again changed, to Getman, Judd & Co.

Becoming conscious of the insidious inroads of a heart affection, and weary from application to business, Mr. Getman left home on the 28th of September, 1897, for a few weeks of recreation among his old friends in Oswego, N. Y. On the morning of October 12, Stamford was stunned with the message that he had been called to the rest that is unbroken, to the sleep that knows no waking. His many virtues at once became the theme of those who called him friend, and the commercial world awoke to a keen sense of its loss. From his ancestors, both paternal and maternal, Mr. Getman had inherited those sterling characteristics which unite in true manhood, and though born to an humble station in life, with but limited advantages for education, he wrought out for himself all that constituted his splendid after life. Always loyal to friend, colleague and country, he was prompt to respond to each by sympathy or service. He was a director in the Stamford Savings Bank, and in both the Pennsylvania and Massachusetts Lumbermen's Mutual Fire Insurance Companies.

At the time of his death Mr. Getman was a member of the Stamford Suburban Club, the Republican Club of New York City, the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Stamford Board of Trade (of which he was president for several years), and a Sir Knight Templar of Apollo Commandery, of Troy, N. Y. Always a stanch Republican, he honorably represented the town of Stamford in the State Legislature of 1892 and 1893, serving on the committee of Cities and Boroughs. As president of the Connecticut Lumber Dealers Association he gave his earnest thought and judgment to its advancement, and was always keenly alive to any movement or suggestion favoring its future development. He was not unfamiliar with our Civil war, having been sent as an agent of the War Department in charge of ordnance stores from the Watervliet Arsenal to General Grant at Chattanooga, Tenn., soon after the battle of Lookout Mountain.

While honored by his business associates for his unswerving integrity and uniform suavity of manner, yet it was in his home that the real lustre of his worth was seen. In 1871 he married Miss Alice Peake, a resident of Broadalbin, N. Y., the union forming the nucleus of a home that had long been the aspiration of his pure heart,

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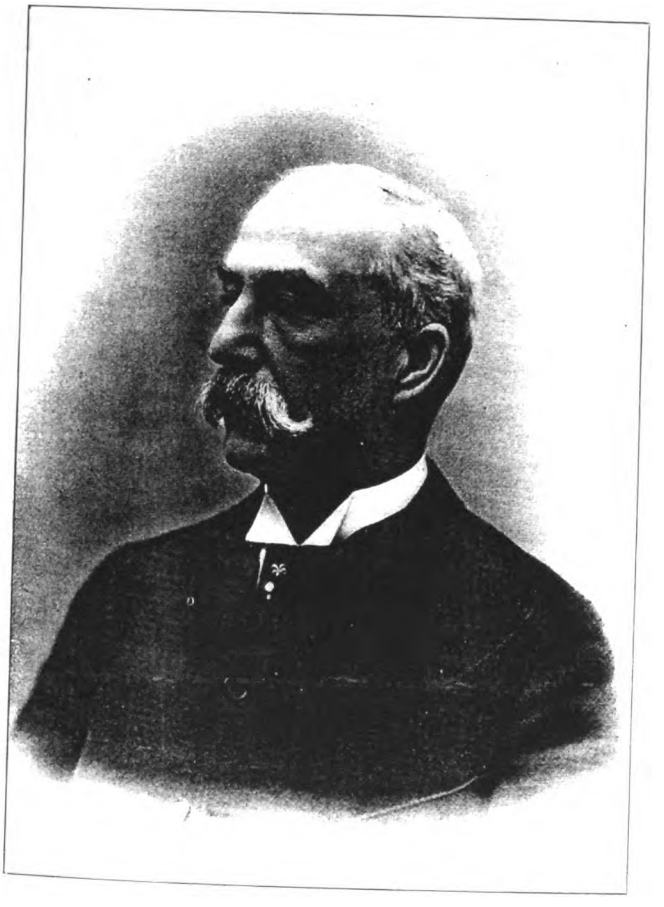

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and which in its mutual enjoyment became the gem before which all others grew dim. Mr. Getman is survived by his wife and only son, Frederick Hutton Getman.

HON. SMITH P. GLOVER, of Sandy Hook, is one of the most highly respected citizens of the county, and worthily represents a family which has long been prominent in this section.

Mr. Glover is a descendant of Henry Glover, of England, who came to America in 1636, and located in the New Haven colony. John Glover, the grandfather of our subject, was born November 1, 1787, and made his home in Zoar District, of the town of Newtown, where he died May 10, 1828. His first wife was Miss Esther Beers, his second being a Miss Curtis, and three children survived him as follows: Maryette, who married Ira Curtis; Juliette, wife of Harrison Hawley; and William Beach, our subject's father, all born to the marriage with Esther Beers.

William Beach Glover was born February 4, 1811, in Zoar District, town of Newtown, and about 1835 went into mercantile business at Sandy Hook in partnership with Samuel B. Peck. After four years in his first location he removed to the store which has since been known as "Glover's Store." It was conducted under the name of William B. Glover until 1861, when his son (our subject) and J. Hobart Warner joined him under the title of William B. Glover & Co. After the death of the senior partner in 1864, the two younger members of the firm continued the business under the firm name of Glover & Warner. The present building was erected by William Beach Glover in 1857, and is one of the largest in the locality, the business being still carried on successfully by others on the lines laid down by the founder, who was noted for his sound judgment and foresight. Mr. Glover devoted his attention quite strictly to his business, and while he was a stanch Whig in early years, later becoming an equally firm supporter of the Republican party, he never took an active share in partisan work. For many years he was a leading member of the Episcopal Church, belonging to Trinity parish in Newtown, and at his death he left a bequest in his will for the purpose of building a church at Sandy Hook, now known as St. John's Church. He died March 16, 1864, sincerely mourned by all classes in the community. His first wife, Harriet A. (Peck), to whom he was married November 7, 1832, was born September 1, 1810, a daughter of Zera S. A. Peck, of Brookfield, this county, and died September 30, 1843. On September 25, 1848, for his second wife he married Susan Nichols, who was born December 25, 1817, and died May 18, 1899. He had four children, all by the first marriage: Esther S., born September 23, 1833, died January 4, 1860; John E., born December 10, 1835, died February 5, 1872; Smith P., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; and Beach Booth, born June 9, 1838, died April 5, 1841.

Smith P. Glover, whose name introduces these lines, was born August 16, 1837, and was educated in Sandy Hook and at the academy in Newtown. At the age of fifteen he began his business career as clerk in his father's store, and after becoming fully acquainted with all the details of the management he was admitted in 1861, as noted above, to membership in the firm. After the death of his father he continued as senior partner of the firm of Glover & Warner until Mr. Clarke entered the firm, when the title was changed to Glover, Warner & Clarke. This arrangement lasted until 1889, when Mr. Glover retired from the firm. He has been connected more or less closely with various business enterprises at different times, and his ventures have been uniformly successful, as he is one of the keen, far-sighted men whose judgment can be relied on. This fact, in connection with his widespread knowledge of affairs, has brought him a large amount of business for others, in the settlement of estates. For many years he has been prominent in the political work in his locality as a member of the Republican party. In 1872 he was a member of the State Senate from the old Eleventh Senatorial District, and in 1884 and 1885 he represented the Fifteenth District in the same body. During his first term he was chairman of the committee on Sale of Lands, and during the last two years of his service he was chairman of the committee on Finance.

On September 30, 1861, Mr. Glover married Miss Maria A. Tomlinson, a daughter of George A. Tomlinson, of Oxford, Conn., and the following children have blessed the union: William T., born October 13, 1862, died September 5, 1863; Lorena T., born May 8, 1865, was married December 11, 1895, to George F. Taylor; and Harriet P., born May 30, 1870, was married January 12, 1898, to Charles Lawrence Warner, a son of Austin and Belle (Lawrence) Warner, of Vicksburg, Miss. They have one child, Lawrence Glover Warner, born October 29, 1898. The family is prominent socially, and Mr. Glover is an active member of Hiram Lodge No. 18, F. & A. M., at Newtown, in which he is a Master Mason. He was formerly a member of Trinity Episcopal

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Church at Newtown, but is now identified with St. John's Church of Sandy Hook.

THE GLOVER FAMILY has been identified with Connecticut from early Colonial times, its various branches tracing their descent from Henry Glover, a native of England, who crossed the Atlantic in 1636, landing at Boston. He is supposed to have been about twenty-four years old at the time, and the remainder of his life was spent chiefly at New Haven, where he died September 2, 1689. According to the old records, he "became reconciled to the Church" in New Haven June 11, 1644, and took the oath of allegiance to the Colony July 1, 1644. His wife, Helena, died at New Haven March 1, 1697. They had a family of seven children, as follows: Mary was baptized June 12, 1641; Mercy, baptized August 16, 1643, was married May 5, 1664, to Moses Mansfield; Hannah, baptized May 26, 1646, was married November 24, 1663, to David Ashley; John (1), the next in the line of descent which we are now tracing, is mentioned more fully below; Abigail (1) died in infancy; Abigail (2), baptized July 31, 1652, was married December 11, 1678, to Daniel Burr; and Sarah, born December 3, 1655, was married December 11, 1678, to John Baller.

John Glover (1) was born October 8, 1648, and died January 29, 1679. On December 7, 1671, he married Joanna Daniel, by whom he had the following named children: Hannah, born October 10, 1672; John, who is mentioned below; Elizabeth, born February 23, 1676, who married Abram Dickenson, January 6, 1697–98; and Mehitabel, born May 1, 1679, who was married December 18, 1705, to Benjamin Coney, of Stratford. Joanna (Daniel) Glover, widow of John, was married December 28, 1682, to William Thompson.

John Glover (2), son of John and Joanna, was born in New Haven, November 20, 1674, and for about sixteen years of his manhood resided at Stratford. He died June 30, 1752, and was buried at Newtown. On November 27, 1700, he married, for his first wife, Margaret or Marjory Hubbard, who died at Stratford, March 14, 1704, leaving two sons, John and Henry, who are both mentioned farther on. On July 14, 1707, he married, for a second wife, Mrs. Bathiah Beach Bickley, by whom he had one son, Benjamin, who is mentioned more fully below.

John Glover (3), eldest son of John of Stratford, was born in New Haven, December 30, 1701, and, although an old man at the time of the Revolutionary war, served from 1777 to 1783 in the Dragoon Artillery, Third Troop, Connecticut Militia, under Col. Elisha Sheldon. On July 12, 1724, he was married at Norwalk, this county, by Stephen Buckingham, to Elizabeth Bennett, of Stratford, by whom he had the following children: Marjory, born May 22, 1725, married David Blackman, of Newtown; Sarah, born January 3, 1726; Elizabeth, born January 1, 1728, married October 7, 1751, to Joseph Blackman, of Newtown; Bathiah, born February 20, 1730, married October 7, 1757, to John Camp, of Newtown; John and James, of whom mention is made farther on; Isaac; Arnold; and Susannah, who died December 6, 1822, in Newtown.

Henry Glover, son of John, of Stratford, was born at that place, October 8, 1703, and died February 12, 1784. He was married February 12, 1735, to Prudence Stoddard, by whom he had the following children: Henry, an account of whom is given in the paragraph devoted to the fifth generation; Simeon, born July 2, 1738, died in December, 1755, leaving no heirs; Esther, born May 23, 1740, died April 8, 1759; Prudence, born June 5, 1742; Silas, born April 8, 1744, died December 18, 1758; Anadine, born May 29, 1746, died in 1753, aged seven years; Elias, born August 9, 1748, died in June, 1832, married (first) Nancy Beers, and (second) Joanna Northrop; Solomon, born December 1, 1750, is mentioned more fully below; Anadine (2), born November 7, 1754, married a Mr. Bradfield and settled in Danbury.

Benjamin Glover, the third son of John of Stratford, was born at that place September 7, 1708, and was married on October 10, 1732, by Rev. John Beach, of Newtown, to Mollie Bunnell, from near New Haven. The children of this union were: Glorianna, born August 22, 1734, did not marry; Huldah, born February 6, 1737, married Joseph Prindle; Mary, born April 6, 1739, married William Hawley; Mabel, born January 22, 1741; Bathia, born March 4, 1743, married Joseph Tomlinson, of Brookfield, this county; Rebecca, born May 7, 1745, married November 17, 1767, Ichabod Fairman; Alathea, born October 5, 1747; Christopher, born December 9, 1750; Amelia, born August 28, 1753, married a Mr. Jarvis, and moved to Toronto; and Benjamin, born May 5, 1756, married Phœbe Sanford. The lines of descent from this branch of the family are not traced farther in this sketch, and in the following paragraph we will mention only descendants of John and Henry, the sons of John of Stratford, by his first wife.

John (4), eldest son of John (3), was born February 11, 1732, and died July 2, 1802. He married Elizabeth Curtis, and they had the following children: John, who never married;

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Birdsey, Salmon, Josiah, Benjamin Curtis, and Betsey or Elizabeth, who are all mentioned in the next paragraph, devoted to the sixth generation; and Phœbe, who married Samuel Wheeler, of Oxford, Conn., and died in 1848. James, second son of John (3), was born August 3, 1735, and married (first) Eunice Booth, (second) Mabel, widow of Dr. Washlow, and (third) Sarah, widow of Amos Peck. He had no issue by his second marriage, but six children survived him, as follows: Naomi, who married Daniel Beers, son of Daniel and Naomi Booth Beers; Bathia, wife of Abel Skidmore; Anna, wife of Abijah Curtis; James, who died in September, 1832; Ezra and Bennett, who are mentioned in the next paragraph. Of the sons of Henry (2) and his wife, Prudence (Stoddard), the eldest, Henry, was born February 29, 1736, and was married May 24, 1759, to Julia Bassett, who died March 20, 1762. On November 14, 1762, he married (second) Anna Sanford. By the first marriage he had one daughter, Esther, born August 18, 1760, who married Abel Toucey, of Newtown. By his second marriage he had seven children: Sarah; Anna, born October 27, 1765; Rhoda, born February 25, 1769; Simeon, born May 14, 1772; Prudence, born November 3, 1774; Henry, born April 7, 1779, and Lucy, born July 11, 1782. The youngest son of Henry (2) and Prudence (Stoddard), Rev. Solomon Glover, was born December 1, 1750, and died July 26, 1842, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. He was married February 2, 1773, to Mary Northrop, by whom he had the following children: Joanna, born October 28, 1774, was married March 18, 1794, to Henry Botsford, and died December 26, 1832; Mary Ann, born November 19, 1776, was married August 3, 1794, to James Glover; Annadine, born April 8, 1779, married Josiah Beardsley, of Watertown, Conn.; Huldah, born July 24, 1781, married Russell Canfield; Silas Norman, born September 30, 1783, married Nancy Morris (aunt of Luzon Morris, governor of Connecticut); Volusia, born July 9, 1785, died February 19, 1788; Isaac, born 1787, died in infancy; Isaac (2), born December 10, 1788; Ziba, born June 17, 1791, married Marinda Griswold; Maria, born May 2, 1794, married Ambrose Beach, of Monroe, this county; and Heman, born June 26, 1796, died in 1816.

VI. Of the children of John (4), Birdsey, Salmon, Josiah, Benjamin Curtis and Betsey or Elizabeth left descendants who are here mentioned. Birdsey, who was born in 1757 and died September 8, 1825, married (first) Anna Baldwin, who died August 26, 1811, and (second) Esther Gregory; he had two children, both by his first wife, their names being Andrew B. and Polly, of whom the latter, born in 1786, married Stephen Merwin, and died September 23, 1824. Salmon, son of John (4), was born May 3, 1760, and died October 21, 1827; his wife, Phœbe (Beach), a granddaughter of Rev. John Beach, was born in 1760, and died in 1835. They had the following children: Lucy Ann, born June 22, 1783; John, born November 1, 1787, married Esther Beers, and died May 10, 1828; Sarah (1), born April 15, 1790, died April 25, 1790; Villeroy, born June 17, 1794, married Susan Hard, and died October 2, 1841; Sarah (2), born May 1, 1799, died June 3, 1823. Josiah, son of John (4), was born November 27, 1762, and died November 1, 1840; he was married September 4, 1792, to Rebecca, daughter of Abel Booth, and the following children were born to their union: Betsey, born October 22, 1794, married Henry Beers on January 2, 1817, and died November 4, 1835; Abiel Booth, born January 16, 1797, is mentioned in the next paragraph, his descendants being traced through the seventh and eighth generations; Wheeler, born April 6, 1799, died September 2, 1821. Benjamin Curtis Glover, son of John (4), died June 27, 1841, aged seventy years, and his wife, Clara Peck, died October 2, 1832, aged sixty years. They had five children, viz.: Samuel, born in 1796, died December 7, 1824; Marcia, who married Hezekiah Curtis, is mentioned in the next paragraph; John Birdsey, born September 11, 1803, is deceased; Walter and Benjamin N. are mentioned in the following paragraph. Betsey or Elizabeth Glover, daughter of John (4), was born February 28, 1767, and died January 27, 1825; she was married, July 11, 1790, to Sylvanus Noble, who was born July 11, 1756, and died March 26, 1837; they had three children, viz.: Birdsey G., born April 26, 1791, was married January 17, 1813, to Charlotte Sanford; John G., born January 14, 1793, was married, February 4, 1821, to Abigail S. Mygatt, and died November 16, 1848; Phebe Marietta, born November 1, 1795, was married December 24, 1820, to D. A. Foster. Of the sons of James (4), the second son of John (3), Ezra was born October 18, 1772, and died September 4, 1826. He was married September 28, 1794, to Anna Bennett, who died February 3, 1812, and on December 1, 1814, Ezra married (second) Charlotte Beers, the widow of Thomas Beers. He had three children, all by the first union: Ira, born October 4, 1796, died in 1811; Bennett, born December 20, 1798; and James Edson, born October 4, 1801, who married Minerva Prindle, and died in December, 1850, leaving one daughter, Susan, who died about December, 1854. Rev.

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Bennett Glover, son of James (4), became a minister in the Episcopal Church. His death occurred at Erie, Penn., March 25, 1828. He had two sons, who died in childhood, and two daughters, one of whom married a Mr. Call, of Chicago, Illinois.

VII. Of the descendants of John (4) in this generation we will mention, first, James Glover, who was born November 19, 1776, and died September 19, 1836. He was married August 3, 1794, to Anna Glover, by whom he had the following children: Flora, born October 18, 1795, was married March 31, 1813, to Alonzo Beers; Granville Stoddard, born April 17, 1797, was married January 16, 1821, to Mary Hawley; Charlotte, born February 6, 1799, was married May 17, 1817, to Squire Van Smith; Sophia, born November 16, 1800, was married December 1, 1820, to Botsford Terrill; Roswell, born December 28, 1802, married (first) Polly Ann Ferris, and (second), on March 18, 1836, Esther Bradley; Julia, born October 16, 1804, was married September 24, 1832, to Botsford Terrill; Norman Booth, born January 22, 1807, was married March 20, 1833, to Esther Hawley, and on May 10, 1843, to Amelia Gilbert; Volusia, born January 26, 1809, was married February 28, 1827, to Austin N. Botsford, and died in December, 1893; Mary Ann, born October 20, 1810, died May 18, 1833; Emma, born February 1, 1813, was married June 28, 1836, to George Foote, of Hobart, N. Y.; James Nelson, born August 15, 1817, was married December 24, 1840, to Sally D. Wetmore; and George Heman, born July 4, 1820, was married December 30, 1841, to Elmira Page. Of the children of Josiah, son of John (4), Abiel Booth Glover was born January 16, 1797, and died October 13, 1825; he was married May 2, 1822, to Maria Nichols, daughter of David Nichols, and had two children: Mary Eliza, born May 5, 1823, died September 5, 1825; and Henry Beers, who is mentioned more fully in the next paragraph. Of the children of Benjamin Curtis Glover, son of John (4), Marcia, who married Hezekiah Curtis, had three children: Betsey, who married (first) Daniel Hinman and (second) Samuel Curtis; Benjamin, who married Laura Lewis, and Mary, who married (first) a Mr. Wheeler and (second) Samuel Curtis. Walter, son of Benjamin Curtis Glover, was born in 1800, and died September 3, 1847; he was married January 13, 1829, to Marcia Botsford, by whom he had five children: Samuel Curtis, born December 29, 1831; John Birdsey, born September 18, 1833, is unmarried, and resides in Dubuque, Iowa; Henry Botsford, born July 24, 1835, married Sarah E. Curtis; Sophia, born July 29, 1837, married Jason Haynes, and died in early womanhood; and Betsey, born July 2, 1839, married Ezra Meeker. Benjamin N. Glover, son of Benjamin Curtis Glover, was born in 1812, and died June 2, 1860. He was married on February 12, 1845, to Harriet A. Lake, daughter of Ziba Lake, of Brookfield, and they had three children, viz.: Birdsey, born April 30, 1846; Walter Henry, born October 16, 1848; and Lemuel, born December 3, 1852.

VIII. Henry Beers Glover, son of Abiel Booth Glover, and great-grandson of John (4), was born December 8, 1824, and was married July 30, 1848, to Eliza Maria Blakeslee, daughter of William Blakeslee. She died in May, 1875. They had four children, viz.: William Booth, born September 15, 1850, died September 9, 1851; Florence Stanley, born July 28, 1854, married Abel Clark, and died April 3, 1891; Mary Blakeslee, born October 31, 1856, married William Beecher; and Maria Nichols, born May 7, 1859, died May 15, 1859.

PHILO NICHOLS is a successful business man of Newtown, and as the only lumber dealer of his locality has enjoyed for many years a large and profitable trade. While he has never sought prominence in any way, his excellent qualities have secured for him the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens, and his influence, though quietly exerted, is recognized as a force in various lines of local progress.

The Nichols family has been identified with Newtown from pioneer times. [See Nichols genealogy elsewhere.] Nathaniel Nichols, the great-great-grandfather of Philo, born April 8, 1708, settled in Newtown, where in 1730 he was married to Ann Booth. Their eldest son, Peter Nichols, the great-grandfather of Philo, born in Newtown, March 1, 1732, married, April 29, 1753, Rebecca, daughter of Lemuel Camp. Capt. Peter Nichols, as he was called, died January 15, 1799, and his wife died October 12, 1793. Nathaniel Nichols (2), born July 11, 1769, married Grace Sherman, daughter of Jotham and Grace (Peck) Sherman. Later he removed to Sanborn, Vt., where his first wife died, and he finally located at Natchez, Miss., where his remaining years were spent. By his first marriage he had two children: Henry, our subject's father, and Grace, who married a Tousey. By his second wife, whom he married in Natchez, he had three children: Charles G., a merchant, Henry S., and Philo.

Henry Nichols was born January 4, 1794, in

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Newtown, and throughout his active life was engaged in farming in South Center District, of that town. While he never attained to great wealth, he had a fair competence, and as a citizen and neighbor he was held in high regard. His patriotism was shown by gallant service in the war of 1812. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, in which he had been baptized in infancy, and his sympathies were at all times on the side of social and educational advancement. He died September 8, 1878, sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. His wife, Sarah (Blackman), to whom he was married in June, 1825, was a daughter of Eli and Mary Ann Curtis Blackman, of Huntington, Fairfield county. She survived him some years, dying on May 2, 1886, in her eighty-seventh year. They had three children, of whom Philo was the youngest. (1) David M., born July 1, 1826, died February 25, 1893. He was for many years a successful boiler maker in Brooklyn, N. Y., attaining a fine reputation in that line of work. His first wife, Caroline (Crane), of New York, died leaving one son, John Henry, who is now residing in Brooklyn, and by his second wife, Mrs. Phœbe Tompkins, *née* Crane, he had one son, David Arthur, also a resident of Brooklyn. (2) Mary, born May 28, 1828, married Samuel Curtis, a button and comb manufacturer of Berkshire District, Newtown. She died March 22, 1871.

Philo Nichols was born April 27, 1832, at the old home in South Centre District, Newtown township, and after attending the common schools of the vicinity for a time pursued more advanced studies in the academy at Newtown and a boarding school in the same village conducted by Harry Peck. On February 28, 1854, he married Miss Sarah E. Glover, and established his home on a farm in Zoar District, Newtown township, where he followed agriculture until 1865. About 1870 he engaged in the lumber business, which he has ever since followed with gratifying results. In politics he is a stanch Republican, but he is not an office-seeker. He is interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the community, and while not a Church member he contributes to the support of the Episcopal Church, and to other worthy causes. He and his family are prominent socially, and he is an active worker in the Masonic Fraternity, belonging to Hiram Lodge No. 18, F. & A. M., and the Chapter, of Newtown. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have had three children, as follows: Frank B., born January 18, 1855, died March 17, 1857; Grace, born June 15, 1863, died August 15, 1864; and Ruth, born August 17, 1865, was married October 1, 1895, to Hobart H. Curtis, of the firm of Warner, Taylor & Curtis, of Sandy Hook, and has one child—Marion Nichols Curtis.

Mrs. Nichols is a daughter of Villeroy Glover, and a descendant of Henry Glover, an early settler at New Haven, who came from England in 1636; the family has long been prominent in this section and a genealogical sketch is given elsewhere in this volume. On the maternal side Mrs. Glover is descended from James Hard and his wife Elizabeth, who had several children, among them James, James (2) (born in 1695, died in 1775), and Abner. Abner Hard married Hannah Beers in 1740, and died in 1785. Nirom Hard, one of their sons, was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Nichols. He was born in 1740, and in 1764 married Sarah, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Curtis; he died in 1834. They had six children: Sally, who married Alfred Divine Curtis; Mercy, wife of Mr. Weed; Hannah, who never married; Lazarus, who made his home in Bristol, Conn.; Benjamin, the grandfather of Mrs. Nichols; and Cyrenius, who did not marry.

Benjamin Hard was born February 8, 1779, and became a leading resident of Toddy Hill District, Newtown. As a citizen he was held in high esteem, and he was especially active in religious work, taking the entire supervision of the construction of St. James Episcopal Church at Zoar. He also did much public business, and was largely employed in the settlement of estates. On December 17, 1801, he married Mabel Tomlinson, daughter of Webb Tomlinson. His death occurred May 1, 1836, and his wife survived him many years, passing away June 29, 1865. Of their three children the eldest, Charles, born May 21, 1804, married Eliza Greaton, of New York, and died February 17, 1873; Susan (the mother of Mrs. Nichols) was born October 13, 1806, married Villeroy Glover, and died January 18, 1847, and Sarah, born May 8, 1820, married Charles Johnson, and died March 22, 1892, leaving no children.

BIRDSEY C. AND LEMUEL P. GLOVER, well-known residents of Hanover District, town of Newtown, are the present owners of the old family homestead, a fine estate, which their industry and good management maintain in a high state of cultivation. These two brothers are members of one of the oldest and most highly-esteemed families of the county, and are lineal descendants of Henry Glover, an early settler at New Haven, who came to this country from England in 1636. The name appears in the records

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of this county two generations later, and for many years the immediate ancestors of these gentlemen have been identified with the town of Newtown. Their father, Benjamin N. Glover, who was born in 1812, died in 1860; their mother, whose maiden name was Harriet A. Lake, is still living at the old homestead. There were three children: Birdsey C., born April 30, 1846; Walter Henry, born October 16, 1848; and Lemuel P., born December 3, 1852.

Ever since the death of the father the two brothers, whose names open this sketch, have had charge of the old farm, although, when that sad event occurred, they were but fifteen and eight years of age, respectively. In this undertaking they have shown marked ability, and have won deserved success, ranking among the substantial men of the locality. Much attention has been given by them to fattening cattle, and they have made frequent visits to the West for the purpose of purchasing stock, this line of work having previously been carried on successfully by their father. In politics they are both stanch Republicans, but they do not take an active part in the work of the organization, and when nominations for office have been offered them, they have invariably declined. They are in full sympathy with all movements for the benefit of their community, and are leading members of Trinity Episcopal Church of Newtown, contributing generously to its work.

Birdsey C. Glover was married April 2, 1873, to Miss Sarah E. Northrop, daughter of Walter Northrop, Jr., a prominent resident of Newtown, and three children have been born to them: Emma, who died May 20, 1893, at the age of nineteen years; Bessie E., born November 1, 1876; and Florence A., born August 31, 1882, are at home. Lemuel P. Glover, brother of Birdsey, is unmarried.

HON. ERWIN S. FAIRCHILD, of Nichols, is one of the leading citizens of Trumbull township, and few have done as much as he to promote the best interests of that locality. As a founder and active member of the Village Improvement Association of Nichols he helped to give new impetus to the development of that thriving community, while as a worker in the Trumbull Grange he has aided in the dissemination of scientific knowledge among his fellow agriculturists. He is an influential worker in the local Democratic organization, and has held every public office in his town, from selectman down, his service as a member of the school board being especially fruitful in good results. As a member of the State Legislature in 1893 he did efficient work, not only for his constituents, but for the people of the State at large, and the following brief history of him will be of general interest.

Mr. Fairchild was born at Nichols, November 21, 1853, and after a preliminary course of study in the district schools of that neighborhood he attended Strong's Military Institute at Bridgeport. On leaving school he became a bookkeeper for Dean, La Mont & Co. at their woolen-mill in Bridgeport, and later he spent six years in their establishment at Stockbridge, Mass. He then returned to Bridgeport, and for two years conducted the Berkshire coal yard, of which he was the proprietor, and later he purchased a farm at Nichols, where he made his permanent home. Since locating there he has become interested in various enterprises, and at present he is engaged in lumbering, in manufacturing vinegar, and in a flour and feed business, in all of which he is successful. He was married in Stockbridge, Mass., December 22, 1874, to Miss Alice A. Wentworth, daughter of Ebenezer Wentworth, a well-known citizen of that town. They have one son, Charles W., now a student at Storr's Agricultural College at Storrs, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild are prominent in social life, and are active in religious work as members of the Congregational Church at Trumbull.

The Fairchild family originated probably in Scotland, where the name was, and still is, Fairbairn, but the ancestors of our subject removed to England at an early period. On the family crest there are three crescents, showing that three prisoners were taken by some of its members while serving as Crusaders, and three birds (martlets), indicating three pilgrimages to the Holy Land. The first to come to America was Thomas Fairchild, of England, who settled at Stratford, this county, in 1639, and became a leader in the little colony, serving as its first magistrate. Our subject is of the eighth generation in descent from this worthy pioneer, the line being traced as follows: Joseph (eldest son of Thomas by his second wife) was born in 1664, and married Johanna Wilcoxson; Timothy, born in Stratford in 1687, married Sarah Humphrey; Daniel, born in 1720, married Hepzibah Lewis; Lewis, born in Trumbull in 1746, married Mary Ufford; Reuben, our subject's grandfather, and Charles Nichols Fairchild, our subject's father, are mentioned more fully below. The family displayed a patriotic spirit during the Revolutionary war, several of its members doing gallant service in Washington's army, and at all times the name has been associated with a high order of citizenship.

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Reuben Fairchild, the grandfather of our subject, was born in 1782, and died October 4, 1855. He received a common-school education, and in his youth learned the cabinet-maker's trade. As a young man he became interested in the manufacture of saddle-trees at Nichol's Farms, Trumbull township, where he made his home, and he and his brother Eben, under the firm name of R. & E. Fairchild, built up an extensive trade in that line. In 1817 Eben removed to Bridgeport to take charge of a similar business, and in 1826 Reuben formed a partnership with Eben and another brother, Lewis, and engaged in the manufacture of paper. About 1836 he established a carriage factory in Bridgeport, in partnership with Haight, Hurd & Keeler, under the firm name of Haight, Fairchild & Co., but in 1840 he withdrew, and his remaining years were spent in farming. He married Anna Hawley, and had six children: Caroline, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Starr, Lewis and Charles Nichols.

Hon. Charles Nichols Fairchild, the father of our subject, was born in Trumbull, October 27, 1818, and was educated in the district school at Nichol's Farms. He learned the trade of carriage making in Bridgeport, and for a short time was engaged in that business at Nichol's Farms, but has since followed farming as an occupation. He is prominent in local affairs, and has been elected on the Democratic ticket to various official positions, including that of representative in the State Legislature. His first wife, Louisa Beach, daughter of Alfred Beach, of Trumbull Center, died on August 13, 1845, aged twenty-four years, and on April 21, 1846, he married Miss Mary B. Banks, daughter of S. O. Banks, of Easton. By his first marriage he had two sons: Henry Charles and Alfred Beach, both of Bridgeport. By the second union there were also two children: Laura Frances, and Erwin Starr, our subject.

HENRY I. BROWNSON (deceased), who in his lifetime was a prominent agriculturist of Huntington township, was the owner of a fine farm near the village of Huntington, and his scientific management won for him a high reputation as a man of progressive ideas and executive ability.

The Brownson family, which is of English extraction, has been identified with Connecticut from an early date, and our subject's grandfather, Israel Brownson, was born probably in Kent, where his manhood was passed. He was a gunsmith by trade, though much of his time was given to agricultural pursuits. He died in Kent, and his wife, Anna (Dayton), passed from earth in 1822. They had four children: Eliza, Hannah, Anna and Sheldon M.

Sheldon M. Brownson, our subject's father, was born and reared in Kent, and was married there to Miss Alma Goodsell, who was born near New Milford, the daughter of Stiles Goodsell. Soon after his marriage he removed to Susquehanna county, Penn., where he followed farming about sixteen years, but later returned to Connecticut in about 1849, locating permanently in the town of Huntington, his death occurring there in 1886. In politics he was a Republican, and he and his wife, who died in 1884, were devout members of the Congregational Church. Of their eight children, the eldest, Hannah (now deceased), married Col. John Stearns, of Vermont, an official in the employ of the general government; Chloe A. died unmarried; Abigail married Dr. John Neff, of Baltimore; Henry I., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Byron is a farmer in the town of Huntington; William H., formerly a merchant in Chicago, was burned out there in 1870, and subsequently conducted a fruit farm in Vineland, N. J., where he died October 3, 1898; Medad G. (deceased) was a farmer in Great Barrington, Mass., and Charles (deceased) was at one time a traveling salesman, later a merchant in Chicago.

Henry I. Brownson, our subject, was born December 16, 1833, in New Milford, and was but a child when his parents removed to Pennsylvania. At the age of fourteen he returned to Connecticut and found employment at Bridgeport, where he worked for five years. He resided in the town of Huntington from the year 1849, following farming during the greater portion of the time, and from 1865 up to his death he made his home at his late farm. The place contains 140 acres of excellent land, and is devoted to general crops, a fine greenhouse supplying facilities for raising early vegetables of all sorts. Mr. Brownson died June 25, 1898, after a year's illness. He was a Republican politically, but took no active part in partisan work. In 1869 he married Miss Anna Booth, a native of Newtown, and a daughter of Lewis Booth, a leading citizen of New Milford. Four children have blessed this union: Harry B. (who now takes charge of the active work on the homestead), Mary Louise, Edith E. (deceased) and Anna G.

HOMER STILLÉ CUMMINGS is a rising young attorney of Stamford, and since 1895 has been the junior partner in the well-known firm of Fessenden, Carter & Cummings. He has

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already won an enviable reputation at the Bar, while he is also taking a prominent part in political life as an ardent supporter of the principles of the Democratic party.

Mr. Cummings was born April 30, 1870, at Chicago, Ill., and is the only child of Uriah and Audie Schuyler (Stillé)) Cummings, of New York City. His father, who is a native of the Empire State, is the president of The Cummings Cement Company (which owns an extensive plant at Akron, N. Y.) and the author of a technical treatisè on "American Rock Cements," which was published by the Brick Builders' Publishing Company, of Boston, Mass., and has made a wide impression, being regarded as authority on that subject in scientific circles.

Our subject's early life was mainly spent in Buffalo, N. Y., where he prepared for college, and in 1891 he was graduated from Yale. He then entered the law school connected with that institution, and in 1893 received the degree of LL. B. During his stay at Yale he represented the University in an intercollegiate debate with Harvard University, the meeting being held at Cambridge, and he was also connected with various societies at the University, including "Book and Gavel" and "The Yale Kent Club," of which he was president. In the fall of 1893 he located at Stamford, entering the office of Fessenden & Carter, and on January 1, 1895, he was admitted as a member of the firm. He is secretary of The Cummings Cement Company, the corporation of which his father is the head, and few young men have started in life with as brilliant prospects. He has always taken a keen interest in political affairs, and being a member of a family which had long been identified with the Republican party he naturally affiliated with that organization, but while engaged in the examination of political and social questions he became convinced that the restoration of bimetallism by the independent action of this nation was necessary to the prosperity of the country. He decided that he would give his vote and influence to the party which should first accept that view and carry it to the front as a national issue, and in 1896, when the Democratic party clearly endorsed the principle, he joined that organization and at once began to work for its success. In September of that year he was nominated by the Democratic State Convention at New Haven for the office of Secretary of State, and from that time until the day of election conducted an aggressive and vigorous campaign, and established a reputation as a brilliant and effective political speaker.

On June 29, 1897, he was married to Miss Helen W. Smith, and the next five months he spent in a foreign tour. Mrs. Cummings is a daughter of Commodore James D. Smith, of the New York Yacht Club, who is a prominent resident of Stamford, and at one time was the president of the New Stock York Exchange. Mr. Cummings and his wife are popular socially. They have one child, Dickinson Schuyler Cummings, born June 17, 1898. Mr. Cummings is an active member of the Masonic Fraternity, belonging to Old Hiram Lodge No. 1, F. and A. M., at New Haven, and is also a member of the Royal Arcanum, No. 999, of Stamford.

JOEL FARIST, of Bridgeport, is a ruling spirit in many of the business enterprises of that thriving city, and his reputation as a financier is an enviable one. His name is more closely identified with The Farist Steel Company, of which he is the founder and present head; but his sound practical judgment and rare executive ability have caused his co-operation to be sought in almost every line of business effort.

Mr. Farist was born June 27, 1832, in Sheffield, England, a son of Joseph Farist, who was also a native of Sheffield. He came to America in 1844 to follow the trade of a steel-forging man, being one of the first workers in that line in this country, and after spending some years in Covington, Ky., in an iron mill, he removed to Pittsburg, and later to Jersey City, where he helped to organize the Adirondack Steel Company. He died at Windsor Locks, Conn., in 1861, his wife, Grace (Wolstenholm), passing away six days later.

Our subject was educated in the schools of his native city, and was also employed for a time in a rolling-mill there. In 1845 he joined his father in Covington, afterward accompanying him to Pittsburg, being employed in rolling-mills in both places. On going to Jersey City he entered upon an apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade, receiving for one year and a half nine dollars per month for board, and three dollars per month for clothing. Four years he then spent in work at the rolling-mills of the Adirondack Steel Company, in the capacity of blacksmith and roller, and for a year and a half he held a similar position with the Rockaway Steel Manufacturing Company, at Rockaway, N. J. The firm failing, and Mr. Farist desiring to engage in the business for himself, he formed a partnership with two other workmen, and leased a portion of the plant of the Rockaway Manufacturing Company, the capital of the new partners being $130, $90 and $230 respectively. They continued on a part of the old plant for six months, and so successful

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was their venture that they decided in the early part of 1857 to lease for three years the Pompton Rolling Mill, near Paterson, N. J., which they operated through the financial panic of 1857. In 1860 Mr. Farist removed to Windsor Locks, Conn., where he again engaged just at the beginning of the war of the Rebellion, in the manufacture of cast steel under the firm name of Joel Farist & Co., manufacturing gun barrel and bayonet steel for the United States Government arsenal at Springfield, Mass., and in 1863 he organized The Farist Steel Company. In 1872 the present plant in Bridgeport (then called the American Silver Steel Company) was purchased and put into operation under the firm name of Farist & Windsor. In 1874 The Farist Steel Company, which had in the meantime continued the business in Windsor Locks, sold to the new company, and the entire business was consolidated at Bridgeport under the special charter of "The Farist Steel Company." Mr. Farist is president of the company, George Windsor being treasurer. They manufacture steel forgings and shapes of all kinds; they also manufacture and roll their own steel for spiral and elliptical car springs for market, having agencies in Chicago, St. Louis and New York. Mr. Farist organized and was president of the Bridgeport Crucible Company, in which he is still the largest stockholder, and he has more or less been directly interested in other manufacturing concerns too numerous to mention.

For fifteen years past he has served as director in the Pequonnock National Bank at Bridgeport, and he was chief promoter and first president of the Bridgeport Electric Light Company, continuing in office until he sold his shares in the enterprise. He has also been an active member of the Bridgeport Board of Trade since its organization. He is one of the charter members of the Sea Side Club. As a citizen he is progressive and public spirited, and his interest in educational affairs is shown by nine years of effective work as a member of the Bridgeport Board of Education, and as vice-president of the Bridgeport Hospital, since its organization. For thirty-five years he has been a member of the M. E. Church, and for twenty-eight years he has served on the board of trustees. Socially, he and his family are much esteemed, and he is an active member of the Masonic Fraternity.

In 1855 Mr. Farist was married in Rockaway, N. J., to Miss Eliza Estelle, who died in 1866 in Windsor Locks. In 1867, at Warwick, N. Y., he married Miss Martha A. Wood. By the first marriage he had four children: Stephen and Maggie, deceased; Annie, the wife of Arthur E. Penfield, secretary and treasurer of "The Baird, Untiedt and Penfield Company," hatters, of Bethel, this county; and one that died in infancy. By the second union there were three children: J. Windsor Farist, secretary for The Farist Steel Company; Charles S. Farist, who died December 3, 1898; and Lulu E. Farist. Mr. Farist is recognized among cast-steel workers as being the oldest living representative of the manufacturers of cast steel in this country. He is actively engaged at the works every day, superintending, and working each day as he has done during the past forty-five years.

WILLIAM H. SAXTON, now retired from active business, and residing in one of the many elegant homes of Fairfield county, is one of the prominent citizens of Saugatuck, town of Westport.

Born in New York City, May 1, 1842, Mr. Saxton is the son of Stephen R. Saxton, a native of Long Island, born in 1813, of English extraction on his father's side. He was reared in Long Island, and when a young man went into business in New York, becoming a merchant and importer of goods, and a manufacturer. He was a young man of intelligence and business tact, which was soon evidenced in the large business he developed and the success which attended his efforts. He became a man of means and influence, and left his impression upon the community in which he lived. He married Samantha Porter, who was born near Danbury, Conn., a daughter of Menander Porter, a native of Bridgewater, Litchfield county. After their marriage they settled in a home in New York. In about 1850 he purchased the property in Saugatuck and built the elegant home in which our subject, his only child, now resides, and where the father died in 1886. His widow survives. Both were identified with the Congregational Church. In his political views he was a Republican.

William H. Saxton passed the first fourteen years of his life in New York, but since that time, with the exception of when abroad, he has resided at Saugatuck. In boyhood he attended the Green's Farms Academy, then under the principalship of Ebenezer Adams, and after completing the course of study there, he went to New York, where he began his business career as a clerk in his father's business, subsequently becoming a partner. For some eight or ten years he represented the firm in Paris, France. He possessed that tact and business acumen evidenced in his father, and has been successful in his undertakings, which has enabled him to have

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such of this world's comforts and luxuries that are enjoyable and elevating. His elegant home and beautiful grounds on the bank of the Saugatuck, overlooking that stream, bespeak the taste and refinement of its occupants.

On August 21, 1867, Mr. Saxton was married to Miss Emily F. Sherwood, a daughter of Frederick Sherwood, of Westport, Fairfield county. After their marriage they resided in Saugatuck one year; thence went to Paris, France, where they made their home for a period, then returned, and have since occupied their present home. This marriage was blessed with four children, namely: Clara H. (Mrs. Rev. H. M. Burr), of Springfield, Mass.; Angie L. (now Mrs. B. L. Woodworth); Emily F. (died in Paris, France); and Edward R. (now in Yale College).

Socially, the family move in the best circles, and at their home is dispensed a generous hospitality. In politics Mr. Saxton is a Republican. He is at the present writing vice-president of the First National Bank of Westport, and also chairman of the board of school visitors of the town.

HON. WILLIAM A. BRAUN, who has twice represented his district in the State Assembly, is one of Danbury's most successful and enterprising business men. Few have entered upon a career under less promising circumstances than those which surrounded Mr. Braun when he came to Danbury, in 1879, without capital, to take a place in a tailor shop, and his rapid progress has been due to hard work and judicious management.

Mr. Braun was born April 22, 1855, in New York City, and is of German blood. His father, William Braun, was a native of Potsdam, Germany, and at the age of twenty-one, while a University student, he became involved in the Revolutionary struggles of 1848. Having incurred the displeasure of the authorities by his ardent efforts in the cause of the people, he was obliged to flee from the country and naturally sought a refuge in America. On landing in New York City he turned his attention to the necessary task of earning a livelihood, so learned the tailor's trade, which he has ever since followed. In 1860 he removed to Hartford, Conn., and still resides there. He takes a keen interest in public questions, his sympathies being with the Democratic party on national issues. His wife, Elizabeth (Christman), who died in 1891, was a native of Bavaria, Germany. Of their seven children four are living, our subject being the eldest of the survivors. Louis C. is now employed in our subject's establishment at Danbury; August is a machinist at Hartford; and Robert C. is now in the employ of our subject.

Mr. Braun was five years old when the family removed to Hartford, where he grew to manhood, his education being obtained in the public schools. He learned the tailor's trade under his father's instructions, and in March, 1879, located in Danbury, securing employment with F. T. Haldin. After six months he purchased his employer's business, giving notes for the amount, as he had no funds at hand, and by industry and thrift he has succeeded in making his way to wealth and prosperity.

Mr. Braun is a fine-looking man of pleasing address, and is popular among all classes. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., also of the Masonic Fraternity, and now holds the rank of eminent commander in Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. He has always felt keen interest in political affairs, and is an active and influential worker in the Democratic organization. In 1891 he was chosen to the General Assembly, and in 1892 was re-elected, his faithful service having won the approbation of his constituents. In 1894 he was a candidate for the office of mayor of Danbury, but was defeated.

In 1881 Mr. Braun was married in Hartford to Miss Caroline F. Staudinger, a native of New York City. Her father, Charles F. Staudinger, a native of Germany, and a contractor by occupation, was then a resident of Hartford, where he was engaged in the manufacture of Gatling guns, on contract.

CHARLES W. RAYMOND. The Raymond family is one of the oldest in New England, two brothers of the name, having joined the Massachusetts Colony, settled near Lynn, at an early day. Some of the children of these two brothers settled at Hartford, Conn., a few years later, and soon after the founding of Norwalk the records show that representatives of the family had located there. Others went to New York, and H. J. Raymond, who was for many years the editor of the New York *Times*, was a member of this family. Nathaniel Raymond, who took an active part in the defense of Norwalk during the Revolutionary war, was of this family.

The subject of this sketch, who is now a prominent resident of Darien, is a descendant of the Norwalk branch of the family, his great-grandfather, Gresham Raymond, and grandfather, of the same name, having been in their time well-known citizens of that town. Charles W. Raymond, Sr., our subject's father, was a

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farmer in the town of Norwalk, his property being located on Five Mile river, and there he died in 1862. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Susan L. Cook, was born in the town of Huntington, Long Island, N. Y., and died in Darien, Conn., in 1860. Three children survive, viz.: Charles W., our subject; William H., a resident of Norwalk; and Adeline, wife of T. Spencer, of West Haven, Connecticut.

Mr. Raymond, our subject, was born in 1833, at the old home on Five Mile river, in the town of Norwalk, and was educated in the district schools of that locality. On leaving school at the age of sixteen he went to sea, and for a number of years he followed the coasting trade from North Carolina to Maine, and intermediate places. About 1865 he engaged extensively in the business of oyster budding, which he followed successfully until 1893, and although he still owns oyster grounds he has not since been actively interested in the business. His release from business cares has made it possible for him to give more attention to local affairs than before, and his fellow-townsmen, desiring to have the benefit of his sound judgment, have chosen him to fill the responsible post of first selectman, his election occurring in October, 1897. He had previously served a term as third selectman, and at other times was elected to the office of justice of the peace, and as member of the oyster commission. Ever since attaining his majority he has taken keen interest in political questions, and his membership in the Republican party dates back to 1860, at which time he was an ardent supporter of Lincoln.

In 1852 Mr. Raymond married Miss Sarah J. Wilmot, of the town of Darien, and twelve children have blessed their union. Of this large family seven are now living, as follows: Agnes A., Robert A., James H., Harriet A., Anna E., Charles W., Jr., and Susan L. The family is prominent socially, and Mr. Raymond and his wife are both members of the Episcopal Church at Darien. He also belongs to various fraternal orders including the F. & A. M.

CHARLES HEZEKIAH KNAPP, one of the well-to-do agriculturists of the town of Stamford, Fairfield county, Conn., is a native of same, born August 23, 1825, on Richmond Hill, in what was then known as Knapp's Parish, now West avenue. Mr. Knapp is a grandson of Hezekiah Knapp, who followed the trade of carpenter in Stamford, and built the old Presbyterian Church in that town. He married Polly Peck, a native of Sharon, Conn., by whom he had six children, namely: Polly (Mrs. Newman); Hannah (Mrs. Isaac Wardwell); Sally (Mrs. Scofield); Rufus Bethia (Mrs. Charles Gaylor), and Luther.

Luther Knapp was born in the year 1796 in Knapp's Parish, and engaged in farming in his native township all his life. On October 25, 1814, he was united in marriage to Hannah Selleck, daughter of Joseph Selleck, of that town, and they became the parents of six children, born as follows: Phebe Selleck, July 19, 1815; Joseph Selleck, March 15, 1818; Mary Peck, June 6, 1821; Ann Eliza, May 26, 1823; Charles H., August 23, 1825; Hannah M., June 26, 1827. Of the daughters, Phebe married Samuel Pierson; Ann Eliza became the wife of James Law, and died October 11, 1852; Hannah wedded Grant Judd. The father of this family passed away December 5, 1866.

During his boyhood Charles H. Knapp attended the public school located at the corner of Greenwich and Stillwater avenues, in Stamford, and acquired a practical common-school education. He was trained to farming on the home place, and has made agriculture his life work with satisfactory results, for he is one of the successful and prosperous farmers of this section. In about 1847 he erected the residence which he and his family still occupy, and he has enjoyed a good income from his farm for many years as the result of able management and skill in its cultivation.

Mr. Knapp was first married in Stamford, to Miss Harriet E. Crabb, by whom he had three children: Ida A., Emma F. and Charles E. His second marriage, which also took place in Stamford, was to Ann Jeanette Crabb, who died without issue, and he subsequently wedded, in Greenwich, Miss Emeline L. Scott, the daughter of Lewis J. and Julia Ann (Denton) Scott. Two children blessed this marriage: Nellie M. and Everett J., who died at the age of six years, seven months, three days. Mr. Knapp was a Whig in early life, and since the organization of the Republican party has been one of its loyal supporters. Fraternally, he is a Mason, uniting with Union Lodge.

CHARLES E. KNAPP, son of Charles H. and Harriet E. (Crabb) Knapp, is one of the substantial, enterprising young merchants of Stamford, where he conducts a thriving meat market.

Mr. Knapp was born May 9, 1862, in the town which has always been his home, and here passed his boyhood days attending the public

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schools, where he received a good common-school education. When fifteen years of age he commenced clerking in a meat market, and by steady work gained a thorough knowledge of the business, in which he has since continued. On June 15, 1880, in partnership with H. S. Provost, he opened a market at No. 67 Main street, and was in business with that gentleman until the following January, after which he carried on the establishment alone. Mr. Knapp's trade has widened yearly, and by faithful attention to the wants of his customers and sound business methods he has succeeded in placing himself in the ranks of the solid business men of Stamford, though he is still a young man, with, it is hoped, many active years before him.

Mr. Knapp was married in Stamford to Miss Anna L. Lewis, a native of New York City, daughter of Laban Lewis, and they have three children, namely: Lewis H., now (1899) twelve years old; Anna Viola, aged eight, and Mabel L., aged four. Our subject is a member of Stamford Council No. 999, Royal Arcanum.

ARTHUR WILLIAM GRISWOLD, M. D., was born August 12, 1853, at Worcester, Mass., a son of Ralph B. and Catherine E. (Butler) Griswold.

Ralph B. Griswold was born at Enfield, Conn., a son of Horace Griswold, also a native of that place. He received his education in the district schools, but early started out for himself in life. In his earlier years he was a wool buyer, and at the age of thirty years he began the manufacture of woolen goods at Concord, N. H., where he continued until 1855. He then again engaged in wool buying, and for over thirty years he remained in the West at this business. On April 22, 1843, he was married at Ashford, Conn., to Catherine E. Butler, who died August 2, 1875. To this worthy couple were born four children: Dr. Hamilton B., of New Milford, Conn.; Arthur William, mentioned below; Nellie A., deceased wife of E. E. Allen, of Newtown; and Laura, also deceased. Socially Mr. Griswold is a member of the F. & A. M.

Arthur William Griswold passed his early days at Worcester, Mass., and at Newton, Mass., in the public schools of which places he acquired his elementary education. Having a natural love of books, he determined to choose a life-calling that would keep him continually associated with them. He first went to Stafford Springs, Conn., and there completed his course in dentistry. This but opened up to his inquiring mind the broad field of medicine, and he determined to delve deeper into its mysteries. After three years practice of dentistry at Stafford, he began the study of medicine, and took the course of lectures in the medical department of the University of Vermont, later graduating from the Wisconsin Medical College. He began practice at Bridgeton, Maine, and in 1890 moved to Gaylordsville, Conn., then to Kent, Conn., in 1894; and in 1896 came to Brookfield.

On April 18, 1878, Doctor Griswold was married to Rose L. Day, daughter of William and Sarah L. (Cobb) Day, and they are the parents of the following children: May H., Ralph A., Seneca E., Harry B., Pearl J. and Leon W. Socially, the Doctor is a member of St. Luke's Lodge F. & A. M., of Kent, Conn., and of the Royal Arcanum, while Mrs. Griswold is an active worker in the Eastern Star. The family are members of the Congregational Church, and are highly respected citizens.

WEBSTER BURROUGHS BEARDSLEY (deceased) was for many years a leading citizen of Bridgeport, his sterling qualities of character winning for him a large circle of friends. His death, which occurred September 27, 1896, caused sincere grief, and the afflicted family received the sympathy of the entire community.

The Beardsley family has been prominent in this county from pioneer times, and the subject of this sketch was a direct descendant, in the eighth generation, from William Beardsley, a mason by trade, who came from England in 1635 in the ship "Planter," with a party of which Rev. Adam Blakeman, of St. Albans, England, was the leader. At this time William Beardsley was thirty years old; his wife Mary was aged twenty-six; his daughter Mary, four; his son John, two years; and his other son, Joseph, six months. William Beardsley located at Hadley, Mass., and probably remained there until 1638, when he removed to Hartford. In the following spring he settled at Stratford, this county, being one of the first to locate there. He died there at the age of fifty-six, and his will, which was dated September 28, 1660, was proved July 6, 1661. Tradition in all branches of the family states that he was a native of Stratford, England, born on the far-famed river Avon, and that he gave the name of Stratford to the plantation in this county. One of his descendants, who settled in western New York, at the present town of Avon, bestowed that name upon the place in honor of the river by which his ancestors had dwelt. The children of the pioneer were Mary,

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born 1631, who married Thomas Wells; John, 1632; Joseph, 1634; Samuel, 1638; Sarah, 1640, who was married June 8, 1668, to Obadiah Dickinson; Hannah, 1642, who was married in 1662, to Nathaniel Dickinson; Daniel, 1644; and Thomas.

II. Joseph Beardsley, the next in the line of descent which we are now tracing, was strongly inclined to a sea-faring life, but as his father left him half the estate on condition that he would remain at home and take care of his mother, he settled down at the homestead in Stratford. On July 31, 1684, he traded his property for the homestead of Andrew Gobb, at Brookhaven, L. I., but later he returned to Stratford, where he died in 1712, aged seventy-seven years. He and his wife Abigail raised a family of eight children: Joseph, born June 10, 1666; John, November 14, 1668; Hannah (Mrs. Thomas Marvey), April 30, 1671; Elizabeth, who married Edmund Pulford; Thomas, Ephraim, Jonathan and Josiah.

III. Thomas Beardsley was married July 18, 1707, to Sarah Deming, and had the following children: Israel, born December 3, 1708; Sarah (Mrs. Ichabod Lewis), born March 24, 1709; Hannah (Mrs. Jacob Lane), born May 28, 1715; Elizabeth, born October 26, 1716, who was married December 25, 1739, to George McEwen; Esther, who married Benjamin De Forest; Thomas and Henry (twins), who died in childhood; and Thankful, born July 8, 1729.

IV. Israel Beardsley was married May 30, 1730, to Elizabeth Blagge, a daughter of Samuel Blagge. Previous to 1761 he removed to Newtown, where his death occurred in 1791. He had nine children: Samuel Blagge, born in January, 1731, died in June, 1746; Israel, born September 30, 1733; Elisha, born August 17, 1735; Urania (Mrs. Samuel Hawley), born April 9, 1738; Lemuel, born in June, 1740, who died in the French and Indian war; Abel, born in April, 1743, died in 1788; Jared, born in 1744; Katharine, born in February, 1753; and Price, born May 19, 1761.

V. Elisha Beardsley died in Monroe township April 6, 1824, aged eighty-nine years. He was a prosperous farmer, owning a large tract of land, and was a prominent member of the Episcopal Church in his locality, holding the office of warden for many years. He married Mehitable Hurd, daughter of Ebenezer and Abigail Hurd, and had seven children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Abbie Betsey (Mrs. Nehemiah Gray), August 5, 1770; Ebenezer, April 22, 1772; Elisha Hubbard, December 5, 1773; Ezra Abel, January 14, 1776; Elihu, September 7, 1777; Agur, August —, 1779, who married (first) Ann Shelton, and (second) Sylvia Curtis; and Roswell, 1782.

VI. Elisha Hubbard Beardsley died March 14, 1840, aged sixty-six years. He married (first) Patience Prudence Edwards, daughter of William Edwards, of Huntington. She died February 20, 1818, aged forty-one years, and he married (second) Betsey Walker, who survived him, passing away January 3, 1853. By the first marriage he had four children: Prudence, who died April 5, 1813, at the age of fifteen; Sarah, who married Eli Blackman; Elisha Ezra and Juliette. By his second marriage he had one son, James Walker Beardsley, donor of Beardsley Park to the city of Bridgeport.

VII. Elisha Ezra Beardsley was born October 21, 1804, and became a farmer in the town of Monroe. He died in 1852, and his wife, whose maiden name was Laura Ann Burroughs, died in 1886. They had eleven children: Susan Elizabeth, Webster Burroughs, Adaline Hepsa, Caroline Ann, Ezra Elisha, Mary Jane, Hobart Edwards, George Lucius, Gertrude Amanda, Laura Annetta, and Agnes Maria.

VIII. The late Webster Burroughs Beardsley was born August 21, 1834, in the town of Monroe, and was educated in the common schools of the locality. He was reared to farm work, and for four years after his marriage he was engaged in agriculture in the town of Monroe. In 1875 he removed to Bridgeport and became interested in the milk business. He was an excellent citizen, and for many years was an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church at Nichols. His wife, Mrs. Eliza Ann (McNeil) Beardsley, to whom he was married June 22, 1870, survives him. Of their three children, the eldest, James Ezra, born July 2, 1872, died June 27, 1875; William Watson is mentioned below; and Laura Eliza, born March 30, 1886, died August 6, 1893. Mrs. Beardsley is a daughter of James Watson McNeil, and his wife, Eliza Ann Jackson. Her father came from Scotland in early manhood, and for a number of years was engaged in hat manufacturing at Stepney. Of seven children four are now living, Mrs. Beardsley being the youngest daughter. Catherine P. married Charles Joyce, of Monroe; Amanda married Albert Blissard, of Danbury; and Charles Watson resides in Danbury.

IX. William Watson Beardsley was born July 18, 1874, and was educated in Bridgeport, graduating from the high school June 23, 1891. He spent four years as a clerk in the Bridgeport National Bank, but severed his connection with that institution on November 19, 1896, and since that time has turned his attention to farming.

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He makes a specialty of dairying, and supplies a large amount of milk to the local market. His success in his chosen line of work indicates executive ability as well as energy, and he ranks among the substantial citizens of his locality. He is not married, but is prominent in social life, and attends Trinity Church at Nichols, with which his honored father was so long identified.

WILLIAM HOLMES, a leading citizen of Shelton, has for many years held a responsible position with the Derby Silver Company, and his long and faithful service is in itself an evidence of mental and moral worth.

The Holmes family is of English stock, and William Holmes (1), the grandfather of our subject, was a lifelong resident of the old country. William Holmes (2), the father of our subject, was born in Leeds, England, where he married Miss Lucy Walker, also a native of that city. About 1845 he came with his family to America, locating first at Derby, this county, where he was employed as foreman by the Shelton Company. In 1856 he removed to Madison, Wis., and operated a gristmill and sawmill for about three years, when his mills were destroyed by fire. In 1859 he returned to Derby and took his old position again, and a few years later he located in Shelton (then known as Huntington) and engaged in business as a florist, continuing until his death in March, 1892. He took an interest in all that concerned his adopted country, and was a stanch Republican, while he and his wife remained devout members of the Episcopal Church. They had ten children: Joshua, Mary A. (deceased), Walter (deceased), Lucy, William, Lillie, Emma (deceased), Florence, Royal and Josephine. The mother is yet living.

Our subject was born September 6, 1858, in Madison, Wis., but the greater portion of his life has been spent in the town of Huntington. His education was chiefly obtained in the schools of Shelton, and on leaving school he entered the employ of the Derby Silver Company, with which he has remained ever since, except for three and one-half years spent with the Meriden Plating Company, of Meriden, Conn. In 1880 he became foreman of the plating department of the Derby Silver Company, a position which he still holds. His fellow citizens have not been slow to recognize his abilities, and he is one of the leading advisers of the Republican organization in his locality. He has been (and still is) chairman of the Republican town and borough committee for eleven years, and he has also held the office of assessor for the borough. Socially he is prominent as a member of Ousatonic Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., the N. E. Order of Protection, the Order of United Workmen, and he is one of the charter members of Echo Hose Company, in which he has held every office, including that of chief engineer.

On April 14, 1881, Mr. Holmes married Miss Agnes T. Trumpbour, by whom he has had three children: Everett and Leslie, who are at home; and Gerald, who died July 28, 1888, when but five days old. Mrs. Holmes is a native of Ellenville, Ulster Co., N. Y., and a daughter of John C. and Julia (Collins) Trumpbour, in their day well-known residents of that town. Mr. Trumpbour, who was engaged in a very successful bakery business, died at Stamford, Conn., June 22, 1899, at the age of sixty-four years. Her family is noted for patriotism, her paternal grandfather and great-grandfather having served in the Revolutionary army, the latter having been aide to George Washington, while her father was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war. Her great-grandfather Crawford (on her grandmother's side) was the oldest Methodist minister in the New York Conference when he died at the age of ninety-one years.

JWOOLSEY SELLECK, whose sudden death on Saturday, January 8, 1898, is still fresh in the minds of the citizens of Stamford, was a prominent man in the locality in which he lived, and a native and lifelong resident of the town of Stamford. He was born February 22, 1840, in the house now occupied by David Bonner, and was the son of Joseph Selleck, who was in his day a well-known farmer of Stamford township.

Joseph Selleck, the grandfather of the subject of this memoir, was born in the town of Stamford February 14, 1759, and lived to a very advanced age, dying March 16, 1846. On December 31, 1786, he married Miss Phebe Clock, who was a native of Darien, Conn., born November 17, 1771, and they became the parents of six children, namely: Polly (who married James Bell), John, Jesse, Hannah, Joseph and Isaac. During the war of 1812 he enlisted in the army, and served as teamster.

Joseph Selleck, son of the above, was born in 1802 in the town of Stamford, in a house which then faced on Selleck street. He passed his entire life in his native place, where he engaged in farming, and, like his father, he also owned vessel interests. He married Emily F. Scofield, daughter of Richard Scofield, and their union was blessed with seven children—Emily

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Frances, the widow of Harvey Hoyt; Phebe C. (deceased), who married Gideon C. Ferris; Henry R., living in West avenue, Stamford; J. Woolsey; Isaac; Harvey, who was killed by lightning; and Annie. Joseph was an active member of the Connecticut State militia, in which he held the rank of captain. He was a Republican in politics.

J. Woolsey Selleck attended the public schools of the town of his birth, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he followed all his life, also engaging in the market business, in Oliver street, from 1869 to 1875. His career was a splendid example of a life of industry and energetic purpose, for he rose by his own exertions to a position of affluence and influence, and made an enviable name for uprightness and honesty of character wherever he was known. His pleasant manners and kindly disposition won for him friends on all sides, and his generosity to the poor and unfortunate, though quietly exercised, made him their special friend, for he was never known to refuse aid if deserved. Mr. Selleck was an ardent Democrat, always ready and willing to do all in his power for the welfare of the party, in which he was a local power. Public affairs in his neighborhood received a considerable share of his time and attention, especially during the later years of his life; and being an energetic and efficient worker, and a man worthy the confidence of his fellowmen, he became very popular in the ranks of Stamford's politicians. In 1885 he was elected selectman, and so well did he fulfill the expectations of his constituency that he was re-elected annually for the five succeeding years, during which time he discharged the duties of the incumbency with ability and faithfulness, never allowing outside influences or personal feelings to draw him aside from the path of duty. His straightforwardness and integrity were never questioned.

Mr. Selleck was married in Elmira, N. Y., to Miss Helen M. St. John, daughter of Hiram St. John, and by her had four children, viz.: Emma Frances, Joseph Milton, Walter and Clara Helen. The daughters are both now deceased; Milton is employed in the St. John Wood Working Company; he married Mary E. Williams. In 1868 Mr. Selleck erected the residence occupied by his widow, and which stands just east of the house in which he was born. Mr. Selleck's decease, on the night of January 8, 1898, was a shock to the entire community. Early in the evening he went to spend a few social hours with Dewitt Betts, a neighbor, and started for home about ten o'clock. At 6 o'clock Sunday morning Mrs. Selleck, unable to account for her husband's continued absence, sent an employe to Mr. Betts' to ask whether he had spent the night with his friends, and on his way through the fields Mr. Smith discovered the dead body of his employer. Hurrying back to the house with the news, the family notified Medical Examiner Rowell, who responded quickly and rendered a verdict of death from apoplexy. The body was removed to the house, not many yards distant, as soon as Dr. Rowell gave permission, and on Wednesday, January 12, was laid to rest in Woodland Cemetery, Stamford. The funeral was largely attended by people in all ranks of life. Mr. Selleck was deeply mourned by his wide circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the vicinity, who realized that in his death Stamford lost one of her best citizens. Mr. Selleck was a great lover of sport, and was an experienced hunter, having spent many weeks in the enjoyment of that pastime in Canada.

REV. THEODORE L. DIBBLE, now living retired in the town of New Canaan, Fairfield county, is a native of Westchester county, N. Y., born July 8, 1836, in Pound Ridge. He is of English descent, his great-grandfather having been one of four brothers who came from England and settled in this country.

Simeon Dibble, grandfather of our subject, a farmer in Westchester county, N. Y., died in 1876, aged eighty-four years. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. He married Mary Brown, and to this union were born one son and three daughters. The father was a worthy member of the Bedford M. E. Church.

Jonathan Dibble, son of Simeon and Mary (Brown) Dibble, was born at Pound Ridge, N. Y., and was reared in that place. In early manhood he went from the home farm to New York City, where he followed the trade of locksmith for a number of years. He married Mary M. Coggshall, a native of Pound Ridge, and they had five children: Theodore L.; Samuel, who is now a resident of Stamford, Conn.; George B., of Jersey City; and Frank B. and Annette A., both deceased. The father passed from earth in 1855, a devout, lifelong member of the M. E. Church.

Theodore L. Dibble in his youth lived in New York City, and was given a good education in the elementary branches, attending the public schools and also a private school. For seven years he was employed in mercantile business, after which he resumed study at Bedford, N. Y. In 1858 he commenced teaching at Pound Ridge, continuing to follow that profession for six and one-half years, until, in the spring of 1864, he en-

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tered the ministry of the M. P. Church. He was first ordained deacon March 12, 1865, and in 1868 was ordained elder, this time in Brooklyn, N. Y., in Grand street. His first pastorate was at Franklinton, Schoharie Co., N. Y., where he remained during 1864-65, and following that, in 1866-67-68, he was at Eastport, N. Y. In 1869-70 he was pastor of the Church in Graham avenue, Brooklyn. Next year he was transferred to the Iowa Conference, in 1871-72 having a Church at Fairview, Iowa, and in 1873 at Green Bay, that State. From this time until 1879 he was in the Muskingum (Ohio) Conference, having charge of a Church at Mt. Vernon, in 1875; Mt. Pleasant, 1876-77; Zanesville, 1877; Newcomerstown, 1878. In 1879 he was appointed to the Church at Silver Mine, Fairfield Co., Conn., in the New York Conference, and here he continued for about three years, at the end of which time he was made pastor of the Church at Vista, N. Y., where he continued for five years. After that he was located at Silver Mine for another year, and on April 1, 1889, he received a call from the Rensselaerville (N. Y.) Baptist Church, which he accepted, being regularly installed as pastor of that congregation on June 5, 1889. His service in that covered a period of two years, after which he returned to Silver Mine, and passed the remaining years of his ministry acting as pastor of the New Canaan Baptist Church from January, 1892, to January, 1896. Rev. Mr. Dibble was in active service in the Church for thirty-two years, and has all his days been a devoted servant of the Master, in his private life and intercourse with his fellow men striving to live up to those principles of faith and duty which he upheld in the pulpit. He is beloved and esteemed by all who know him, especially in the neighborhood where he is spending the days of his retirement, and where by years of service he has endeared himself to many and made hosts of warm friends.

Our subject was married, in 1861, at Pound Ridge, to Miss Mary M. Schofield, daughter of James Schofield, and they have one daughter, Fannie J., who is a source of comfort to them in their declining years.

HON. CHARLES H. PECK. Occasionally one meets a man whose abilities and force of character have enabled him to make such good use of meagre opportunities for mental development, that one queries what he might have become had he enjoyed a more favorable training in his youth. The subject of this sketch, a well-known agriculturist of Newtown township, received in his youth an academic education only, yet he has displayed, in the preparation of papers and the transaction of business for himself and others, a legal acumen which would be a credit to any licensed practitioner at the Bar. His sound judgment is combined with a high sense of honor, and he holds the confidence of the community in a marked degree, being frequently called upon to fill positions of trust and responsibility, and a host of friends will appreciate the following account of his life and family.

Mr. Peck was born April 19, 1827, in Middle District, of the town of Newtown, and is a descendant of one of the pioneer families of that locality. He is one of the seventh generation from Joseph Peck, of Milford, Conn. [See "Connecticut Pecks."] The line of his descent is through John, of the second generation, Joseph, Moses, Dan and Charles.

Joseph Peck, of the third generation, first settled in Milford, Conn., where he resided until about 1714, when he removed to Newtown, where he died. He was town clerk, and lived near what is now known as Newtown Street. On January 14, 1706, he married Abigail Baldwin, of Milford, and their children were: Joseph, Abigail, John, Mary, Elizabeth, Moses and Abigail (2).

Moses Peck was born December 28, 1719. He married Elizabeth Baldwin, December 1, 1748, and their children were: Ruth, Abel, Enos, Ann, Mary Coziah, Hezekiah, Caleb, Betty, Dan, Lois, Esther, Sarah, Nathan and Nathan (2). Moses Peck resided in the second house south of the village of Newtown, and for many years owned and cultivated a farm which remained in the family for three generations after him. His wife died December 25, 1798.

Capt. Dan Peck, the grandfather of our subject, was born at the old homestead June 10, 1763, and became a man of prominence in the town. His title was gained by service in the militia, and he was known far and near as "Captain Dan." He died March 25, 1833; his wife, Hannah Peck, a daughter of Henry Peck, born April 6, 1770, died a few years before him. They had six children: (1) Marcia died unmarried. (2) Charles is referred to farther on. (3) Hezekiah died leaving one son, John Howard. (4) Herman married Maria Hawley, and had children—Sylvia M., Edward B., Elizabeth and Herman H. (5) Lorin married Jane A. Lawrence, and had children—Arthur L. and Edward. (6) Sylvia died unmarried.

Charles Peck, our subject's father, was born at the farm in 1800, and in early life learned the shoemaker's trade, but later engaged in comb making, in which he carried on an extensive busi-

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ness for many years, employing a number of workmen. During the last years he resided at the old farm, and gave much attention to its cultivation. As a business man he was quite successful, while as a citizen he was held in high esteem. He died February 11, 1837; his wife, whose maiden name was Freelove Nash, died on December 9, 1835. She was a daughter of Micajah Nash, of Middle District, of Newtown, and her cousin, Mrs. Hannah Morgan, was the mother of Hon. Daniel N. Morgan. While he was not a Church member, Charles Peck regularly attended divine service, and his sympathies were with every progressive movement.

Our subject, who was the only child of this worthy couple, after his mother's death was taken into the home of an uncle residing in the same town, and remained with him until nearly of age. His education was begun in the district schools of the locality, and later he studied in Newtown under the instruction of Philo Clarke, Abel Prindle, and Harry Peck, acquiring, by the time he reached the age of seventeen, sufficient knowledge to enable him to teach. His first school was at Bennetts Bridge, in Wapping District, Southbury, where he received the munificent salary of eight dollars per month. During the summer season he worked to pay for his board, and to get money to purchase clothes, while two winters and one summer he spent in teaching in his native town.

In January, 1848, Mr. Peck married Miss Hannah Dibble Fairchild, daughter of Herman Fairchild, of Newtown, and after that event he turned his attention to farming, locating first upon a farm south of Newtown belonging to his father-in-law, but in 1855 he removed to his own estate where he remained until 1868, at which time he sold his farm. His management is scientific, and he has been a zealous student of causes in the various lines of practical work connected with agriculture. His reading has been extensive, covering much of the best literature of the past and present times, and he has given much attention to the political issues of the day, being a firm supporter of Democratic principles. In 1863 he was sent to the State Legislature. In 1867 he was appointed postmaster of Newtown, under President Johnson's administration, and this position he held until May, 1869. During his term of service he broke up the practice which had previously prevailed, one which required the postmaster to go to the Housatonic depot to sort the mail. After leaving the post office he devoted his time to farming exclusively until 1873, when he was chosen town clerk. This post he filled most acceptably for twelve years, when he declined to hold it longer. Since that time he has been largely engaged in semi-legal work, acting as guardian or as trustee for estates, and no higher evidence of his honesty and business capacity could be needed than is found in the large amount of business of this sort that has been given to his charge. In connection with his work as trustee for the Elon Booth estate, one of the largest ever probated in this section, it should be especially noted that he drew up the will, and although it has been twice tested in the courts of the State, yet it has been declared sound in every particular.

Mr. Peck, from his long years of service and connection with the public affairs of the town, and from his long residence with its people, has become, as it were, a veritable encyclopedia concerning the town records and the history of the first. He possessed a taste in this line which has been cultivated until he has become a perfect storehouse of information, which is most valuable to those who are now taking up the active work of public affairs. He is authority on the history of Newtown. For many years he has given a great deal of attention to the collection of rare books of ancient print, as well as to all kinds of interesting articles of historic nature. He now possesses a large and valuable collection of articles in these and many other lines—a cabinet of curios, most interesting and instructive.

In religious faith Mr. Peck is a Universalist; but while he takes a liberal view upon points of doctrine and creed, he holds strictly to the "Golden Rule" as a guide for conduct, his own daily life being an example of right-doing. His home has never been blessed with any children, but his fatherly heart finds pleasure in making all the little ones within his reach as happy as possible, and every project for educational advancement receives his endorsement.

JOHN W. MELBOURNE, M. D. This well-known physician of Bridgeport is a successful exponent of the principles of the Homeopathic school of medicine, and his large and lucrative practice is, in itself, an evidence of the value of the theories of Hahnemann. As his history shows, his education was obtained through his own efforts, and his present success reflects the more credit upon him because of that fact. He was born December 3, 1855, in Manchester, England, and is a descendant of a well-known family, being a grandson of the seventh son of Lord Melbourne, and himself the seventh son of Samuel Melbourne.

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Samuel Melbourne, our subject's father, was born in Derbyshire, England, and graduated from Oxford College. He married Miss Harriet Wood, a member of a Yorkshire family which has long been prominent in the silk-manufacturing industry, and in 1867 they came to America, locating at Stafford Springs, Conn., and later at Catskill, N. Y., where he engaged in business as a contractor. His death occurred there June 26, 1886, and his wife died January 22, 1876. Of their nine children four are now living: Samuel, now the manager of the Harder Knitting Company's works at Hudson, N. Y.; William, a silver plater in Meriden, Conn.; Thomas, who has charge of a spinning-mill at Stafford Springs, Conn.; and John W., our subject

Doctor Melbourne's education was begun in England, and after coming to America he attended a private school for some time. As a boy he was employed in the cotton and woolen mills of Stafford Springs, and in early manhood he bought a farm near the village and engaged in agriculture. In 1876 he took charge of a cotton-carding department in a mill at Stafford Springs, and after five years he removed to Hartford, entering the employ of the Singer Sewing Machine Manufacturing Company. While there he began the study of medicine with Dr. George Greene, continuing four years, and in 1892 he went to Philadelphia and pursued a course of study in the Hahnemann Homeopathic College. On graduating, he located at Bridgeport, where he practiced two years, and afterward he spent three years in practice in Wilton; but he then returned to Bridgeport and has since made his home there. He enjoys an excellent reputation as a practitioner, and is the official examiner for several societies in Bridgeport, while, socially, he is prominent as a member of the Sons of St. George and the Brotherhood of the Union. Politically, he is a Democrat, and in religious faith he is an Episcopalian, he and his wife being leading members of St. Luke's Church at Bridgeport.

On August 3, 1876, Doctor Melbourne married Miss Hannah Westcott, and five children have blessed the union, three of whom are now living, viz.: Harriet, J. Frederick and Bessie M. Mrs. Melbourne is a native of New York City, and her paternal ancestors came from England at an early period. Her grandfather, Zina Westcott, was born on Rhode Island, but late in life settled at Tolland, Conn., and, like many of the earlier generations of the family, he was a carpenter and joiner by trade. Lewis J. Westcott, Mrs. Melbourne's father, was a native of Rhode Island, and became a manufacturer of soft drinks. His wife, Hopee Carpenter, who died in 1884, was a lady of English descent and was born at Stafford Springs, Conn., a daughter of Salmon Carpenter, a veteran of the war of 1812, and a granddaughter of Jonathan Abel Carpenter, who served in the Revolutionary war. The Carpenters have been largely identified with agricultural pursuits. Mrs. Melbourne is the youngest in a family of three children, the others being: Charles L., a carpenter of Bridgeport, and Frank, who is engaged in the same business in Stafford Springs.

SAMUEL B. MIDDLEBROOK, a prosperous farmer of Wilton, Conn., was born in that town February 24, 1828, and was there well educated in the common schools. From early boyhood he was engaged in farming, with the exception of the time he spent in California in the search for gold in 1852, making the journey thither by way of the Isthmus, during which time he had some remarkable experiences. In politics he was originally an Old-line Whig, and upon the organization of the Republican party he became identified therewith, and he still adheres thereto. As such he has held several of the local offices of his town, such as selectman, for seven years from 1861 to 1868, and most of the other town offices.

During the war of the Rebellion he was active and earnest in the support of the Government, and was instrumental in sending many soldiers to the front. He married Miss Sarah L. Lockwood, daughter of John and Mercy (Weed) Lockwood, of New Canaan, Conn. She was born June 8, 1831, and died October 4, 1878, the mother of the following children: George S., born January 3, 1857, died December 26, 1864; William L., born May 20, 1858, died December 29, 1864; John F., mentioned below; Samuel E., born April 22, 1853, died January 6, 1865; Joseph W., mentioned below; Mercy W., mentioned below; and Miss Sarah L., born March 26, 1874. Mr. Middlebrook is a man of more than ordinary mental qualities, keen and incisive in his grasp of ideas or in the expression of a thought. He must be accounted one of the interesting characters in New England life.

John F. Middlebrook, eldest living son of the subject of this sketch, was born December 28, 1860, in the town of Wilton and educated there in the common schools, subsequently taking academic work at Prof. Olmstead's school. Afterward he graduated at Columbia Law College of New York, and he is now practicing his profession in that city, and enjoying a large degree of success. He married Miss Minnie

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Jones, of Brooklyn, N. Y., she having been born there in 1862. Two children have graced this union: Mary Ann and George. The mother of these died, and Mr. Middlebrook has not married again.

Joseph W. Middlebrook, second eldest living son of the subject of this sketch, was born July 31, 1865, and was educated in the common schools of his native town, subsequently preparing for Yale College at Professor Olmstead's school in Wilton, afterward graduating at Yale College in 1887. Then attending Columbia Law College in New York, he graduated from that institution in 1889. He is now practicing his profession in Tarrytown, N. Y., where he was elected a director in the Tarrytown Bank. He is also a collector of collateral inheritance tax at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. He married Miss Emma Bradley, daughter of David Ogden Bradley, of Dobbs Ferry, and they have two children—Bradley and Joseph.

Mercy W. Middlebrook, eldest daughter of our subject, was born January 22, 1870, in the town of Wilton, received her early education there, later graduating from St. Margaret's Seminary at Waterbury, Conn. She married George Boyd, of the firm of Root & Boyd, insurance agents at Waterbury, Conn. Mr. Boyd is a singer of renown, and leader of the choir in his Church. He and his wife have one child, Mercy.

Michael Middlebrook, great-grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Fairfield, Conn., and was there educated, afterward engaging extensively in farming. He married Abiah Summers.

Summers Middlebrook, son of Michael and Abiah (Summers) Middlebrook, and grandfather of the subject proper of these lines, was born December 25, 1748, in the town of Wilton, and was there educated in the common schools. After leaving school he engaged in farming, and followed that honorable occupation all his life. He was also accustomed to do his own tanning and blacksmithing. He served his country faithfully and effectively in the Revolutionary war, being in Captain Arnold's company, and later in Captain Gilbert's company. He married Susanna Beal, who was born February 11, 1755. She was a most ardent Christian, led a devoted and blameless life, and her influence has descended to the present generation of her descendants. The children born to Summers and Susanna (Beal) Middlebrook were as follows: Matthew, born November 10, 1781, married Betsey Abbott; William, born January 23, 1784, married Betsey Denton; Abijah, born September 8, 1786, remained single (he opened the first store in Middletown, Orange county, N. Y.); Anna, born November 21, 1788, married John Jones; George, born September 6, 1792, married Lucretia Sturges; Jonathan, born September 17, 1794, remained single; and Sarah, born April 1, 1798, married William Lester.

George Middlebrook, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in the town of Wilton, and there educated in the common schools. After leaving school he adopted the occupation of farming, and during the training days was colonel of a regiment of militia. He was a man of great strength of character, and highly respected as a citizen and as a man. Politically, he was a Whig, was selectman of his town, and while not a member of any Church was yet greatly interested in the cause of religion. He married Miss Lucretia Sturges, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Hurlbutt) Sturges, the former of whom was a farmer of Wilton. She was born there January 24, 1801, and died June 3, 1871. The children born to them were as follows: Mary, born December 29, 1818, married William Harris; Susanna, born October 2, 1820, married Le Grand Comstock; Clarissa, born May 17, 1822, married Ebenezer Be ts; Henrietta, born May 15, 1824, married William D. Gregory; Sarah A., born January 21, 1826, is now the widow of W. D. Gregory, she having been his second wife; Samuel B. (our subject), born February 24, 1828; Elizabeth A., born November 21, 1831, married John Hill; Lucretia, born November 13, 1833, married A. E. Brown; Emily, born November 20, 1835, married John L. Lockwood; Gertrude, born March 4, 1837, married Dr. J. E. Turner; Helen, born June 13, 1839, is still single; Virginia S., born June 21, 1842, married a Mr. Wilkinson; and Georgia, born January 12, 1847, died when about twelve years of age.

GEORGE MORGAN, one of the honored and substantial agriculturists of Danbury, was born in that town July 12, 1826, a son of Peter Morgan, and a grandson of Joseph Morgan.

The Morgan family were of English stock, and early settled in this country. Joseph Morgan followed the occupation of farming in Fairfield county. He married Miss Mary Drew, of Wilton, and the young couple then settled on a farm in New Fairfield, where they reared their family of nine children: Joseph, who carried on farming in New York State; John and Drew, who were also farmers in New York State; Peter, the father of our subject; James, a farmer in the town of Danbury; Stephen, a farmer in western New York; Hannah, married to —— Cleveland,

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of New Fairfield; Clara, who married Darius Hoyt, of New Fairfield; and Mary, who married Elija Sherwood, also of New Fairfield.

Peter Morgan was reared on the farm in New Fairfield, and enjoyed the usual educational privileges of farmer boys in that day. Before 1812 he went to work for Isaac Seeley, of Bethel. He married Clarissa Taylor, a sister of Joel Taylor, so well known in the manufacturing world of Danbury in the early half of this century. They settled on a farm in Danbury, and reared a family of seven children, as follows: Sally (deceased) married John Johnson, a combmaker of Bethel, now living retired; Mary married Frank Judd, a farmer of Bethel, and both are now deceased; Taylor was a farmer, later a butcher, in Birmingham, where he died in 1892; Peter was a hatter in Danbury, and died in Brookfield in 1889; George is our subject; Ursula married Charles D. Leavenworth, a hatter, and both are deceased; and Jerome R. lives on the old farm in Bethel. The father of this family died in 1871, at the age of eighty years; the mother passed away in 1878, aged eighty-one. In politics, Mr. Morgan was a Democrat.

George Morgan passed his early days in the uneventful manner of farmers' boys, working on the farm and attending the district school about three months in the year. When seventeen years old he began to learn the hatter's trade under Russell Benedict, and during the years between 1843 and 1891 he followed that trade, in which latter year he retired from the active cares of business, and is now living quietly on the old homestead, enjoying the reward of his industry and economy. There are seventy-five acres on this farm, devoted to general farming.

In 1847, Mr. Morgan was united in marriage with Miss Ann M. Morris, a native of the town of Brookfield, and a daughter of Alfred Morris, a farmer of that town. Alfred Morris was a son of Bethel Morris, a representative of one of the oldest families in the county. To Mr. and Mrs. George Morgan eight children have come, namely: Charles S., at one time a carpenter in Danbury, who died at the age of forty; G. Randolph, a carpenter and pattern maker in Boston; Carolyn, who died in infancy; Alfred M., a carpenter in Danbury; Clarence L., a merchant on White street, Danbury; Evelyn E., the wife of Charles B. Hatch, a wagon maker of New Fairfield; Georgiana, the wife of James P. Kyle, a hatter; and Susan E., unmarried and at home.

Mr. Morgan's entire life has been passed in this community, and the high estimation in which he is held by his neighbors and acquaintances, through all the years of daily companionship, speaks well for the sterling integrity and inherent nobleness of his character. In all matters of general interest, and in all enterprises for the advancement of the material growth of his town and county, he has identified himself. His liberality and generosity are unfailing in all worthy causes. In politics he is a Democrat, but though a worker for his party, he has no political aspirations, preferring to continue his simple steadfast life.

HON. SIMON C. BRADLEY. Few men of his years are as well known as this young and enterprising agriculturist of Fairfield township. It would be difficult to analyze the cause of his wide popularity and influence, as his genial, friendly disposition, his progressive ideas, his sound practical judgment, and upright character are all factors in maintaining for him an enviable position in the community.

Mr. Bradley was born July 29, 1858, in Banks North District, Fairfield township, the son of Zalmon B. and Sarah E. (Sherwood) Bradley, of whom an account is given elsewhere. His education was begun in the district schools, and after completing the course offered in the local schools he attended Greenfield Academy, then conducted by Mr. Loveridge, and Easton Academy, acquiring a good practical education. During boyhood he received practical training in farm work under his father's direction, and as a young man he took charge of the homestead for some time. At the time of his marriage, in 1879, he built a new house upon the farm, where he continued to reside until his removal in 1893 to his present farm, formerly known as the William Banks farm. Since taking possession he has made many improvements, and the neat and orderly appearance of the place shows the skillful management of the scientific farmer. He is fond of field sports, and for some years has been actively interested in rearing dogs of high breed, many specimens from his kennels having carried off prizes in contests which were open to the world. He now has charge of the "Del Monte Kennels," one of the noted kennels of the United States, recently removed from Mississippi to Greenfield Hill. Since 1894 he has been judge of many important contests, and has awarded more than $13,000 in prizes, some going to England and Scotland. In November, 1897, he had five appointments as judge in contests in North Carolina, and three in Ohio and Indiana. He is secretary and treasurer of the Eastern Field Trials Club of America, of which Pierre Lorillard, Jr., is president.

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Mr. Bradley was early brought into prominence through his efforts in behalf of agricultural interests, and for years he has been a leading worker in the P. of H., as a member of Greenfield Grange No. 133. He has held various offices in the State Grange, serving two years as State deputy, and he has been chairman of the executive committee of Pomona Grange, of Fairfield county. As he has always been a stanch Democrat, he naturally became influential in the party councils, and in 1887–88 he served as a representative in the State Legislature, being only twenty-nine years old when elected, making one of the youngest members of that body. In 1894 and 1896 he was nominated by his party for the same position, but was defeated. For three years he was chairman of the Democratic town committee, resigning in 1896, and since 1894 he has held the office of first selectman of Fairfield, his efficient and faithful service winning the approval of all classes, irrespective of party. He comes honestly by his ability in public affairs, his ancestors having been prominent in this section from pioneer times. His father was a selectman for many years, and also served as a representative from Fairfield, while in the maternal line his grandfather, William Sherwood, served ably as postmaster at Southport, and judge of probate court in the town of Fairfield.

On September 30, 1879, Mr. Bradley married Miss Anna Belle Bulkeley, a native of Kendallville, Ind., and daughter of Moses A. and Elizabeth Bulkeley. During her childhood her father met his death while operating his lumber mill at Kendallville, and soon after that event she came to Fairfield county, where she was educated. Two children, Elizabeth B. and Sarah E., have blessed this union, and both are popular in the best social circles of Greenfield Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley are members of the Greenfield Hill Congregational Church.

STEPHEN P. CRONAN, D. D. S., a leading dentist of Bridgeport, is a young and enterprising practitioner whose ability and thorough preparation have won for him a well-deserved success. His offices, which are advantageously located on Main street, are handsomely furnished, and the apparatus for professional work shows a progressive spirit which from the first commands the confidence of the visitor.

Dr. Cronan comes of Irish ancestry, his parents, Michael and Ann (McNally) Cronan, being natives of the Emerald Isle. His father, who served gallantly as a soldier during the Civil war, with the Ninth Conn. V. I., is one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Naugatuck, having resided there for half a century.

Doctor Cronan was born September 1, 1871, at Naugatuck, and his education was secured in that town and in Waterbury. After graduating from the high school at Naugatuck he began his professional studies in the office of Dr. Fred Warnes, of Waterbury, and later he entered the office of Dr. C. E. Gates, of the same city. This practical work was supplemented by a three-years' course in the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, where he was graduated with the class of '95. On May 1 of the same year he located in Bridegport, and as his skill met with prompt recognition he has already built up a lucrative practice. He is much interested in military matters, as befits the son of a Union veteran, and at present is first lieutenant and adjutant of the 1st Battalion, 4th Regiment Connecticut National Guard. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic, and he attends the Church of the Sacred Heart at Bridgeport. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Foresters of America.

ORLANDO S. WILDMAN. In compiling a volume of this kind it would be a grave error to omit from it a record of the lives of those worthy men who bear names that have been prominent in the history of the county from its earliest period. The name of Wildman is one familiar to every inhabitant of the town of Danbury, and, for that matter, throughout the entire State of Connecticut. Orlando S. Wildman was born April 26, 1823, on the farm which has ever since been his home.

Thomas Wildman, the grandfather of our subject, married Lucy Hamilton, of Danbury, and they became the parents of seven children, of whom we have the following record: (1) Silas learned the hatter's trade, and when a young man went to Hartford; (2) Philo is the father of our subject; (3) Starr died young; (4) Lucy married a Mr. Adams; (5) Curtis, who was a hatter, died young; (6) Zilla married Henry Barnum; and (7) Eppa was a hatter in Danbury, where he died. The parents of this family were farming people, and died in Fairfield county.

Philo Wildman grew up on a farm, working in summer and attending school during the winter months. On attaining man's estate he married Miss Hulda Terrell, a native of the town of New Fairfield and a descendant of an old English family, and they immediately afterward settled on the farm where our subject now resides, and there their family of three children were born

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and reared: William T., a resident of Sutter Creek, Cal., has been engaged in the mining business since 1852; Minerva married Cyrus White; and Orlando S. is our subject. The father of this family was summoned to his final rest in 1875, just ten years after the death of his noble and devoted wife. In politics he was a Republican, and in religion a faithful follower of John Wesley.

Orlando S. Wildman has lived almost his entire life on his present farm, and in the cultivation of its 125 acres of fertile land has taken great pride. He has been a farmer all his life, though for a brief period he worked at hatting.

On May 31, 1849, Mr. Wildman was married to Miss Esther A. Beers, of the town of New Fairfield, a daughter of Elijah Beers, who came from Easton, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Wildman at once began their married life on the homestead, and there reared one child: William A.; three others died in infancy. Active in the work of the Methodist Church, our subject and his wife are identified with the principal religious and charitable enterprises of the place. In politics Mr. Wildman is a stanch Republican, but, though one of the workers of his party, he uniformly refuses to accept the offices his friends have so often offered him. He is highly respected and esteemed by his friends and neighbors, and the citizens of Danbury look upon him as one of the substantial farmers and public-spirited men of the place—one who shirks no duty of citizenship, but scorns the paltry aims that are the offspring of petty ambition and selfish gain.

WILLIAM A. WILDMAN, the only child of our subject, was born June 17, 1850, and on reaching maturity was united in marriage with Miss Frances L. Nash, a daughter of Harry W. Nash, a farmer of the town of Wilton. William A. Wildman is engaged in the meat business in Danbury, and is regarded as one of the enterprising citizens of the town. He and his wife reside with his parents on the old farm, and there look after the comfort and welfare of that aged and honored couple. A Republican in political faith, and in the same commendable way as his father, he gives liberally of time and means to all worthy enterprises.

WILLIAM J. BEECHER, a well-known member of the Fairfield County Bar, was born March 5, 1859, at Bridgeport, this county, a son of John and Margaret Beecher, and his life has been mainly spent in this section.

During his boyhood Mr. Beecher attended the schools near his early home, and his academic education was completed in Staples Institute, at Easton, this county. Having decided upon entering the legal profession, he pursued a course in the Yale Law School, graduating in 1880. On July 1 of that year he was admitted, at New Haven, to practice in all the courts of the State. In August, 1880, he opened an office in Bridgeport, where he remained through the trying first months of idleness and discouragement which every briefless young lawyer must undergo, but on January 17, 1881, he removed to Newtown. There he had some difficulty in securing a suitable office, his first location, over the old tin-shop, being far from desirable, but he finally obtained pleasanter quarters above the store now occupied by Mr. Beers. By sheer force of merit Mr. Beecher has made his way to a flourishing practice, and he can now look back with amusement upon his early experiences. In his first case, events took a somewhat unusual turn, as he arrested his own client. In November, 1886, he was elected judge of probate on the Democratic ticket, and this office he held for four years. For a short time he served as town clerk, having been appointed to fill a vacancy, and for four or five years he was assistant town clerk. He continued his practice in Newtown until October 1, 1892, when he opened an office at Bridgeport. In October, 1894, he formed a partnership with Frank M. Canfield, Esq., under the firm name of Beecher & Canfield, and they have since enjoyed a constantly-increasing clientele of a general nature.

On April 3, 1891, Mr. Beecher married Miss Mary B. Glover, daughter of the late Henry Beers Glover, and their home has been brightened by three children: Florence Glover, Henry Glover (who died November 4, 1897) and Marguerite Katharine.

The late Henry B. Glover was for many years a leading resident of Newtown, and his father, Abel Booth Glover, was in his day a prominent merchant of the place, occupying a store at the site of Charles H. Peck's residence After receiving an academic education in the schools of his native town, Henry Glover entered Yale College, where he was graduated in September, 1820. On completing his education he spent some time in Cleveland, Ohio, but later settled at Newtown, and his remarkable abilities as a financier were shown in various enterprises requiring foresight and sound judgment. He never took an active part in politics, and although he was a firm supporter of the Republican party so far as national issues were concerned, he voted independently on local questions. He felt a deep in-

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terest in all that relate to the welfare of his town, and for many years was an active worker in Trinity Episcopal Church of Newtown, being one of the most liberal contributors at the time of the building of the new edifice. His business enterprises included the organization of the Newtown Savings Bank, and from its foundation until his death he held the positions of secretary and treasurer in that institution, with the exception of one year. For a number of years he was identified with the First National Bank at Bridgeport, serving as a director. He died March 6, 1870, at the age of forty-five, and his wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Blakeslee, died May 17, 1875, aged forty-nine. Many tributes of respect were paid to his memory, and at a special meeting of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Bridgeport, held March 28, 1870, the following resolutions were passed:

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All-wise Providence to remove by death our late friend and associate, Mr. Henry Beers Glover, who for many years was a prominent and efficient director of this bank,

Resolved, That we sincerely deplore the loss of our esteemed friend, endeared to us as he was by his superior business capacity and his many social virtues, and whose manly deportment has commanded our highest regard.

Resolved, That we tender to the family and relatives of the deceased our sympathy in their affliction, knowing that the Bank and the community in which he lived, as well as his deeply afflicted family, have experienced an irreparable loss.

Resolved, That the President, Cashier and Messrs. Tomlinson and Nichols be appointed a committee to attend the funeral services of our deceased friend at his late residence in Newtown, to-morrow at 2 o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the friends of the deceased, be entered upon the records of this bank, and published in the papers of the city.

DR. EDWARD A. STRATTON, of Danbury, is a descendant of good New England stock, and has been successful in his profession.

CHARLES P. TURNEY, who for nearly half a century has been intimately identified with the growth and prosperity of the city of Norwalk, Fairfield county, as a contractor and builder, as well as an enterprising citizen, is a native of the county, born March 14, 1826, in the town of New Fairfield, of an old and honorable Connecticut family.

John Turney, grandfather of our subject, was born in Fairfield county, where he was a lifelong farmer, and he died at Easton, in 1847. In religious faith he was a Baptist. His son, Andrew, father of our subject, was born, in 1801, in what is now the town of Easton, Fairfield county, and was reared on a farm. He married Paulina Gregory, a daughter of Elijah Gregory, who was a blacksmith by trade, and two children came of this union: Melinda, who married Lewis Hayes, a farmer in the town of New Fairfield, Fairfield county (they are both now deceased, Mr. Hayes dying in 1884, Mrs. Hayes in 1886); and Charles P., still living. In 1835 the parents moved with their family into the town of Redding, and settled on a farm. In 1837 they came to Norwalk, whence, in 1845, they moved to Fairfax county, Va., where the father again took up agricultural pursuits, and followed same till his death, on February 14, 1861; he was originally a Whig in politics, later, on the organization of the party, uniting with the Republicans. His widow died January 5, 1879.

The subject proper of this memoir, whose name opens the sketch, was reared on his father's farm in the town of New Fairfield, and received a good, substantial district-school education. He then commenced learning the carpenter's trade, which he has followed ever since, in connection with contracting and building, for five years in Virginia, and since 1850 in Norwalk.

On September 11, 1851, Mr. Turney was united in marriage with Miss Rhoda A. Sturges, of Norwalk, daughter of Joel Sturges, a farmer of the town of Weston, Fairfield county. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Turney. He is a consistent member of the Baptist Church, Mrs. Turney being a Methodist, while in his political predilections he was originally a Whig, later a Republican, and at the time Norwalk was a borough he held the office of burgess five years. They have their home in an elegant and comfortable dwelling fronting on Union Park. During his long residence in Norwalk Mr. Turney has put up many dwelling houses and other buildings in the place, more, in fact, than any other man, and has owned and sold many houses in that time. That he has been an all-round successful man goes without saying, thanks to the active qualities of his nature—enterprise, energy, business tact and public spirit, to which may be added thorough judgment, honest work, and honorable dealing.

MICHAEL J. HOULIHAN, proprietor of the "Grand Central Hotel," Newtown, is one of the most popular men to be found in Fairfield county, and his fellow-citizens have on many occasions given proof of their esteem by choosing him to important offices of public trust.

Mr. Houlihan is a native of Newtown, born January 7, 1858, but his ancestry is Irish, the

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Houlihan family being one of the oldest in County Clare, Ireland. Many of its members have been prominent in various lines of effort, and his grandparents, Michael and Margaret (Haugh) Houlihan, who were lifelong residents of that county, where much respected by their associates. John Houlihan, our subject's father, was born in County Clare and in 1855 came to America, settling at Newtown, where he has been employed for more than thirty years in the shipping department of the New York Belting & Packing Company. He married Miss Margaret Keane, daughter of Martin Keane, also a native of the Emerald Isle. Our subject is one of five children, the others being John F., a resident of Newtown; Miss Mary Jane; Martin F., of Newtown, and Miss Margaret.

Mr. Houlihan, our subject, was educated in Newtown, attending the common schools and the academy, and as he has always been a great reader he is well-informed upon general subjects. At an early age he began to devote his attention to the hotel business, starting in 1874 as a porter and general utility boy, and from this humble position working up gradually until in 1887 he became the proprietor of his present hostelry, succeeding Capt. A. W. Snow in its management. Having begun at the foot of the ladder he knows the business thoroughly, and he has met with well-deserved success in his efforts to please the public. He has made many improvements in his establishment, introducing drainage and gas, and it is now one of the best hotels to be found in the section. His genial manner adds to the attractions of the place, as he seems to take hearty enjoyment in seeing his guests comfortable —a characteristic, however, which is to be noted in his treatment of everyone, and may be regarded as one of the reasons for his popularity in public and social life. In politics he is a Democrat, and for years he has been a leader in the councils of the party in the State. He has held numerous local offices, including those of town clerk, in which he has served continuously since 1887, registrar of voters and clerk of the probate court. In 1884 he was elected to the Lower house of the Legislature to represent the town of Newtown, and in 1890 and 1892 he was chosen to the State Senate from the Fifteenth Senatorial District, Hon. D. N. Morgan being his colleague. During his first term of two years in the Senate he was chairman of the committee on Labor and chairman of the joint standing committee on Military Affairs, and during the second term he was chairman of the joint standing committee on Railroads, consisting of one senator and eight representatives. He was quite popular among his fellow members and took an influential part in legislation. In his second term he introduced the Bill for increasing the stock of the Consolidated Railroad to $100,000,000. In March, 1893, Mr. Houlihan was chosen, for the un-expired term ending July 1, 1895, to membership in the board of county commissioners, for Fairfield county, which has control of the county court houses, county jails, county home and other property, and has charge of the highways in certain instances, and of the laying out of telegraph and telephone routes. His colleagues on this committee were Whitman S. Mead, of Greenwich, and Daniel S. Rowland, of Bridgeport. For three years prior to 1891 he was a member of the State Central Committee of his party, and during the campaign of 1890 he served on the executive committee from Fairfield county. In 1896 he was a delegate to the Chicago convention, and he and William Kennedy, of Naugatuck, were the only members of the delegation who did not "bolt" when the platform was adopted. Mr. Houlihan was a candidate for Congress in the Fourth Congressional District of Connecticut in that year, but as the Republicans carried the day throughout the State he failed of election, although his town gave the largest proportionate Democratic vote of any town in New England. Mr. Houlihan's first wife, whose maiden name was Annie M. Slavin, passed to the unseen life June 29, 1894, leaving four children, viz.: Catherine T., John Grover, Loretta and Annie May. On September 8, 1897, our subject married, for his second wife, Miss Katherine Agnes Hourigan, by whom he has one daughter, Mary Virginia, born January 16, 1899. The family is identified with St. Rose's Catholic Church of Newtown, of which Mr. Houlihan is a prominent member, and he also belongs to the Brotherhood of Elks, the Knights of Honor, the Order of Forresters and the Knights of Columbus.

GEORGE LORING PORTER, M. D. This branch of the Porter family is of the Stratford (England) stock, one of whose members, Hugh Porter, was appointed July 17, 1550, trustee for the six daughters of Robert Arden, who was the father of Mary, the mother of Shakespeare. [Duyskinck's "Shakespeare," Ed. 1869; Page XXVII.]

The subject of this biography, a leading physician of Bridgeport, Conn., is of the eighth generation, in direct descent, from John Porter, who sailed from England April 25, 1635, on the "Susan and Ellen," and settled in Hingham, Mass.; and tradition has it that he headed the town's quota

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in King Philip's wars; was deputy to the General Court, 1644; that year he removed to Danvers (then called Salem), Mass., and from time to time purchased much land, "so that, at the time of his death, he was the largest landholder in Salem, his lands lying in what is now Danvers, Salem, Wenham, Topsfield and Beverly." He was well known throughout the Massachusetts Colony, having held many official positions. During the Colonial wars, the Revolutionary period, and the war of 1812, many members of the family took active parts. At the first fire of the British troops at Lexington fell Asahel Porter, of Woburn; the first named upon the monumental tablet of those who were killed at Bunker Hill was an uncle of the Doctor's grandfather. The mother of Israel Putnam was Elizabeth Porter, and the eventful military career of Gen. Moses Porter (for whom Fort Porter at Niagara was named) began at Bunker Hill and ended with his death in Cambridge, 1822, when Boston gave him an official funeral. He was the first colonel of the First United States Artillery, and planned many of the fortifications on the Atlantic coast. Other members have distinguished themselves in literary, professional, mercantile and agricultural pursuits. The immediate line is:

(1) John Porter, of Hingham and Danvers, Mass., 1635-76; (2) Samuel, of Wenham, Mass., 1660; (3) John, of Wenham, Mass., 1658-1753; (4) Benjamin, of Wenham, Mass., 1691-1778; (5) Moses, of Boxford, Mass., 1719-1811; (6) William, of Boxford, Mass., 1744-1822; (7) Isaac Adams, of Dover, N. H., 1779; (8) George, of Pittsburg, Penn., 1808; (9) George L., of Bridgeport, Conn., 1838.

John Porter, grandson of the English John, in 1692, during the witchcraft delusion, had the courage to publicly oppose the popular madness, and, with his wife Lydia, testified to the good character of Sarah Wildes, who was accused by Goody Bibber of bewitching her. This opposition to the prevailing public frenzy subjected them to personal insult and pecuniary loss.

George Porter, the Doctor's father, was born in Danvers, in early manhood settled in Concord, N. H., and there conducted a hardware business as Porter & Rolfe until 1852, when he removed to Pittsburg, Penn., where he, in the firm of Dilworth, Porter & Co., was engaged in the manufacture of railroad supplies for many years. He was a public-spirited man, liberal and earnest in his support of religious, charitable and benevolent works, a friend to the needy, and at his death in 1882 was, by all who knew him, esteemed, beloved, venerated. His wife, Clarissa Ayer, a member of a well-known family, was a daughter of Peter Ayer, of Haverhill, Mass., and a descendant of Syman Ayer, who left England April 15, 1635, upon the ship "Increase," Robert Lete, master, and settled at Haverhill. Our subject is the eldest in the family of three children born to George and Clarissa Porter, the others being: Henry K., an extensive manufacturer of locomotives, and prominent in educational and benevolent enterprises, residing in Pittsburg, Penn., and Mary P., wife of William E. Lincoln, of Pittsburg.

Dr. George L. Porter was born April 29, 1838, in Concord, N. H., where he remained until he reached the age of ten years. He then entered the Little Blue Academy at Farmington, Maine, and for two years and a half he pursued his studies there. Later he attended school in Concord, and the academy at Pembroke, N. H. In June, 1855, he was graduated from the Academy at New London, N. H., and in 1859 he received the degree of A. M. from Brown University, Providence, R. I. He read medicine with Dr. J. P. Drake at Pittsburg, Penn., 1859-60, and later in the office of Doctors Brinton & Da Costa, in Philadelphia, Penn., 1860-62; attended two general and three special courses of lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, which institution conferred upon him the degree of M. D., in March, 1862. On April 29 following Doctor Porter passed the army medical examination board at Washington, D. C., and was assigned to duty as a "proof candidate" at the general hospital at Strasburg, Va., where he reported for duty to Major-General Banks, May 10, 1862. On the 25th of the same month, when the Union forces retreated down the Shenandoah Valley, Doctor Porter volunteered to remain with the sick and wounded, and was captured by Colonel Ashby, of the Virginia cavalry; but Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson at once placed him in charge of the hospital, and requested him to care for the Confederate wounded also. This was probably the first recognition during the Civil war of the right of medical officers to claim the protection of the modern rules of war governing non-belligerents. For this action he was honorably mentioned in the official reports, and received a complimentary letter from the surgeon-general.

When the Confederates were driven up the Valley he was placed at Strasburg in charge of the wounded on both sides, and after the battle of Cross Keys, Va., he established a general hospital for the Germans of General Blenker's division. On the 12th of June he was transferred to the general hospital at Winchester, Va., and on the 1st of July was assigned to Best's battery,

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with which he served during the summer of 1862. He was present at the battle of Cedar Mountain, the combats along the Rappahannock, the second battle of Bull Run, and the battle of South Mountain, and on July 17, 1862, he was commissioned assistant-surgeon U. S. Army, with the rank of first lieutenant. He served in the general hospital at Braddocks Barracks, Frederick, Md., from September 17 to November 18, 1862, and was then ordered to join the Army of the Potomac at Falmouth, Va., assigned to the Fifth Cavalry, and served with this regiment until May 10, 1864. He was present at the battles of Fredericksburg, Beverly Ford, Gettysburg, Brandy Station, Todd's Tavern, Flemming's Cross Roads, Manassas Gap, Kelly's Ford, Middleton, Upperville, Williamsport, Boonsboro (where he was wounded in the left arm), Funkston, Falling Waters, Beaver Dam, Warrenton, Ashby's Gap, Front Royal, Culpeper Court House and Morton's Ford.

By order of the War Department Doctor Porter was relieved from duty April 29, 1864, and ordered to report at Washington; but as the Army of the Potomac had severed its connection with the railroad before the order was received, and for a time had no communication with the capital, he served with his regiment in the Wilderness campaign. After the battles of the Wilderness he remained with the wounded at Fredericksburg for a few days, and was then sent to Belle Plain in charge of the first train of wounded, whence he proceeded with dispatches to Washington.

The Doctor often performed important surgical operations on the field and under heavy fire, and in referring to his services with the Fifth U. S. Cavalry Capt. Julius Mason, U. S. A., addressed the board of officers on staff brevets as follows: "During this time the regiment was engaged in many battles, losing heavily in sick and wounded. Assistant-Surgeon Porter's faithfulness to the sick and wounded is gratefully remembered by the officers and men, and his conspicuous gallantry during the battles of Upperville, Aldie, Gettysburg, Williamsburg, Funkstown and Brandy Station, where he took the dead and wounded almost from the hands of the enemy, entitles him to the greatest praise and consideration. He was under my command during all the above named battles, and, for his gallant conduct and faithful and intelligent services, he is justly entitled to a brevet captaincy and a brevet majority."

Doctor Porter was post surgeon at Washington Arsenal from May, 1864, to May, 1867; was the only commissioned officer present when the body of John Wilkes Booth was secreted; had medical charge of the conspirators against President Lincoln, imprisoned at the old penitentiary building; was present at the hanging of four of them, and accompanied the others to Tortugas. He was brevetted captain and major March 13, 1865, for faithful, gallant and meritorious service in the field during the war of the Rebellion. In May, 1867, he was ordered to report at St. Paul, Minn., and was assigned to duty at Camp Cook, Montana, where he reported on the 27th of August following. During the spring of 1868 he served with an expedition to the mouth of the Musselshell river, and during April and May, in addition to his medical duties, he did volunteer service as "officer of the day," to relieve the line officers, who were greatly overworked by the constant presence of hostile Indians under the command of Sitting Bull. Doctor Porter tendered his resignation, to take effect July 18, 1868; but as no medical officer had then reported he continued on duty until the arrival of his successor, when he crossed the continent on horseback alone, over the Lewis and Clark trail, returning to the Eastern States by the Isthmus route. Since October, 1868, he has been in general practice at Bridgeport, and during that time he has served in the State National Guard for seven years, four years as surgeon of the Fourth Regiment, and three as medical director upon the staff of Gen. Thomas L. Watson, the commanding general.

Doctor Porter is a member of the Bridgeport Medical Association, president in 1867-77; of the Fairfield Medical Association, president in 1882; of the Connecticut Medical Society, president in 1888-89; of the American Medical Association, member of the judicial council 1891-94; of the American Academy of Medicine; of the Ninth International Medical Congress, vice-president of the section on military surgery, 1887; president of the board of health of Bridgeport, 1882-83; director and consulting physician of the Bridgeport Hospital; member of the military order of the Royal Legion; of the thirty-third degree of the Masonic Fraternity; of the Grand Army of the Republic; of the Army and Navy Club of Connecticut; of the Oquosoc Angling Association; of the Metabetchonan, the Bostonnais and the Island Brook fishing and game clubs; of the Young Men's Christian Association; of the Sea Side Club; of the Algonquin and Eclectic Clubs; and of the Bridgeport Scientific Society; also of the Army and Navy Club of New York, and of the New York Athletic Club. He has been visiting physician of the Hartford Retreat since 1880; was president of the Bridgeport Library Associa-

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tion in 1879, and is medical examiner for many life insurance companies and benefit organizations. In 1882 Doctor Porter published in the "New England Medical Monthly" a "Report of a Case of Xanthic Oxide Calculus," the only specimen ever recognized in this country, and the eighth on record; half of the specimen has been deposited in the Army Medical Museum at Washington, and the remainder in the Pathological Museum of Jefferson Medical College. He is also the author of papers on "A New Danger in Surgery," in 1884; "Tubal Pregnancy," 1883; "The Cost of Sickness to the Individual and to the State," president's address Connecticut Medical Society, 1889; "The Medical Practice Act in Connecticut," an address to the Connecticut Legislature, April, 1893; "The Recognition of Death," 1875; and "The Wave Theory, its Application in Sickness," 1876. He began the discussion on suspended animation which resulted in the passage of the present Medical Examiners law of Connecticut in 1882, and delivered the inaugural address at the dedication of the Surgical building of the Bridgeport Hospital.

In 1862 Doctor Porter married Miss Catherine Marie Chaffee, daughter of Edwin M. Chaffee, of Providence, R. I., the inventor of the Chaffee Cylinder for vulcanizing rubber. Twelve children have brightened their home, viz.: Clara Elizabeth, George, James Benton, Ethel, Lindsay, May, Alice, Aaron, Hugh, Grace, Anna and Clarissa.

C. S. MEAD, M. D., a prominent physician of Port Chester, N. Y., is a member of one of the oldest and most highly esteemed families of this county, and his biography is appropriately inserted in this volume.

The Doctor is of the eighth generation in direct descent from John Mead [other authorities say William], the noted pioneer of Fairfield county, the line of descent being traced as follows: Through John, a son of the pioneer, Ebenezer (1), Ebenezer (2), Deliverance, Ephraim, and Isaac Howe Mead, our subject's father. The name has always been associated with a high order of citizenship, and at various times members of the family have intermarried with other prominent clans, including the Howes and Waterburys, descendants of early settlers in Stamford and Greenwich. The Mead family furnished many gallant soldiers to the cause of freedom during the trying period of the Revolutionary war, and the Howes were represented in the same struggle by Capt. Isaac Howe, who was born January 9, 1711, and served under Washington as captain of the 13th Company, 9th Regiment, of the Connecticut troops. Another of our subject's ancestors, Lieut. David Waterbury, was an officer in the Colonial army during King Philip's war.

Doctor Mead was born February 19, 1859, at Indian Field, in the town of Greenwich, upon the homestead which had been in the possession of his ancestors for several generations. His parents, Isaac Howe and Mary E. Mead, reared a family of six sons, of whom our subject was the third in order of birth, and all are now occupying honorable positions in life. Ephraim is a resident of Greenwich; Willard H. conducts a ranch in Wyoming; Spencer P. is in the employ of the Standard Oil Company in New York City; Thomas M. is engaged in farming in the town of Greenwich; and Amos H. is in business in Greenwich village. As more complete accounts of the family are given elsewhere in this book, we will pass on to the personal history of our subject.

During his youth Dr. Mead enjoyed the advantages of a country life, and he was thoroughly initiated into the mysteries of farm management while working on the homestead under his father's direction. His education was begun in the schools of Cos Cob District, with Miss Quintard as his first teacher, and after completing the course of study offered there he attended Greenwich Academy, pursuing the higher branches under Professor Shepherd, in preparation for a collegiate course. In 1878 he entered Columbia College, New York City, and on graduating from the literary department in 1882 he took the medical course offered in that institution, receiving the degree of M. D. in the class of '85. For two years longer he continued his studies in the metropolis, the greater portion of the time being spent in Roosevelt Hospital, where for eighteen months—from December 1, 1885, to June 1, 1887—he was on the house staff, and for six months he was house physician In the summer of 1887 he returned to his native town. While looking about for a suitable location for his professional work, he was encouraged by frequent calls from the people of Greenwich, and later in the same year he located permanently at Port Chester. He met with success from the start, in the face of competition which would have filled a less competent practitioner with dismay, and he now has a large and lucrative business, with every prospect of further advance. He is and has been for several years one of the attending physicians of the Ladies Hospital of Port Chester. In politics the Doctor is a stanch Republican, and he is a leading member of the

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Congregational Church at Port Chester. So far he has not donned the matrimonial yoke, but he is popular socially, and is identified with various fraternal orders, including the Royal Arcanum, the Foresters, and the Improved Order of Red Men, all of Port Chester.

CHARLES D. BURNES. Official honors come to the few in early life; the majority attain them in their riper years. The lives of Americans who have won lasting fame in statesmanship and in professional honors abound in these instances of early recognition, and it is therefore rather in the direction of prophetic premonition that similar occurrences point. To Charles D. Burnes, judge of the borough court at Greenwich, has come the honor of being the youngest incumbent of that office Greenwich has ever had.

Judge Burnes comes from a sturdy Scotch-Irish ancestry, his great-grandfather having been an emigrant from the North of Ireland. The grandfather, James Burnes, was a successful merchant. The father, Rev. Harvey E. Burnes, is a Methodist Episcopal clergyman, now stationed at Bridgeport, Conn. To Rev. Harvey E. and Grace (Andrew) Burnes were born four children, three of whom are now living. Of these our subject is the eldest; Everett A. is in the ministry; the youngest, Grace E., is at home with her parents.

Charles D. Burnes was born at Kensington, Conn., August 4, 1871, and was graduated from the Hackettstown, N. J., Institute in 1888. He then for two years attended Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn. He entered Yale Law School, from which he was graduated in 1893. The young lawyer immediately began the practice of his profession at South Norwalk, Conn., where he remained until July, 1894, when he became an associate of Hon. R. Jay Walsh at Greenwich, and later, in July, 1898, opened an office in that place. The same year he came to Greenwich he was elected deputy registrar of voters, and later clerk of the borough court, and in 1897, at the age of twenty-six years, he was elected judge of the borough court. This judicial position he has filled with signal ability, and he has thoroughly demonstrated his unusual legal attainments.

In politics Judge Burnes is a Republican, and he is regarded as one of the vital forces of the party at Greenwich. He is an active and indefatigable worker in its ranks, and is growing steadily in the esteem of the community. He is a member of Indian Harbor Yacht Club, and of the Amogerone Fire Company at Greenwich. He was married in 1895 to Miss Elizabeth May Raymond, daughter of Thomas I. Raymond, of South Norwalk, Conn. To Mr. and Mrs. Burnes has come one child, Dudley Raymond, born in November, 1895. In that year Judge Burnes built on Putnam avenue the cozy home which he now occupies.

NELSON BUSH MEAD. Among the most attractive dwellings to be found in this region, favored as it is by a class of residents who have added to nature's charms the most pleasing conception of modern architectural skill, is the home of the subject of this sketch, a well-known resident of Belle Haven, in the town of Greenwich. Its location is unsurpassed for beauty, and while the house is modern in construction and convenience it possesses a unique charm because it is built of huge boulders, natural size, which had previously been used for several generations for fencing upon the farm, and had been first taken from their resting places by our subject's ancestors. They have been most ingeniously placed in the structure, the smaller stones being assigned to the uses for which they were best adapted, and the result is thoroughly satisfactory from an artistic standpoint.

Mr. Mead was born March 25, 1860, and is of the eighth generation in direct descent from John Mead [other authorities say William], who came from England in 1642 [others authorities say 1635], and in October, 1660, located at Sound Beach in the town of Greenwich, the first settlement made in that section. The two sons of the pioneer, John and Joseph, accompanied him to Greenwich, and the former was the progenitor of the various branches now residing there. Ebenezer Mead (1), son of John, son of the pioneer, made his home at Indian Field in the town of Greenwich, and his son Ebenezer (2), the next in the line of descent, was born there in 1692. Ebenezer (2) had eleven sons and one daughter; the youngest of his large family was Abraham Mead, who served as a captain in the Revolutionary war, taking part in the battle of White Plains. He had previously been a captain in the Colonial forces, under King George III, and his commission, dating from May, 1774, is now in the possession of our subject, who is the eldest living descendant. Capt. Abraham Mead was born December 14, 1742, and for many years was engaged in the business as a potter. About 1790 he settled at the present site of Field Point or Belle Haven, where he purchased a large tract

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of land which he divided into two farms for his sons, Isaac and Zophar, the latter of whom married and had a family, but none of his children left descendants. Of the Captain's daughters only one was married, and she left no descendants. Captain Mead was a man of influence, being greatly respected wherever he was known. His death occurred December 24, 1827, and his remains now rest in the Congregational cemetery at Greenwich.

Isaac Mead, our subject's grandfather, was born December 8, 1770, and died January 31, 1849. He was one of the leading citizens of Greenwich in his day. In build he was smaller than ordinary, but he possessed firmness and executive ability, and his farm at Field Point was kept in an excellent state of cultivation. He married Clarinda Mead, a member of the same family, who was in the fifth generation in descent from John, the pioneer. She died March 20, 1856, and the remains of both were first interred in the Congregational cemetery in Greenwich, but have since been removed to New Putnam cemetery.

Hon. Augustus Mead, our subject's father, was born January 1, 1805, at the present site of Field Point, in a house which is still standing. As the only child of his parents, he inherited the homestead and other property, its management occupying much of his time throughout his life. Although he had but limited opportunities for study in his youth in the district schools of that time, he became a well informed man, and his sound judgment and intelligence gave him marked influence. While he was firm in his convictions, he was not obstinate, being ready to concede a point if found in error. For many years he was a leader in the Democratic party in this county, and while he held various township offices, including that of treasurer, he was more widely known through his long service as member of the State Assembly. It was mainly through his influence that Greenwich was separated from the Stamford jurisdiction, and he was the first probate judge of the new district. He held that office for many years, and was still serving at the time of his death, which occurred April 22, 1864. He was short in stature but of heavy build, weighing about two hundred pounds, and his death was caused by what is now known as pneumonia, then commonly called lung fever. He was married September 12, 1832, to his first wife, Sarah M. Husted, who died in October, 1857, leaving no children. On March 23, 1859, he married Miss Elizabeth Lyon Mead, who was born October 27, 1826, at Indian Field, Greenwich, daughter of Ephraim and Azubah Mead. She was a descendant of John Mead the pioneer, her father being the son of Deliverance and Abigail (Howe) Mead, and a grandson of Ebenezer (2), who was born October 25, 1692, and died in May, 1775, leaving a family of twelve children—eleven sons and one daughter. Our subject's mother was a woman of ability and force of character, and after the death of her husband she reared her two surviving children while managing the homestead in a most successful manner. She was a devout Christian, a member of the Second Congregational Church, and she died in that faith April 4, 1890. Our subject was the eldest in a family of four children. Of the others Augustus L. and Oliver Z. (twins) were born November 21, 1861 (the latter died in infancy, and the former is now a resident of Belle Haven); Samuel C. also died in infancy.

Nelson B. Mead was born March 25, 1860, at the old farm at Field Point, and his education was begun in the schools of that locality, with Mrs. Helen Osgood as his first teacher. After attending Professor Shepherd's school at Greenwich village for some time, he was sent to Gunnery school, at Washington, Conn., where he remained three years, and at the age of seventeen he returned home to take charge of the farm. On October 12, 1881, he married Miss Anna Rachel Mead, who was born September 25, 1861, a daughter of S. Merwin and Elethea (Reynolds) Mead, and until the death of his mother he made his home at the old farm. Since that event he has resided elsewhere temporarily, and in 1896 he completed his present beautiful residence at Belle Haven. Of late years he has not given attention to agriculture, being engaged exclusively in real-estate business, and his large capital and shrewd judgment made him a leader in that line of enterprise. He has a most pleasing address, and is popular socially, sustaining well the enviable position held in the community by his honored ancestors. He belongs to various societies, including the Royal Arcanum, and the Reform Club of New York City, of which he is a non-resident member. He and his wife are prominent workers in the Congregational Church at Greenwich; at present he is serving as deacon, and for several years past he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school. While his first Presidential vote was cast for the Republican party he pays little attention to partisan politics, supporting the "best man" on whatever ticket he may find him. Five bright and attractive children make his home merry: Augustus, born August 7, 1883; Elizabeth Lyon, born June 30, 1886; George Gordon, born August 4, 1888; Nelson, Jr., born January 14, 1893; and Anna Rachel, born June 9, 1896.

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WILLIAM J. NICHOLS, a well-known liveryman of Bethel, has been engaged in business there for several years, and by his judicious management has won increasing success.

Mr. Nichols is a native of the village, and his family has been identified with this State for many years. Philander Nichols, his grandfather, who was a tanner by trade, resided at Woodbury, Conn., during the greater portion of his life. Kellogg A. Nichols, our subject's father, was born in 1830 at Woodbury, Litchfield county, this State, and for some time was engaged in the hatting trade. He died at Haverhill, Mass., December 25, 1888. He was married in Danbury, to Miss Hattie A. Bell, by whom he had three children: William J.; Amelia H., wife of W. C. Robbins, of Acton, Mass.: and Miss Mary E., who resides in Danbury. The mother died June 21, 1898.

Mr. Nichols, our subject, was born November 10, 1861, and his boyhood was spent mainly in Bethel, his education being obtained in the public schools of the place and the neighboring city of Danbury. He served an apprenticeship to the hatting business with Judd & Co., of Bethel, and continued the trade until December 28, 1894, when an attack of hemorrhage of the brain interrupted his work. In April, 1891, he bought his present livery business from Charles Allen, and there is now no more popular establishment of the kind in the town.

On June 4, 1885, Mr. Nichols married Miss Alice A. Flint, a daughter of Nelson Flint, of Bethel, Conn., and they have had one child, a son, that died in infancy. While Mr. Nichols does not take an active part in local affairs, he is well liked socially, and is a member of various orders, including the Knights of Honor.

SAMUEL C. MORRISON (deceased) was a leading resident of the town of Darien, and his death in April, 1891, when he was of the comparatively early age of forty-eight, caused sincere mourning in the community with which he had been identified. His honorable record as a soldier, won during the long conflict between the North and South, was an indication of his high character, and in all the relations of life his sterling qualities of mind and heart were constantly winning for him the esteem of those who came into friendship with him.

Mr. Morrison was born in 1842 in New York, of Scottish ancestry, his grandfather having come from Scotland to this country. Robert Morrison, the father of our subject, was born and reared in New York State, and for some years previous to his death, which occurred when he was thirty-two years old, carried on a heavy trucking business. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Amelia E. Smith, was born in New Canaan, this county, and after her husband's death returned there to spend her remaining years. Of her children only one is now living, Mrs. Agnes Benedict, of West Norwalk, Connecticut.

Our subject was educated in the schools of New Canaan, his youth being mainly spent in that town. When the Civil war broke out he was in the first flush of manhood, and he went to the front as a member of Company A, 17th Conn. V. I. He took part in several engagements, including the battle of Gettysburg, and afterward was assigned to duty as hospital steward, which he held until the close of the war. On receiving his discharge he returned to New Canaan and, later, he established himself in the drug business in Stamford, this county, where he remained in business during his life. The business was afterward for a time conducted under the name of S. C. Morrison & Co., his widow keeping the control of his interests, but she has sold her interest in the concern, and the firm is no longer as of old. Mr. Morrison was popular socially, and had reached the Knights Templar degree in the Masonic Fraternity. In 1873 he married Miss Elizabeth Scofield, daughter of Hon. Ira Scofield, of Darien, and his wife, Elizabeth (Gray), who both lived past the age of eighty, and were representatives of some of the earliest families of this county. Mrs. Morrison received an excellent education in the schools of the county, and for some years previous to her marriage she taught successfully. She now resides in the old Scofield homestead at Darien with her only son, Robert Scofield Morrison, who is studying art.

Her brother, Charles E. Scofield, is a prominent citizen of Noroton, where he holds the office of postmaster. He was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, and in addition to the hardships of the camp and the battle field, he endured for six months the horrors of imprisonment at Andersonville.

BENJAMIN BENTLEY, a successful business man of Shelton, is possessed of remarkable vitality, and notwithstanding the fact that he is well advanced in his seventh decade, he continues to devote much of his time and attention to the management of his grocery, a prosperous establishment located on Elm street, Shelton.

Mr. Bentley comes of sturdy English stock, and his grandfather, Joseph Bentley, was a loom

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and jenny maker in Bristol, England. Benjamin Bentley (2), our subject's father, was born in Bristol, and in early life learned the trade of millwright and machinist in his native land. He married Miss Mary Wilkinson, who was born near Bristol, some years later coming to America and locating at Woonsocket Falls, R. I. He and his wife were Episcopalians in religious faith, and after coming to this country he became identified with the Church of his faith. He died in Rhode Island in 1865, his wife in 1864. One of their sons, David (now deceased), served in the Union army throughout the Civil war, and of their large family of children, three are yet living, our subject being the eldest; the others are: George, a resident of Madison, Maine, a weaver by trade; and Nancy, the widow of Joseph Mellor, formerly of Wethersfield, England.

Our subject was born July 17, 1823, at Armley, Yorkshire, England, and attended school there. When about fourteen years old he went to Farnley from Armley, and there served an apprenticeship of four years to the business of finishing woolens. He then worked for a time with his father as a millwright, and in 1843 he came to America. Shortly after his arrival he was employed as a millwright by Edward Harris, a manufacturer of cassimeres, and for twenty-four years he was in the same establishment, being promoted from time to time until he became general superintendent and manager. During this time he made many valuable improvements in machinery, and although the factory produced only a cheap grade of cloth when he first became connected with it, the quality of the product was improved under his management until it was necessary to run the mill nights, which was done for many years, and much better prices obtained for the goods. In 1870 he removed to Waterbury, Conn., where he remained two years, eight months of the time being spent as superintendent of a woolen factory. Later he went to Ludlow, Vt., to take a position as general manager of a similar establishment; and after three years he removed to Shelton, where he has since resided. For seven years he was manager of the Radcliffe Bros. Hosiery Factory at Shelton, and on leaving that position he purchased a mill at Huntington and converted it into a woolen factory, which he conducted for a number of years. In 1895 he opened his present grocery at Shelton, where he has built up a fine trade. Mr. Bentley is a Republican in politics, and he is an ardent believer in temperance reform, having united with the Sons of Temperance forty years ago.

In Norwich, Conn., Mr. Bentley was married to Miss Mary Waterhouse, a native of Horsforth, England, who came to Northampton, Mass., when twenty-two years of age. Five sons were born of this union: George A., Benjamin F., James W. (of Rockville, Conn.), Joseph W. (of Hartford, Conn.), and David H. (who is associated with his father in the grocery business). In October, 1898, George A., Benjamin F., James W. and David H. formed a partnership under the firm name of Bentley Bros., and are at present manufacturing woolen goods at their father's mill.

JEROME JUDSON. Success in business, sound judgment as to men and affairs, and a hearty sympathy with all forms of progress are among the characteristics which have gained for this well-known citizen of Sandy Hook the confidence and esteem of the community. For many years he and his brother, the late John Judson, were prominent in mercantile circles in their locality, and the family name has become associated with ability and probity.

The subject of our sketch was born April 29, 1828, in the village of Newtown, in a house fronting upon the Street. His education was obtained in the common schools and the academy of the village, and at the age of fourteen he began his business career as a clerk in the store of William B. Glover, of Sandy Hook, with whom he remained from 1842 to 1849. By the time he reached his majority he had secured a most excellent training in business methods, and after spending one year as assistant to Daniel B. Hawley, of Hawleyville, in connection with the Housatonic railroad, he decided to return to mercantile life, and in 1850 went to New Canaan, this county, to take a position as a clerk in the store of W. E. Raymond. Two years later he returned to Newtown to reside, and soon afterward he was appointed by President Franklin Pierce to the office of postmaster of that village. He held this position until the spring of 1858, having been re-appointed by President Buchanan, and on retiring he went to Sandy Hook and engaged in general mercantile business in partnership with his brother John, under the firm name of Judson Brothers. Their first store was located where the barn now stands, but as prosperity came to them they purchased from Mrs. Curtis Morris the building now occupied by Terrill, Betts & Co., and in 1868 opened a store there with a fine stock of goods. After the death of his brother Mr. Judson continued the business alone for one year, when he sold his stock of merchandise to L. B. Booth and M. B. Terrill, then associated together as M. B. Terrill & Co. Mr. Judson retained the

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ownership of the store building, and not long after giving up the business he took charge of a gristmill property in which he held an interest, the management of this enterprise occupying his time from October, 1883, to the fall of 1892. He then disposed of the property, and since that time he has not been actively identified with any business. His excellent judgment has often led to his being called upon to advise and assist in the administration of estates, and for some time he was a director in the Newtown Savings Bank, a position which he resigned a few years ago. He has also been urged at times to take public office, but, although he is a stanch Democrat, he has not done much party work since his early days. In all local affairs of a non-political nature he is prompt to give his endorsement and aid. Mr. Judson's reading has been extensive, and this, together with his keen observation, has made his range of information unusually broad for a non-professional man.

The late John Judson was born June 25, 1830, and was educated in the schools of the village of Newtown. When about fourteen years old he became a clerk in the store of D. H. Johnson, of that place, and after spending about eight years in that position he went to Chicago to clerk in the wholesale hardware store of J. B. Botsford. An accident which occurred about three years later compelled him to give up work for a year, and returning to this county in 1857 he decided to locate permanently in Sandy Hook, where he engaged in business in the following year. As a citizen he was highly esteemed, being active in all progressive movements, but, like his brother, he did not devote especial attention to political matters. By his first wife, Cornelia (Peck), he had one daughter, Anna C., now the widow of Henry Tucker, of Sandy Hook. By his second wife, Julia A. (Colt), he had two children: Grace L., who married Herbert Clarke; and Jerome, an employe of Marsh, Merwin & Lemmons, private bankers of Bridgeport.

HON. CHARLES A. MALLORY was born in Sherman, Conn., March 30, 1846. After obtaining an academic education and taking a course in a business college, he for many years successfully represented the Weed Sewing Machine Company, of Hartford, Conn., as traveling salesman, and, later, the Wheeler & Wilson Company, of Bridgeport, Conn. At the same time he was engaged in farming, being one of the largest and most successful tobacco growers in the county.

Mr. Mallory has had much experience in the settlement and care of estates. While he has never sought an office, the fact of his being so often called upon to fill important positions of trust indicates the confidence and esteem which his energetic and conscientious discharge of duty has won for him. In 1873 he represented his town in the General Assembly, being with one exception the youngest member of that body. In all business transactions his word is considered as good as his bond, which fact has given him a high standing among business men.

Mr. Mallory is a director in the National Bank of Pawling, Pawling, N. Y., also in the State Bank of Anoka, Anoka, Minn., besides having business interests in several of the Western States. Socially, he is a member of St. Peters Lodge No. 21, F. & A. M., New Milford, Conn. [For family records see sketch of his brother, Daniel B. Mallory, elsewhere in this work.]

HENRY FISHER, senior member of the firm of H. Fisher & Son, the leading druggists and apothecaries of Bridgeport, is a worthy representative of a well-known New England family, and the sterling qualities of character which have marked his long and useful career are characteristic of his pioneer ancestry. The ancestors of the Fisher family, of whom we write, came to this country in the "Mayflower," one settling in Massachusetts, one in Vermont, and one in New York State.

Ebenezer Fisher, our subject's great-grandfather, was born April 4, 1741, in Brattleboro, Windham Co., Vt., and died January 10, 1831, aged eighty-nine years, eight months and twenty-four days. He married Bathsheba Wilder, who was born February 13, 1751, and died March 19, 1829, aged seventy-eight years, one month and six days. They had a large family of children, the names with dates of birth and death being as follows: Mary, August 24, 1767—October 7, 1850; Bathsheba, June 22, 1769—January 22, 1855; Mercy, July 22, 1771—1790; Susannah, June 22, 1773—1775; Lucy, January 1, 1775—January 2, 1863; Ebenezer, January 14, 1777—September 1, 1833; Abigail, June 14, 1779—1780; Anna, September 16, 1781—December 14, 1863; Susan, August 16, 1783—1784; Betsey, March 20, 1785—November 15, 1850; Sally, April 20, 1787—March 17, 1886; Lucinda, November 20, 1789—1791; Joseph, December 20, 1791—October 17, 1867; Benjamin, June 25, 1795—August 3, 1853.

Ebenezer Fisher (2), the grandfather of our

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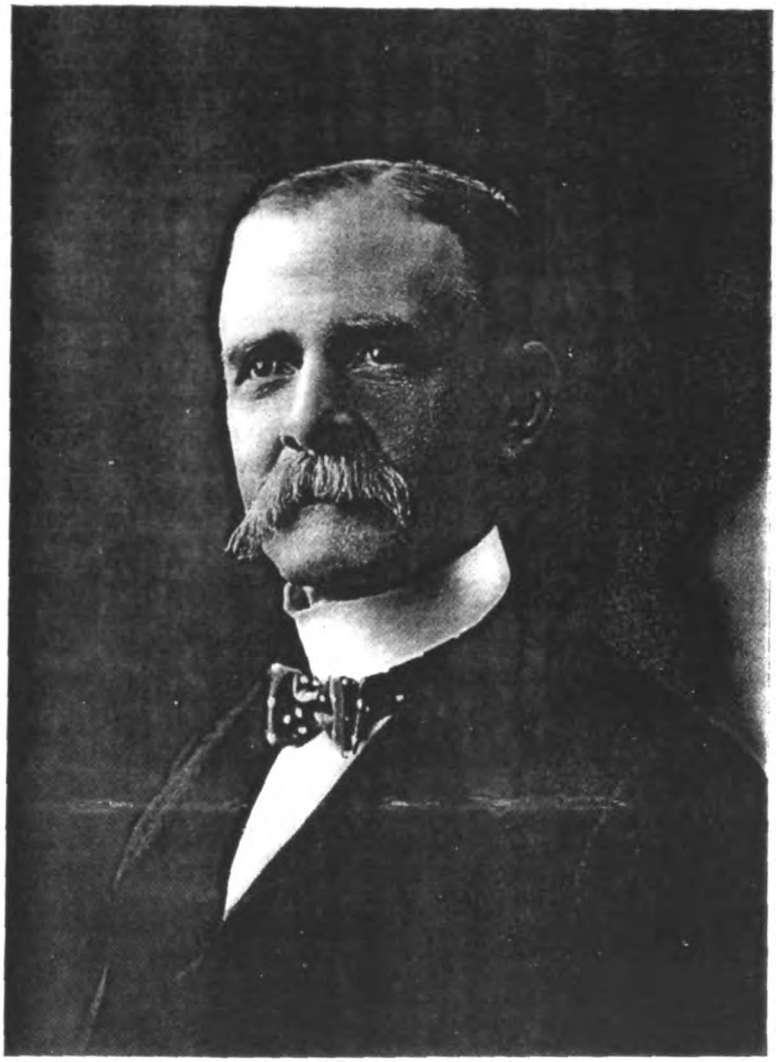

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subject, made his home at Brattleboro, Vt. He was married April 4, 1799, to Lucy Fisher, who was born April 20, 1780, and died April 16, 1863. Ten children were born to them, and the names with dates of birth and death are here given: Asa, April 9, 1800—March 10, 1880; Elsy (Mrs. Gleason), February 26, 1802—March 23, 1866; Ira, September 12, 1804—March 20, 1863; Owen, March 6, 1806—August 9, 1850; E. Wilder, May 26, 1809—April 7, 1892; Sybil (Mrs. Shepherd), October 15, 1811—March—1888; Emeline, June 28, 1814—June 16, 1823; Charles, March 13, 1817—March 14, 1849; Russell, May 7, 1819—March, 18—; Roswell (twin of Russell), May 7, 1819—June 8, 1869.

Asa Fisher, our subject's father, was a prosperous agriculturist, and resided for many years near Brattleboro, Vt. He married Mary Lonley, and had children as follows: Joseph, Edward, Willard, Henry, John, George W., Harriet Beecher, Harrison, Ezra, Oscar, Roscoe, Eugene and Mary Ann.

Our subject was born March 30, 1827, at Jamaica, Vt., and his education was chiefly obtained in the district schools of Brattleboro, Vt. On leaving school at the age of sixteen he devoted his time to assisting his father in the work of the farm, but when twenty-two years old he went to Green River, Mass., where he was employed by J. Russell & Co., in their table-cutlery works. He remained with the company for thirty-five years, winning the entire confidence of its members, and for about twenty years he was foreman of the establishment. In 1874 he gave up his position and came to Bridgeport, where he purchased a drug store at No. 144 Park avenue, and engaged in business on his own account. The venture proved successful, and five years later he bought his present store, which is advantageously located at the corner of Railroad avenue and Broad street. In politics, Mr. Fisher is a Republican, but he has not aspired to official honors. Socially, he and his family are prominent, and he is identified with Harmony Lodge, F. & A. M., of New Britain, Connecticut.

Mr. Fisher married Miss Julia A. Russell, daughter of David Lussell, a native of Deerfield, Mass., and his wife, Laura (Hooley), who was born in Utica, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher take much interest in religious work, and are leading members of the First Presbyterian Church of Bridgeport. Five children have brightened their home: (1) Henry, who owns and conducts a grocery business, married Miss Satie J. Coats, daughter of Captain Coats, and they have had two children—Ernest W. (deceased), and A. L. (2) William died in childhood. (3) Hattie E. married John W. Allen, son of Henry W. and Cordelia Allen, of New Britain, Conn., and they have had four children—Eva M. (deceased), Josephine F., William H. and Emma Russell. (4) Charles died in childhood. (5) Elbert E. was born August 13, 1868, in Greenfield, Mass., and was educated in New Britain, Conn., graduating from the high school in 1884. He gained a practical knowledge of the drug business by clerking in stores in Bridgeport and in Newark, N. J., and afterward took a course in the College of Pharmacy in New York City, where he was graduated in 1889. On returning home he immediately entered into partnership with his father, and he has made an excellent reputation as a business man. In 1891 he married Miss Ella A. Arthur, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Clark) Arthur, and they have one son, Henry A.

GUSTAVE SCHLEICHER, the founder of the house of Schleicher & Sons, manufacturers of high-grade upright and grand pianos at Stamford, Conn., has been living retired for the past several years, leaving the business in the hands of his four sons, who have proved worthy successors of their worthy father.

Mr. Schleicher is a native of Germany, born in 1827, and came to the United States in 1852, settling in New York City. Under the instruction of his father, who was a manufacturer in Germany, he had acquired a knowledge of the art of piano making and cabinet work in all its departments, and, in addition to being a finished mechanic, he had always given proof of his unusual ability as an inventor in his line. He found ample scope for his genius on this side of the water, but he did not commence manufacturing on his own account until 1866, when the house now so well known all over the United States was established in New York. From the start the business proved a success, and, devoting themselves strictly to the manufacture of high-grade instruments, the Schleichers soon gained a reputation second to none in their line. The four sons, all of whom were born in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., were in turn thoroughly inducted into the mysteries of the business in every branch, and, having the benefit of their father's years of experience, became more than ordinarily familiar with all the exacting details of this delicate work. At the present time each one of the sons has his own special department to look after and exercises a personal supervision over every particular of the work in that department, which in this manner is brought to a high state of perfection.

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Andrew J. and Edward G. Schleicher have charge of the manufacturing, and the new factory erected in 1892 at Nos. 125, 127, 129 and 131 Pacific street, Stamford, was designed by them and built under their direction, and is provided with all the most modern equipments necessary and obtainable. It is heated throughout by steam, has steam elevators, machinery of the most improved up-to-date construction, and the latest facilities for use in seasoning materials. The Schleichers have invented and patented many of the improvements employed in the construction of their pianos, and we make special mention of the sounding board, the pressure bar, which holds the strings in place, the practice stop, to prevent the wearing of the action and to reduce the sound during continued practicing; the special manner of adjusting the action, which keeps it more even; the music desk, to hold the music in perfect position; the arrangement for taking the instrument apart in sections, so that it may be moved without injury through a small space; the patent panel protector over the pedals, which saves the panel from defacement —these and many others have combined to win for the Schleichers first rank among modern high-grade instruments. Their new sounding-board deserves special notice, is acknowledged to be greatly in advance of any other heretofore used, and is pronounced a perfect success. Its special feature is the ribbing on both sides, which gives it more rigidity, overcomes strong pressure entirely, and consequently lends added character to the tone; the sustaining power is increased to a wonderful degree. Among the well-known products of their factory we note their "Baby Grand" piano, which has ever since its introduction been gaining in popularity, and is an instrument which any house would be justified in being proud of, it being fully up to their standard in every respect.

During the past year Schleicher & Sons have opened a warehouse in the Burlington Arcade (where the main office is also located), which is under the management of Andrew J. Schleicher. The New York City warerooms, managed by George Schleicher, are located at No. 9 West Fourteenth street. They have a third warehouse at Mt. Vernon, N. Y., of which John C. Schleicher has charge. Pianos are sold and shipped direct from Stamford, Conn., to every State and Territory in the Union. These brothers are all distinguished as experts in their line, and this, united with their equally prominent traits of business and executive ability, has been the power which caused such steady development and widening of their interests over the country. They are highly esteemed by all who come in contact with them, on any occasion, for their recognized fairness, capacity and genuine worth.

HENRY HORN. Industry, frugality and honesty make an excellent foundation for success in life, and the subject of this brief biography, a prosperous farmer and florist of Southport, has shown that he possesses in a high degree all of these desirable characteristics.

Like many of the leading citizens of the country, Mr. Horn is of German birth, having been born October 1, 1827, at Nassau, Germany, opposite Bingen-on-the-Rhine, a son of John and Anna Horn, who both died in Germany, the parents of four sons and one daughter, our subject being the youngest but one, and the only one to come to America. The father owned a vineyard in Germany, was fairly well-to-do, and reared his sons in the school of honest labor.

Our subject received a good education in his native city, after which he served three years at the florist business, in Mayence, Hessen-Darmstadt, completing his apprenticeship in 1845, during which time he received only his board by way of compensation. When he became of age he joined the German army, and participated in the war of 1849 between Prussia and Denmark, immediately after his discharge again taking up the business of florist, in which he continued until the spring of 1852, when he decided to try his fortune in the New World, with its illimitable resources. Sailing down the Rhine from Mayence to Rotterdam, in Holland, he crossed the North Sea to London, England, where he took passage on the sailing ship "Margaret Evans," bound for New York, where he arrived after a voyage of thirty days. Accompanying him was another German florist, and on Staten Island they, together, soon succeeded in securing work in their line. After four months, however, Mr. Horn went to Madison, N. J., where for seven years he was a florist and gardener for Judge Lathrop. In the fall of 1859 he left this place for New York, where he expected to fill a position as florist, but found that he had been forstalled, so during the winter of 1859–60 he was out of work. In March, 1860, he came to Southport, having accepted a position with Frederick Marquand to take charge of his extensive green houses. With this gentleman he remained until early in 1862, in April of which year he bought, from Samuel Pike, five acres of land on Sasco Hill, whereon he built a small house, and which exhausted all his savings; but his credit was good. These few acres he planted with onions

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and potatoes, and by dint of hard work prospered, in course of time branching out into the florist business, adding other land to his first purchase, and as his family grew up he had their help.

On September 3, 1857, Mr. Horn was married in Madison, N. J., to Miss Phœbe Anderson, a native of County Cavan, Ireland, born in 1829, and who came to the United States in 1851. Children as follows were born of this union: Isabella, who died at the age of eleven years; John, a farmer of Southport; Henrietta, wife of Arthur Sherman, of Southport; George T., at home; Charles, deceased when twenty-seven years old; Henry W., at home; and Virginia, who died in childhood. The mother of these was called from earth July 12, 1892, and her remains now rest in Oakland cemetery. In religious faith Mr. Horn attends the services of the Episcopal Church; in politics, he is a stanch Democrat, and he has twice been selectman, being first elected to that office in 1892, and serving continuously to date, except from the fall of 1896 to the fall of 1897. He is one of the best-known old citizens of the town, respected by everyone. His comfortable home stands on an elevation, commanding a view of the Sound for many miles east and west, and is the abode of peace and hospitality. Mr. Horn is one of the self-made men of Fairfield, and one of the most representative of the German citizens. He has been very successful.

AUGUSTUS I. MEAD. The Mead family, which is probably more numerously represented than any other in the town of Greenwich, has been noted from pioneer times for the qualities that go to the making of good citizens. In war and peace its members have been willing to do their share toward the maintenance of right and justice, as shown in the more complete accounts of various branches of the family.

The subject of this sketch, a prominent business man of Belle Haven, in the town of Greenwich, is of the eighth generation in direct descent from John Mead (1), who came from England about 1642 [other authorities say 1635], and settled in Greenwich in 1660 with his two sons, John and Joseph. The line of descent is traced through John, son of the pioneer; Ebenezer (1); Ebenezer (2); Abraham, who served as an officer in the Revolutionary army; Isaac, the grandfather of our subject; and Hon. Augustus Mead, our subject's father, who was for many years a leading citizen of Greenwich, serving as a representative from the town in the State Legislature and as probate judge of his district. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth L. Mead, was also a descendant of John, the pioneer, the line being traced through Ebenezer (2) to Deliverance Mead, her grandfather, and Ephraim Mead, her father, who was a well-known resident of Greenwich in his day. The father of our subject died April 22, 1864, and the mother passed away April 4, 1890. This worthy couple had four children: Nelson B., now a resident of Belle Haven; Augustus I., our subject; his twin brother, Oliver Z., who died in infancy; and Samuel Close, who also died in infancy.

Augustus I. Mead was born November 21, 1861, at the old homestead in Field Point, where his family have owned a large tract of land since the days of his great-grandfather, Captain Abram, the Revolutionary hero. Our subject's youth was spent mainly at the old homestead, which still remains in the possession of the family, and after a preparatory course in the academy at Greenwich he attended the "Gunnery," at Washington, Conn. On leaving this institution he returned to Belle Haven, and remained at the homestead with his widowed mother for a time; but in 1886 he built a handsome dwelling in Field Point road, where he has since resided. He gives his attention to the real-estate business, his conservative management giving him a high standing in financial circles. Before he attained his majority Mr. Mead was appointed clerk and assistant in the Probate office in Greenwich, a position which he filled acceptably for about ten years. In manner he is quiet and undemonstrative, and he has never sought prominence in public life. While he is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, and gives his support to the State and National ticket, he is not a strict party man in local affairs, preferring to vote for the candidate whose personal fitness ensures satisfaction.

In 1886 Mr. Mead was married, in Greenwich, to Miss Mary E. Mead, daughter of Solomon Mead, a leading resident of that town. Two children have blessed this union: Mildred and Stewart Augustus. Mr. Mead and his wife are prominent in the best social circles of the locality, and both are members of the Congregational Church at Greenwich.

DOCTOR RALPH N. BETTS, JR., of Sandy Hook, for about thirty years was prominent as a dentist, his practice being one of the most extensive in this region, but of late he has turned his attention to mercantile pursuits in Sandy Hook. He has won success in that line also, and

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his wide popularity among the people of his vicinity is doubtless a factor in the development of the trade enjoyed by him.

THE BETTS FAMILY GENEALOGY.* Thomas Betts, the ancestor of the family, was born in Smithfield, London, England, in 1618. He brought to America with him a Bible, dated 1591, which is still in the possession of a descendant of the family. He died in Norwalk, Conn., in 1688, aged seventy years. He was one of the forty original planters of the town of Guilford, Conn., 1639, being then but twenty-one years of age. His house lot in Guilford was opposite the old stone house built by Rev. Henry Whitfield, 1639, that served as a fort for the planters, and it is still (1899) standing. The Betts house was taken down in 1895. Thomas Betts remained in Guilford about twenty-one years, when he went to Milford, Conn., where he remained about one year. From there he moved to Norwalk, and in the records of that locality, 1661, he is described as a "planter inhabiting in Norwalk." His name appears in May, 1672, at the head of a list of fourteen residents of Norwalk, who petitioned for and received a grant of land, for the beginning of a plantation, which was afterward known as the town of Wilton, and there many of his descendants lived.

The names and dates of birth of the children of Thomas and Mary Betts are as follows: Thomas, 1644; Mary, 1646; John, 1650; Hannah, 1652; Stephen, 1655; Daniel, 1659; Samuel, April 4, 1660; James, 1663; and Sarah, 16—. The first six were born in Guilford, Conn., Samuel in Milford, and James and Sarah in Norwalk.

Samuel, seventh child of Thomas and Mary Betts, born at Milford April 4, 1660, married Judith Reynolds, December 10, 1692. Their children were: Mary, Samuel, Stephen, Nathan, Hephzibah and Judith.

Samuel, second child of Samuel and Judith Betts, married Dorothy ——— [last name not traced]; children: Stephen, Thaddeus, Samuel, Rebecca and David. Of these, Stephen married Mary Burwell April 14, 1747; Thaddeus [not traced, supposed to have been a bachelor]; Samuel married Sarah Raymond; Rebecca married Hezekiah de Forest; David married Betty Cole, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Belden) Cole, of Norwalk; they settled in Wilton, Fairfield county, where David died December, 1767, aged thirty-seven; his widow, Betty (Cole) Betts, married in 1770 Capt. Caleb Baldwin, of Newtown, and had one child, Caleb, born October 15, 1772, and died December 10, 1844; she died June 20, 1787, aged fifty-six. The children of David and Betty (Cole) Betts were: (1) Jared, baptized March 23, 1755, married twice; no children. (2) Nathan, baptized January 15, 1758, killed in the war of 1776–77. (3) Mary, baptized April 5, 1761, married Capt. Josiah Lacey, of Bridgeport, 1776. (4) Abner (great-grandfather of our subject), baptized August 21, 1763, married Huldah Northrop, daughter of John Northrop, of Newtown, Conn. Abner died November 6, 1802, his wife on October 15, 1804. Their children were: David, born February 15, 1786, died January 6, 1877, aged ninety-one; Nathaniel (our subject's grandfather), born February 2, 1788, died September 15, 1851, aged sixty-three; Betsey, born January 12, 1789, died April 17, 1818, aged twenty-nine; Polly, born December 28, 1792, died July 14, 1798, aged six years; John, born December 12, 1794, died December 31, 1829, aged thirty-five. Abner, the father of these, removed from Wilton to Newtown, locating in Palestine District, where his last years were spent. Of his sons were David, Nathaniel and John, of whom David and Nathaniel were reared in Woodbury, Conn., by their uncle, Deacon Elijah Sherman, and both were taught the tanner's trade, which they followed as their life vocation.

David Betts, first child of Abner and Huldah (Northrop) Betts, married Anna Maria de Forest, daughter of John and Abigail (Walker) de Forest, of Woodbury, Conn., and they had nine children: Charles, Cornelia, George, David, Mary Ann, Marcus, Henry, Sarah and John. David Betts died January 6, 1877; his wife, Anna Maria de Forest, passed away October 27, 1870.

Nathaniel, second son of Abner and Huldah Betts, and the grandfather of our subject, married Marinda Masters, who died January 2, 1854, aged sixty-three, and their children were: (1) Caroline, born March 28, 1810, died October 11, 1828. She was at school in Schenectady, N. Y., and died at the home of her great-uncle, Jared Betts, who for his second wife married a widow, the mother of General Wool. (2) Ralph Nathaniel (subject's father), of whom further mention will presently be made.

(3) Alfred Betts, second son of Nathaniel and Marinda (Masters) Betts, married (first) Frances Amanda Miner October 14, 1840. She died October 28, 1850, aged twenty-six. Their children were: Frances Sabrina, Gilbert, Walter W. and Edwin M. Alfred Betts married (second) Julia Lake, who died October 17, 1887, aged fifty-two; their children were: Perry, Jennie, Hattie

* Family Seal—Wortham Hall, Suffolk County. "Betts." Coat of Arms—Sable on a bend argent, three cinque-foils, gules; all within a border engrailed on the scrawl. Crest—Out of a Ducal coronet, gold on a buck's head gules attired gold

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and Wilson. Alfred Betts died March 26, 1880, aged sixty-five.

(4) Charles Betts, son of Nathaniel and Marinda (Masters) Betts, born February 17, 1826, and died September 2, 1894, married Rebecca Barnard; no children.

Betsey Betts, daughter of Abner and Huldah (Northrop) Betts, born January 12, 1789, died April 17, 1818, aged twenty-nine. She married Deacon Nathaniel Miner, of Woodbury, Conn., and had one child, Julia Miner, who married Amos Eno Allen February 8, 1832. She died October 3, 1844, aged thirty-two. Their children were: Emily W., Mary J. and Chauncey F.

John Betts, son of Abner and Huldah (Northrop) Betts, born December 12, 1794, died December 31, 1829, aged thirty-five. He married Mary Ann Peck, of Sandy Hook, Conn., who died aged ninety-one. They had one child, Charlotte Betts, who married (first) a Mr. Evarts and had two children; wedded (second) a Mr. Savoy. [Number of children not recorded.]

Nathaniel Betts, our subject's grandfather [see above], was about twelve years old when he went to Woodbury, where he made his permanent home. He became one of the substantial citizens of the town, owning a tannery and a farm, which he conducted successfully, and in later years he was also interested in the manufacture of shoes. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian.

Dr. Ralph N. Betts, Sr., our subject's father, was born in Woodbury township, Litchfield county, August 24, 1812, and in his youth studied dentistry with his brother, Charles, who was then practicing in Amenia, N. Y., as both a physician and a dentist, although later he devoted his time to dentistry. After acquiring a knowledge of the business, our subject's father located at Woodbury, Conn., where he established a lucrative practice, extending up the Housatonic as far north as New Canaan, up the Naugatuck railroad as far as Winsted, and up the Harlem railroad as far as Boston Four Corners, becoming known as one of the leading dentists of this section. He was a man of talent, fond of reading, and as a citizen was always public-spirited and progressive. Politically, he was a stanch Democrat. His death occurred February 5, 1896; his widow, Anna (Plowman), to whom he was married in 1840, is still living. She was born at Christchurch, Hants (Hampshire), England, in 1820, a daughter of Samuel and Martha Plowman, and came to America when fourteen years old. They had three children: (1) Ralph N., Jr., our subject. (2) James Slade (1), born in Brooklyn, N. Y., September 14, 1844, and died there December 1, 1845. (3) James Slade (2), born February 25, 1847, in Woodbury, Conn., and died in Middletown, Conn., February 18, 1889; he was a bright young man, a druggist by occupation, and after spending seven years in the business, the last two years as a clerk in Lewis W. Booth's drug store at Bridgeport, Conn., he was seized with a severe attack of typhoid fever, brought on by overwork, suffering two relapses, which so seriously affected him that he was finally placed in Middletown Asylum.

Dr. R. N. Betts, Jr., our subject, was born September 25, 1841, at Woodbury, Conn., where his education was obtained in the public schools and the academy. When about sixteen years old he left school, and the next two years he spent as a clerk in the store of Mr. Newton, at Oakville, Conn. He then went to Waterbury, Conn., to take a similar position in a gentlemen's furnishing store; but after four years he decided to enter the profession of dentistry, for which he prepared by a course of study with his uncle, then a dentist at Mt. Kisco, N. Y. At the end of his term of apprenticeship he located at Woodbury, where his business occupied his time for one week in a month, and soon after, in 1866, he established branch offices in Sandy Hook and Brookfield, this county, devoting one week in a month to each. His spare time was given to occasional visits to Torrington and Waterbury, and in this way he spent about three years. His business at Sandy Hook becoming a substantially profitable one, he settled there and continued in practice successfully until 1893, when he became identified with mercantile life. During his thirty years of practice he gained an enviable reputation, his business extending over a wide range of territory surrounding Sandy Hook.

The Doctor is a firm believer in the principles of the Democratic party, but he has never been active in politics. He takes an interest in all progressive movements in his locality, and is prominent in religious work as a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, of which he has been treasurer since its organization as an independent Society.

On December 24, 1873, the Doctor was married to Miss Mary Jane Elizabeth Hough, by whom he has had seven children, whose names with dates of birth are as follows: Ralph G., June 13, 1875; Charles E., September 28, 1876; James Milton, April 9, 1878; William Ernest, February 4, 1881; Gustavus A., November 9, 1882; Anna May, May 5, 1886, and William A., February 17, 1888. All are yet living except William Ernest, who died August 21, 1886.

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Mrs. Betts was born in Sandy Hook in 1851, a daughter of Gustavus A. Hough, a highly-respected resident of that place. He is a native of East Schuyler, N. Y., whence he came to Sandy Hook in 1846 to take a position in the rubber factory, with which he has now been connected for more than forty-four years. In 1853 he went to California, where he spent six years in mining, but since his return he has held the post of superintendent of the second rubber works, being at present the oldest employe in the company, and he was the first calender man to come to the town. He married Miss Jane Daniels, then of Sandy Hook, but formerly of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., whose father, Benajah Daniels, was a native of Wareham, England. Mrs. Betts was the elder of two daughters, the younger of whom, Martha T., born in 1861, died in 1863.

ROYAL HOLMES, a well-known florist and landscape gardener of Shelton, is one of the most enterprising business men of that locality. He has a large and constantly-growing trade among the best people, and the demand for his flowers outside of his immediate neighborhood has led him to open a branch store at No. 11 Elizabeth street, Derby.

Mr. Holmes is of English descent in both paternal and maternal lines. William Holmes (1), his grandfather, who was a carpet manufacturer, passed his entire life in the old country. William Holmes (2), the father of our subject, was born in England, and for some years of his early manhood followed the trade of machinist there. He married Miss Lucy Walker, a native of Yorkshire, England, and on coming to America with his family he located first in Derby, where he continued to work at his trade. In 1868 he engaged in business as a florist at Huntington (now Shelton), and for about twenty-five years he carried on that enterprise with marked success. He was a believer in the principles of the Republican party, and in religious faith he was an Episcopalian. Of his ten children, the eldest, Joshua, is a machinist in Shelton; Mary Ann, who died December 18, 1875, married William Webster, a native of England and a machinist by trade; Walter died at the age of sixteen; Lucy married William Reed, a tackmaker, then residing in Derby, but who is now in the employ of the Elgin Watch Company, Elgin, Ill.; William is foreman of the plating department of the Derby Silver Company; Lillie married Frederick Valentine, a tailor at Sing Sing, N. Y; Emma died at an early age; Florence married Leonard Davis, an architect at Great Hill, Conn., but now residing in Omaha, Neb.; Royal, our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Josephine married Frank North, then a machinist at Ansonia, who is now employed by the Elgin Watch Company.

Royal Holmes was born February 12, 1864, at Shelton, and his education was secured in the schools of that village. At the age of sixteen he began to learn the machinist's trade with the Farrell Machine Company, at Ansonia. After two years with that firm he was employed for about a year by the Bassett Machine Company, of Derby, and on leaving them he began to assist his father, acquiring a thorough knowledge of the florist business. Since the death of the father he has had full charge of the business, which is conducted under his own name. His artistic taste and sound judgment are frequently called into service by the wealthy residents of his locality for the beautifying of their grounds, etc., and he has won an enviable reputation by his skillful work. While he is not an active politician, he nevertheless is interested in the various questions of the day, and is a stanch Republican.

On January 21, 1885, Mr. Holmes married Miss Emma Coney, of Woodbridge, Conn., and four children have been born to them: William F.; Ethel May; Clarence, now deceased; and Pauline. Mrs. Holmes is of English extraction, and her father, William Coney, a veteran of the Mexican war, is a prominent citizen of Woodbridge.

ROBERT H. BEERS. "History," says a well-known writer, "is best studied in biography," indeed history is biography, the story of collective humanity as influenced by individuals, and this volume holds, in its records of separate achievement in various lines, information which will be of inestimable value to the future historian of this section. In the peaceful contests of business life the subject of this sketch, a leading merchant of Newtown, has won an honorable name for himself, and an account of his life will be of lasting interest.

Mr. Beers belongs to an old and highly-esteemed family, and was born in Palestine District, Newtown, August 31, 1866, a son of George and a grandson of Lemuel Beers, both of whom were natives of the same town and district. After acquiring a practical education in the common schools near his early home Mr. Beers took a complete commercial course in Hill's Business College, at Bridgeport, graduating when he was about eighteen years old. He then spent six or

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seven years as a clerk in the store of E. F. Hawley, and later engaged in general mercantile business on his own account at the "corner store" formerly occupied by Baldwin & Beers, Henry Sanford, and, later, Edgar F. Hawley—a building at the corner of Main and West streets, Newtown. His partner in this enterprise is H. G. Curtis, a brother-in-law, and they have successfully conducted the business since June 1, 1892. They have now a most profitable trade, the largest, perhaps, of any store in the locality, and everything points to a bright future for them.

On June 7, 1894, Mr. Beers married Miss Sarah Edmond Sanford, daughter of Henry Sanford, one of the most prominent merchants of Newtown, and one son has blessed the union, Henry Sanford Beers. The family is identified with Trinity Episcopal Church at Newtown, of which Mr. Beers is a leading member. While he is a public-spirited citizen he does not take an active part in movements of a political nature, though he is a stanch Republican, like all of his family, and his influence is none the less potent for being exercised in an unofficial way.

AMOS HICKS MEAD, a prominent young business man of Greenwich, belongs to a family that has long been noted for the qualities that constitute good citizenship, and he worthily represents the name. Steady and reliable, he is a man who commands the confidence of others, and he is best liked where he is best known.

Mr. Mead was born February 1, 1869, at Indian Field, in the town of Greenwich, the youngest child of the late Isaac Howe Mead and his wife, Mary E. Mead. On the paternal side our subject is of the eighth generation in descent from John Mead [other authorities say William], the pioneer, the line being traced through John, son of the pioneer, Ebenezer (1), Ebenezer (2), Deliverance, Ephraim, and Isaac Howe Mead, while through his mother he belongs to the seventh generation from the pioneer, the line of descent running through John, son of the pioneer, Benjamin, Sylvanus, Whitman, and Zophar Mead, our subject's maternal grandfather.

The education of our subject was begun in the Cos Cob district schools, and later he attended the academy at Greenwich, then under the direction of Professor Root. He remained at home until he reached the age of twenty, assisting his father in the work of the place: but a strong liking for machinery led him to study engineering and seek employment where he could make practical application of his knowledge. For some time he was engaged on the steamer "Standard," of the Standard Oil Company's line, a vessel which was then plying between Bayonne, N. J., and Boston, Mass. He then entered the employ of the Greenwich Electric Company, and as the work proved congenial he went to Lynn, Mass., to take a course in electrical science, becoming so proficient that he was given a responsible position in the expert department of the General Electric Company of that city. In July, 1893, he returned to Greenwich, and engaged as a member of the firm of Banks, Bush & Mead, dealers in coal, lumber and building materials. After a year and a half he retired from the firm, but he has since had charge of the lumber department of the business.

On June 23, 1897, Mr. Mead married Miss J. Belle Barnes, of Brooklyn, N. Y. He and his wife are prominent socially, and are identified with the Congregational Church at Greenwich, to which his family has given generous support since pioneer times. He takes much interest in political questions, being a firm believer in the principles and policy of the Republican party, and he is active in local affairs of a non-political nature. At present he is a member of the Volunteer Fire Company. (J. Belle Barnes, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is a descendant of Jared Mead, brother to Deliverance).

JOSEPH E. RUSSELL, SR., than whom there is no better known citizen of his years in Greenwich, is one of those men of whom history will speak in later years as a leading citizen of his day, and one who has always had the best interests of the town at heart. It is doubtful if another man is living in Greenwich who has spent so many years in office, or one whose success in the accumulation of worldly goods, could be so little the result of the emoluments of office. He has ever been an honest, conscientious, painstaking official, and one to whom, in a lifetime devoted to official duties, there has not in any manner attached the slightest suspicion of corruption or dishonesty. If ever criticized for his conservatism, subsequent events and conditions have proved the wisdom of his position and his foresightedness. Now in his eightieth year, Judge Russell is unusually well preserved and in the full possession of every faculty.

Our subject was born November 6, 1818, in South Salem, Westchester Co., N. Y., the son of James and Clarinda (Moe) Russell. James Russell was the son of John, who came from England in 1770, and married Elizabeth (Cross) Russell.

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Judge Russell was married in 1841 to Miss Sophia A. Mead, who was born in Greenwich, on Putnam avenue, January 21, 1823, a daughter of Bush and Sarah (Wilson) Mead. To our subject and his wife have been born three children, as follows: Charlotte, who died at the age of eight years; Joseph E., Jr., an attorney who practices at New York and resides at Greenwich; Victor H., one of the best-known men of Greenwich and a leader in athletics; he is at present chief of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Judge Russell cast his first vote for President, for Van Buren. In early life he was a Democrat, and in 1860 he was a Douglas man. In 1864 he voted for Abraham Lincoln, and has since been a stanch Republican. He was an active member of the local military company known as the Putnam Guards, and a company of the Ninth Regiment, Connecticut State Militia. At the organization of the Putnam Guards he was elected lieutenant, later becoming captain. Among the offices to which he has been elected may be mentioned those of assessor, first selectman, representative, and he was elected to the Legislature in 1857 on the Democratic ticket. In the capacity of justice of the peace he has presided at many trials, and his rulings were seldom reversed. His judicial decisions were held in high respect by the best lawyers who practiced before him. He is familiarly known as "Judge" Russell, the title being one of endearment and respect on account of his long, faithful and able services. He continued to hold the office of justice of the peace as long as he was eligible, or until he attained the age of seventy years.

No man in Greenwich is more deeply venerated, and his career in life has been an inspiration to the youthful and ambitious. The comfortable competence he has accumulated has not been his greatest success, even though he started in life as a poor boy and has won his present financial position through his own unaided efforts. His character is above reproach; he typifies the better, more ennobling phase of American manhood, crowned in the evening of life with the approval and commendations of his fellowmen.

ELIJAH M. BEERS, custodian of the Worcester Cemetery at Danbury, is one of the well-known citizens of that town, and his popularity is shown by his election to various local offices. His faithful service in these and other positions of trust has amply justified the confidence of the people, and in public esteem no man stands higher.

Mr. Beers belongs to an old Colonial family, and his grandfather, David Beers, was a soldier in the Revolutionary army. This worthy pioneer was a farmer in the town of Weston, where he was born. He married Hannah Porter, of this county, and had the following children: Ephraim, who was a farmer in the town of Danbury; Benjamin, a millwright by trade; Elijah, our subject's father; Lois, who died unmarried; Ruth, who married Levi Whaley, a carpenter; and Eunice, who married (first) Anson Terrell, and (second) Isaac Scudder.

Elijah Beers, the father of our subject, was born in the town of Weston (now called Easton), where he grew to manhood upon a farm. He married Esther Treadwell, daughter of Benjamin Treadwell, a farmer in Easton, who served in Washington's army, in the Revolutionary war. After his marriage, Elijah Beers located upon a farm in Easton, but afterward removed to New Fairfield, where he followed agriculture and lumbering. He was a Democrat in politics, and in religious faith he and his wife were both Methodists. His death occurred in 1871, his wife surviving him but six weeks. They had eleven children, some of whom were born in Easton, the others in New Fairfield: Leander (deceased) was a car-man in Danbury. Marinda (deceased) married Sumner Stowe, of Redding. Ruhama (deceased) married E. M. Couch, a hatter of New Fairfield, who, for his second wife, married her sister Hannah; she is still living. Benjamin (deceased) was a farmer in Easton. Hannah has just been mentioned. Bradley is now a farmer in New Fairfield. Ira is the agent for the Bridgeport Bronze Company. Esther married Orlando Wildman, a farmer in the town of Danbury. Elijah, our subject, is mentioned more fully below. Mary (deceased) was the wife of George W. Barnum, a shoemaker. George (deceased) was a farmer by occupation.

The subject of this biography was born February 17, 1831, in the town of New Fairfield, where his early life was spent on a farm. In 1850 he married Jerusha A. Sturges, a native of the same locality. The family is of English origin, and her grandfather, David Sturges, was a resident of the town of Danbury, where her father, John Sturges, was born. Mr. Beers and his wife made their home at the old farm until 1868 when he removed to Danbury. Since 1886 he has held his present position as superintendent of the Worcester Cemetery. He has always taken an active part in local affairs as well as in the Democratic organization of his town. In New Fairfield he held nearly all of the town offices, including those of selectman and assessor, while in Danbury he has served on the board of

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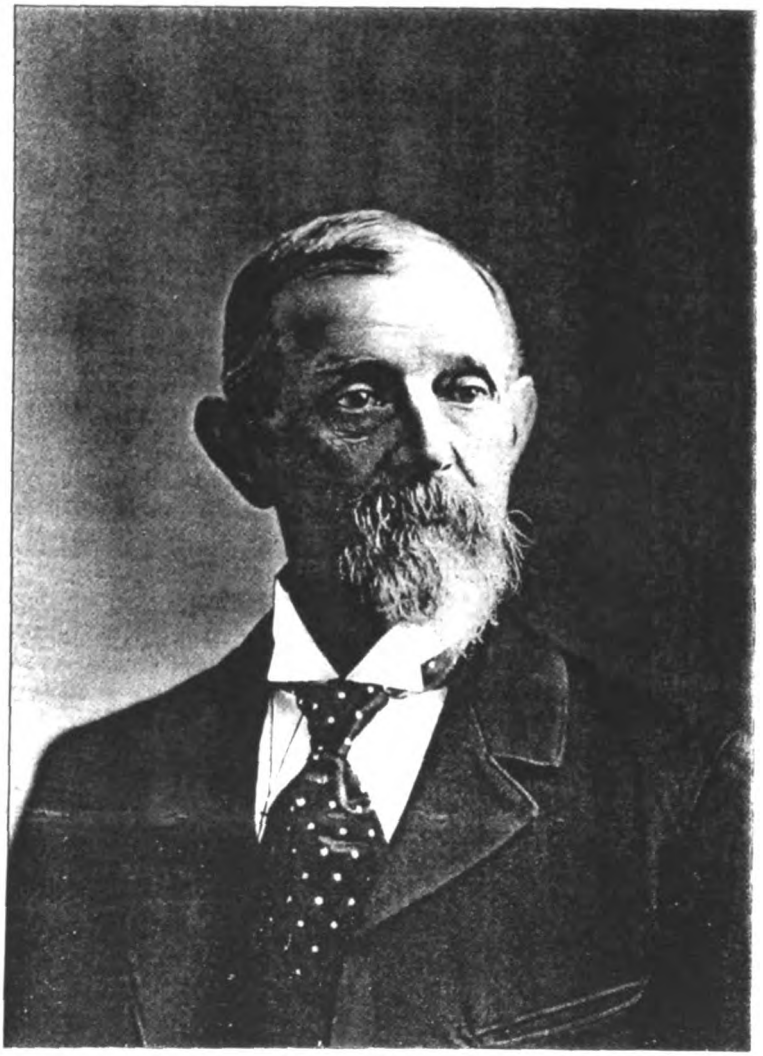

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aldermen as a representative of the Second ward. He and his wife are active supporters of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Danbury, and take a keen interest in all progressive movements. Their family consists of five children: Essie, widow of George Osborne, of Brookfield; Alphonso, a resident of Danbury, who married Miss Goldwich, of Norwalk; Eliza, wife of Oscar Sturgis, of Ridgefield; Emerson, who married Miss Carrie Boughton, and resides in Danbury; and Elina, who married William H. Weyant, of Orange county, New York.

MARK R. LEAVENWORTH (deceased) was for many years a leading citizen of Bridgeport, and, although his untimely death cut short his career while he was still in his prime, he left an enviable reputation, and his memory will not fade from the minds of those who came within the range of his influence, but will long be cherished by the many who were the recipients at his hands of the large-hearted generosity and kindly advice and sympathy he was ever ready to bestow. His broad and progressive mind made him an efficient worker in any worthy movement, and many a helpful enterprise received from him the practical aid which brought success at a critical time.

Mr. Leavenworth was born January 19, 1846, in Stepney, this county, and was a descendant of an old pioneer family, his ancestors having emigrated from England during the Colonial period. Russell Leavenworth, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Connecticut, and made his home at Woodbury. Lorenzo W. Leavenworth, our subject's father, was born in Woodbury.

Our subject's youth was chiefly spent at New Milford, Conn., where he received a good practical education, and on leaving school he was employed for some time by D. A. Barlow, a stove dealer there. Later he settled in Bridgeport, and engaged in the stove business on his own account, continuing successfully until his death, which occurred November 1, 1894. Politically he was a Democrat, while in religious faith he was an Episcopalian, he and his wife having always contributed liberally to the support of the Church. The Historical Society of Bridgeport counted him among its most valued members, while he was also active in the work of the Masonic Fraternity, having attained the thirty-second degree, and held in succession all the highest offices in the Order, being at the time of his death Grand Senior Warden of the State.

On January 19, 1872, Mr. Leavenworth married Miss Mary Perry, who survives him; no children blessed the union. Mrs. Leavenworth is much esteemed, and belongs to a prominent family of this section. Her father, the late William H. Perry, was a wealthy retired resident of Bridgeport, and for many years was superintendent for the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company, in which he was a large stockholder. He was born May 25, 1820, in Woodstock, Conn., a son of Daniel Perry, Jr., and grandson of Daniel Perry, Sr., both well-known citizens of that locality. He died May 9, 1899. His brother, Peter L. Perry, now resides in Bridgeport, and a more complete account of his life appears elsewhere. On January 8, 1845, William H. Perry married Miss Catherine E. Storrs, a native of Chaplin, Conn., and a daughter of Judge Frederick Storrs and his wife, Eliza Chesbrough.

The Storrs family is of English origin, and the line of descent is traced to Samuel Storrs, who lived and died in England. His two sons, Thomas and Samuel, came to America in 1663, and remained for a time in Barnstable, Mass., but in 1698 settled in Springfield, Conn. Thomas Storrs had a son, Judah, the great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Leavenworth. Chester Storrs, her great-grandfather, was probably a native of Wales, Mass., and her grandfather, Judge Frederick Storrs, was born and reared there; on April 28, 1822, he was married to Eliza Chesbrough, a native of Groton, Conn. He engaged in mercantile business in Chaplin, and for twenty years conducted a clock repair shop in connection with his store. He possessed unusual mental powers, which he improved by constant reading and study, and was noted as an inventor, being probably the first to manufacture a sewing machine needle in his section. Politically, he was a Democrat, and for many years he took a leading part in local affairs, serving his town as treasurer, town clerk and judge of probate. He died at Chaplin, June 2, 1854, and his wife on June 9, 1841.

Of their children, (1) Catherine E. (Mrs. Leavenworth's mother), born April 3, 1823, married William H. Perry, and died July 6, 1860. (2) Henry, born August 26, 1825, became a bootmaker by trade, and died July 5, 1850. (3) Lucy E., born August 14, 1829, died in June, 1888, unmarried. (4) Francis, born October 20, 1831, died in infancy. (5) Frederick Wightman, born October 9, 1834, in Chaplin, was engaged in farming at Middletown, Conn., for a few years, but since 1864 has resided in Bridgeport. Until 1888 he had charge of the outside work for the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company, but at present he manages the extensive interests of his brother-in-law, the

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late William H. Perry. In 1861 he married Miss Martha A. Monson, of Litchfield, Conn., daughter of Barnabas D. and Delia (Canfield) Monson, and a granddaughter of Obadiah Monson, a resident of Watertown, Conn. Her father died in 1846, and her mother in 1882, leaving four children: Martha A., Cynthia A., Amelia and Walter D. Monson. Frederick W. Storrs is a stanch Republican in politics, and like most of his ancestors is a supporter of the Congregational Church. He has one daughter, Evelyn M., now the wife of Harrington L. Baker, of Beverly, Mass. (6) Fannie A., born August 26, 1837, married Elijah Blake, of New Britain, Conn. (7) Daniel C., born March 6, 1840, was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, and died in the Hampton Hospital on June 4, 1864, his watch now being preserved as a sacred relic by Frederick W. Storrs. (8) Joseph, born in 1841, died in infancy.

The Chesbrough family is of good pioneer stock, and in this line Mrs. Leavenworth is a descendant of William Chesbrough, the first white settler at Stonington, Conn. The line of descent is traced through Elisha (son of William), Elihu (1); Elihu (2); Elihu (3), who married Phœbe ———; Daniel (Mrs. Leavenworth's great-grandfather); Eliza, who married Judge Frederick Storrs; and Catherine E. (Mrs. Leavenworth's mother). Daniel Chesbrough was born in 1771, and became one of the early settlers of Groton, Conn., where he followed farming many years. He married Miss Fannie Williams, and had children: Fannie, born in 1793; Daniel, in 1796; Catherine, 1798; Elam W., 1800; Eliza (1), 1802; Abbie, 1805; Eliza (2), 1807; Myra, 1809; and Matilda A., 1814.

PHILIP H. WIEGAND (deceased). For half a century our subject was identified with the business interests of Port Chester and locality. As a thrifty and frugal German of good intelligence and intentions, he made an excellent citizen of his adopted country.

Born August 30, 1833, in Homburg, in the regency of Kassel, Hessia, Germany, Mr. Wiegand was a son of Valentine and Elizabeth (Siebert) Wiegand, also natives of Germany, who came with their family to the United States, locating at Port Chester in 1844. Their children were six in number: Valentine is a resident of Port Chester; Herman, a molder by trade, lives at Norwalk; Catharine lives at New Haven, and is the widow of Frederick Koracak; Philip H. is our subject; Katherine married Michael Schupp, and one died before the parents came to this country. The father of these was an iron molder by trade and occupation. On coming here he had a hard struggle, but he was an honest, upright man. He lived to be seventy-six years of age. The mother died before Philip had reached the age of eight years, whereupon the father emigrated to the United States, leaving Philip in the care of a guardian.

Philip Henry Wiegand, our subject, was carefully educated in Homburg by his guardian, and when fifteen years of age, in the fall of 1848, came to America in the bark "Thomas Kerwin," landing at New York after a voyage of thirty-five days, a remarkably quick passage for those times. Later he moved to Port Chester, and there secured employment in the foundry of Abendroth Brothers, but could not follow the occupation owing to poor health. He well remembered East Port Chester as being quite in the woods, and recalled with pleasing memory the good days he enjoyed in the summer season when he and his playmates (and later his fellow-workers in the foundry, which was not far from the river banks) were wont to bathe and swim to their heart's content. He was industrious and economical, and from his little savings he in the course of time was enabled to go into business for himself, engaging in the sale of groceries, liquors, ale, etc. He always so conducted himself as to show his honesty of purpose, and soon paid his bills promptly and established a business credit.

On December 24, 1854, at Port Chester, Mr. Wiegand was married to Miss Marian O'Toohill, and to this union came children as follows: George V., born in September, 1855, is single and at home; Mary E., born in June, 1857, is now Mrs. Lewis Mertz, of Port Chester, N. Y.; John H., born in May, 1859, is married, and lives in Port Chester, N. Y.; Martha E., born in May, 1864, is now Mrs. John Carr, of New Haven, Conn.; Henry P., born in July, 1866, married Mary Johnson, and resides in Port Chester, N. Y.; Katie E., born in December, 1869, is now Mrs. George Mertz, of Port Chester; Annie F., born in January, 1871; Augusta R., born in May, 1873; Theressa M., born in June, 1876; and two sons who died, one when aged three years, the other when an infant. Of this family Annie F., Augusta R. and Theressa M. are at home. The mother of these is a native of Ireland, born in 1832, in County Tipperary, a daughter of Michael and Ellen (Berry) O'Toohill. She came to the United States alone in 1848, sailing from Liverpool in the "Gypsy," which occupied nearly seven weeks in making the voyage, landing at New York after a very stormy passage. From that city Mrs. Wiegand went to New Rochelle, N. Y.,

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where she had friends living. She has a beautiful home in East Port Chester, in addition to which residence there remains in the family a desirable business property in the same village. In religious faith Mrs. Wiegand adheres to the tenets of the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Wiegand was a Lutheran, having in 1848, when fourteen years of age, been confirmed in that Church.

Philip H. Wiegand died March 16, 1898, and his funeral, such was the esteem he was held in, was one of the largest and most impressive ever witnessed in this part of the county. From a lengthy and just tribute to his memory as a public and private citizen, published in a local paper just after his funeral, we glean the following few lines: "The confidence placed in him by his fellow citizens was the best evidence of his worth and standing as a man. Though he at all times exercised a powerful influence for good at his end of the town of Greenwich, yet he never sought office for himself, and we believe never accepted the responsibilities of office except in the one position of committeeman. He served his school associates as treasurer, and when the conditions were such that they could not raise money promptly, 'Phil' Wiegand did not hesitate to sign his name to raise the money." His two sons, Geo. V. and Henry P., still carry on the business.

HENRY FINCH, a prosperous farmer of the town of Wilton, and one of the oldest residents of the place, was born November 4, 1828, and received his education in the common schools of that place and at Westport Academy. During all the earlier years of his life his principal occupation was farming, while during the Civil war he did an extensive butchering business. He has an elegant place on Chestnut Hill, and deals extensively in stock. He is a member of Our Brothers Lodge No. 10, I. O. O. F., of the town of Norwalk, is a Democrat in politics, and has held a few of the local minor offices of his town. He married Miss Jane A. Waterbury, daughter of E. S. Waterbury, a prosperous farmer of the town of Wilton. Mr. and Mrs. Finch have had no children.

Frank Finch, twin brother of Henry Finch, was educated in the town of Wilton, and Westport Academy. After leaving school he engaged in farming and the butchering business with his brother. Like his brother, he was a member of Our Brothers Lodge No. 10, I. O. O. F., of Norwalk; he is a Democrat in politics, and has held a few of the minor local offices of his town. He married Miss Isabell R. Park, daughter of John Park, of Vermont, and died July 12, 1898. They had no children.

Ichabod Finch, grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Wilton, was there educated, and ever afterward devoted himself to farming. He married a Miss Smith, by whom he had the following children: Budd, William, John, Daniel, Charlotte and Polly.

Budd Finch, father of our subject, was born June 13, 1789, and educated in the town of Wilton, and was called out during the war of 1812. During his early life he began to learn the shoemaker's trade, but never worked at that trade, preferring the life of a farmer, in this occupation being unusually successful and accumulating considerable wealth. Politically, he was a strong Democrat, and was elected to several of the minor local offices of his town. In religion he was a Universalist. He married Miss Lucinda Waterbury, daughter of Thaddeus Waterbury, a prominent farmer of Wilton. The children born to this marriage were as follows: Henry, Frank, and Eliza J., who married George B. Gregory, of Norwalk..

Archibald Park, grandfather of the wife of Frank Finch, was born near Glasgow, Scotland, and obtained his early education in that city. At the age of sixteen he emigrated to the United States, and settled in Ryegate, Vt., where he engaged in farming. He was a resident of the country during the Revolutionary war, but it is not stated whether he served as a soldier during that conflict. Politically he was a strong Democrat, was well thought of by his fellow men, and was elected to several of the minor local offices within their gift. He married Miss Margaret Renfrew, by whom he had the following children: John, who married Jane Roben; Margaret, who married Robert Miller; Jane, who married Robert Cochran; Archibald, who married Margaret Roben; Robert, who remained single; Abigail, who married Harrison Bailey; Caroline, who married James Dickey; and Jackson, who died young.

John Park, father of the wife of Mr. Finch, was born in Ryegate, Vt., was educated in the common schools of that town, and ever afterward engaged in farming. During the training days he was a militiaman, and in politics he was a Democrat, holding several of the minor offices of his town. While not a member of any religious society, yet he regularly attended the Presbyterian Church. He married Miss Jane Roben, daughter of Walter and Polly (Thomas) Roben, the former of whom was a prosperous farmer of Scotland. To this marriage there were born the following children: Andrew J., who married Mary

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Barnett; Margaret J., born May 1, 1836, died young; Isabell R., born June 2, 1837, married Frank Finch; Walter A., born February 19, 1839, married; John R., born November 26, 1840, died young; Martin V., born July 28, 1842, remains single; Sarah J., born June 15, 1844, married Henry Swan; Polly A., born March 20, 1846, married Jabez B. Nelson; and a son, born August 20, 1848, died without being named.

Isabell R. Park, who married Frank Finch, was born in the town of Ryegate, Vt., and was educated in the district schools. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is faithful to all society and family duties.

WILLIAM M. RITCH has for the past ten years lived retired in his elegant home on Cherry Hill, in East Port Chester. There are a number of well-to-do men of this section of the country whose lives are splendid illustrations of that American term so often used, and misused, in praising the career and accomplishments of men who have been successful in the face of trying and discouraging circumstances—selfmade; and Mr. Ritch is one of the worthiest examples of this class. He has worked his way to ease and affluence through years of industry and steady application to business, for he commenced life a poor boy financially, and earned his first capital by manual labor.

Mr. Ritch is a native of Greenwich township, Fairfield county, born June 1, 1825, and belongs to one of the old families of the neighborhood. His grandfather, James Ritch, and his father, Ralph Ritch, were farmers, and the latter also carried on a stone quarry. He married Clemence Mead, daughter of Mathew Mead, and they reared a family of twelve children—six sons and six daughters, of whom, seven—three sons and four daughters—still survive. The parents died in Greenwich at a ripe old age. Mrs. Ritch was a member of the Congregational Church.

During the boyhood of our subject the common schools did not afford the advantages offered to all in the present day, but he acquired all his book-learning in those institutions, such as they were. "Uncle Johnnie Gray" was his first teacher. His father wished him to attend Prof. Philander Button's school at Greenwich, but he preferred to begin work, and did so. At the age of seventeen he went to learn the carpenter's trade with John Weed, of Greenwich, with whom he remained three years, receiving $20 the first year, $30 the second and $40 the third, clothing himself. For two years after he followed his trade in the employ of others, and then for a year and a half on his own account, at the end of that time engaging in the business to which he devoted the remainder of his active life. In partnership with his brother Thomas he bought the schooner "Mariner," which was used in the trade between Greenwich and New York, and they began by transporting stone for other parties for half, finally embarking in the business for themselves. They first hired a quarry, and when able purchased one, at Byram, and from a small beginning they established and built up an extensive business, requiring three vessels in their trade, the "Mariner," "Adaline" and "Mail." They were obliged to go into debt for the sum of $600 when they made their advent in the vessel business, but that was the only time they gave their note during the forty years of their commercial life together, for although it was not all smooth sailing, and they met with the usual setbacks and disappointments which fall to the lot of men in any branch of trade, they kept their business clear of incumbrances.

On deciding to retire to private life to enjoy the abundant means which had come to them through patient and unceasing toil, the brothers divided their stone quarries and property amicably, not even a third party being aware of the division. From the above statements it may be easily seen that Mr. Ritch deserves to be called a self-made man, and he may be justly proud of the results of his labors, which enabled him ten years ago to give up active work to pass his years in comfort and even luxury. He always maintained a high reputation for honorable and straightforward dealing, and unquestionable integrity in any matter, and no citizen in Greenwich commands higher respect or bears a better name.

Mr. Ritch was married in Greenwich to Miss Sarah Hamilton, a native of Ireland, and five children came to bless their union, namely: George, who died in Brooklyn at the age of thirty-five years; Esta, widow of William Oxer, living with her parents; Willis, who is in the stone business in East Port Chester; Elizabeth, who married P. Moffet, and died in East Port Chester; and Silas, engaged in the stone business in East Port Chester. The children were all given superior educational advantages. The family live in the beautiful home on Cherry Hill erected by Mr. Ritch, and usually spend the winter season at Crescent City, Fla., where he owns a pleasant residence and orange grove. Up to 1862 Mr. Ritch gave his political support to the Democratic party, but he has since been a Republican; he has served his township one term as member of the board of relief, and also as as-

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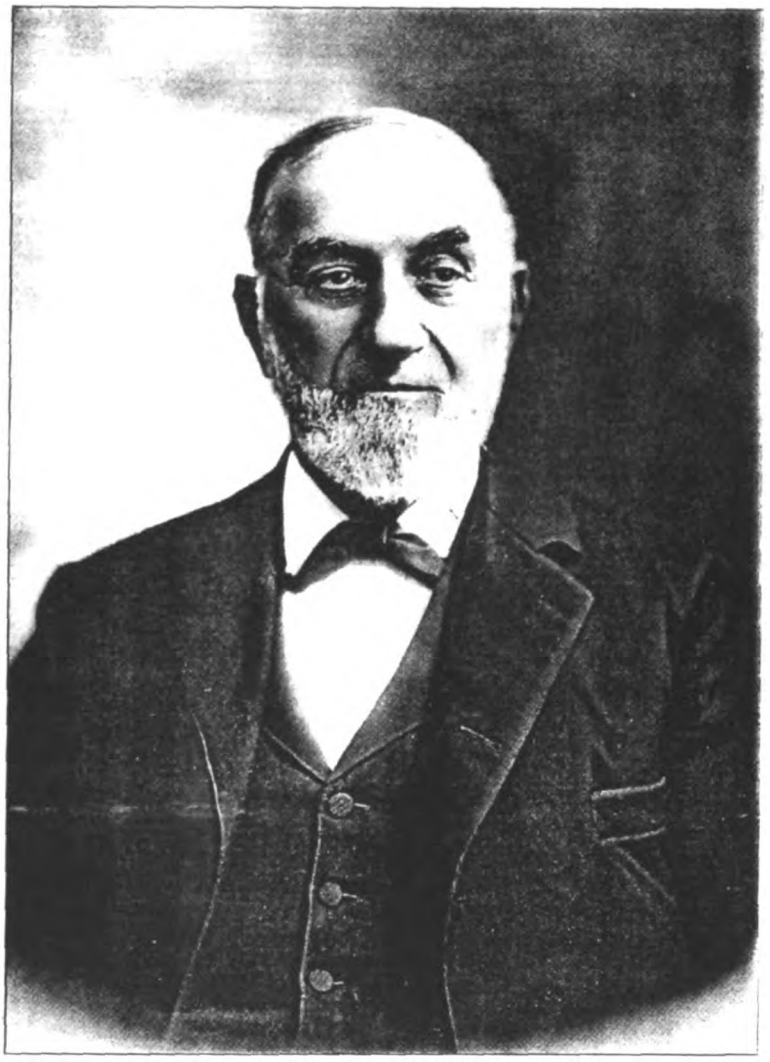

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sessor, holding the latter office two or three years. In religious connection he is a devout member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he was trustee for a number of years.

ELMER HAWLEY NORTHROP. To the superficial observer, youth doubtless presents a more attractive aspect than age, but to one who can appreciate the rich inner life of a spirit which has been refined and enlightened by the experience of years, gray hairs suggest deeper harmonies and pleasure than the younger ones can know, especially in this case, when physical and mental vigor are unimpaired, and the wisdom of years is brought into play in an effective yet quiet and dignified participation in the activities which constitute the outer bonds of social life.

The subject of this sketch is fortunate in this regard, as, although he has come almost to the allotted limit of three-score years and ten, his strength gives promise of prolonged life, in which he may teach—even if unconsciously—the dignity, value and charm of old age.

Mr. Northrop was born in the town of Brookfield, October 24, 1828, and has never been outside the limits of that town for a longer period than two weeks. His education was obtained, in part, in the district school, in part at a private school near his home, and on attaining manhood he engaged in agriculture, which pursuit he followed until his retirement from business a few years ago. He has been very successful in the management of his affairs, and his sound judgment has been called into service by his fellow-citizens in various ways, notably as an administrator of estates. He is one of the leading advisers of the Republican party in his locality, and is at present serving as first selectman of Brookfield. In religious work he is also prominent as a member of the Congregational Church. On October 23, 1851, he married Miss Laura Jane Dutton, who was born July 3, 1831, and died December 24, 1855. Two children blessed this union: Amelia Irvine, born February 14, 1853, and George Dutton, born November 12, 1855. The latter married Miss Ella Kate Hoyt, on July 26, 1893, and they have one daughter, Laura Dutton, born August 27, 1896.

The Northrop family has been identified with Brookfield from a very early date. Our subject's great-great-grandfather, Jeremiah Northrop, died there July 4, 1771, at the age of eighty-two years, and his wife, Hannah (Benedict), died February 19, 1767, aged seventy. They had three sons: Amos died February 3, 1789, aged sixty-one years and four months; Ezra died May 21, 1770, at the age of forty-six years; the youngest, Waite, our subject's great-grandfather, died August 3, 1773, aged forty-three years. His entire life was spent in Brookfield. His wife, Anna Benedict, died August 7, 1806, at the age of seventy-seven. They had four children: John, Waite, Anna and Andrew.

Waite Northrop (2), our subject's grandfather, was born May 12, 1765, and died December 6, 1824. He married Jerusha Baldwin on July 5, 1787. She was born July 26, 1770, and died November 6, 1827. Their children were Elmore Baldwin, our subject's father; Sarah, born March 23, 1800, married January 20, 1824, to Hiram Fairchild, and died September 20, 1830; Anna, born June 27, 1802, married April 10, 1826, to Charles Hawley, and died November 13, 1832; and Baldwin, who died in infancy.

Elmore Baldwin Northrop, the father of our subject, was born in the town of Brookfield, August 12, 1794, and became a prominent citizen of that locality, engaging in mercantile business and in silver-plating, making a specialty of plating harness and carriage fixtures. He was an ambitious man, energetic in all his undertakings, and was very successful. At various times he held township offices, and he was a prominent member of the Congregational Church of Brookfield. On December 4, 1821, he married Miss Lucy Hawley, who was born June 23, 1801, a daughter of Daniel Hawley, and died June 8, 1883, after a long widowhood, Mr. Northrop's death having occurred April 30, 1834. They had two children, our subject being the younger; the elder, Mary A., born September 5, 1824, was married September 17, 1844, to George C. Cornwall, and they have one son, Elmer N.

On the maternal side our subject was descended from Joseph Hawley, one of the earliest settlers in Connecticut, who was born in Parwick, Derbyshire, England, in 1603, and crossed the ocean in 1629, landing near Boston, Mass. Later he settled in Connecticut, and died at Stratford in 1690. His son, Samuel, who was born in 1653, had a son Samuel, who reared a family of ten children: Jonathan, Nathaniel, Ephraim, Matthew, Obadiah, Francis, Richard, Nathan, Stephen and Benjamin. Benjamin Hawley, our subject's great-great-grandfather, born in 1694, had four sons, as follows: Ebenezer, Benjamin, Abel and William. William Hawley, our subject's great-grandfather, born in 1732, reared a family of four children: William, Anna, Daniel and Joseph. Daniel Hawley, the grandfather of our subject, was born December

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25, 1766, and died February 9, 1826. He was married (first) on August 9, 1787, to Miss Lucy Dibble, who was born in 1766, and died February 25, 1789. On January 14, 1796, he married, for his second wife, Joanna Seelye, who was born February 24, 1773, and died April 5, 1837. By the first marriage there was one son: Eleazar, and by the second there were three children: Lucy, our subject's mother; Charles, born February 6, 1804, and Sidney, born April 3, 1807.

JAMES S. SHERWOOD, one of the substantial agriculturists of the town of Westport, Fairfield county, a veteran of the Civil war, and for twenty or more years a school teacher of this locality, is of the fifth generation of the Sherwood family who have been engaged in farming in Fairfield county.

Mr. Sherwood's line of descent is through David, Sr., David, Ruel, and Charles E. The first three were residents of the town of Fairfield. Ruel Sherwood, who was a native of that town, married Rachel Beers, a native of the town of Westport. After their marriage they settled on the farm on which Mrs. William Sherwood now lives. Their children were: Charles E. is referred to farther on; Eliza married Edwin Weed, a millwright of Darien; Harriet D. married Walter Bradley a farmer of Redding; and William was a farmer in the town of Westport. The mother of these was a member of a patriotic family, having seven brothers who served their country in the war of the Revolution.

Charles E. Sherwood was born March 29, 1807, on his father's farm in the town of Westport, and was there reared in a manner not unlike the sons of the general farmer, attending school during the winter season and working on the farm in the summers. He married Anna Beam, a native of Paterson, N. J., and of German stock on her father's side. After their marriage they located on the farm where their eight children were reared. A brief record of them is as follows: Henry M. is a retired business man residing in Chicago; Charles W., who served as a soldier in the Civil war, was a carpenter by trade, resided in Westport, and there died; James S., our subject, is referred to farther on; Mary E. married James Punzelt, and resides in South Norwalk; Harriet D. married James Smibert, of Chicago; John B. is engaged in the school furniture business in Chicago; Roston died at the age of sixteen years; and George died in infancy. Both parents are deceased, the father dying March 18, 1897, when nearly ninety years of age, and the mother on February 28, 1870, aged about sixty years. They were members of the Congregational Church, good Christian people who bore the esteem and respect of their many acquaintances. In politics he was a Democrat, but later became identified with the Republican party.

James S. Sherwood was reared on the homestead, where he remained working on the farm in the summer season, and attending the neighboring district schools through the winters until sixteen years of age. He then for a period attended the schools at Westport, later taught school during the winter and farmed in summer for some ten years. Next he taught at Saugatuck for about the same length of time. After this he settled on the farm where he now resides and has since been occupied in farming. During the Civil war, inspired by that patriotism that led thousands of brave boys to sacrifice home and loved ones to answer their country's call, many never to return, young Sherwood entered the Union army, enlisting in August, 1862, as a private in Company C, 28th Conn. V. I., and served one year. His company and regiment formed a part of General Banks' division, and he shared the glory of his company, coming home with an honorable war record. He has a nice little farm of some twenty acres where he resides, and about the same number in the northern part of the town. In his political views he is an Independent. For four years he was a member of the school board of the town, his long years of teaching making him exceptionally well qualified for the position. Socially, he is a member of the G. A. R.

On April 5, 1876, Mr. Sherwood was married to Melissa Hull, a daughter of William Hull, of the town of Westport. The marriage was blessed with four children, namely: Edward J. is now a student of Yale College; Minnie M. is at Normal College; and Henry M. and Sadie are still attending school. The mother of these children died November 1, 1897. She was an amiable woman, greatly esteemed.

THOMAS F. FAY was born in Danbury, Conn., March 4, 1848, the eldest son of John and Margaret Fay. His father had enlisted in Company A, Eleventh Connecticut Volenteer Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Cold Harbor. Mr. Fay learned the hatter's trade, and in 1879 entered the firm of Beckerle & Co. As a member of this firm, he is best known to Danburians.

In December, 1875, Mr. Fay married Miss Sara McConnell, who died February 5, 1884. There were five children by this marriage, four of whom

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—M. Josephine, Edward R., John N. and Anna S.—are now living. Thomas, the youngest, died in 1889 at the age of five years.

Mr. Fay was a man of singular gentleness of disposition. He never entered public life, although frequently urged to do so. He was a member of the Hat Manufacturers Association, and his death was the first to occur among the members of that organization, which was then about ten years old. He died June 25, 1892, after a brief illness.

TAIT AND SONS PAPER COMPANY, of Bridgeport. Industry puts an entirely new face upon the productions of nature. By labor man has subjugated the world, reduced it to his dominion and clothed the earth with a new garment. The first rude plow that man thrust into the soil; the first rude axe of stone with which he felled the forest trees; the first rude canoe scooped by him from some pine trunk to cross the river and reach the greener fields beyond, were each the outcome of a human faculty which brought within his reach some physical comfort he had never enjoyed before. Material things became subject to the influence of labor, not the least among which we are reminded that from the flax plant man draws its fibres and makes him linen and cambric; from the cotton pod he fabricates fustians, dimities, calicoes, etc. From the rags of these, or from weeds, the shavings of wood, or from straw he makes paper, cardboard, strawboard, etc., in which latter connection it is with pleasure we turn to the steam and air-dried strawboard manufacturing industry, in Bridgeport, known far and wide as the Tait & Sons Paper Company.

Andrew Tait, the founder of this industry, was born January 27, 1799, near Edinburgh, Scotland, and was descended from a long line of paper makers. He served his full time (seven years) as an apprentice at that employment, and in 1820 he came to this country, first locating in Morris county, N. J. Here he worked about one year at his trade, then moved to Hartford, after which we find him in various places till his marriage, in 1822. He then settled in Trumbull, Fairfield county, where, as superintendent for D. & P. N. Fairchild, paper manufacturers, he built their mill and set it in operation. With this firm he remained but a short time, however, and on leaving their employ he commenced business in a small way at Trumbull Center, marbling paper for bookbinders' use; but in 1856 he erected in Trumbull what is known as Tait's Mills, and embarked in the box-board or strawboard manufacturing industry.

Andrew Tait was married June 14, 1822, to Miss Bella Ronaldson, who crossed the ocean alone from Scotland, to wed her old sweetheart, the voyage occupying six weeks and four days. The issue of this union was as follows: Nancy, wife of Plumb Hoyt, of New York; William, a sketch of whom follows; Mary E., wife of J. M. Prindle, of Bridgeport; John, a physician in Meriden, Conn.; Bella, who died in 1851; and Fannie. The father of these was called from earth January 27, 1891, the mother on May 22, 1875. They were members for many years of the Congregational Church at Trumbull; in politics he was originally a Whig, later a Republican, and for several terms he served as town clerk. On the occasion of the golden wedding of this honored pioneer couple a large concourse of relatives and friends assembled at the Tait mansion in Trumbull, bringing with them congratulations and kind wishes as well as valuable and useful gifts. Mr. Tait's business career was marked by industry, frugality and the integrity of an upright Christian man.

WILLIAM TAIT, the eldest son of Andrew and Isabella Tait, was born May 29, 1824, in Scotland, Hartford county, Conn., being a child when brought from there to Trumbull. In the latter place he received his education, learning the paper-making business with his father. In 1848 he went to California, but after a couple of years returned to Trumbull and entered into partnership with his father, who withdrew from the business in 1872, William F. Tait (son of William) becoming a member of the firm. They continued to carry on the business in Trumbull until 1895, in which year they removed it to Bridgeport, or rather North Bridgeport, where they have since remained. The firm is now know as The Tait & Sons Paper Company, the firm consisting of William Tait, president; William F. Tait, treasurer; Andrew Tait, secretary; and the product of the mills is chiefly steam and air-dried straw board. At the present time (1899) they are making only box board. William Tait was married May 31, 1848, at Milford, Conn., to Miss Grace Camp, who was born September 4, 1831, at Milford, Conn., and five children have graced their union, to wit: Isabella R., wife of E. M. Goulden, of Stratford, Conn.; William F., sketch of whom follows; Andrew (1), who died at the age of two years; Andrew (2), who is spoken more fully of later on; and Elizabeth, wife of Frank Plumb, by whom she had three children—Ethel and Virgil (both now deceased) and Verna. The parents

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of this family were members of the Congregational Church at Trumbull. Mr. Tait enlisted during the war of the Rebellion in Company D (Captain Hall's company), 23d Conn. V. I., in which he served as corporal. Subsequently he was orderly sergeant of Company C, 4th Regiment Conn. N. G. He is now a member of Elias Howe, Jr., Post, G. A. R., at Bridgeport.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN TAIT was born October 27, 1852, in Trumbull, where at the public schools he received his primary education, later attending a private academy at Stratford. On June 6, 1876, he was married in Huntington, to Miss Mary, daughter of Lyman Lattin, of Huntington, Litchfield county, and by this union there was one child, Mary Frances, born January 16, 1878, whose mother died on the third of the following month. On September 26, 1883, at St. Paul's Church, Bridgeport, Conn., William F. Tait wedded Miss Laura Frances Morris, of Bridgeport, daughter of William and Mary Louise Morris. Issue: Morris William, who was born July 31, 1893, and died July 14, 1894, and Natalie Crosby, born February 13, 1898, yet living. Mr. and Mrs. Tait are members of Olivet Congregational Church at Bridgeport, of which he is a deacon.

Andrew Tait, junior member of the firm, was born September 21, 1866, in Trumbull. In early life he attended the public schools in Trumbull, later taking a course of study at the Park Avenue Institute in Bridgeport. On October 9, 1889, at Fairfield, Conn., he married Miss Laura Wilson, who was born April 15, 1868, and three children grace their union, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Eloise Wilson, February 24, 1892; Andrew Clifford, April 4, 1895; and Grace Elizabeth, August 25, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Tait are members of Olivet Congregational Church at Bridgeport.

DANIEL SMITH MEAD. This venerable and respected resident of Greenwich, who is now nearing his ninth decade with physical strength and mental faculties well preserved, is a man who does credit to his hardy pioneer ancestry. "Smith Mead," as he is generally called, has never sought notoriety, his quiet and unassuming disposition making public life uncongenial; but he holds a high place in the esteem of all classes in the community. His popularity is based upon his sterling qualities of character, and among the traits which have contributed thereto is his life-long habit of minding his own business.

Mr. Mead was born April 9, 1811, in the town of Greenwich, where his ancestors were early settlers. John Mead [other authorities say William], head of the family, came from England in 1642 [other authorities say 1635], and his son John, after remaining for a few years in Massachusetts and at Hempstead, L. I., located permanently at Greenwich, in 1660. The line of descent is thus traced through John, son of the pioneer, Ebenezer (1), Ebenezer (2), Jared, our subject's grandfather, and Daniel S. Mead, Sr., the father of our subject. Ebenezer Mead (2) married Hannah Brown, and had twelve children —eleven sons and one daughter. Jared Mead, the grandfather of our subject, was born December 15, 1738, the eleventh child and tenth son of Ebenezer (2), and his death occurred in May, 1832, when he was ninety-three years of age. Throughout his life he followed farming in Greenwich township, where he was popular with all classes, being familiarly known far and near as "Uncle Jared." He married Lydia Smith, and had the following children: Zetta, Daniel S., Lydia, Alma, Hannah (who married Deacon Jonas Mead), Jared and Alvan.

Daniel S. Mead, our subject's father, was born November 20, 1778, at the old homestead in Greenwich township, where he passed his life in agricultural pursuits. He was of medium size, and was not blessed with a strong constitution, his death occurring in 1831 at the comparatively early age of fifty-three years. Politically, he was an anti-Democrat, and as a citizen he was much esteemed for his uprightness and integrity. His estimable wife, whose maiden name was Rachel Mead, was a daughter of Joshua Mead and a descendant of John Mead, the pioneer. She survived him several years and at her death was interred beside him in the cemetery of the Congregational Church at Greenwich, of which both had long been active and consistent members. Our subject was the fourth in a family of nine children, the others being Jared, who was accidentally killed while captain of his vessel, being run down by a steamer on North river; Edwin, who resides in California; S. Merwin, a farmer in Greenwich township; Miss Zetta, who is deceased; Elizabeth, who was married (first) to O. Close, and (second) to David B. Mead; and three who died young.

Our subject was educated in the common schools near his home, his first teacher being Reuben Holmes, a well-known educator of that day. He well remembers the old building, fitted up with rude slab seats, and has always given his hearty approval to any project which would promote the efficiency of the schools and the comfort of the pupils. As his school days ended before Greenwich Academy was founded, his

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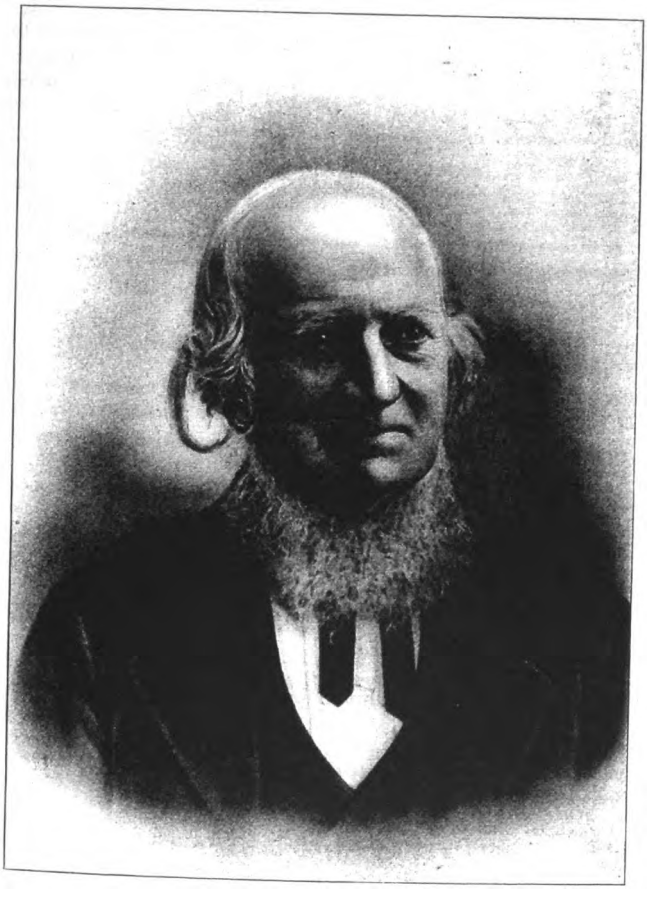

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opportunities were limited, but he made the best of them, and an excellent memory has enabled him to gain much information through later reading and observation. During boyhood he became familiar with the details of farm work as the eldest son of a busy farmer, and at twenty years of age he took charge of the homestead on account of his father's death. In 1832 he was married in Greenwich to Miss Huldah Mead, who was born in that town February 5, 1812, the daughter of Ephraim and Azubah Mead. For a few years he continued to reside at the old home with his widowed mother, but he then settled at his present farm on Greenwich avenue, formerly called "Steamboat road." He has made many improvements upon the place, remodeling the house and rebuilding the barn twice, and it is one of the best homesteads in the locality. As the land lies chiefly in a part of Greenwich which has been settling up rapidly of late years, it has increased greatly in value, and although he has sold a large number of building sites, he still owns some desirable land in the town. Among the tracts which he has disposed of is the ground upon which the new school building stands. He has always taken much interest in local affairs, serving at times in minor township offices, and throughout his life he has been an ardent student of national questions, having never missed voting in a Presidential election. In early years he affiliated with the Whig party, but the slavery agitation led him into the Republican party, of which he has ever since been a firm supporter. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist, as most of his relatives have been from pioneer days.

On October 27, 1882, his beloved wife passed to the unseen world, and her remains now rest in the Congregational cemetery at Greenwich. Their family is one of which any parents might well be proud. Of their ten children, the eldest, Ophelia, married William Long, who met a soldier's death during the Civil war; Esther A. is the wife of I. L. Mead; Daniel S. died in Greenwich, aged forty-eight years; OLIVER D. is a farmer at Field Point; Abraham died at the age of seven years; Anna H., who is not married, resides at the homestead; Sarah H. died at the age of eighteen years; Miss Elizabeth J. is at home, unmarried; and two died young.

EDWARD J. COUCH, a leading citizen of Ridgefield, Fairfield county, is a native of the town of Redding, Conn., born July 17, 1828, of honored New England ancestry.

The first of the family of whom we have record was Simon Couch (1), who married Mary, daughter of Francis Andrews, of Bankside, and had children: Thomas; Simon (2); Samuel; Mary, who married John Grumman; Martha, who wedded Abram Finch; Sarah; and Hannah, wife of Peter Coley. Of these, Simon (2) married Abigail Sturges, daughter of John Sturges, and had children whose names with dates of birth are as follows: Abigail, January 31, 1694; Thomas, June 9, 1695; Simon, July 6, 1697; Hannah, August 30, 1699; Sarah, March 30, 1706; Isabelle, September 17, 1708; and Deborah, March 30, 1710. Of these,

Thomas, great-great-grandfather of our subject, married Sarah Allen, daughter of Gideon Allen, December 7, 1721, and had issue: Simon, who married Abigail Jennings, daughter of Joshua Jennings, born May 18, 1721; Thomas, born November 28, 1725; Sarah, born December 1, 1723, and Ann, born 17—. Of these,

Thomas, great-grandfather of our subject, married February 25, 1750, Elizabeth Jessup, who was born February 13, 1728, a daughter of Edward Jessup, and their children were as follows: Thomas, born February 12, 1751, married Sarah Nash, and died March 16, 1817; Simon, born November 6, 1752; Sarah, born March 30, 1754, was married to Hezekiah Banks October 14, 1772, and died in 1815; Elizabeth, born January 23, 1756, was married to Noah Hanford, and died about the year 1783; Gideon, who was born September 12, 1757, was married to Eleanor Wakeman, and they became the parents of Mrs. Horace Smith, of Bridgeport; Mary, baptized May 15, 1760, was married May 5, 1784, to Moses Sherwood, and died May 13, 1824; Stephen, born May 4, 1763, married Ann Edmond January 29, 1784, and died April 21, 1813. The last named went to New Hampshire, where there are now many of his descendants. Of the above named family,

Simon, grandfather of our subject, was born in Fairfield and moved to Redding in 1776, on January 7 of which year he married Eleanor Nash, who was born January 14, 1758, and died March 5, 1818. Issue: Elizabeth, born October 9, 1776, married Ozias Burr, and died in 1834 in Worthington, Ohio; Jessup, born August 3, 1778, died June 30, 1821, unmarried (he was judge of the Superior Court of Ohio from 1815 to the time of his death, which occurred in Chillicothe, Ohio); Seth, born August 31, 1780, was married April 15, 1806, to Sarah Burr, and died April 30, 1841 (he was identified with the Brooklyn Basin); Eleanor, born August 26, 1782, died unmarried December 8, 1856; Simon, born December 1, 1784, died in 1793; Nash, born April 23, 1787,

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died single March 22, 1835; Priscilla, born June 27, 1790, married Edward Mallory, and settled in Worthington, Ohio, where they both died; Edward, born July 14, 1792, in Redding, Conn., died April 16, 1856, in Ridgefield; Simon Andrew, born December 16, 1794, was a physician in Marion, Ohio; Caroline, born June 22, 1801, died March 8, 1802. Of these,

Edward, father of our subject, married Betsey Marchant, who was born May 6, 1805, daughter of Joel Marchant, of Redding, Conn., and had children: Edward J., sketch of whom follows; and Simon, born March 12, 1830, who died March 11, 1893 (he was a silver-plater, and lived on the home farm most of his life). The father was a lifelong farmer and became prosperous.

Edward J. Couch, the subject proper of these lines, received his education at the public schools of his native town, and at the age of seventeen commenced learning the trade of a hatter, which he followed for several years as a journeyman in Troy, N. Y., and in Charleston, S. C., where he also clerked; this was in 1853. From there he went to St. Louis, Mo., where he was engaged in the business of hatter some five years; just before the Civil war he returned to Connecticut, and for some few years followed his trade there, when he abandoned it. Of late years he has been interested in real estate, and by judicious investments has acquired a comfortable competency. He is a director of the Ridgefield Savings Bank. Mr. Couch has traveled widely, covering in one trip in 1895 10,000 miles in the United States. He is much interested in pomology, is a member of the American Pomological Society, and in the trip (some seventy members forming the party), just mentioned, to California, etc., in 1895, the greatest hospitality was extended them. He has given natural history considerable study, and has an excellent collection of works on that subject, as well as a very large collection of birds, all his own mounting, as he is quite a skilled taxidermist.

On November 16, 1858, Mr. Couch was united in marriage with Miss Mary Jane Hawley, who was born April 8, 1836, daughter of Ebenezer Hawley, of South Salem, N. Y., and two children have come to them: Ida F., born July 21, 1871, was graduated at Hackettstown, N. J., and also from the Teachers College in New York City, and is now an instructor in manual training at Passaic, N. J.; Edward S., born October 16, 1879, is attending school in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Mr. Couch in his political preferences was a Democrat until the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, since when he has been a stanch Republican, and in 1882 he served in the State Legislature. In his religious views he is conservative, and broad and liberal in matters pertaining thereto. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic Fraternity. Public-spirited at all times, and true to his antecedents, he has always taken an active interest in all that concerns the welfare and prosperity of his adopted town.

HENRY BURR OGDEN, a leading agriculturist of the town of Fairfield, is a worthy representative of a family which has long been prominent in that locality. His present homestead in Banks South District has been held in the family name for three generations, and, aside from its interesting associations, it is a valuable and attractive estate, Mr. Ogden's scientific knowledge and skill being shown to good advantage in its management.

Hezekiah Ogden, the grandfather of our subject, was born October 28, 1775, and died January 21, 1844, leaving a large property and an honorable name as a citizen. His wife, whose maiden name was Hulda Merwin, was born December 15, 1779, and died September 24, 1832. Their family consisted of two sons and four daughters, the former being Horace, our subject's father, and Hezekiah, Jr., who followed farming in Banks South District until his death, some years ago.

The late Horace Ogden was born October 24, 1809, and was reared as a farmer boy, his education being obtained in the schools of the district. In early manhood he married Miss Rachel A. Sturgis, who was born January 20, 1812, a daughter of Wakeman Sturgis, a prominent resident of Weston, this county, and after residing for some time at the Ogden homestead, he bought an adjoining farm and made his permanent home there, building a new house. He was a successful farmer, and while he met with occasional losses, he left a comfortable competence, mainly gained by his own industry. Notwithstanding some accidents at various times, he enjoyed robust health during the greater portion of his life. His home was his chief interest, nothing but important business ever calling him away from it for any length of time. In politics he was a Republican, and although he was never an office seeker he voted regularly in the support of his principles. His death occurred January 20, 1891, and his wife, who was a devout Presbyterian, died March 13, 1890, their remains being interred in the Oak Lawn cemetery in Fairfield township. Our subject is the eldest in a family

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of three children; (2) Hulda E., born June 30, 1844, married Franklin Whitehead, of Greens Farms, and has one son, George Burr. (3) Mary E., born July 25, 1849, married Willis Morehouse (deceased), and now resides in Bridgeport.

Henry B. Ogden was born March 30, 1838, at the old homestead, and in boyhood he attended the common schools of the vicinity for some years, Walter Merwin and Miss Meeker being among his teachers. Later he pursued higher branches of study in the academies at Greens Farms and Greenfield Hill, and at the age of twenty-two he taught for one winter, his wages being $16 per month. He remained at home until he reached the age of thirty-five when he purchased ten acres from his father and built his present dwelling house. He has prospered, and now owns seventy-one acres of choice land, engaging in the dairy business and general agriculture. As is well known, farming has its uncertainties, but he succeeds when any one else does and when many do not. He is unassuming in manner, of a quiet disposition, and his reputation is of the best. Politically, he affiliates with the Republican party, but he takes little interest in the issues of the day, and does not even vote regularly.

At the age of thirty-five, November 26, 1873, Mr. Ogden married Miss Amelia J. Bradley, of Fairfield township, and one daughter, Beatrice, has been born to them; she has just completed five years' schooling at Greenfield Hill, and she is now at home with her parents. The family attend the Church at Greenfield Hill. Mrs. Ogden was born June 25, 1844, in Deerfield District, Fairfield township, a daughter of Seth and Amelia (Burr) Bradley, and in early life she taught school for a time, receiving $8.00 per month, one term $9.00, and boarding herself. She has one sister, Mary L., who is the widow of John H. Fanton, and a brother, Thomas, who is a resident of Deerfield District.

CHARLES MILLER, Esq., one of Stamford's leading residents, has won an enviable reputation for ability and sound judgment, and while his long and useful life has been free from ambitious striving for public notice, he has been frequently called upon by his fellow-citizens to adjudicate their controversies and disputes. For about twelve years he has held the office of justice of the peace, and his impartiality and keen insight into the merits of his varied questions which arise from time to time have shown him to be the "right man in the right place."

Like many of the successful men of the county and state, he is descended from good German ancestry, his thrift and industry being strongly characteristic of his race. He was born February 22, 1828, at Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, and was educated in the public schools of his native land. On completing his course of study he learned the cooper's trade with an uncle, but he never followed it regularly. At the age of twenty-one he came to America, locating first in New York City, where he conducted a restaurant and hotel for many years. In 1872 he removed to Stamford, making his home in Glenbrook District, and he has ever since been prominently identified with the interests of that locality, having invested largely in real estate there. Some thirteen or fourteen years ago he purchased the brick block on Main street, Stamford, known as Miller Music Hall.

In New York City he was married to Miss Susannah Koehler, a native of Heidelberg, Germany. Of the three children who blessed this union only one is now living, Charles H., a resident of Stamford. In politics Mr. Miller is a Democrat, but casts his vote for the one he deems best qualified to fill the office. He has been twice a delegate to the Democratic State Conventions, both times when Cleveland was nominated, and is still serving his town as justice of the peace, which office he has capably filled for fourteen years. Mr. Miller is a self-made man and enjoys the comforts of a fine home on Schlocker avenue, Stamford, which he has equipped with all modern improvements of his own architecture. In 1863 he visited his old home in Germany.

MRS. CATHARINE STURGESS was born in the town of Wilton, Conn., June 27, 1828, and received her education in the schools of that town. She married Bradley Sturgess, a native of Wilton. His grandfather was a native of England, and came to the United States when yet a young man, and engaged in farming in Westport. William Sturgess, father of Bradley Sturgess, was born in Westport, was educated there and learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked most of his life. Politically, he was a Democrat. He married Miss Fannie Beers, of Cranberry Plain, by whom he had the following children: Martha, who married a Mr. Gregory; Mary F., who married Erastus Roscoe; Julia A., who married Alvan Roscoe; Jeanette, who married James Burchard; and Bradley, a sketch of whom follows.

Bradley Sturgess was born in the town of

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Wilton, Conn., October 31, 1831, and obtained his early education in the common schools of that place. Notwithstanding he learned the shoemaker's trade, he worked at it only a short time, becoming instead assistant foreman of the Lock Manufacturing Company of Norwalk, Conn. When the war of the Rebellion broke out he was drafted, but furnished a substitute. He married Miss Catharine Betts, the subject of this sketch, by whom he had no children. Mrs. Catharine Sturgess has always been connected with the Episcopal Church, has been active in its work, and has been more particularly identified with its charitable endeavors—in short she has devoted her entire life to religious work.

Thaddeus Betts, great-grandfather of Mrs. Sturgess, was born in Wilton, Conn., was educated and married there, and one of his children, Thaddeus Betts, Jr., was the father of our subject. He was born in the town of Wilton, was educated there in the common schools, and after leaving school engaged in farming, which occupation he followed most of his life. He served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812. He married a Miss Mead, by whom he had the following children: Zadoc, who married Lucretia Arnold; Nehemiah, who remains single; Aner; Lydia, who married Uriah Betts; Rebecca, who married William Gregory, and Hannah, who married a Mr. Northrop.

Zadoc Betts, father of the subject, was born in the town of Wilton, and educated there in the common schools. From early boyhood he was engaged in farming. The house in which he lived until within a few years was one of the landmarks of the Revolutionary war, and since it was burned down it has been replaced by a modern dwelling. Zadoc Betts married Lucretia Arnold, daughter of Isaac and Phebe (Hayden) Arnold, of Wilton, Conn. Their children are as follows: Sallie, who married John Renoud; Eliza, who married Samuel Dudley; Betsey A., who married Thomas Benedict; Caroline, who married Giles Rockwell; Catharine, who married Bradley Sturgess; and George, who married Susan Betts.

JACOB LE GRAND DAUCHY. One of the most prominent and influential pioneer families of the town of Ridgefield, Fairfield county, is that of which Jacob L. Dauchy is an honored scion—a family noted for the patriotism, enterprise and moral worth of its several members.

The first of the name which appears in the annals of Ridgefield was (1) Vivas Dauchy, great-grandfather of our subject, who was born in 1707, and came into the town of Ridgefield from New Rochelle, whither his ancestors had fled during the religious persecutions in France, and who, among other French Huguenots, took up their residence in that town. Vivas came to Ridgefield about the year 1725, and first purchased land (according to the town record) in 1729, near the center of the village. On November 28, 1732, he married Rachel Wallace, born in February, 1711, a daughter of James Wallace, of North Salem, and by her had seven children. She died November 20, 1748, and for his second wife Vivas Dauchy wedded, on March 24, 1751, Hannah Sherwood, born March 7, 1712, by whom he had one son. She died September 10, 1754, and for his third wife Mr. Dauchy, in the early part of 1755, married Mrs. Mary Keeler Olmsted, formerly of Milton, the widow of Richard Olmsted, of Ridgefield. By this union he had five children. He died December 16, 1795; his widow, who was born October 10, 1725, passed away May 22, 1816.

The children born to Vivas Dauchy, the immigrant, were as follows: James, born November 30, 1734, died in ——; Mary (Folliot), born November 25, 1736, died 176–; Vivas, born October 7, 1738, died in the French war; John, born 1741, died May 13, 1809; Elizabeth, born 1742, died ——; Philip, born January 12, 1744, died April 30, 1822; Nathan, born February 9, 1747, died April 14, 1824; Daniel, born January 23, 1752, died July 25, 1807; Jeremiah, born November 1, 1755, died September 20, 1823; Thomas, born November 5, 1757, died ——; Vivas, born December 8, 1759, died ——; Mary (Sanford), born March 18, 1764, died ——; (II) Jacob, born March 2, 1768, died December 26, 1857.

(II) Jacob Dauchy, grandfather of our subject, married Lois Bennett, who was born January 10, 1768, and died June 27, 1841. Issue: David, born July 18, 1790, died September 2, 1827; Charles, born September 27, 1791, died June 24, 1833; Walter, born December 31, 1792, died April 12, 1857; Josiah, born March 17, 1794, died September 20, 1873; Philip, born December 20, 1795, died August 23, 1839; Polly (Sanford), born November 20, 1797, died May —, 1890. (III) Jacob, born March 21, 1799, died December 12, 1883; Keeler, born January 8, 1801, died January 10, 1888; Rachel, born February 26, 1803, died in November, 1893; and Phœbe, born February 28, 1805, died July 10, 1892. The father of this family was one of the most prominent citizens of the town of Ridgefield in his day, was a member of the Legislature, and held various local offices of responsibility and

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trust. He was an influential member of the Episcopal Church, to which the entire family have generally belonged, and he and Isaac Olmsted were prominent in the F. & A. M., during what is known as the "dark period" of that organization in New England.

(III) Jacob Dauchy, father of our subject, was married September 16, 1821, to Eliza Ann Osborn, of Norwalk, Conn., born April 26, 1803, and their children were as follows: Mary Eliza, born November 12, 1822, died August 26, 1827; Frances I., born March 26, 1825, died August 25, 1828; Charles Osborn, born May 1, 1826, died August 16, 1827; (IV) Jacob LeGrand, born March 26, 1828; Mary Esther, born November 12, 1829, died September 17, 1885, and Francis, born June 23, 1834, died June 12, 1860. The mother of this family passed away August 23, 1883, the father on December 12, same year. Like his father before him, he was one of the most prominent citizens in Ridgefield, in local affairs, holding many offices of honor and trust, and also served in the Legislature.

(IV) Jacob LeGrand Dauchy, the subject proper of this memoir, was born and reared in the town of Ridgefield, receiving his education in the schools of the neighborhood up to the age of seventeen. He then commenced an apprenticeship to the hat-making business, which he completed when twenty-one years old, serving his time in part with Jones, Slosson & Co., of Ridgefield, in part with Charles Benedict, of Danbury, Conn. For several years thereafter he worked as a journeyman hatter in most of the factories around his native place, but chiefly in Norwalk, being employed during his last year or so at the business in making ladies' napped hats. In 1861 he enlisted, under the 300,000-call for three-years' men, in Company A, 11th Connecticut Regiment, and served in the Army of the Potomac. In 1863 he re-enlisted for three years, or during the war, and was mustered out in September, 1865. He participated in most of the principal engagements in that struggle, and proved himself a brave and patriotic soldier.

On May 21, 1848, Mr. Dauchy was married to Mary, daughter of William Smith, and they have had three children, of whom but one son, William, is living. Mr. Dauchy in politics was originally a Whig, and since the organization of the party has been a stanch Republican, actively interested in the affairs of the party. He has held various offices of his town, in 1881 represented his township in the State Legislature, and at the present time is assessor. In religious faith he is a member of the Episcopal Church of Ridgefield; socially, he is affiliated with the F. & A. M., Jerusalem Lodge No. 46, of which he is past master, and is prominently identified with the G. A. R., holding membership with Nelson White Post, at Danbury.

LOREN T. DAY, M. D., a physician and surgeon of ability and skill, located in the town of Westport, Fairfield county, is of the fifth generation of the Day family in this county, and has descended from Revolutionary stock in both maternal and paternal lines.

The line of descent is Martin, Absalom, Absalom George, John L., Loren T. Martin Day, who was an Englishman, came from England to America, and died at Chatham, N. J., where he had located and was engaged in mercantile pursuits. Absalom Day, who was a clergyman, died at Norwalk, Conn., in 1843. He had married Bettie Smith, of Norwalk, and there reared a large family of children. Absalom George Day was a potter by trade and carried on that business at Norwalk. He married Mary Ann Fitch, and they had a numerous family of children, among whom was John L. Day, the father of the Doctor. Absalom George Day was born at Norwalk, Conn., in 1796, and died there. He was a man of quiet, unassuming manners, and of good business ability. John L. Day was reared and received his education at Norwalk. He married Jane Ann Lewis, of Stepney, Conn., a daughter of Charles H. and Sally (Wayland) Lewis, of that place. After marriage John L. Day and wife located in Bridgeport, where they reared their only child. The father was a prominent citizen of that city, engaged in the fancy dry-goods business. In his political views he was a Republican, and in religious faith both himself and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died in 1864, respected by the community at large. The widow still survives.

Sally Wayland, the grandmother of our subject, was a daughter of David and Ann (Sherman) Wayland, both natives of Stepney, Conn. David Wayland was the son of James and Hannah (Beach) Wayland. James participated in the war of the Revolution.

Dr. Loren T. Day was born August 11, 1860, at Bridgeport, Conn. When four years old he was taken to Waterbury, Conn., and there attended the public school until fourteen years of age. Then he returned to Bridgeport and attended the Military Academy there until 1876, when he began the study of medicine in the office and under the direction of Dr. Robert Lauder. He remained with Dr. Lauder for about one and one-half years, then entered the medical department

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of Yale College, graduating with the class of '80. He took a post-graduate course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York. During the winter of 1881 he was one of the late Prof. O. C. Marsh's assistants in Peabody Museum, at Yale University, engaged in palæontological work. During this time he published several articles on scientific subjects—one, a monograph on the Odontomyia, being published in the "Proceedings of the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences." In 1882 he entered the New Haven (Conn.) Hospital, and in 1883 he located in Westport, Conn., where he has since been actively engaged in practice. Thoroughly prepared for his profession, of studious habits, affable and courteous, he soon grew into favor, and is having a successful career. His talents and ability as a physician are recognized in the community and county where his influence is felt. Socially the Doctor and family are interested in various lines. He is prominent in Masonic circles, a member of Temple Lodge No. 65, F. & A. M., of Westport, holding in the same the office of recording secretary; he also is a member of Clinton Commandery and of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is identified with the Episcopal Church at Westport. In politics he is an Independent, and is at this time secretary of the school board. Doctor Day takes great interest in historical matters, and is vice-president of the Saugatuck Historical Society. He is a member of the Sons of the Revolution, being one of that society's board of managers. He is an honorary member of the Bridgeport Medical Society, a member of the Fairfield County Medical Association, of the Connecticut Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association.

On May 31, 1883, Doctor Day was married to Frances D. Stevens, of New Haven, Conn., and the union has been blessed with one child, Dorothy. Mrs. Day is the daughter of Robert Stevens and Adelia A. (Youngs) Stevens, natives of New Haven, Conn., and Long Island, N. Y., respectively.

THOMAS A. MEAD, a prominent young business man of Greenwich, is winning for himself a high standing in financial circles by his efficient service in the responsible post of teller for the Greenwich Loan & Deposit Company, and he also represents two leading insurance companies, the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, and the Ætna Accident Insurance Company of Hartford. While he is most unassuming in manner, he has shown himself equal to every duty connected with these important interests, and his fellow-citizens, recognizing his ability, have twice chosen him to the office of township auditor, in which he is still serving.

Mr. Mead was born September 30, 1870, in the town of Greenwich, where his family has been prominent from pioneer times. He is a son of Seaman and Sarah E. Mead, and grandson of Col. Thomas A. Mead, who was one of the ablest and most popular citizens of this county in his day. As a representative of the ninth generation of the Mead family, our subject traces his descent as follows from John Mead [other authorities say William], the pioneer through John, son of the pioneer, Ebenezer (1), Ebenezer (2), Amos, a well-known physician of the olden times, Col. Thomas A., and Seaman Mead, our subject's father, of whom a biographical sketch appears elsewhere.

Mr. Mead's education was obtained in the schools of his native town, and at an early age he began to display marked interest and ability in business lines. While a mere boy he entered the employ of Frederick Mead & Co., of New York City, the establishment being located at No. 138 Pearl street, and he continued there until March, 1889, when he accepted a position in the offices of the Greenwich Loan & Deposit Company. Since first entering the institution he has been gradually advanced, and the able discharge of his present duties would seem to promise still greater things for his future. Steady and reliable, he commands the respect and confidence of all who know him, and he is deservedly popular among a large circle of acquaintances and friends. He has always affiliated with the Republican party politically, and in 1894-95-96-97-98 he was elected on that ticket to his present post of auditor. He is an active member of the Amogerone Fire Company, and takes keen interest in athletics, giving his support to various movements of that kind. Among the societies in which he holds membership are the Indian Harbor Yacht Club and the Putnam Athletic Association, and he and his accomplished wife are leaders in the best social life of the locality. In 1894 Mr. Mead married Miss May B. Roys, daughter of Charles A. Roys, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and they occupy a pleasant home on West Putnam avenue, Greenwich, built by our subject and completed in February, 1895.

GEORGE F. DASKAM (deceased). Few business men have enjoyed to a greater degree the confidence and esteem of their fellow-citizens than did this well-known resident of Norwalk.

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His honorable career as a soldier during the war of the Rebellion indicates his patriotism and courage, and in peace as well as in war he was ever ready to fulfill the duties of an American citizen.

Mr. Daskam was a native of Norwalk, and his parents, William and Ruah (Boalt) Daskam, were both descended from early settlers of that locality. After receiving an education in the schools of his town he engaged in the grocery business, which he continued successfully throughout his active years. In the early days of the Civil war he went to the front as a private in the 2nd Connecticut Light Artillery, enlisting at Bridgeport, this county, and served three years. He died at his home in Norwalk December 28, 1877, his death causing deep grief among a large circle of friends. Socially, he was prominent, and he was one of the leading Freemasons of the State, having attained the 33rd degree, while at one time he held the rank of Grand Master in that body. He was a descendant of Capt. William Daskam, who served with LaFayette during the Revolution, and received his discharge from Washington himself. He also commanded a company during the war of 1812, and was granted a pension for his services.

In 1856 Mr. Daskam married Miss Sarah Elizabeth Finch, who survives him with one daughter, Miss Georgia Frederika Daskam. They now reside at Darien, where they have a comfortable home, showing every evidence of refinement and taste in its occupants. Both ladies take great interest in the work of the Episcopal Church, of which they are members. Mrs. Daskam is a daughter of Curtis and Catherine Sands Gray Finch, who were both related to some of the oldest families of this State. The Finch family came from England. On the maternal side, Mrs. Daskam is also connected with the Selleck family, which originated in England; and whose coat of arms shows an ancient lineage. The ancestors of the Selleck family came to Connecticut in 1640, and purchased property from the Indians which is still in the possession of some of their descendants. She has one brother, William H. Finch, of New Rochelle, N. Y., and a sister, Mrs. George A. Ferguson, of Darien, Connecticut.

JOSEPH HERMANN SCHULDICE, whose sudden and lamented death in the very prime of life occurred on the last day of the year 1894, was one of the most valued and influential men of Danbury.

A native of Bavaria, Germany, he was born March 19, 1852, a son of Michael and Mary Schuldice, and while he was a boy the family came to the United States, taking up their residence in Danbury, Conn. The son at an early age left school to become an apprentice to the hatter's trade. In 1875 he formed a partnership in the hat-manufacturing business with William Beckerle, Charles H. Peix and Thomas F. Fay, the style of the firm being Beckerle & Co., and they commenced in a comparatively limited way, in what was then known as the old comb shop, employing at first but a few hands. By perseverance and industry they widened the business steadily from year to year, until at the time of the death of Mr. Schuldice it had become one of the most extensive hat manufacturing concerns in the district, occupying two large factories and giving employment to several hundred hands. Danbury attained its present growth solely through the development of the hat-manufacturing business, and this industry is the keystone of its prosperity. Mr. Schuldice did a great deal toward building up and firmly establishing the industry in Danbury, and in this way he had a material share in the development and growth of the city.

In 1873 Mr. Schuldice was married to Miss Anna T. McConnell, of Danbury. Of the children born to them, Jennie, Mayla, Anna, Flora, Sara, Joseph Hermann and Bertha are now living. The family have their home at No. 112 Liberty street, Danbury, in the house which was built by Mr. Schuldice some fifteen years before he died. He was a great lover of flowers, and he made the grounds surrounding his handsome residence one of the most attractive spots in the city. As has been said above, he died on the last day of December, 1894, after a brief illness. On Christmas Day he was apparently in the best of health, but the following day he was taken seriously ill, and he died after a few days of patient suffering. His death was a severe shock, not only to his family, but to the community at large. In the circle of his much-loved home he was a kind and affectionate husband and loving father. In Danbury, where he had passed his entire life from childhood, he was recognized as a man of strict integrity, tender-hearted sympathy and great benevolence. He possessed in an eminent degree those sterling attributes that win and retain friends. His benefactions were extensive and unostentatious. The financial success he attained was as much for the good of others as for himself, for to his less fortunate fellowmen his purse was always open. He was closely identified with the best interests of Danbury, and he accomplished more good for

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the city than will ever be known. In his business dealings he was honorable and honored, and in business affairs his well-known success attests his wisdom and integrity. In the business circles of Danbury his influence was always for the best. Socially, he was a true friend, a willing adviser, a benefactor and a Christian. His worth as a citizen and benefactor was probably more realized in his connection with the Danbury Hospital, one of the leading charitable institutions of the State, than in any other capacity. In 1886 he was elected a director of the hospital, and served upon the building committee, in whose charge was placed the planning and construction of the present hospital building. His active work on this committee showed that his heart was in the cause of charity, and from that time on the hospital was one of the chief objects of his attention. In 1890 he was chosen president, which office he held until his death. At the time of his decease it was said with truth that the hospital had lost its best friend. To his liberality, both in money and time, and to his kindly constant thought, the institution is more indebted than is generally known, except perhaps to his fellow-workers in the charity. Mr. Schuldice was also a director in the National Pahquioque Bank. In politics he was a Republican, but he never held or aspired to office.

SOLOMON STODDARD MEAD. One of the principal charms of foreign travel is found in the opportunity to visit localities made sacred by past associations, many a spot which is by no means noted for its beauty being invested with world-wide interest because it furnishes a link between our day and some historic period or personage. America, despite the beauty of her scenery, lacks the atmosphere of age which allures the thoughtful tourist, but it is gratifying to observe that our best citizens value our heroic though brief past, and are already taking steps to preserve unchanged such relics as have come to us from the earlier times. Within the limits of Fairfield county are many places to which advancing years will attach more and more interest, the old Colonial residences in various localities being especially worthy of note.

The old Mead homestead, a beautiful estate in north Greenwich, now occupied by the subject of this sketch, has one of these old buildings which has recently been repaired in a substantial manner, no expense having been spared to preserve it intact. As an instance of the faithfulness which has characterized the work in every detail we may mention the fact that the original nails were re-sharpened and used at a cost of seventy-two cents per pound, although new ones could have been bought for three cents per pound. The old fireplaces are retained, and while various modern conveniences have been introduced the house looks exactly as it did when its occupants were loyal subjects of the King of England, even the small diamond-shaped peep-hole above the outer door remaining to give evidence of the dangers which made our forefathers wary and watchful. A well on the estate has supplied a continuous flow of soft spring water since a period long previous to the Revolutionary war. The land, which is high and well drained, is admirably adapted for use as a stock farm, and since 1728, when it was first taken for a homestead by Benjamin Mead, Senior, an ancestor of our subject, the various members of the family who have had it in charge have been chiefly engaged in that business. There are twenty buildings on the farm, consisting of a dwelling house, barns, wagon houses, stables, blacksmith shop, carpenter shop, and lately a new wagon house has been erected which measures 24 x 130 feet. The stables are first-class in every particular, affording accommodations for one hundred horses, and they are equipped with a perfect system of drainage and ventilation. On a hill two hundred feet north of the farm buildings, forty feet high, a large water tower has been recently built standing fifty-six feet high with a reservoir on top holding 7,500 gallons of water, pumped from a well in the road by a Delamater hot-air engine. In addition to this supply of water there are eight hydrants on the premises for use in case of fire, and over five hundred feet of hose is kept in a convenient place in boxes adjoining each hydrant, made especially for the hose. Since 1873 Mr. Mead has given especial attention to boarding horses, colts, and stock of all kinds the year round, and he personally superintends every department of his extensive enterprise. Ten men are employed to carry out his instructions, and these are comfortably housed in apartments above the carpenter shop, the rooms being neatly finished in natural wood, and amply supplied with drawers and closets. Mr. Mead buys his hay and feed by the car load, a five-ton scale on the premises giving facilities for weighing, and he always has a large amount of live stock on his hands, some of his boarders being superannuated pets whose wealthy owners are making their last days as pleasant as possible. His customers include some of the best known citizens of the metropolis, and some of the most noted horses in the country have enjoyed his care and attention.

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Mr. Mead was born at the homestead February 27, 1826, the son of Obadiah and Alla Mead. He belongs to one of the oldest families, being a descendant in both paternal and maternal lines from William Mead [other authorities say John], who came to America in 1635 [other authorities say about 1642] from Greenwich, County of Kent, England, with a brother Joseph. The latter went to Virginia, but William [or John] located first in Massachusetts, and afterward resided for a time at Hempstead, Long Island, whence he came in 1660 to this county with his two sons, John and Joseph, who settled in the town of Greenwich. Soon afterward a purchase of land was made from Richard Crab and others, the deeds being made out in the name of John. Joseph Mead died May 3, 1690, John on February 5, 1699.

John Mead (above) became one of the "twenty-seven proprietors of 1672," who purchased in that year from the Indians a large tract of land, it being a common method in those days to appoint commissioners, to effect such purchases. This tract, then known as Miosehassehy (meaning Horseneck), has long been familiarly called by the Anglicized form of the name, and it included the present homestead of our subject. John Mead married a Miss Potter, whose father afterward became the owner of Shippan Point, and through this marriage he gained considerable property. He died in 1696, leaving the following children: John, Joseph, Jonathan, Ebenezer (paternal ancestor of our subject), David, Benjamin, Nathaniel, Samuel, Susannah, Abigail and Mary.

Benjamin Mead, known as Benjamin, Sr., from whom our subject is descended through his grandmother, was the first of the family to settle at the present homestead, which he deeded to his son, Benjamin, Jr., on July 6, 1770, with some other lands. In his last will and testament, dated December 19, 1784, the following words occur: "The residue of my estate, real, personal and mixed, I give unto my eldest son, Benjamin, Jr., and to his heirs and assigns." Benjamin Mead, Jr., was born in 1735, and died March 5, 1815, and his entire life was passed at the homestead. He was a prominent citizen in his day, serving in various township offices, and he acted as justice of the peace for many years. His remains now rest in a cemetery on the farm in North Greenwich. He married Martha Ferris, and they had five children: Annie, who first married David Mead and afterward became the wife of James Bailey, of circus notoriety; Theodosia, our subject's grandmother, who married Edmund Mead, and is mentioned again below; Obadiah, a Revolutionary soldier, who was killed at the homestead by British soldiers during that war; Mary, who married Samuel Peck, of Clapboard Ridge, Conn.; and Phœbe, who married Jehiel Mead. Among the most-prized heirlooms in our subject's possession is the jacket worn by Obadiah Mead when shot to death on his farm. The garment is falling to pieces from age, but the bullet-holes can still be found at various places, and the bloodstains are also plainly to be seen.

Ebenezer Mead (1) married Sarah Knapp, of Stamford, and had children as follows: Ebenezer, Caleb, Sarah, Hannah, Jabez, David, Abigail, Susannah and Jemima.

Ebenezer Mead (2) married Hannah Brown, of Rye, N. Y., and they had twelve children: Ebenezer, Silas, Abram (1), Jonas, Solomon, Deliverance, Amos, Edmund, Hannah, Jabez, Jared and Abram.

Jonas Mead, our subject's paternal great-grandfather, was born December 25, 1725, at Indian Field, in the town of Greenwich, and died there September 14, 1785. For many years he was a deacon in the Congregational Church at Greenwich. By his first wife, Sarah Ferris, he had two sons, Solomon and Edmund, and by his second, Sarah Howe, he had three, Noah, Mark and Jonas.

Edmund Mead, the grandfather of our subject, was a merchant in New York City, and while on a trip to the West Indies, about 179–, all trace of him was lost, and the vessel he sailed on, the "Sally," was never heard from. His wife, Theodosia Mead, to whom he was married on February 15, 1776, was born August 2, 1756, the daughter of Benjamin Mead, Jr., mentioned above. Their children were Edmund, Jr., born in May, 1777, died April 28, 1778; Solomon, born April 28, 1778, died of yellow fever, September 20, 1798, at the house now occupied by Zenas Mead Peck, of Clapboard Ridge, Greenwich; Benjamin, born April 24, 1780, died December 10, 1860, in Newark, N. J., while attending prayer meeting in the Market Street Methodist Church; Sarah, born August 22, 1782, married Benjamin Mead, of Golden's Bridge, N. Y.; Obadiah, our subject's father, is mentioned more fully below; Mary, born June 1, 1787, married Judge Aaron Reed, of Bedford, N. Y.; Ralph, born April 24, 1789, was run over by a carriage, July 23, 1866, at the corner of Sixth avenue and Thirty-fourth street, New York City, while on his way to visit Central Park, and died from his injuries; Staats Morris, born April 23, 1791, died January 17, 1863, at Naples, Italy, while residing there temporarily, his death, which was instantaneous, being caused by heart failure; Maria,

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born March 15, 1793, was drowned when fourteen months old; Brockholst L. (1), born August 8, 1795, died in New York City in 1796; Brockholst L. (2), born August 3, 1797, died June 21, 1874, aged seventy-seven years, at the home of Mrs. Amos Sacket, One Hundred Twenty-fifth street, New York City. After the mysterious death of the father of this family the mother returned to the homestead of her father, Benjamin Mead, Jr., who afterward adopted her son Obadiah, to whom he gave the farm. Her other sons went to New York City, where they became wealthy business men.

Hon. Obadiah Mead, the father of our subject, was born March 10, 1785, at a residence in Cherry street, New York City, where he lived until the removal of the family to North Greenwich. In 1793, when the dwelling now occupied by our subject was erected, Obadiah, then a boy of eight years, rode the horses that dragged the logs from the woods for the structure. He became one of the leading men of the locality, and for more than half a century he served as a deacon in the Congregational Church, of North Greenwich. In politics he was first a Whig, and later a Republican, and he held several important offices, including that of representative in the State Legislature, and justice of the peace for many years. Although he attained the advanced age of ninety-three years, he was remarkably well preserved, retaining his faculties to the last. His death occurred February 20, 1878, and he was interred in the family lot in the North Greenwich Church cemetery. He came into the possession of the homestead April 30, 1806, through a deed from his grandfather, Benjamin Mead, Jr., who conveyed him ten acres that he might be qualified to vote. In 1815, his grandfather, after making certain bequests in his will to his wife and daughters, gave "all the rest and residue" of his estate "not before disposed of to Obadiah Mead, his heirs and assigns."

On June 22, 1809, Obadiah Mead married his first wife, Ruth Hibbard, who was born February 4, 1786, the daughter of Nathaniel Hibbard, a Revolutionary soldier. She died in 1822, and was buried in North Greenwich Church cemetery, and on May 29, 1823, he married Miss Alla Mead, who was born June 22, 1798, in North Greenwich, and died June 23, 1880. She was a daughter of Darius and Hannah (Peck) Mead, and was of the seventh generation from John Mead, the pioneer, the line of descent being traced through John (2); Benjamin, the fifth son of John (2); Eliphalet (1), born 1708, died 1796; Eliphalet (2), born 1738, died 1808; and Darius Mead, the maternal grandfather of our subject. Solomon S. was the only child of the second marriage, but there were three by the first union, as follows: Benjamin, born February 4, 1811, married September 16, 1835, to Hannah M. Mead, daughter of Deacon Jonas Mead, of Indian Field, and died in Rye, N. Y., July 24, 1891; Mary Ann, born September 8, 1814, was married March 22, 1839, to George Sullivan, and her death occurred at the homestead March 14, 1847; Theodosia, born March 22, 1819, was married November 26, 1839, to Isaac Knapp, of Round Hill, now deceased, and she resides at present at East Berlin, Connecticut.

During his youth Solomon S. Mead attended the district school near his home and the academy at Greenwich, while he secured at the same time a practical knowledge of farming under his father's direction. In 1848 he succeeded to the latter's business as a stock farmer, and later he became the owner of the estate through his father's will. In May, 1896, he sold the place to Dr. F. E. Hyde, of West 53rd street, New York, a wealthy man who wished to purchase it, not only on account of its charming location but because his mother had many pleasant memories of the farm where she had spent considerable time in her girlhood; she was a daughter of Ralph Mead, brother of Obadiah. Mr. Mead will retain possession of the farm for himself or heirs until May 20, 1911, and he continues his oversight and management as of old. Although now past the limit of threescore and ten years he is hale and hearty, and his conversation shows a keen and well-stored mind. He is generous to a fault, a most hospitable entertainer, and his home has always been the center for a pleasant social life. Politically, he is a Republican of Whig antecedents, and while he has not craved official honors he once served as constable. He and his family are identified with the Congregational Church at Quaker Ridge, in the work of which he is prominent, and he is at present the oldest member of the congregation. Mrs. Mead is a birthright Quaker, her parents having been members of the Society of Friends, as are all her relatives on both the paternal and maternal sides, but she attends her husband's Church.

On November 9, 1848, Solomon Stoddard Mead was united in marriage with Miss Mary Elizabeth Sands, who was born April 2, 1828, in King street, Greenwich, the daughter of John and Mary (Carpenter) Sands, who were married November 18, 1818. The father was born ———, and died November 8, 1868; the mother, born November 13, 1795, died July 27, 1872. Their children were: Thomas Clapp,

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born December 29, 1824, died September 21, 1826; Mary Elizabeth, born April 2, 1828; and Sarah Carpenter, born August 6, 1831. Joseph Carpenter, maternal grandfather of Mrs. Solomon S. Mead lived in the Revolutionary period, was an extensive farmer in the town of Harrison, Westchester Co., N. Y., and a very influential man in his day. He was the father of ten children—five sons and five daughters, viz.: John, William, Thomas, Joseph, Charles, Phebe (Mrs. James Field), Martha (Mrs. John Schureman), Dorcas (Mrs. William Cornell), Mary, and Sarah, who never married. Each of the sons received a good farm from their father, and the daughters a good "setting out" in life. Mary, who was the youngest daughter, married John Sands in 1825, and they resided for some time at the Rye Lake farm, with Thomas Clapp, after his death removing to the present Sands farm, now owned by Mrs. Solomon S. Mead and her sister, Sarah Carpenter Sands. On this farm is built a dam to direct the waters of Byram through a tunnel 2,600 feet long to Kensico lake, and from there in a four-foot conduit pipe to New York City. The farm, which is a very productive one, is used for keeping horses, etc., as is also the home farm of the Meads, and our subject has managed it very successfully since 1873.

Five children have blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Mead, three of whom are living. (1) Thomas O., born January 5, 1850, died October 27, 1851. (2) Miss Sarah Carpenter, now residing at home, is a lady of rare ability and force of character, as is shown by her efficient assistance in the management of her father's farm and home. (3) Brockholst Livingston, born July 10, 1854, now a resident of North Greenwich, was married April 10, 1882, to Harriet Alathea Mead, daughter of Silas D. and Emily L. (Close) Mead, and has one son, William Hervy. (4) Minnie A., born October 13, 1863, married Frederick W. Close, and died at Round Hill, April 17, 1887. (5) Miss Agnes Varker, born May 22, 1866, resides at home with her parents, and has full charge of the household affairs.

JOHN D. KIMMEY, a prominent resident of Norwalk, is engaged in extensive business operations in New York City and elsewhere, but in choosing a home he has sought a place where salubrious air and inviting scenery are combined with a most refined and cultured social environment. He has become fully identified with the best interests of the town, and his fellow citizens, appreciating his ability and public spirit, have at various times called him to fill positions of responsibility and trust.

It is not definitely known where the Kimmey family originated, but it doubtless comes of either German or Holland-Dutch stock. Jacob Kimmey, our subject's grandfather, was a farmer in Albany county, N. Y., and may have been born there. He married Jane Winney, and had three children: David I., our subject's father; Philip (deceased), who was a millwright by trade, and also conducted a farm and a mill of his own; and Jacob, now a farmer in Rensselaer county, New York.

David I. Kimmey was a native of Albany county, N. Y., and always followed agricultural pursuits, his death occurring there at the early age of thirty-five. He married Maria Niver, a lady of Holland descent, who was born in Albany county, N. Y., a daughter of John Niver; she died February 8, 1899, in her ninety-first year. Both united with the Dutch Reformed Church, and remained devout and consistent members. Mr. Kimmey, Sr., was much interested in politics, also, and was always a Whig, the Republican party being organized after his death. This worthy couple had five children: Jacob, who died of camp fever while serving as a soldier in the Civil war; John D., our subject; Jane, who married William Selkirk, of Bethlehem, Albany Co., N. Y.; and Elizabeth and Ann, deceased.

Mr. Kimmey was born May 21, 1828, in the town of Coeymans, Albany Co., N. Y., and remained upon the old farm until he was fifteen years of age. He then went to Albany, and for three years was employed as a clerk in a dry-goods store. Later he went to New York City and learned the machinist's trade, spending three or four years there in that occupation. Returning to Albany, he was engaged for a short time in mercantile business, and during all this time he was occasionally employed by various parties in handling and shipping freight by canal at New York and Albany. Through the influence of these parties he was appointed freight agent at New York for the Harlem railroad, with his office on 42nd street. He held this position twelve years, and in the meantime became interested in dealing in grain from breweries, which after being used in the manufacture of beer, could be dried and sold to farmers as food for stock. On leaving the railroad he began to pay more attention to this business, and was instrumental in organizing the Farmers Feed Company, of which he was secretary. This company buys the wet grain from several breweries in Brooklyn, and all but two of the breweries in New York City, making about one hundred in all. Their plant

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in New York covers eight lots, and has a storage capacity of eight thousand tons, and drying capacity of from sixty-five to seventy-five tons per day. The product is regarded as a good milk food, and is shipped to farmers in all parts of this country, while much of it is sent to foreign lands. For some time Mr. Kimmey was also associated with Jacob Ebling in a grocery business at Harlem, and at present he is connected with various enterprises. He is a director in a building and loan association in New York City, and is a director and stockholder in the Roton Point Improvement Company of the same city, which owns valuable property on Long Island Sound.

On October 14, 1849, Mr. Kimmey married Miss Adeline Hoyt, a native of Greene, county, N. Y., and a daughter of Joseph Hoyt, who was born and reared in this county. No children have blessed this union. In 1886 Mr. Kimmey removed to Norwalk, and he now owns a beautiful home on the principal street of that charming city. He and his wife are prominent socially, and he is a member of the Masonic Fraternity and of the Norwalk Club. In politics he is a Republican, and he takes much interest in municipal affairs, having served as a member of the board of burgesses before Norwalk become a city, and as warden, a position equal in dignity and importance to the modern office of mayor.

GEORGE C. BLICKENSDERFER, the inventor of the Blickensderfer system of typewriters, and president and general manager of the company engaged in their manufacture at the splendidly and completely equipped works at Stamford, Conn., deserves more than a passing notice in the pages of this volume. Commencing life with no particular financial advantages over his fellows, Mr. Blickensderfer found a field for his inventive genius in an undertaking to which it had been incidentally directed in the course of his ordinary business affairs, and then used the fortune acquired in this field to assist him in another—the development and manufacture of a model typewriting machine, one which should possess all the advantages of the machines in general use, and as few as possible of the disadvantages.

Mr. Blickensderfer comes of a family of strong intellectuality, being a son of Nathan Blickensderfer and a grandson of Judge Blickensderfer, both of whom were lawyers by profession, and well known in their day. The latter was a mine owner. He distinguished himself as the only Whig in Ohio who advocated the revision of the Charter of that State. Nathan Blickensderfer was born at New Philadelphia, Ohio, and was engaged in the practice of law and, subsequently, in the real-estate business at Erie, Penn., where our subject was born October 13, 1850.

George C. Blickensderfer spent the early years of his life on his father's farm near Erie, attending school at the Home Academy, and later at Allegheny College. After finishing his education he engaged for six years in the dry-goods business in Erie; but finding that the confinement was injuring his health, he made arrangements to represent a large New York firm in the same line throughout the middle and western States. During his frequent visits to the large dry-goods houses and department stores, his attention was often attracted to the somewhat crude system of cash and package carriers then in use, and the idea of an improved system for transporting both packages and cash entered his mind. He at once began a series of experiments, with results beyond his anticipations, and in the fall of 1884, having satisfied himself that he had a practical system which was a decided improvement over any other then in use, he resigned his position, in which he had been successful far beyond the average, and devoted himself to the further development of his invention, the securing of patents, and the organization of a company for the manufacturing and introducing of it. The system was successful from the start, and Mr. Blickensderfer was actively engaged as general manager of the company, which was known as the United Store Service Company, and was successful in introducing and setting up his system in many of the largest department stores in the country. It was during this period that his attention was first called to the subject of typewriters. Continually moving about the country, with a large correspondence to keep in order during his travels, he felt the necessity of a typewriter, and carefully searched the market, examining all the different makes in the endeavor to find one built to his requirements. He needed a machine simple and durable in its construction, easily learned, rapid in operation, and, above all, light in weight and compact in size, so that it might be moved from place to place without hiring a dray or porter. It is needless to say that he failed to find what he was looking for, as the machines of that date were designed as an office fixture, and were entirely unsuited to the demands of a traveler.

After several days spent in examining the working and construction of the various machines, he returned one evening to his room with the conviction that the ideal typewriter had not yet been made. He had carefully noted the va-

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rious requirements of a typewriter of the first grade with the various devices for obtaining the desired results, and already in his fertile mind an idea of an entirely new principle was rapidly assuming tangible form. With pencil and paper he worked during the evening and far into the night, drafting out the central idea of what has since developed into the Blickensderfer typewriter. As the gray light of dawn came stealing into his window, he threw down his pencil with the satisfaction which comes from an accomplished task, having solved the question which puzzled the best inventors of the age—the perfect control of a revolving wheel. This essential point being determined upon, the construction of a machine to meet all the requirements of the highest-grade machines, with the added convenience and portability required, rapidly took form in his mind, and by devoting such time as he could from his busy life to the development of his latest invention, he reached a point where he believed a satisfactory working model could be constructed. With a view of devoting his entire time to the building of his experimental model, he now opened negotiations for the sale of his interest in the Store Service system, which finally resulted in a consolidation of companies, which purchased all of his interests. The sale gave to Mr. Blickensderfer an independent fortune, and placed him in an enviable position to push the development of his typewriter.

An incident connected with the consolidation referred to will serve to illustrate the unyielding force of character and strong sense of justice which has had so much to do with Mr. Blickensderfer's success in everything he has undertaken. Among the employes of the United Store Service Company were two salesmen, who were working under contract, which contract was, under the terms of sale, to be assumed by the consolidated companies. Some time after Mr. Blickensderfer had severed all connection with the Store Service business, he learned that this contract had not been fulfilled; and the salesmen in question, not having sufficient means, were unable to compel the execution of the agreement. With characteristic generosity, Mr. Blickensderfer voluntarily assumed all expense of instituting a suit against the company, which eventually resulted in the trial of twenty-two suits, during which the Consolidated Company lost over two million dollars in depreciation of their capital stock, every suit being decided against them.

Being now supplied with abundant means, Mr. Blickensderfer purchased a beautiful home in Stamford, Conn., and proceeded to build an experimental workshop and laboratory, admirably equipped for the work of developing his new machines. Employing the best skill obtainable, he set about building his working models, in which he was so successful that in 1889 a company was formed, of which Mr. Blickensderfer was made president and general manager, a position he has held ever since that time. Realizing the importance of perfecting all details of construction, and thoroughly proving every step before proceeding to the manufacture of special tools, the next two years were employed in further developing the system, simplifying construction, discovering and strengthening weak points, and studying the best methods of manufacture, until, in 1891, the construction of the necessary tools, gauges and special machinery was begun. Another period of four years was necessary to complete this preparation for active business, during which the company spent over two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in constructing and equipping a plant of tools to manufacture the different models of the new system.

During this period occurred two notable events—the money panic of 1893 and the World's Fair at Chicago. Although not yet ready to manufacture, a number of machines were hurriedly built for exhibition at the Fair, where they made a marked sensation. All of the standard machines then on the market were entered for competition when the Blickensderfer made its appearance, but before it had been three weeks on exhibition nearly all of its competitors were withdrawn from competition, in violation of the rules of the exhibit. The award given by the World's Fair judges to the Blickensderfer system was the strongest endorsement given to any exhibitor, characterizing it as "an extraordinary advancement in art, scope, speed, operation and manufacture of typewriting machines."

Although a few samples were made in the fall of 1894, it was not until the spring of 1895 that the Blickensderfer No. 5 was regularly placed on the market, and since that time the factory has never been able to keep pace with the demand. In the fall of 1896 a new factory was erected and fully equipped, and now constitutes the largest and most complete plant in the world devoted exclusively to the manufacture of typewriting machines; and yet the company is contemplating still further additions to enable them to manufacture rapidly enough to supply the increasing demand made upon them. In spite of the fact that the company had done no advertising, over twenty thousand machines were manufactured and sold during the first two years, and each month shows a decided increase in their sales. This remarkable record of a success, unprece-

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dented in the typewriter world, has been in a measure due to the untiring energy and marked executive ability of Mr. Blickensderfer, who has personally directed the business policy of the company and the development of the magnificent plant which has grown up under his hands. It is worthy to note that during the long period of preliminary work, and notwithstanding the long continued business depression beginning in 1893, this firm has escaped the ordinary vicissitudes of industrial corporations, and that the company which is now reaping the reward of success is identically the same as was organized in the experimental workshop of 1889, a fact only to be explained by the strong personality of Mr. Blickensderfer, which has gathered around him a body of progressive men, who, with absolute confidence in his ultimate success, have never hesitated or lost faith in the enterprise.

The latest product of Mr. Blickensderfer's genius is seen in the Blickensderfer No. 7, which has just been placed on the market. This machine is a development of the same general principle running through his system, and for which so many claims are made. The extremely light weight and small size which characterized the Blickensderfer No. 5 have been maintained in the No. 7, as well as the visible writing, direct inking, speed, ease of operation, and other desirable features which have made this system almost famous during its short history; and in addition there are many important improvements which are novel in the construction of typewriters, and which are the result of unceasing study of the necessities and conveniences of the typewriting operator. The most important new features are the automatic spacing, which gives the space between words automatically when the space bar is struck simultaneously with the last letter of the previous word (this device will undoubtedly result in a great saving of time and labor, as in all makes of typewriting machines one-fifth of the time is consumed in making the spaces between words); an adjustable margin stop, which can be set instantaneously for any width margin required without a set screw, and can be jumped at will for marginal notes; an adjustable alarm bell, which can be set in an instant at any point on the carriage. Connected with the bell is an automatic action-stop which locks the action of the machine several letters after the bell has sounded, thus preventing the piling up of letters at the end of the line. This lock can be disengaged by a touch of the finger, and several additional letters printed if so desired. It has also an automatic pointer, or indicator, which, when the machine is at rest, always indicates the line or printing, and the exact point where the next letter will be printed. This being in plain sight will be appreciated by operators who have many insertions and corrections to make.

An elevated scale with black markings, which is directly before the eyes of the operator, is a perfect device for headings and paragraphing, and adds greatly to the finished appearance of the machine. This machine is equipped with either the scientific or universal key-board. Mounted on a handsome oak base, with a highly-finished veneer cover, this machine certainly presents a perfect picture of beautiful mechanism.

Although the great success of the Blickensderfer system has, without doubt, been greatly owing to the phenomenally low prices at which the machines are sold, this question did not enter into Mr. Blickensderfer's calculations when designing his models. He aimed at producing a machine of the highest grade, and an improvement over all others in the line of portability and convenience. In arriving at the required result he has so revolutionized the construction of the writing machine that, when finally manufactured, it was found that the small number of parts required to each machine (about 250) enabled him to use the finest materials, manufacture with the greatest care and attention to accurate and finished workmanship, and yet produce a mechanism of the highest grade at a remarkably low price.

CHARLES Y. BALDWIN, a prominent resident of Roxbury District, town of Stamford, has been for many years identified with the best interests of that locality, and as a citizen he is held in high esteem by all classes. While he is in sympathy with all progressive movements, he has been especially active in educational affairs, and for nine years he served as a member of the local school board.

Mr. Baldwin was born November 13, 1828, at Bloomfield, N. J., where his family has resided for several generations. His grandfather, Ichabod Baldwin, a native of that place, passed his entire life there, engaging in business as a tanner and currier. Isaac Allen Baldwin, our subject's father, was also a lifelong resident of Bloomfield, and in addition to carrying on extensive agricultural operations he followed the trade of tanner and currier. He married Miss Elizabeth Baldwin, by whom he had six children: Edward A., William W., Lucy I., Charles Y., George T. (who died in 1898), and John F., of whom, only Charles Y. and John F. are now living.

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Our subject was educated in the public schools of his native town, and later he went to Brooklyn, N. Y., to learn the carpenter's trade, serving a regular apprenticeship. Early in the 'sixties he came to Stamford and located in Roxbury District, where he has ever since resided. He has followed his trade continuously, meeting with marked success, and many fine specimens of his workmanship can be seen in the vicinity. In 1850 he was married in Brooklyn, N. Y., to Miss Elizabeth C. Foster, who died in 1863, and two children blessed the union. In 1865 Mr. Baldwin married Miss H. M. Burton, of Stamford, and they have one child. The family is popular socially, and Mr. Baldwin is an active member of Union Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M., at Stamford, Connecticut.

GEORGE E. SCOFIELD. The Scofield family is of pioneer stock, and the subject of this sketch, a prominent resident of Stamford, is of the eighth generation in direct descent from Daniel Scofield, who settled at Stamford in 1641. The name has always been associated with a high order of citizenship, and during the Civil war our subject and his only brother served as soldiers in the Union army, the latter losing his life while on duty.

I. Daniel Scofield was born in the parish of Rochdale, Lancashire, England, and was a grandson of Sir Cuthbert Scofield, of Scofield Manor, the family being of ancient and honorable lineage. In 1639 he came to America in the ship "Susan and Ellen," and after residing for a time at Ipswich, Mass., he located at Stamford, where his death occurred in 1670. He appears to have been a man of prominence in the colony, and in 1658 he served as marshal of Stamford. His wife, Mary (Youngs), was a daughter of Rev. John Youngs, and six children were born of the union.

II. John Scofield, a son of Daniel and Mary Scofield, was married, July 12, 1677, to Hannah Mead, and his death occurred March 27, 1699. He had seven children, among whom was a son, Nathaniel.

III. Nathaniel Scofield was born December 10, 1688, and died in 1768. He was married, June 13, 1713 or '14, to Elizabeth Pettet, by whom he had ten children.

IV. John Scofield, son of Nathaniel, was born October 4, 1714, and was married, March 4, 1744, to Hannah Mills, by whom he had three children.

V. John Scofield, a son of John and Hannah (Mills) Scofield, was born in Stamford September 4, 1746, and died April 17, 1833. He was a substantial citizen and owned property at Shippan, in the town of Stamford. He was married three times, first on February 18, 1768, to Susanna Weed, second on January 14, 1773, to Sarah Nichols, and third to Martha Lounsbury. By his second marriage he had eight children, among whom was a son, Robert.

VI. Robert Scofield, our subject's grandfather, was born July 14, 1777, in the town of Stamford, and died May 9, 1817. He was a farmer by occupation and owned an estate at Shippan. On April 15, 1799, he married Hannah Bell, by whom he had ten children.

VII. James B. Scofield, the father of our subject, was born at Shippan May 10, 1807, and died October 15, 1869. In early life he followed the blacksmith's trade, but later he engaged in the foundry business with Warren & Wardwell, and he was connected with the Stamford Foundry Company for many years previous to his death. He was a leading member of the Universalist Society at Stamford, and in politics he supported the principles of the Republican party. On April 10, 1830, he married, for his first wife, Miss Betsey Ann Raymond, who was born at Long Ridge (Stamford), November 14, 1804, and died May 7, 1839. Later he formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Miss Mary Holmes. By the first marriage he had three children: George E., our subject; Lewis B., born May 4, 1833, who died at New Orleans June 14, 1863, while serving as a member of Company B, 28th Conn. V. I.; and Hannah M., born December 12, 1836, who died February 6, 1863. By the second marriage there were also three children: Mary A., born June 14, 1841, who married Thomas Haslam; Emily J., born January 24, 1845; and Elizabeth H., born January 14, 1855.

VIII. George E. Scofield was born February 4, 1831, in Stamford. He learned the carpenter's trade with Thomas P. Dixon, serving an apprenticeship of four years, and then became connected with the Stamford Foundry Company, remaining twenty-one years. About 1874 he disposed of his interest in that business, and at various times he has been connected with important enterprises in his town, for three years acting as treasurer of the Stamford Gas Light Company. Politically, Mr. Scofield is a stanch Republican, and his ability and public spirit made him a leader in the local organization. Among the offices to which he has been appointed we may mention that of assistant assessor under the Internal Revenue Act for the towns of Stamford, Greenwich and Darien, which he

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held for eighteen months; for ten years he was clerk of the Probate Court for the district of Stamford; was inspector of customs for the district of Fairfield; and he has also served as collector of town and borough taxes, both as town and borough assessor, and for twenty-one years as Republican registrar of voters. He was appointed, by President Arthur, postmaster at Stamford, which appointment he declined. He has taken an active part in religious work as a member of the Universalist Society at Stamford, and for thirty-five years was treasurer of the same. His military service, which has been referred to above, should be more fully mentioned. He enlisted in 1862 in Company B, 28th Conn. V. I., and served as commissary sergeant of the regiment, being mustered out at New Haven in 1863.

On May 9, 1858, Mr. Scofield was married to Miss Lydia E. Ferris, of Stamford, who was born May 7, 1833, and died November 13, 1867. On June 16, 1869, he married Miss Emma E. Rose, of Suffield, Conn. By the first union he had one son, Arthur F., born May 20, 1859, who now resides at Holyoke, Mass. There were two children by the second marriage: Julia Rose, born March 5, 1871; and James Bell, born April 12, 1875, who died March 30, 1876.

HON. AARON SANFORD. A varied experience in public life has given this well-known citizen of Newtown a wide acquaintanceship in political circles, and for years he has been regarded as one of the leading advisers of the Democratic party in this section. His election to the General Assembly in 1896, in his seventy-second year, and his able service during his term, indicate a vigor of mind and body which is unusual, and have added new laurels to those previously won in positions of trust and responsibility, including that of member of the Assembly of 1850. He is also prominent in financial circles, and, while he has devoted much of his time to the management of his farm near Newtown village, he has often been called upon to administer estates, and is active in banking operations, having recently been elected president of the Newtown Savings Bank, while for many years he was a director of that institution.

Mr. Sanford is a descendant of an old English family, of which an extended account is given farther on. The first one of the name to come to America was Thomas Sanford, a pioneer of Milford, Conn., and the line is traced through Ezekiel, Ezekiel, Jr., Lemuel, Hezekiah, Aaron, and Aaron, Jr., to our subject. Lemuel Sanford, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, was a resident of Redding Centre, this county, where he was prominent in public affairs, serving as one of the first committeemen of the little colony there, and he is also named among the first members of the Congregational Church of Redding.

Hezekiah Sanford, our subject's great-grandfather, was a prosperous farmer at Redding Centre, occupying the homestead now owned by Mr. Delavan.

Aaron Sanford, Sr., our subject's grandfather, resided in Redding Centre, in the house now occupied by Mrs. Connors. He was the first male member of the Methodist Church in New England, and in 1790, when the first class was organized in Redding, he became its leader. His hospitable home was a regular stopping place for the itinerant minister of that early day, and meetings were often held there. In his later years he became a local preacher, and his work proved most acceptable to the congregation. He lived to the age of ninety-two.

Aaron Sanford, Jr., the father of our subject, was born July 8, 1786, and died August 22, 1872. He made his home on Redding Ridge, in the eastern part of Redding township, and became one of the principal land-owners of that locality, having about five hundred acres. He was a leading member of the Methodist Church, was prominent in the town and county politics, and was a member of the Legislature in 1818 and 1824. While he served at one time as town agent, he seemed averse to holding office, and when offered the position of high sheriff he declined to accept it. On December 19, 1813, he married Miss Fanny Hill, daughter of Andrew L. Hill, and she survived him a few years, her death occurring February 21, 1875. The following children were born of this union: Andrew H., Daniel, Mary, Clara, Henry, Aaron, Fanny, Jesse L., Mary, Elizabeth, John and Julia H. Of these, Daniel, Jesse L., John and Julia H. reside at and near the old homestead. Henry became interested in the Adams Express Company, for many years was superintendent, and for several years held the office of president, at a salary of $30,000 annually.

Hon. Aaron Sanford, our subject, was born in January, 1825, and his boyhood was mainly spent in the town of Redding. After securing such preliminary training as the local schools afforded, he attended a school at White Plains, N. Y., for a time, and about 1844 he completed a course of study in the academy at Amenia, Dutchess Co., N. Y., under the instruction of Prof. Erastus E. Haven. On leaving school he remained at home

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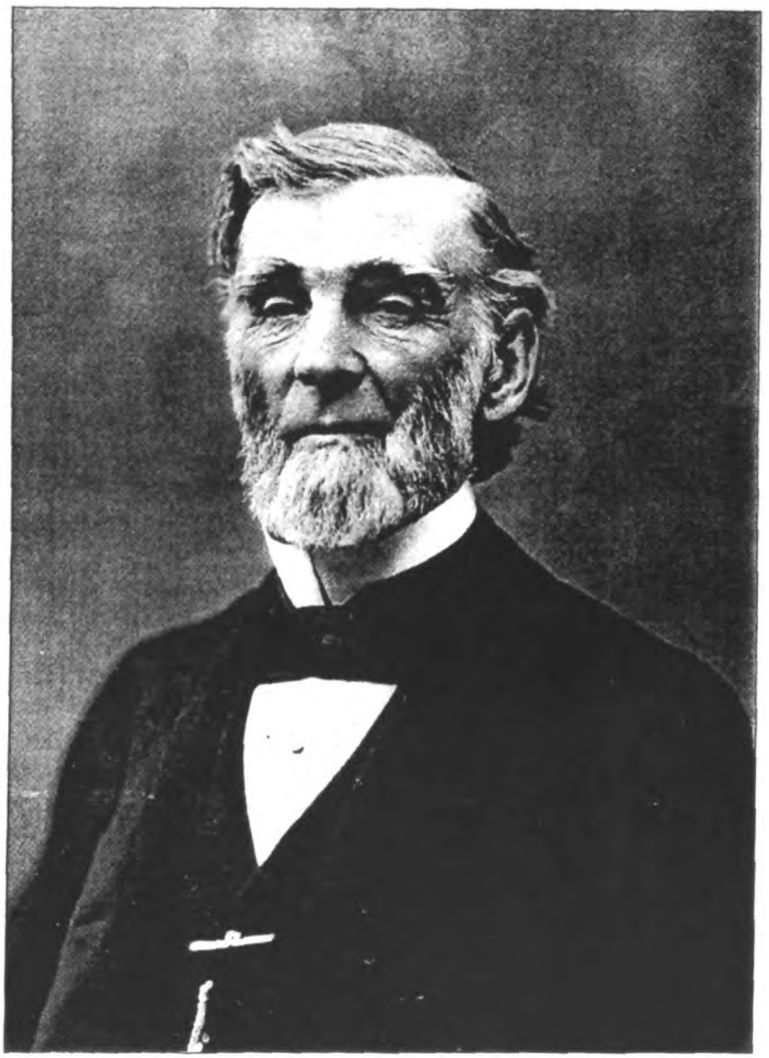

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until the spring of 1848, when he located at his present farm. With characteristic energy he for some time gave his attention to farm work, but his ability and public spirit soon brought him into prominence in local affairs. He was first elected constable, then, in 1857, he was made deputy sheriff under Sheriff Van Zandt, and so well did he perform the duties of the office that in 1877 he was elected sheriff for the term of three years. During that time he was called upon to conduct the first execution which had taken place in the county in sixty years. In the performance of his duties, especially as deputy sheriff, he had many encounters with desperate criminals, and his courage and skill as a detective won for him high praise from the better classes in the community. While serving in the Legislature he formed friends with many noted men, and he has been in more or less intimate relations with all the prominent political workers in the State for a half-century. Among the local offices which he has held from time to time may be mentioned the assessorship and membership in the board of relief, while he has also served three or four terms as selectman.

In 1848 Mr. Sanford was married to Miss Flora J. Beardsley, daughter of Israel A. and Esther Toucey Beardsley, and first cousin to Hon. Isaac Toucey, formerly governor of Connecticut, United States Senator and a member of two Presidential cabinets. Two children were born to this union, namely: (1) Mary Elizabeth married Harley T. Procter, of the firm of Procter & Gamble, soap manufacturers of Cincinnati, Ohio; (2) William H., who graduated from Yale College in 1884, is connected with the business department of the Century Company, of New York City, and has already made a fine reputation for ability. The family is prominent socially, and is identified with the Episcopal Church in Newtown, of which Mr. Sanford is a leading member. He is also active as a worker in the Masonic Fraternity, being a member of Eureka Lodge, F. & A. M., at Bethel.

THE SANFORD FAMILY is of English origin and the Connecticut branch is doubtless descended from an ancient Shropshire clan, whose founder, Thomas de Sandford, a Norman follower of William the Conqueror, is mentioned on the roll of Battle Abbey, October 14, 1066. His son, Sir Thomas de Sandford, held, in the time of King Henry I, the manors of Rothal and Sandford, and the latter is still in the possession of his descendants, being one of the few estates in England which are held in the name of the first feoffee. The motto of the family is "Nec temere, Nec timide," and the armorial bearings, according to the mysterious yet significant language of heraldry, are "quarterly 1 and 4 per chevron sa. and erm., in chief two boars' heads couped close, or 2 and 3 quarterly per fesse indented azure and ermine." The crest is "a falcon with wings endorsed preying on a partridge ppr."

There are other families of the same name in England, some of whom use a different spelling, and one, which is of almost equal antiquity to that mentioned, traces its descent from John de Sanford, Lord of Great Homede, County Herts, whose name is found in the records as far back as 1199 and 1220. His son, Gilbert de Sanford, Lord of Great Homede, was chamberlain to Queen Eleanor, the wife of King Henry III, and daughter of Raimond Berenger, the last count of Provence.

The first of the name to come to America was Thomas Sanford, who landed in Boston about 1631. He is mentioned in the records of various places, the name being sometimes spelled Sampford or Samford, and was in Dorchester, Mass., in 1634, and in Milford, Conn., in 1639, his name appearing among those of the men who organized the town. He died there in October, 1681, and his wife, Sarah, whose maiden name is unknown, died in the same year. They had a large family of children, the first two of whom were born in Massachusetts. Ezekiel, born about 1635, married Rebecca Wickla; Sarah, born in 1637, married Richard Shute; Mary, born January 16, 1641, did not marry; Samuel, born April 30, 1643, married Hannah Brinson; Thomas, born in December, 1644, married Elizabeth Payne; Ephraim, born May 17, 1646, married Mary Powell; and Elizabeth, born August 27, 1648, married Obadiah Allyne. The lines of descent from Ezekiel, Samuel and Ephraim are traced below, and wherever reference is made to them they will be distinguished by Roman numerals indicating the second generation.

II. Ezekiel Sanford was born about 1635, and was married April 25, 1665, to Rebecca Wickla. He settled in Fairfield, this county, where his name appears in a list of freemen in 1669, and his death occurred there in 1683. His children were Sarah, born March 5, 1666, who became the wife of Cornelius Hull; Ezekiel, Jr., through whom some of the lines of descent in which we are interested are traced; Mary, born April 3, 1670, who married Theophilus Hull; Rebecca, born December 13, 1672, wife of John Seeley; Thomas, born May 2, 1675; Martha, born June 29, 1677; and Elizabeth, born September 6, 1679.

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III. Ezekiel Sanford, Jr., son of Ezekiel II, was born March 6, 1668, and died in March, 1729, his will being dated January 29, of that year. By occupation he was an engineer, and had charge of the erection of the stockade fort at Saybrook, at the mouth of the Connecticut river, for protection against the Indians. Afterward he removed to Fairfield and built the first mill in the county, at Mill river, for which he received a large grant of land from the English government. He and his wife Rebecca, whose maiden name is not now recalled, reared a large family of children, viz.: Joseph, born about 1697; Lemuel, born December 16, 1699; Zachariah, born November 24, 1701, who married Ann Hull; Ezekiel (3), born July 27, 1704; Samuel, born February 20, 1707; Ephraim, born February 12, 1708; Rebecca, born November 21, 1710; Abigail, born August 29, 1714; and Elnathan, born September 1, 1717. Of these, Joseph, Lemuel, Samuel and Ephraim are mentioned below, their descendants being traced in appropriate order.

IV. Joseph Sanford, son of Ezekiel, Jr., was born about 1697, and was married February 11, 1725, to Catherine Fairchild, by whom he had nine children, whose names with dates of birth are as follows: Nehemiah, March 10, 1726; Elnathan, October 11, 1727; Phœbe, November 11, 1729; Ann, February 15, 1732; Timothy, February 8, 1734; Joseph, June 20, 1736; Nathan, August 15, 1738; James, December 14, 1740, and Stephen, July 16, 1743.

V. Nehemiah Sanford, the eldest son of Joseph, and grandson of Ezekiel, Jr., died in November, 1815, at the age of ninety years. He was married March 5, 1747, to Elizabeth Morehouse, who died July 31, 1810. Of their children, Gershom, born August 26, 1748, died at an early age; Liffe is mentioned below; Phœbe, born August 20, 1752, died in early womanhood, unmarried; Ann, born October 2, 1755, died January 8, 1846; Catherine, born October 31, 1759, died November 17, 1843; and Nehemiah, Jr., born in October, 1762, died December 26, 1844.

VI. Liffe Sanford, son of Nehemiah, and great-grandson of Ezekiel, Jr., was born August 30, 1750, and died December 3, 1815. He was married in 1785 to Huldah Blackman, and had five children: (1) John B., born in January, 1788, was married in 1812 to Rebecca Clark, and died in 1856. They had one son, George, born in 1814, and two daughters, Harriet R. and Julia E., both of whom died at an early age. (2) Jerusha, born in January, 1790, died in 1825. (3) Joseph, born April 12, 1792, died in 1864. He was married in 1830, to Maria Young, by whom he had three daughters: Jane E., born September 22, 1832; Martha Ann, born June 11, 1835, and Eebecca M., born February 18, 1844. (4) Laura, born in April, 1794, was married in 1821 to Bushnell Bostwick, and her death occurred in 1857; she had one daughter, Julia E. Bostwick, born July 20, 1823. (5) Glover, born in March, 1797, died in 1878. He married Betsey Lake, and had five children, born as follows—Charles H., March 24, 1823; Homer B., June, 1824; Frederick S., February, 1826; Edwin G., May, 1832; and Charlotte E., May, 1838. The sons of Glover Sanford all moved to Bridgeport from Bridgewater, Conn. Charles H. and Edwin G., now living (Edwin G. is now president of the City National Bank; Charles H. is retired); Homer and Fred are both deceased.

IV. Lemuel Sanford, son of Ezekiel, Jr., and grandson of Ezekiel II, was born December 16, 1699, and settled in the town of Redding, this county, where he became prominent as a citizen, serving as one of the first committeemen of the colony. He is named as an original member of the Congregational Church of that town. On May 12, 1730, he married Rebecca Squires, of Fairfield, by whom he had ten children, viz.: Hezekiah, born March 1, 1731; Rebecca, born October 29, 1732; Sarah, September. 11, 1734; Anna, October 19, 1736, died December 4, 1743; Lydia, born May 19, 1738; Lemuel, April 18, 1740; Ezekiel, born June 30, 1742; Anna (2), born October 7, 1744; Eunice, born September 10, 1746, and Rhoda, born February 20, 1749. Each of the sons married and left descendants, and the various lines are traced below.

V. Hezekiah settled upon a farm in Redding Centre, and he and his wife Hannah had a family of five children, whose names and dates of baptism are as follows: 1. Aaron, May 29, 1757; 2. Hannah, August 26, 1759; 3. William, October 14, 1764; 4. Eunice, June 7, 1772; and 5. Huldah, May 18, 1777. 1. Aaron Sanford, Sr., eldest son of Hezekiah, was the first male member of the Methodist Church in New England, and when a class was organized in Redding in 1790 he became its leader. Later he did acceptable work as a local preacher, and the itinerant ministers of that day always found a home in his house, where meetings were often held. On November 2, 1780, he married Lydia Hawley, daughter of William Hawley, and had ten children: (1) Betsey, born October 5, 1781, married John R. Hill. (2) Hannah, born May 31, 1784, married Rev. Aaron Hunt, a Methodist minister, who was located for some time in Redding. (3) Aaron, Jr., born July 8, 1786, settled on Redding Ridge,

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and was married December 19, 1813, to Fanny Hill, daughter of Andrew L. Hill, the children of the union being: Andrew H., Daniel, Mary, Clara, Henry, Aaron (now a resident of Newtown), Fanny, Jesse L., Mary, Elizabeth, John and Julia H. (4) Hawley, born July 16, 1789, was married (first) on November 2, 1814, to Betsey Stow, who died leaving two children, Russel and Betsey, and on November 20, 1823, he formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Sarah Ketchum, by whom he had seven children: Francis A., Aaron K. (a Methodist minister, and at one time the presiding elder of the Poughkeepsie District), Hawley, Lydia, David, Morris and Mary. (5) Jesse Lee, born July 27, 1791, died . (6) Eunice, born August 10, 1793, died . (7) Walter, born February 18, 1796, was married (first) on December 6, 1821, to Harriet M. Booth (who died leaving one son, Charles), and (second) to Emily Gorham. (8) Charlotte, born January 8, 1800, married Thomas B. Fanton. (9) Lydia, born September 23, 1803, married Aaron Sanford Hyatt. (10) William A., born January 15, 1807, was married May 2, 1832, to Harriet Tuttle.

V. Of the other sons of Lemuel, son of Ezekiel, Jr., Lemuel, born April 18, 1740, settled in Redding Centre, near his father, and was one of the leading citizens of that locality in his day. In addition to holding many township offices he served for some time as representative in the General Assembly, and as associate judge of the county court. During the Revolution he was a member of the "committee of supplies," his duties keeping him at Danbury, while holding the position of judge of the county court. On September 20, 1768, he was married to Mary Russell, of North Branford, Conn., and an interesting story is told of that event. He left Redding on horseback early on the morning of his wedding day, but owing to the state of the roads was so delayed that he did not reach Branford until midnight. The guests had dispersed and the family had retired, but he aroused them, collected the guests, secured a minister, and had the ceremony performed. The next day he and his bride made the return trip to Redding on horseback. Seven children were born of this union: 1. Lemuel, Jr., July 18, 1769; 2. Rhoda, March 4, 1773; 3. Mary, May 18, 1776, wife of Dr. Thomas Peck; 4. Abigail, 1779 (deceased in infancy); 5. Jonathan R., February 11, 1782; 6. Abigail (2), April 18, 1784; and 7. Lucretia, May 4, 1786.

VI. Lemuel, Jr., (1) was educated at a famous academy at Greenfield Hill, conducted by President Dwight, and later settled upon a farm in Redding Centre, where his ability gave him much influence in political and other affairs. He married Mary Heron, daughter of Squire Heron, and had two children: Julia, who married Rev. Thomas F. Davis, a Congregational minister, located at one time at Greens Farms; and Mary, who married Dr. Nehemiah Perry, of Ridgefield, this county, and had a son, also a physician at that place.

VI. Jonathan R. (5), the second son of Judge Sanford, was married October 17, 1808, to Maria, daughter of Dr. Thomas Davis, and his death occurred August 20, 1858. He held in a marked degree the esteem of his fellow citizens, ably fulfilling the duties of various official positions, both public and private. At different times he represented his town in the Legislature, and for half a century he held the offices of town clerk and treasurer, besides serving for several years as judge of probate for the district of Redding. He had two daughters: (1) Amanda, and (2) Maria, the latter of whom died in infancy, and three sons: (3) Lemuel, (4) Jonathan R., Jr., and (5) Thomas, all living in 1881. (3) Lemuel married Abby M. Hill, daughter of Bradley Hill, and had six children: Mary Russell, Lillia, Abby, Martha, Alice Lulu and Jonathan B. (4) Jonathan R., Jr., married Clarissa, youngest daughter of Deacon Samuel Read, and his only child, Hannah Maria, died at the age of twenty-four. (5) Thomas, the youngest of the three sons of Jonathan R., married Charlotte A. Hewitt, of Cornwall, Litchfield county, Conn., and had two children: Thomas F. and May A.

V. Ezekiel Sanford, called "Captain" Sanford, third son of Lemuel and Rebecca (Squires) Sanford, and grandson of Ezekiel, Jr., was born June 30, 1742, and made his home in Boston District, in the western part of the town of Reading. On November 21, 1773, he married Abigail Starr, and they had at least four children, viz.: Mollie, baptized December 18, 1774; Rebecca, April 24, 1777; Ezekiel, November 1, 1778; and Abigail, March 19, 1780. Some of the descendants of this couple are now living in Amenia, New York.

IV. Capt. Samuel Sanford, son of Ezekiel, Jr., and grandson of Ezekiel II, was born February 20, 1707, and settled in Umpawaug, where he died November 6, 1768. On January 11, 1733, he married Sarah Meeker, by whom he had eleven children: (1) Daniel, born February 25, 1734, was married April 18, 1758, to Esther Hull, and had several children, among whom were Eli, baptized August 16, 1761, and Chloe, baptized July 5, 1767. (2) Seth, born August

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18, 1735, was married April 25, 1759, to Rebecca, daughter of Deacon Stephen Burr, who in his will, dated 1776, mentions her children, Elias, Ebenezer, Joel, Elijah, Samuel and Seth. (3) Mary, born February 16, 1738, married Timothy Sanford, son of Joseph. (4) David, born November 16, 1739, was baptized December 2 of the same year. (5) Abigail, born January 16, 1743, was married December 21, 1762, to John Hawley. (6) Samuel, Jr., born April 24, 1745, was married in 1767 to Sarah Olmsted, and the children mentioned in the town records are: Uriah, baptized February 14, 1768, and Thomas, baptized December 17, 1769. (7) Sarah, born May 6, 1747, was baptized on the 10th of the same month. (8) Esther, born April 9, 1749, was baptized April 16, 1749. (9) Ezra, born February 26, 1751, was baptized on March 25, of the same year. (10) Rachel, born February 2, 1753, was baptized on the 25th of that month. (11) Peter, born May 18, 1756, was married June 1, 1780, to Abigail Keeler.

IV. Ephraim Sanford, son of Ezekiel, Jr., and grandson of Ezekiel II, was born February 12, 1718, and settled at Sanford Town, a little settlement one mile south of Redding Centre, this county, where he owned a large amount of land as is shown by deeds now in the possession of his descendants, some dating back as far as 1733. According to family tradition he was the first man to open a store at Redding, his goods being brought from Boston. His will was dated January 30, 1761. On October 7, 1730, he married Elizabeth Mix, by whom he had a large family of children; Elizabeth was born July 1, 1731; Rachel, born July 23, 1733, married Stephen Mead; Abigail, born May 10, 1735, was married October 2, 1755, to Daniel Jackson; Hannah, born March 3, 1737, married David Lyon; John and Oliver are mentioned below; Lois, born September 14, 1743, married Joseph Lyon; Tabitha, born February 28, 1746; Huldah, born April 25, 1748; and Ephraim, Jr., born May 25, 1750, are mentioned in the will; Augustus, born July 12, 1753, died in 1788; and Esther, born April 24, 1755, died at an early age.

John, born April 26, 1739, married, and settled in the Foundry District, in Redding. His children were—James, Stephen, Ephraim, John, Jr., Huldah, Lois, Betty, Elizabeth and Annie. The eldest son, James, who settled near his father, was a teamster during the Revolutionary war, and was present at the execution of Jones and Smith on Gallows Hill. He married Sarah, daughter of Rev. John Beach, a faithful missionary of the Church of England, and was the father of Squire James Sanford. John, Jr., the fourth son of John, located in Redding, and was the father of John W. Sanford, a well-known citizen. Oliver, son of Ephraim (IV), was born September 17, 1741, and was married in April, 1767, to Rachel, daughter of Deacon David Coley, of Weston. The following children were born of the union: Mary, baptized July 31, 1768; David, August 20, 1769; Ephraim, September 15, 1771; Abigail, May 29, 1774; Enoch A., April 28, 1776; Levi, December 14, 1777; Oliver C., Betsey and Loraine.

II. Samuel Sanford, second son of Thomas, the pioneer settler at Milford, has many descendants in Newtown. He was born April 30, 1643, and died in 1691. On April 16, 1674, he married Hannah Bronson, by whom he had the following children: Hannah, born February 2, 1675, married James Right; Thomas, born September 29, 1678, died March 3, 1679; Samuel, born March 12, 1680, married Easther Baldwin, daughter of Nathaniel Baldwin, and sister of Ester Baldwin, who married his cousin Samuel; Sarah, born July 10, 1682; Mary, born April 16, 1685, died February 2, 1703; Thomas, born May 4, 1687, married Rebecca Barry, of Farmington, and died in 1630.

III. Samuel Sanford, born March 12, 1680, married Easther Baldwin, who was born in 1683, and in 1711 went to Newtown. Their children were: Nathaniel, born December 3, 1702, and Samuel, born April 1, 1704, both of whom are mentioned below; Ebenezer, born February 22, 1705, died August 2, 1713; Esther, born February 10, 1707; John, born October 17, 1709, died April 14, 1785; Daniel, born November 1, 1711; Stephen and Moses, born in 1713; Job, born January 10, 1715; Hannah, born January 6, 1717; and Rachel, born June 13, 1720, who married Eben Booth.

IV. Nathaniel, the eldest son of Samuel III, born December 3, 1702, was married October 16, 1728, to Elizabeth Seeley, and died April 14, 1768. He settled in Umpawaug, and was one of the first members of the Congregational Church in Redding. His children were Nathan, born September 8, 1729; Abel H., baptized March 25, 1733; Ruth, baptized May 12, 1737; and Esther, baptized May 27, 1744.

IV. Samuel, the second son of Samuel III, born April 1, 1704, was married June 16, 1731, to Hannah Gilbert, and died March 7, 1758. He had the following children: Thomas, born March 3, 1732; Amos, born October 18, 1733, who is mentioned below; Mary, born in 1735; James, born in 1736; Sarah (Mrs. Jonah Platt), born in 1738; Hannah, born in 1740, died March 4, 1758; Samuel, born in 1743, who is mentioned

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below; and Lois (Mrs. Samuel Stevens), born in 1750.

V. Amos, born October 18, 1733, was married January 13, 1757, to Mary Clagston, and the following children were born of the union: David, November 9, 1757; Betsey, March 23, 1759; Caleb, August 22, 1761; Ezra, May 8, 1763; and John.

V. Samuel Sanford, son of Samuel and Hannah Gilbert Sanford, and grandson of Samuel II, was born in 1743, and died November 26, 1817. He was married August 19, 1765, to Abiah Dunning, and after her death he formed a second union, this time with Mrs. Charity (Foote) Bristol. By his first marriage he had a large family of children, as follows: Annett, born March 12, 1766; Isaac, born February 2, 1768, married Anna Bristol; Josiah, born September 6, 1769, died in 1780; Betsey (Mrs. Downs), born September 26, 1771; Sarah (Mrs. Thomas Lyon), born July 26, 1773; Joel, born March 23, 1775; Ruah, born in 1777, died in 1779; Ruah (2) (Mrs. James Bennett), born December 1, 1779; Azubah (Mrs. Andrew Winton), born June 3, 1781; Artemisia (Mrs. Eli Winton), born in 1783; and Abigail, born in 1785, died in 1792. By his second marriage Samuel Sanford had three children: Abiah Ann, born February 10, 1790, died March 13, 1861; Josiah, born June 9, 1793, died July 26, 1851; and Philo, born July 11, 1796, died February 23, 1873.

II. Ephraim Sanford, the youngest son of Thomas, of Milford, was born May 17, 1646, and was married November 18, 1669, to Mary Powell, daughter of Thomas Powell, of New Haven. They had the following children: Mary, born September 28, 1670; Samuel, born January 26, 1672, died in infancy; Samuel (2), born May 9, 1674, is mentioned below; Ephraim, Jr., born May 11, 1677, died April 17, 1728; Thomas, born January 29, 1679, died in April, 1713; Nathaniel, born October 10, 1682, died in 1747; Zachariah, born March 14, 1686, died in 1713.

III. Samuel Sanford, son of Ephraim II, was born May 9, 1674, married Ester Baldwin, who was born November 14, 1676, the eldest daughter of Nathaniel Baldwin. They had the following children: Hannah (Mrs. Joseph Gunn), born June 28, 1696; Samuel, born May 29, 1698, married Abigail Holbrook; Joseph, born July 5, 1701, married Mary Clark, and settled in Litchfield; Mary (Mrs. Jonah Northrup), born July 5, 1702; Jonathan, born July 13, 1704, is mentioned below; Stephen, born November 20, 1706; David, born in May, 1708, died in the same year; David (2), born September 8, 1709, married Rachel Strong, and died January 16, 1751; Esther (Mrs. Samuel Bristol), born November 9, 1711; Abigail (Mrs. Pierson), born October 14, 1714; and Elizabeth, born December 13, 1716.

IV. Jonathan Sanford, born July 13, 1704, married Hannah Platt, and settled on Walnut Hill, Sandy Hook, in the town of Newtown. He was married July 8, 1725, to Phœbe Platt, and after her death he formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Hannah Platt, who was born in 1705, and died July 8, 1775. By the first marriage he had two children: Phœbe, born August 1, 1726, and Hannah, born August 27, 1727. By the second marriage there were three children: Jonah died September 8, 1788; Solomon died February 25, 1784; and Jonathan, Jr., born March 20, 1737, died May 1, 1807. Solomon married Mehitabel Northrup, and had four children: Amos Northrup, Olive Ann, Josiah and Jerusha. Jonathan, Jr., left two children: Solomon and Huldah.

HENRY C. STURGES. Among the descendants of the old and honored families of Fairfield county none is better known or more deservedly honored than Henry C. Sturges, whose ancestors for generations have been prominent in the affairs of the town of Fairfield from the time of its organization. Mr. Sturges was born May 31, 1846, in that town, and at the old family homestead where he spends the greater portion of the year, and is a son of Jonathan and Mary Pemberton (Cady) Sturges. The mother, who was a lady eminent for her literary attainments and interest in philanthropic work, was a daughter of Ebenezer Pemberton Cady, of New London, a lineal descendant of the Rev. Ebenezer Pemberton, pastor of the Old South Church of Boston.

Jonathan Sturges, father of Henry C., was born in Southport, Conn., March 24, 1802, and was educated at the public schools of his native place. At the age of sixteen, he went to New York City. Commencing commercial life as an errand boy in the employ of Leuman Reid, on Front street, he by close application to business, carefulness and natural shrewdness, rose step by step till we find him in time a member of the widely-known firm of Reid & Sturges, afterward Sturges, Bennet & Co., New York. Prosperity crowned his efforts, and his success in life may be ascribed to positive, determined pursuit of business, and to the fact that he was a man of honesty and integrity. At his death, which occurred November 28, 1874, he left an ample

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fortune. For several years he was a director of the Illinois Central Railroad Company. He married in New York, and was the parent of six children, as follows: Virginia R. is the widow of William H. Osborn, for many years president of the Illinois Central railroad, with residence at Garrison, N. Y.; Frederick is a capitalist of New York City, his summer residence being in Fairfield, Conn.; Amelia, wife of J. P. Morgan, the well-known banker, died at Nice, France; Edward is a retired merchant, now residing in New York; Arthur P., who was a graduate from Columbia College and Princeton Theological Seminary, died at the early age of twenty-six years; and Henry C. The father died in 1874, the mother in 1894.

Henry C. Sturges received an education in the best schools of the period, and to the thoroughness of these may be ascribed his penchant for classical lore and belles-lettres, as well as his love of travel, the arts and sciences, and antiquities. In New York he first attended a school in Nineteenth street, opposite Peter Goelet's residence, after which he pursued a course of study at Flushing Institute, Flushing, L. I., and Columbia Grammar School, and then entered Columbia College as a member of the class of '69. Deciding to make the legal profession his life pursuit, he took up the study of law in the Columbia College Law School, and had covered the major portion of his course when he was compelled to abandon his studies owing partly to an impairment of his eyesight and partly on account of his father's decease, which necessitated his entire time and attention being devoted to business interests and to the care of his widowed mother. For the past thirty years his spare time has been pretty much occupied with literary pursuits, the collecting and perusing of books, old records (manuscripts or otherwise), legendary, historical and biographical documents, antiquities, etc., and he is the proud possessor of one of the finest private libraries to be found in the State, to which he is constantly adding. At his own expense he has had put into form certain public records, in order that they might be preserved "*pro bono publico.*" In fact, no man deserves his wealth better, or employs it more judiciously, liberally and unselfishly.

On November 8, 1883, Mr. Sturges was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Adams McWhorter, of Augusta, Ga., a member of a Connecticut family closely allied to the Adamses of Litchfield. Children as follows have graced this union: Henry Pemberton, Anna Adams, George McWhorter, and Mary Cady, all yet living except George McWhorter, who died at the age of five years.

Mr. Sturges was baptized in the Fulton Street (New York) church, and for many years was connected with the Dutch Reformed Church; at the present time, however, he is identified with the Congregational Church. Politically, he is a stanch Republican, but though an active supporter of his party has at no time in his career either sought or held office. Among the many societies, clubs, etc., of which he is a member, may be mentioned the following: The Delta Psi (College) Fraternity; Grolier Club (America's greatest literary club); New York Archæological, Historical and Geographical Societies; Union League Club; University Club; St. Anthony Club; New York Yacht Club, and Bridgeport Yacht Club. As an enthusiastic yachtsman, he has been actively identified with the organization of various yacht clubs. In fishing and hunting he is also an enthusiast, while as a traveler his experience has been extensive and diversified; he has several times made the tour of Europe, while on this side of the Atlantic he has visited Central America, Mexico, the West Indies, etc. During the greater part of the year he resides at the pleasant old home of his forefathers in the town of Fairfield, a few weeks during the winter season being spent in New York City.

With ample wealth, refined literary tastes and wide popularity, coupled with an easy and natural generosity and liberality, Mr. Sturges is an admirable specimen of the men of whom this country has a right to be proud.

COL. WILLIAM H. TALLMADGE, one of the prominent and wealthy citizens of Fairfield county, who claim Stamford as their home, was born in the town of New Canaan, February 22, 1844.

Major Tallmadge, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a resident of Stamford, and took a prominent part in the municipal affairs. His title of Major was obtained through military services. He married at an early age, and in his family of children was a son John. John Tallmadge was of the "Uncle Sam" type, rugged, honest, shrewd and reliable, and made his home at Tallmadge Hill, New Canaan, Conn. He married Sarah Bates, and they became the parents of the following children: John L., Seth and William.

John L. Tallmadge passed his early days in New Canaan, and in the schools of that town received his literary training. He early learned the trade of carpenter or cabinet-maker, and be-

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came a noted builder, specimens of his work being found in the many dwellings in Stamford, Darien, and Norwalk, as well as elsewhere through the country where first-class workmanship was desired. He married Clarinda Davis, a native of New Canaan, and in 1847 they moved to Stamford, where their children were reared. In their family were: Charles L., of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mary J., deceased; William H.; and Julia E., of Brooklyn. The father of this family was a stanch Democrat in politics.

Col. William H. Tallmadge was educated in the schools of Stamford, and later in Wilbraham Seminary, Wilbraham, Mass., New Britain Normal School, and also in the Medical Department at Yale College. On leaving school he found himself ready to face the world even though it were without capital. He became secretary of the Columbian Coast Wrecking Company, of New York City, and, though a poor boy at the beginning of this connection, he left the company with $28,000 to his credit. For nine years he was in the employ of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. R., but his next venture, managing the Globe Theater in New York City, was a signal failure, causing him the loss of $10,000. He then engaged in the importing business through loaning money to an importer whose business was declining. This proved lucrative under his able direction.

Politically and socially, Colonel Tallmadge has ever taken a leading part. A Democrat of the old school, he was one of the original members of the Democratic Club of New York City, and for sixteen years he was a member of the Connecticut State Central Committee, but in no way could he be regarded as an office seeker, although he has served as an assessor of Stamford, and at one time held the office of Special Indian and Disbursing Agent for the Government. In his social relations he is a member of Union Lodge, F. & A. M., Lotus Club, Reform Club and Hoboken Turtle Club, founded in 1796, and his genial and courteous manner has made him a welcome addition to any gathering, and won for him a host of warm friends.

On September 6, 1866, Colonel Tallmadge was united in marriage with Miss Catherine J. Hoyt, a daughter of James Hoyt, and a member of one of the oldest and best families in Fairfield county. This union has been blessed with one son, William H., Jr.

NATHAN F. WILCOXSON. The Wilcoxson family has been prominent in this section from pioneer times, and the subject of this sketch, a well-known resident of Stratford, is of the seventh generation in direct descent from I. William Wilcoxson, a native of Lancashire, England, a weaver by trade, who became one of the early settlers in Massachusetts, and was made a freeman, or voter, there in 1636. About 1640 he came to this county from Concord, Mass., and settled in Stratford township, where his descendants are numerous. He died there in 1651. The members of the family have been chiefly identified with agricultural pursuits, and in their character and lives they have displayed the qualities which constitute good citizenship.

II. John Wilcoxson, son of William, was born in Stratford, 1634.

III. William Wilcoxson, the next in the line of descent which we are now tracing, was born in Stratford, 1659, and died December 11, 1712; he married Hester Brinsmade.

IV. Nathan Wilcoxson, our subject's great-grandfather, was a native of Stratford, born May 12, 1729, married Mary Beach May 16, 1759.

V. Beach Wilcoxson, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Stratford November 4, 1767, and died April 25, 1852; like his ancestors he was engaged in farming there. On April 9, 1810, he married Annie Beebe, of the same town, and had four children, one of whom, Hester, died in childhood; the others were: Nathan B., our subject's father; Mary Ann, who married Miner Higby, a shoemaker by trade, and who afterward became a manufacturer of straw hats; and Asenath, who married Ezra D. Keeler, a harness maker in Bridgeport.

VI. Nathan B. Wilcoxson was born in Stratford, August 27, 1815, and died in 1858. He was a prominent citizen, and while he was not especially active in politics, he was a firm supporter of the Democratic party. His wife, Susan (Pritchard), who died in 1863, was a daughter of Jesse Pritchard, of Milford, Conn., and a member of a pioneer family of that locality, her ancestors having come from England originally. Five children were born of this marriage: William B., a shoemaker by trade, served as a soldier in the Civil war, and died at the age of fifty-five years; Mary Ann, who died at the age of thirty-five, married Oscar B. Lane, of Wallingford, Conn., a veteran of the Civil war, who was formerly a mechanic, but is now engaged in business as a grocer; Nathan F., our subject, was third in the order of birth; Susan E. married James H. Bailey, a mechanic of Wallingford; and Esther A. died at the age of seventeen.

VII. Nathan F. Wilcoxson was born June 4, 1847, in the town of Stratford, and at the early age of thirteen he began to earn his own liveli-

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hood by working as a farm hand. After a few years he went to sea, but becoming weary of a sailor's life he settled at Wallingford, where he was employed for some time in a silver shop. Later he returned to Stratford and engaged in business as a house painter, and for five years he owned and conducted a drug store there. About 1888 he engaged in the grocery business, which he has since continued successfully, and in addition to an excellent supply of goods in that line, he carries a fine stock of hardware, crockery, tinware and notions. Politically he is a Democrat, and he is active in local affairs, although not a politician in the strict sense of the term. For five years he was a member of Company K, 4th Regt. Conn. N. G., and he is connected with the Masonic Fraternity as a member of St. John's Lodge No. 8, F. & A. M., at Stratford, with which he united about twenty-five years ago.

On April 30, 1878, Mr. Wilcoxson married Miss Anna Imlay, of New York, a daughter of Robert Imlay. She died September 15, 1893, and on September 26, 1894, he married Miss Elnora A. Wilcoxson, daughter of Hanford Wilcoxson, and a descendant of William, the pioneer settler at Stratford. He has two children, both by the second union: William Howard and Natalie May.

ISAAC L. MEAD. The history of this enterprising and successful business man, now the leading undertaker of Greenwich, furnishes an object lesson which any ambitious youth would do well to heed, as he has made his way, notwithstanding many discouragements, to a national reputation in his chosen line of effort. Although he had an inclination toward other occupations in early life, he made the best of circumstances, and having determined to master the details of the business, he carried out his investigations so thoroughly that he is regarded as an authority on the difficult art of embalming. The Mead Embalming Fluid, invented by him, has been on the market for more than fifteen years, coming out in advance of all competitors, and so favorably is its inventor known among his fellow-craftsmen throughout the country, that he is frequently called upon to address large assemblies. At the meetings of the New England Undertakers Association at Boston and Hartford he presented valuable papers upon that special branch of work.

As a citizen Mr. Mead is held in high esteem. He belongs to a prominent pioneer family which has always been noted for patriotic spirit, and his honorable record as a soldier during the Civil war lends additional luster to the same. He is of the eighth generation in direct descent from William Mead [other authorities say John], who came from England in 1635 [other authorities say about 1642] and settled in Fairfield county, whose son John came to the town of Greenwich in 1660. An extended account of the earlier generations of this family appears elsewhere, and it will be sufficient for the purpose of this sketch to trace the line of descent, which includes John, son of the pioneer, Ebenezer (1), Ebenezer (2), Jonas (1), Mark, and Jonas (2), our subject's father.

Jonas Mead (1), the great-grandfather of our subject, was born December 25, 1725, at Indian Field, in the town of Greenwich, where he made his home, his death occurring there September 14, 1785. Like all of his family, he gave much attention to local affairs, and he was especially active in religious work, serving many years as a deacon in the Congregational Church at Greenwich. He had three sons, Noah, Mark and Jonas, and after his death Deacon Potter Mead became their guardian. Noah and Jonas received the "home farm" at Indian Field for their inheritance, while Mark, our subject's grandfather, chose to spend his share of the patrimony in obtaining an education for the ministry.

Rev. Mark Mead was born November 6, 1782, and died in Greenwich in 1864. Many years of faithful service as a clergyman in the Congregational Church won for him the affectionate regard of all classes of people in the communities in which he officiated, and although he could not give his children a good start in life from a worldly point of view he left them the priceless heritage of a "good name," which the best of books informs us is better than "great riches." He married Hannah Mead, younger daughter of Zachias Mead, of Greenwich, Conn. Her only sister, Elsie, married Job Mead, and reared a family. Rev. Mark Mead and his wife had two sons: Jonas, our subject's father, and Sylvester, who in his day was one of the most prominent physicians of this county, attaining more than local reputation, and whose death occurred in Greenwich in 1894.

Jonas Mead, the father of our subject, was born in Greenwich in 1805, and his education was begun in the schools of Middlebury, Conn., where his father was stationed for some time in charge of the Church. He acquired a good practical education but, being of a mechanical turn of mind, he learned the carpenter's trade, later engaging in business as a wheelwright. In 1846 he became interested in the undertaker's trade, in which he made a marked success. He was a shrewd business man, a close buyer, and al-

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though he began life poor he managed to accumulate a handsome competence by his industry and foresight. In manner he was quiet and unpretentious, and while he took much interest in political movements, and was a firm friend to good government, he never sought official honors for himself. His interest in educational progress was manifested in many ways, and for years he served as a school visitor, a position for which he was admirably fitted. Politically, he was first a Whig, later a Republican, and in religious faith he was a Congregationalist. He was of short stature and quite round-shouldered, but he enjoyed good health during the greater portion of his life and attained the allotted limit of man's years, dying in 1876, at the age of seventy-one. He was married in Greenwich to Miss Abigail Mead, a daughter of Zenas Mead, and she survived him some years, passing away in 1894 at the age of eighty-five. Our subject was the eldest in a family of three children, the others being: Emeline, who died in childhood; and Lucretia, now Mrs. George H. Mills, of Greenwich.

Mr. Mead, our subject, was born April 13, 1834, at New Rochelle, N. Y., but was educated in the town of Greenwich, attending the public schools and, later, the academy at Greenwich, then conducted by Prof. Philander Button, a well-known educator. At an early age he began to assist his father in the undertaking business, and although it was distasteful to him he performed his duties faithfully and well, becoming thoroughly acquainted with all branches of the work. After a time he decided to follow the business on his own account, and as early as 1880 he began to make a scientific study of it, devoting much attention to methods of embalming, and in addition to his extensive reading he would attend every lecture or discussion on the subject that came within his reach. As a result of patient investigation and experiment he compounded the embalming fluid which bears his name, and he is now its sole proprietor. He has been in active business for more than half a century, having begun in 1846, and he commands the largest business of the kind in his locality. He has never ceased to be a student in some line, and at present is interested in photography, in which he displays remarkable skill. While he takes an intelligent view of political questions, as of other matters of importance, he is not a partisan, but votes for the best men and measures without regard to their affiliations. His influence has always been cast on the side of local improvement, and he has done effective work in the interests of the school of his town, being now president of the school board. His military career began August 6, 1862, when he enlisted as a private in Company I, 17th Conn. V. I. His first important battle was at Chancellorsville, and he remained with his company until he was stricken with typhoid fever in 1863. On his recovery he entered the Invalid Corps, as a member of the 6th Veteran Reserves, and while with that organization he was assigned to service in McKelvey's Cornet Band, a noted company of musicians, his duty being to play the bass drum. In 1865 he was discharged at Cincinnati, Ohio, but the hardships and exposures of camp life had so undermined his health that for ten years after his return he suffered great physical disability.

In 1855 Mr. Mead married Miss Esther A. Mead, a native of Greenwich, where her father, Daniel S. Mead, is a well-known citizen. Four children have blessed this union: Willis S., an undertaker in New York City; John K., who died in Greenwich at the age of twenty-nine years; Sylvester W., who is engaged in the stationery business at Greenwich; and Miss Lucy A., who resides with her parents. The family occupies a pleasant home in Lafayette Place, Greenwich, built by our subject, and its members are prominent in the best social circles of the locality. Mr. Mead has been an active worker in the Congregational Church for many years, and at one time served as treasurer, but resigned the position. His courteous manner and pleasing address have won for him many friends, and he is a valued member of the Masonic Lodge at Greenwich, and of Lombard Post No. 24, G. A. R., also at Greenwich. He assisted in organizing the latter society, and has served as its commander.

FREDERICK A. BARCLAY (deceased), who in his lifetime was a substantial business man of Bethel, was the senior member of the well-known firm of F. A. Barclay & Co., who conduct an extensive bakery on Center street. Careful, judicious management, combined with courteous treatment of all classes of people, marked Mr. Barclay's career, and his son, E. T. Barclay, who also belongs to the firm, displays the same characteristics in a notable degree.

The Barclay family is of English origin, and one of our subject's ancestors was the British consul in New York City many years ago. John Barclay, the father of our subject, was a leading jeweler at Providence, R. I. He married Miss Jane Lang, by whom he had two sons, Frederick Alexander (our subject), and Charles, now a res-

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ident of Everett, Mass., who is employed by G. Wm. Bentley Company, of Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. Barclay, our subject, was born January 5, 1852, in Providence, R. I., where his boyhood was spent, his education being begun in the local schools. Later he attended school in Attleboro, Mass., and in early manhood he learned the jeweler's trade under his father's instruction, becoming proficient as a designer, engraver and chaser. For some years he was in the employ of Decker & Barclay, of Jersey City, but at the age of twenty-eight he turned his attention to other business and became superintendent of a button factory at Jersey City, for Palmer & Co. In 1888 he removed to Bethel, and engaged in the bakery business with D. R. Van Riper, the partnership continuing until August 31, 1894. On October 2, of the same year, he opened his late establishment, where from the first he met with gratifying success, the business now keeping three wagons on the road constantly. He died of gastritis, February 14, 1899. The bakery business is to be continued under the old name, Mrs. Barclay holding the larger interest.

On May 22, 1873, Mr. Barclay was married in Providence, R. I., to Miss Jennie Beaty, a native of Jersey City, and one son, Edwin Trescott, member of the firm, was born to them. Socially, Mr. Barclay was at one time a member of the O. U. A. M., and he was a Freemason, though not identified with any lodge. He always took an intelligent interest in everything that tended to promote the welfare of the community where he made his home.

HIRAM CURTIS, one of the prominent representative citizens of the agricultural class in the town of Stamford, Conn., is a native of the place, born May 18, 1829, in what is known as High Ridge District. His father and grandfather were also born in that town. The latter, John Curtis, was married in Stamford to Polly Fancher, and passed the greater part of his life in High Ridge District, engaged in farming.

John W. Curtis, son of John and Polly (Fancher) Curtis, attended the public schools of High Ridge, where he became a lifelong farmer. His death occurred in 1857. He was married at High Ridge to Ann Maria Stevens, daughter of Enoch Stevens, and two children blessed their union, namely: Paulina, who is the wife or William E. Dann, of Norwalk, Conn., and Hiram, whose name introduces this sketch. Mr. Curtis was a Whig in his political sentiments.

In his early life Hiram Curtis went to the High Ridge District school, where he was thoroughly drilled in the common branches, and received a good practical education. Farm work entered also largely into his early training, and he remained in High Ridge until shortly after his marriage, when he removed to New Caanan, Conn., and there carried on a livery business for about two years. For some years following he made his home in Peekskill, N. Y., whence he at length returned to Stamford, and he has lived on his present farm in that town for thirty years. Agricultural pursuits have received the greater part of his time and attention, but he has various other business interests, and has found time to serve his townsmen in many public positions of trust and importance. He gave universal satisfaction in the local offices of selectman and assessor, being elected to those offices on the Republican ticket, and by his unfaltering faithfulness to duty so won the confidence and respect of the peeple, that in 1886 he was chosen one of Stamford's representatives in the Connecticut State Legislature. For many years he has been a director in the First National Bank of New Canaan, and his record in business and political life has been a clean one, befitting a man whom Stamford may be proud to own as a representative of her interests, and one of her typical well-to-do farmers.

Mr. Curtis was married in High Ridge, to Mary F. Jones, daughter of George Jones, and by her he has had four children: Pauline, Cyrus J., Annie S., and John H. The eldest daughter is the wife of D. H. Delavan, of Rye, N. Y., and has two children—Stewart C., and May Christine. Annie married George A. Ferris, of Stamford, and also has two children—Pauline C. and Ruth Christine. The son wedded Mary G. Scofield, and has one child, Harold S.; he lives in High Ridge. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Curtis are members of the M. E. Church, of which he has been a member since 1846. Socially, he affiliates with the F. & A. M., Union Lodge No. 5, of Stamford.

HIRAM D. HAWLEY. For generations the name of Hawley has been prominently associated with the social and commercial interests of the town of Brookfield, Fairfield Co., Conn. Daniel Hawley was the genial tavern-keeper for many years on the old family homestead in Brookfield, where he always carried on farming. Here, too, he was married, and here his son Charles was born.

Charles Hawley, born in 1804, passed his

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youth in his native town, acquired his education in the district schools, and passed his entire life on the old homestead, in his younger days keeping the tavern his father had so successfully managed. For his first wife he married Anna Northrop, by whom he had two children, Waite N. and Hiram D. His second wife was Anna Merwin, which union was also blessed with two children, Charles S., born March 14, 1836, and Sidney E., born November 29, 1844. The latter was elected high sheriff in the fall of 1889, and was again elected by a large majority for four years from June, 1899. We have the following record of this family: Waite N. became a lawyer and practiced at Enfield and Hartford, Conn., and at Washington, D. C.; he was adjutant-general in the army during the Civil war, and was very prominent politically in Washington. He died April 5, 1867, at Brookfield, at the age of forty. Charles S., of New York City, is general agent of the Capewell Horse Shoe Nail Company, of Hartford, Conn. Charles Hawley was a Congregationalist in religious connection, and politically was prominent as a Whig and Republican, holding a number of town offices. He was conscientious in the performance of duty, and both as a public official and as a private citizen was held in high esteem. He died in 1889, aged eighty-five years.

Hiram D. Hawley was born in the town of Brookfield September 24, 1829, and received his elementary training in the district schools, supplementing the knowledge here obtained by an attendance at Robbins Select School at Brookfield Center. He remained at home, working on the farm, until the age of twenty, when he went to Birmingham, Conn., and embarked in the general mercantile business, continuing same for ten years. In 1853 Mr. Hawley was married to Miss Marcia Tomlinson, of Birmingham, daughter of Augustus and Dorcas (English) Tomlinson, by whom he has had two children: Carolyn Maud, at home, and Agnes Evolyn, who died in 1880, aged eight years. In 1861 Mr. Hawley went out with the 10th Conn. V. I. as sutler, and followed the fortunes of that regiment throughout the war. After the close of hostilities he remained in Savannah, Ga., where for several years he had charge of the State business of the Singer Sewing Machine Company. In 1870 he came north, and for the five succeeding years he was engaged in the retail grocery business in New York City. Since that time he has traveled for the wholesale grocery house of Francis H. Leggett & Co., making his home at New Haven, Conn., until 1892, when he transferred his "*Lares et Penates*" nearer to his old home, buying the old Starr place, in Brookfield Center, where he has since resided.

Mr. Hawley is a member of the Congregational Church, and, in his fraternal relations, of King Hiram Lodge No. 12, F. & A. M., at Birmingham, Conn., and of City Lodge, I. O. O. F., at New Haven, Conn. He is public-spirited and progressive, and his return to his old home occasioned general rejoicing among the older residents, who had known and honored the Hawley family for generations, and were pleased to welcome a worthy representative of the family in this generation.

GEORGE E. OBER, M. D., of Bridgeport, is an able and talented physician, and is rapidly winning a place in the front rank among the practitioners of this section. The story of his life cannot fail to interest our readers, as any true account of purposeful and well-directed effort touches a responsive chord in every heart.

Doctor Ober comes of good Colonial ancestry in both maternal and paternal lines, and is a direct descendant of Richard Ober, who came from Germany in 1632 and settled in Salem, Mass. Samuel Ober, our subject's great-grandfather, was a native of Beverly Farms, Essex Co., Mass., and was a seaman by occupation, as were all male members of the family in the early days. Samuel Ober (2), the grandfather of our subject, was born at Beverly Farms, and became the captain of a vessel before he reached the age of twenty-one. He married Hepsibah P. Foster, whose father took part in the battle of Bunker Hill.

Rev. George Ober, our subject's father, was born at Beverly Farms, and in 1860 entered the ministry of the Baptist Church. After many years of faithful service he retired in 1891, and he now resides at Rowayton, Conn. His estimable wife, whose maiden name was Adeline A. Eaton, was born in North Reading, Mass., a daughter of Moses Eaton, and traces her descent from William Eaton, who came to America in 1632 in the same ship which conveyed the progenitor of the Ober family. Our subject was the eldest of a family of eight children, of whom four are now living. Sidney F. is a photographer in South Norwalk. Julia M. graduated from Vassar College in 1891, and is now the wife of Rev. Hugh Gregg, of Mahopac Falls, N. Y. Louis is the youngest of the surviving members of the family.

Our subject was born May 29, 1863, at Andover, Mass., and during his youth the family resided in various places where his father was in charge of Churches. His education was be-

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gun in Beverly Farms, and in 1881, after studying in the schools of different towns, he entered upon a course of professional reading with Dr. D. W. Colcord, of Seabrook, N. H. After three years of preliminary study he matriculated at Bellevue Medical College, where he remained during 1885-86. He then found employment with the Estey Piano Company, of Brattleboro, Vt., and remained with them until 1890, continuing his studies meanwhile with Dr. Jas. Conland, of Brattleboro, Vt. In 1890 he entered the Medical Department of the University of Vermont, where he was graduated in the same year, and soon afterward he located in Bridgeport. He made a favorable impression from the start, and has succeeded in building up a large and lucrative practice. He belongs to the City, County and State medical associations, and is the fleet surgeon of the Park City Yacht Club, of which he is a leading member. Socially, he is popular, and among other organizations to which he belongs we may mention here the F. & A. M., St. John's Lodge No. 3, at Bridgeport, being the first Master Mason raised in St. John's Lodge, in the new temple. In politics he is a Democrat, but he does not take an active part in public life.

In 1888 Doctor Ober married Miss Fannie A. Kimball, of Brattleboro, Vt., daughter of Aaron T. Kimball, a farmer in the Province of Quebec, Canada, also a descendant of the old Puritan Richard Kimball, who settled in Massachusetts in 1634, at Boston. Two children have blessed this union, George E. and Eugene K.

CAPTAIN JAMES NELSON COE, superintendent of the Connecticut Soldiers' Home, at Noroton, is a man whose success in that important position has demonstrated his practical sagacity and kindliness of heart—two qualities which are not always found in combination. A soldier himself, and the son of a soldier, he understands perfectly the less fortunate comrades who have come to the Home to pass their declining years. A firm yet considerate spirit characterizes his management, and in view of the many improvements that have been made during the few years in which he has had charge of the Home, the most critical observer must admit that he is "the right man in the right place."

The Captain was born in 1836 in Winsted, Litchfield Co., Conn., a son of Col. Nelson D. Coe and his wife, Maria H. Seymour, both of whom were natives and lifelong residents of this State. Col. Nelson D. Coe was a farmer by occupation, and took an active part in public affairs in his locality. He was especially interested in military matters, and for many years was a member of the State militia, passing through the various grades of the service until, at his death, he held the rank of colonel. At one time he served as ensign under commission of Gov. Henry W. Edwards, dated April 4, 1837. He died in 1856, his widow in 1882. Our subject was the second of four children. His only sister is now the wife of Rev. Dr. Rylance, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, in New York City.

Captain Coe's education was begun in the public schools of Winsted, and later he attended a private school in that town, and also a seminary at Charlotteville, N. Y. On completing his course in the latter institution he returned home, where he spent some time in the management of the farm. When the Civil war broke out he was among the first to offer his services to the government, enlisting April 23, 1861, in Company F, 2nd Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, for three months, during which he served as a non-commissioned officer. At the expiration of his term he was discharged, but on July 19, 1862, he re-enlisted for "three years or the war," in Company E, 2nd Connecticut Artillery. He was soon promoted to the rank of sergeant-major, and two months after his enlistment was made second lieutenant, assigned to Company K, in the same regiment. While holding this rank he spent eighteen months in Connecticut on recruiting service. Later he became first lieutenant and then captain, with which rank he was mustered out on August 18, 1865. On his return to the North he located in New Haven, Conn., and for many years he was engaged in railroad business, but in August, 1891, he accepted his present position, to which his energies have been so successfully devoted. In politics the Captain is a Republican so far as State and National issues go, and during his residence in New Haven he took much interest in municipal affairs, serving for four years as a member of the city council. In 1857 he married Miss Kate Goddard, daughter of Jerome Goddard, of Winsted, Conn. Of the three children of this union only one is now living, Nelson D. Coe, a resident of New Haven, who is employed in the general offices of the New York & New Haven Railroad Company. Mrs. Coe is a most amiable woman, and one who knew her well has said of her: "She could not get cross if she tried." The family is prominent socially, and the Captain and his wife are both members of Grace Episcopal Church in New Haven. He also belongs to the G. A. R., the Royal Arcanum, the F. & A. M., St. Andrews Lodge No. 64, at Win-

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sted, Conn., and the Commandery of the State of New York, Loyal Legion, in New York City.

The Home which ranks among the leading institutions of the kind in the country, was founded largely through the generosity of the late Benjamin Fitch, the millionaire philanthropist of Norwalk, who gave one hundred thousand dollars toward its endowment, and it was chartered in 1864. At present (1898) there are 495 ex-soldiers in the institution. It receives yearly appropriations from the National and State funds, and is inspected once or twice a year by a regular army officer. Religious services are held each Sunday, Mrs. Coe presiding at the piano, and a fine art gallery, the gift of Mr. Fitch, is an attractive feature of the place. A well-stocked library and an amusement room enable the veterans to pass their time pleasantly, and the absence of unnecessary restrictions upon conduct is noticeable. In an interview published in the New Haven *Evening Leader* of June 26, 1897, the Captain said: "There is a guard house, but I don't like to use it, and only in extreme cases of rebellion is it ever resorted to. I find there are better ways to control men than severity, and this is a home and not a prison or a house of correction. We can restrain but not command beyond a certain point." From the same article we take the reporter's description of the Captain, as follows: "It needed but one glance to proclaim him a military man from the crown of his head to the sole of his feet, and the slight limp with which he walked only emphasized the erectness of his bearing. His face is bronzed with much exposure, and the iron-grey hair is brushed back a la pompadour from the forehead. A Roman nose indicates decision and firmness, when occasion demands, but the keen dark eye softens into sympathy for suffering, and the voice is cordial and 'rings true as steel.'"

EDWARD M. TROY (deceased). Of the younger members of the Fairfield county Bar, the late Edward M. Troy had the reputation of being a most careful and painstaking lawyer, and one of considerable promise.

John Troy, his father, is one of the substantial citizens of Stamford, being a leading contractor and builder of that city. He is a native of Ireland, born at Hardmore. He came to the United States when a young man and located at Stamford, Conn.; first worked as a hand on farms, and later at whatever he found to do that would give him a living. He learned the stone mason's trade, and followed it for a time; later became engaged in the grocery business, and for a period carried on a saloon in connection therewith. About 1876 he quit the business, and again worked at his trade, following it up to 1887. From that time up to the present he has been engaged in contracting and building, and many of the fine structures of Stamford were erected by him. He has been prosperous in business affairs, is well-to-do, and has been interested in all laudable movements having for their object the improvement of Stamford. His wife, who is remembered as a most estimable woman, and who died in 1894, was in her maidenhood Mary Haley; she was a native of County Waterford, Ireland. To them were born children as follows: Thomas J., a theatrical manager; William, a mason and contractor; Richard H., a lawyer; and Edward M., our subject. The father of these is a member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, and is affiliated with the Catholic Benevolent Legion.

Edward M. Troy, whose name opens these lines, was a native of Fairfield county, born at Stamford, March 2, 1869. He received a liberal education, first attending the public schools at Stamford, then, in the fall of 1886, entering St. Johns College, Fordham, N. Y., he completed a three-years' classical course of study. Returning to his native city, in 1889, he entered the office of Hon. E. L. Scofield, under whom he studied law for four years. On June 13, 1893, he was admitted to the Bar at Bridgeport, after which he practiced in Fairfield county with an office and residence in Stamford. Until 1897 he shared the office with his preceptor, and later was in the Burlington Arcade building. Politically, he was an ardent Democrat. Socially, he was a member of the Independent Order of Foresters; of the Ancient Order of United Workmen; of St. Joseph's Total Abstinence Society; and of the Second Division Ancient Order of Hibernians of Stamford.

On August 5, 1895, at Stamford, he married Miss Mary L. Troy, a daughter of Michael Troy, of Stamford, and one child, Frances J., was born to them, May 12, 1896. Mr. E. M. Troy, as is his widow, was a member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church of Stamford. He died at midnight, Thursday, November 25, 1898.

WILLIAM PURDY. As a descendant of one of the best old families of Greenwich township, Fairfield county, Mr. Purdy is a representative type of the intelligent, thrifty and prosperous agriculturists who make up the community in which he lives. He was born July 14, 1829, on the farm which is still his home, and is

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a direct descendant of Daniel Purdy, who was the first of the family in this vicinity.

Daniel Purdy had a family of five children, and it is known that the eldest, Solomon, settled near Newburgh; Benjamin settled near Manchester, Vt.; Nathan married Mrs. Caleb Merritt; Elizabeth died unmarried, and John was the great-grandfather of William Purdy, whose name opens this sketch.

John Purdy was born May 8, 1715, in Westchester county, N. Y., and there married Rebecca Brown, who lived between Port Chester and Rye. They located four miles north of Port Chester, in King Street, Greenwich township, where he carried on farming the remainder of his life. He owned the farm of which William Purdy's formed a part, having a large property, and in addition to farming he followed his trade, that of cooper. Mr. and Mrs. Purdy had a large family, of whom we have the following record: Amy, born November 2, 1739, married Thomas Merritt (these Merritts were Tories, and at the period of the Revolutionary war were obliged to leave the United States, settling in Nova Scotia, where they became famous and wealthy; one member of the family accumulated a fortune of ninety million dollars, owning much of the city of St. John's, N. F.). Martha, born December 2, 1741, married Benjamin Sutton. John, born February 2, 1744, married Susan Studwell. Nehemiah, born February 26, 1746, never married. Rebecca, born January 16, 1748, married Philip Miller. William, born March 3, 1751, died unmarried. Elizabeth, born March 24, 1754, became the wife of Joshua Lyon, and died April 26, 1822. Hannah, born June 16, 1756, married Sylvanus Simmons, and died March 12, 1832. Daniel, born January 15, 1759, was the grandfather of our subject. Phœbe, born March 29, 1763, married Nehemiah Sherwood, and died April 14, 1853. Rachel, born September 15, 1765, wedded Nathaniel Anderson, and died in 1840. The father of these passed away August 19, 1802, and was buried in a private cemetery that has long since been abandoned.

Daniel Purdy was born near the home now occupied by his grandson, and was brought up to farm life on the home place. On January 3, 1780, he was united in marriage with Abigail Lyon, who was born April 5, 1760, and in 1797 he erected the dwelling house which has since stood on the place, and is now the home of William Purdy. They became the parents of six children, of whom John, born March 25, 1781, was a farmer, and lived in King Street, where he died in 1866; he married three times. Nehemiah, born January 28, 1783, was the father of William Purdy. Rebecca, born June 19, 1787, was married September 11, 1806, to Samuel Townsend, and died August 25, 1831, in New York. Hannah, born December 2, 1790, was married March 1, 1810, to William Matthews, and died at New Rochelle, N. Y. Daniel, born September 13, 1799, was married November 25, 1824, to Rachel Brundage, and died February 16, 1878, in King Street; he was a carpenter by trade, and followed it during his earlier years, later becoming a farmer. William, born March 3, 1804, married Dorcas Park, and was killed on the railroad, near Port Chester, December 17, 1859. The father died April 17, 1817, the mother surviving him until July 3, 1841, and they were buried in the old Baptist cemetery, on the hill above Glenville. Mr. Purdy was a Methodist in religious connection.

Nehemiah Purdy was born January 28, 1783, on the home place, which is situated in what is known as Riversville District, of Greenwich township, and there he was reared to manhood. He learned his trade of cabinet maker, at which he served an apprenticeship of over five years in Franklin Square, New York City, becoming a first-class mechanic. Previous to his marriage he was in business for himself in that line in New York, being located at No. 32 Broad street. During the time he was in business his services were in great demand, but he finally abandoned the trade for the occupation of his forefathers, farming, he and his brother John becoming the owners of the home farm, which they worked together. He was in prosperous circumstances, and made the work he undertook profitable. On June 15, 1825, Mr. Purdy was married to Miss Amy M. Brown, who was born July 19, 1796, in Westchester county, N. Y., daughter of John Brown, and three children blessed their union, viz.: James B., William and Elizabeth W. The eldest son, James B., was married February 22, 1859, to Phebe H. Merritt, and died May 23, 1887; the daughter is the wife of Elias D. Gerow, of Darien, Conn. Mr. Purdy's death occurred August 7, 1873, that of his wife on September 5, 1876, and they rest in the Brown cemetery near Port Chester, N. Y. He was a Democrat, politically, until Harrison's time, after which he voted with the Whigs, and in 1856 he joined the Republican party.

William Purdy's education was all acquired in the district schools, the first one he attended being a school near his home which has long since been discontinued, Jerome Sands (later Dr. Sands) being his first teacher. For a time he assisted his father at cabinet-making, seeming to take naturally to the work, for he never had any

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special instruction, and he also helped about the farm until he was sixteen years of age, when he went to New York. His first position there was that of clerk in a clothing store at No. 56 Bowery, and he followed that occupation for seven consecutive years, when he was obliged to relinquish it on account of ill health. He returned home to recuperate, and later, resuming clerking, was so engaged for over a year. Ill health again induced him to return to the farm, and he was at times employed thereon, living with his parents. He had saved some money during his stay in the city. At the death of his father he inherited a third of the place, which he cultivates, and he is also the owner of his grandfather Brown's farm, which is near Port Chester, New York.

On March 4, 1873, William Purdy was united in marriage with Miss Caroline E. Peck, who was born at Mianus, a daughter of Solomon and Caroline E. (Selleck) Peck. They have two daughters, Minnie and Carrie, both of whom live at home. The family occupy the house erected by Daniel Purdy in 1797, and our subject has remodeled it twice, the last time in 1895; it is a pleasant and comfortable dwelling, surrounded by well-kept fields, the appearance of which gives ample evidence of the neatness and thrift of the owner. The family hold a high position in the social life of the neighborhood, and well deserve the respect and popularity which they enjoy. Mr. Purdy is a Republican in political sympathy.

HARRIS FENTON BROWNLEE, M. D., was born at Lawyersville, Schoharie Co., N. Y., September 14, 1866. His grandfather, Robert Brownlee, was born in Scotland, the home of all Brownlees, and came to this country with his wife and one child, James, settling near Cobleskill, N. Y. Other children were born in this country: Robert, John and Eliza.

James Brownlee, the eldest son, and father of Harris F. Brownlee, followed farm life until the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, when, at the age of twenty, he enlisted, in August, 1862, in the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth New York Volunteers, becoming a member of Company G. He served until the battle of Gettysburg, where he was so seriously wounded as to terminate his service. He was commissioned a lieutenant for bravery at this battle, and he received his discharge in June, 1865. He is at present a respected merchant of Cobleskill, N. Y. After the war James Brownlee married Mary J. Stryker, of Middleburg, N. Y., and they had four sons: Harris F., Clarence, Eugene and John Clayton. Mrs. Brownlee is a lineal descendant of the Bouck and Vrooman families, both of which held prominent positions in the country from which they originally came, and since in the country of their adoption. A German map of Lorraine published in 1808 describes the village and castle of the Boucks on the west side of the Moselle, their seigniories being located chiefly within a distance of twelve miles from Thionville, and seventeen miles north of Metz. Bergen, in his biography of the Moselle, published at Metz in 1829, speaks of the Bouck family as one of the most illustrious in the Province. The name is variously spelled in Germany —Bouck, Pauch and Bauch—while in early Belgium and Holland it is spelled Bock and Bouck. During the past five centuries the family has furnished to Germany, France, Holland and Belgium statesmen, warriors and scholars. The tombs of the early families of the Boucks are in Strassburg cathedral, notably the monument erected to Conrad Bouch (an eminent citizen who died in 1480), which is much admired for the beauty of its statuary. Valentine Bouch was one of the councilors of Charles V, emperor of Germany and the Netherlands. Nicholas Bouck, author of several historical and philosophical works, was also a lieutenant-marshal of France; he died at Metz in 1772, aged eighty-seven years. Jacob Bouck is spoken of in history as an author, Jerome Bouck as a noted botanist, born at Heidsbach, near the Rhine, and Samuel and Nathaniel Bouck were distinguished engravers and antiquarians from 1714 to 1799. Dr. Adam Bouck, born at Aix-la-Chapelle in 1832, is a member of the present German parliament. That the various divisions of the family scattered through Germany, France, Holland and Belgium are all from the same source, though the name varies in spelling, is evidenced by their all having the same coat of arms, which was originally granted to a member of the Bouck family during the wars of the Crusaders on a victorious field of battle against the Moslems for the recovery of the Holy Lance. The red or vermillion color of the shield is proof of this, which is an honor that could be bestowed only under such circumstances by those in high authority.

William Bouck and his wife left their home on the Rhine on New Year's Day, 1710, finally landing in America and entering the Schoharie Valley in 1711. Their experience here was that of all the pioneer settlers, a constant struggle in a new country infested with Indians, and many of the incidents of their life are recorded in the early histories of Schoharie county. They had three sons, William, the eldest, being the first white child born in Schoharie county. The

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other two were John Frederick and Christian. They purchased large tracts of land from the British Crown in 1727 and again in 1755. Bouck's Island, in Fulton, near Middleburg, the old home of Gov. William C. Bouck, and the present home of his son, the Hon. Charles Bouck, is a part of the Bouck patent granted to William Bouck by George II in 1755. The original deed, on parchment, bearing the seal of Great Britain, is still in the possession of the family. William C. Bouck was elected governor of New York State in 1842.

The Vrooman family came from Holland. Hendrick Mees Vrooman was born in that country in 1649, and came to America while yet a young man. His son, Adam Vrooman, was a wealthy citizen of Schenectady in 1714. He took up a patent of land lying between the present towns of Fulton and Middleburg, which was known afterward as Vrooman's land. His son, Col. Peter Vrooman, was one of the chief leaders of the patriots of New York during Revolutionary times, especially during the Indian warfare in Schoharie county. Much interesting history relating to both the Bouck and Vrooman families can be found in J. R. Simon's "Frontiersmen of New York," published in 1883.

Dr. Harris F. Brownlee attended the district school at Lawyersville and later at Warnerville, whither the family moved, he finally entering the Cobleskill high school. He was ambitious to study medicine, but he was too young to enter college when he completed his high-school course, and coming to Danbury, Conn., he obtained employment in a hat factory for three years. During the last year he studied medicine with Dr. E. E. Snow, of Danbury, and he finally, in 1885, entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York City, graduating in the class of '88. The following two years he spent as resident physician at St. John's Riverside Hospital, at Yonkers, N. Y., and in 1890 he settled in Danbury, where he now commands one of the largest general practices. Dr. Brownlee is a Republican in political faith. Fraternally, he holds membership with the Masons, Odd Fellows, K. of P., and K. of H. He is first lieutenant assistant-surgeon in the Fourth Regiment, Connecticut National Guard, on the staff of Colonel Sheridan.

JACOB M. NOLAN, M. D., is one of the talented and successful young physicians of the town of Westport, Fairfiel dcounty, and, though of only brief residence there, he is taking an active interest in the place of his adoption.

Doctor Nolan is of Irish extraction on both sides. His father, M. F. Nolan, was born in Ireland, and there lived until twenty-one years of age, when he came to America, locating in Shamokin, Penn. By profession he was a school teacher, and was engaged there in that work. He was married to Mary McAnery, who was born in this country, and two children blessed the marriage: Jacob M.; and Joseph, who died in infancy. For a number of years the father served as justice of the peace, and he held various other town offices. In politics he is a Democrat, and is influential in public affairs. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, as was also his wife.

Doctor Nolan is a native of Pennsylvania, born at Shamokin August 27, 1871. He attended the schools of the borough, and was a resident of the place until about twenty-three years of age. From the time he was thirteen years old until he was fifteen he taught public school in West Mahanoy, Schuylkill Co., Penn. He read medicine and attended the College of Physicians and and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., from which he was graduated with the class of '94. After his graduation he located in practice at Wilkesbarre, Penn., and in 1896 came to Westport. He is a genial gentleman, studious, industrious and energetic, and is building up a good practice. In 1894 he was married to Miss Katherine A. Burns, of Shamokin, a lady of Irish extraction, though both of her parents were born in this country. To the marriage of the Doctor and wife have come three children: Mary, Joseph and Harold, of whom, Mary died when young. The family are Roman Catholics in their religious faith, and the Doctor in his political views is a Democrat. He is a member of the Order of Foresters.

HON. SEAMAN MEAD, who at this writing is ably representing Greenwich in the General Assembly of the State, and is a man of prominence in the county in business and social life, has descended from one of the old and distinguished families of Connecticut.

Mr. Mead is of the seventh generation in line of descent from John Mead (1), the progenitor of the family in Greenwich, who was a son of John Mead, the ancestor of all the Fairfield county Meads, the line of descent being John (1), Ebenezer (1), Ebenezer (2), Amos, Richard, Thomas A., and Seaman (our subject).

John Mead emigrated from England about 1635, the family being an ancient and honorable one. His two sons, who grew to manhood—John and Joseph—accompanied him, and after remaining a short time in Massachusetts moved to Hempstead, L. I., where they remained until Oc-

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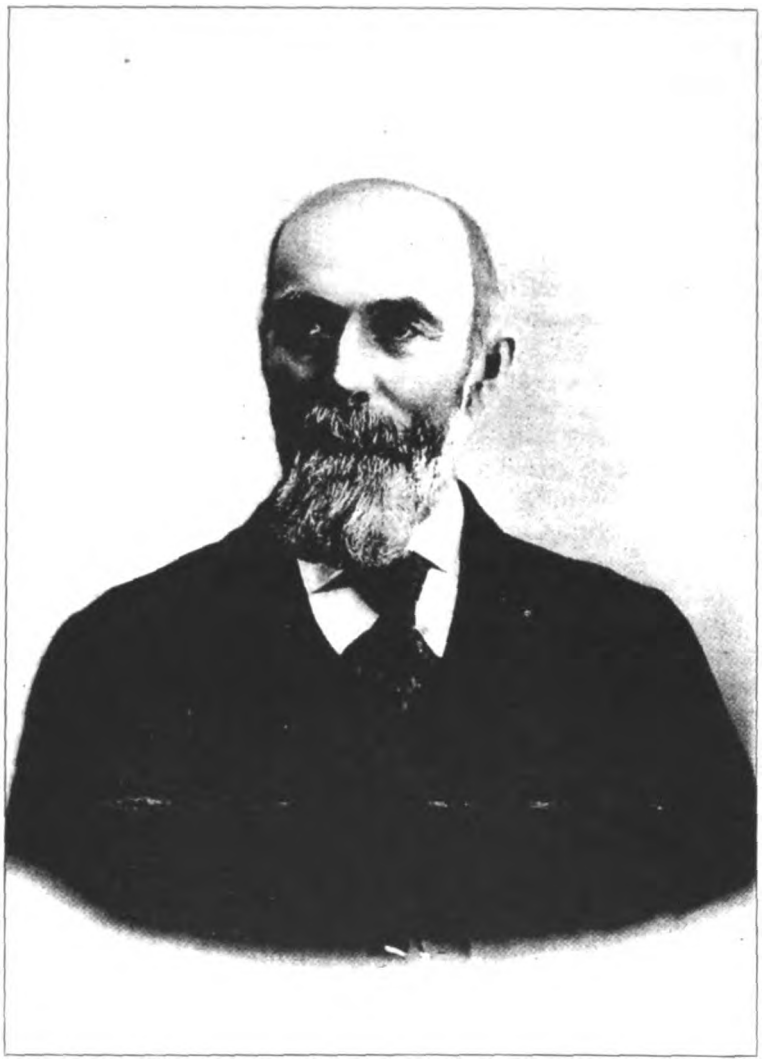

Seaman Mead

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tober, 1660, when they settled in the town of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., where many of their descendants still reside. [Either John, the father, did not come to Greenwich, or if so he took no active part in public life.] The two sons bought land of Richard Crab and others, which was deeded to John Mead, he being the elder. John Mead (1) married a Miss Hannah Potter, of Stamford, Conn., and, on his death in 1696, left, as appears by his will, eight sons, and, tradition says, three daughters. Of these, Ebenezer (1), who was fourth in the order of birth, was born in 1663, married Sarah Knapp, of Stamford, and, of their children, Ebenezer (2) was born October 25, 1692, and died May 3, 1775; he married Hannah Brown, of Rye, N. Y., December 12, 1717, and, of their thirteen children, Amos was the seventh son in order of birth.

Amos Mead, who was a physician by profession, served as surgeon of the Third Connecticut Regiment in the French and Indian war. He was a prominent man during the Revolutionary war, was many times the representative of his town in the Colonial Legislature, and after the adoption of the Constitution of the United States was a member of the State Legislature. He was a member of that grand body of men who adopted the Constitution of the United States. He married Ruth Bush, and their children were Richard, and Thomas, who died soon after he had completed his college course in 1773. Dr. Amos Mead died in 1807. He was a member of the Congregational Church at Greenwich.

Richard Mead was born in September, 1753, and by occupation was a farmer. During the war of the Revolution he rendered valuable aid to the American army, relative to which the following is a matter of history and of interest not only to the Mead family but to the public in general.

"Andrew Mead, Humphrey Denton, and Richard Mead; these men more, perhaps, than any others deserve the highest praise for their brave and daring acts. It was not so much their province to counsel and advise as to act. Old men for counsel, as Dr. Amos Mead, John Mackay and Abraham Mead, were of great service to the inhabitants as counselors. They were past the meridian of life, and one of them, Dr. Amos Mead, had gained much experience by active service in the French war. But was any daring deed to be accomplished, where hardy, brave and reliable men were necessary, the former three were always selected. After all control of the town (Greenwich) was lost to the Americans by the destructive expedition of Governor Tryon, it was not safe for a patriot to remain publicly in the limits for an hour. Yet these three hung about the place ready to assist the defenseless population against the brutalities of the Tories. Each possessed of his arms, a faithful dog, and a fleet horse, they spent their time about the village, hidden in the by and secret places. The winter of 1780 was one of the severest on record. The Sound was frozen across, and a great amount of snow accumulated. Yet these men scarcely knew a night, during the early part of the winter, in which they didn't sleep with their horses and dogs in the snow. During that winter some dozen or twenty head of cattle, the most of which belonged to Mr. Jared Mead, were taken off in haste by the Tories and driven toward New York. After much earnest solicitation on the part of the owner the trio consented to make the most daring attempt of crossing the enemy's lines to retake them. There had recently been a storm of rain, which had frozen as it fell and rendered the roads extremely slippery, and made a hard sharp crust upon the snow. The pursuers therefore went upon the Sound with their horses, and kept the ice as far as Mamaroneck, and, then taking the road, could track the cattle by the blood which had trickled from the wounds of the bayonets which had forced them along. At Mount Vernon they retook the cattle, and were returning when they found they were pursued by a body of the enemy under a lieutenant. Their horses were tired by the swift ride, and they soon knew that their only safety was in separation, and in that case even one must be inevitably taken. Accordingly they left the cattle and plunged separately in different directions. The enemy selected Richard Mead, pursued and took him prisoner. This was about the middle of January, 1780. He was taken to New York and thrown into the famous Sugar-House, where he remained for a period of six weeks until exchanged. These three men were held in high estimation by the people. Their known patriotism and courage, which could ever be relied on, caused the other citizens, long after the Revolutionary war, to remember their acts with the greatest gratitude."

Richard Mead was married (first) to Sarah Mead; to this marriage was born a daughter, Sophia, who married Peter De Mille. By his second wife, Rachel Mead, were born Thomas A., Elizabeth R. and Sarah A. Of these, Elizabeth R. married George Webb, of New York, and is now dead; Sarah A. married Joseph Brush, of Greenwich, and died leaving a family of ten children. Richard Mead was a man highly respected by all who knew him; he died on April 19, 1824.

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Col. Thomas A. Mead, the only son of Richard Mead, became probably the most conspicuous character of the name of his generation. Born at the close of the preceding century, his life was spared until the last decade of the present century, and, spanning as it did almost one hundred years, he witnessed the century of the greatest achievements of our country, and was an active participant in some of its chief scenes. His birth occurred May 29, 1799, in the same house in the town of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., in which he was residing when he died, the house having been built by his father in 1797, and the land upon which it stood having been in the family since 1785. Colonel Mead was a farmer throughout his lifetime. He acquired his title through service rendered his State in the days of the militia, having been made a colonel of a regiment, in which capacity he served many years. Possessed of a bright mind, and inheriting many of the sterling qualities of his ancestors, he early took an interest in public affairs, and became one of the leading men of his locality. In politics he was identified with the Whig party until the organization of the Republican party, when he cast his lot with it and ever remained one of its most ardent supporters. He was the assessor of the town of Greenwich for ten years, served a number of years as selectman, was county commissioner two terms, and twice represented Greenwich in the State Legislature, once in 1852 and again in 1872. In that body he served on important committees, among them railroads. He was often appointed appraiser for different railroads, a juryman many times in important cases, and settled many estates. He was a man of rare judgment, intelligent, a Christian gentleman, whose life was such as commended him to all. A man of honor, his integrity was never questioned. In all of the various positions that he has been called upon to fill he performed his duty faithfully, reflecting credit to himself and in a manner most satisfactory to his constituents.

On February 23, 1833, Colonel Mead was married to Hannah Seaman, daughter of David Seaman, of New York, and to them were born eight children, as follows: (1) Louisa Stafford, born June 29, 1834, was married (first) to D. Merritt Mead, who went into the Civil war as captain of Company I, 10th Conn. V. I.; he became a major, and died at Greenwich in September, 1862; his widow married Thomas Ritch, of Greenwich, and died in October, 1894. (2) Thomas R., was born April 23, 1836; entered the Civil war as a lieutenant of Company I, 10th Conn. V. I., later became captain of Company G, in which position he was acting in North Carolina when called to his reward on October 25, 1862; his remains were interred in the cemetery at Greenwich, Conn.; he was a prepossessing young man of much more than ordinary intellect, and gave great promise; he died unmarried. (3) Seaman, our subject, was next in order of birth, and is referred to farther on. (4) Abigail R., born September 29, 1839, married Benjamin Wright, and died in October, 1897, at Greenwich, leaving four children. (5) Elizabeth H., born July 7, 1841, married Henry Webb, of Greenwich, and has one child, Nathaniel. (6) Delia, born February 8, 1843, married W. E. Mead, and lives in Brooklyn; they have two children. (7) Zophar, born May 22, 1845, died at Greenwich in July, 1891; he married Mary E. Mead, a daughter of Charles Mead, and they had one daughter, Bertha; he was a farmer, an excellent citizen, and in his political views a Republican. (8) Lucinda P., born August 10, 1847, is yet a resident of the old homestead at Greenwich. The father of these eight children passed to his reward after a brief illness of La Grippe, January 4, 1892. His wife died November 18, 1880. Both were members of the Congregational Church in Greenwich, and their remains rest in the cemetery of that Church.

We now return to Seaman Mead, the subject proper of this sketch, who was born November 5, 1837, at the Mead homestead in the town of Greenwich. He was reared on that farm, attending the schools of the neighborhood, his first teacher being a Mr. Lounsbury; subsequently he attended the Greenwich Academy. Much of his early life was given especially to agricultural pursuits, and in this line he was successful. He has ever taken a deep interest in agriculture, and has aided much in its advancement throughout the State. He is now a member of the State Board of Agriculture, having been appointed to that position by the State Legislature in 1897 for a period of four years.

Mr. Mead has inherited many of the traits which brought his father and his ancestors into prominence, and gave them that distinction they merited. He has followed in their footsteps, and through his own force of character, too, has been brought into prominence, and his worth as a useful citizen has not been without appreciation. He is of the same religious faith and political complexion as his forefathers, has enjoyed some of the same honors and distinction given them, and has been faithful in the discharge of those duties. He cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. For many years he was chairman of the Republican Town Committee;

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he has served as assessor of Greenwich town since 1877, excepting the year 1892, when he was too busily engaged in superintending the erection of his house to accept the office, which was tendered him; has also served as borough assessor. In 1895, also in 1897 and 1899, he was elected representative from Greenwich to the State Legislature, and is giving his time and talents to matters best calculated to advance the interests of his constituents. In his business ventures Mr. Mead has been successful, and has a fair share of this world's goods. He was one of the incorporators of the Greenwich Loan and Deposit Company, and has ever since been one of the directors of same. He is also a director of the Rippowam Manufacturing Company.

On January 11, 1860, Mr. Mead was married to Miss Sarah E. Mead, and to them have been born children as follows: Susan H., Louisa Merritt, Thomas A. (assistant cashier Greenwich Trust and Deposit Company, married May B. Roys, of Brooklyn), Amelia Willis, Seaman Mott, and Edward (died in infancy). Seaman Mott Mead was mustered into the United States service for the Spanish-American war, at Niantic, Conn., July 2, 1898, and became a member of Company K, Third Conn. Vol. Inf.; was stationed at Camp Meade, Middletown, Penn., Camp Marion, Summerville, S. C., and Camp Onward, Savannah, Ga. He was mustered out at Savannah, March 20, 1899. Mrs. Mead was born February 2, 1839, a daughter of Edward and Susan (Merritt) Mead. After their marriage our subject and his wife resided at Stanwich for a short time, then came to Greenwich, where they have since resided. In 1892 Mr. Mead built his present commodious and modern home, which is one of the most beautiful and complete in its appointments of any in that locality. Socially, the family occupy a high position in the community.

CHARLES HENDRIE, a highly esteemed resident of Stamford, has been for many years prominently identified with agricultural interests in that locality. He was born about seventy years ago in the house in which he now resides, a pleasant residence on Prospect avenue, Stamford, and the place was formerly owned and operated as a farm by his father, Capt. Charles Hendrie.

Captain Hendrie, who was of Scotch ancestry, was born August 26, 1790. He became connected with a line of boats running from Boston, Mass., and later was captain of the steamboat "Citizen," running from New York City to Stamford, where he made his home. On November 16, 1818, he married his first wife, Hannah Maria Lockwood, of Greenwich, who was born November 29, 1793, and died March 19, 1849. On October 12, 1850, he married Sarah Ann Lounsbury. He died October 8, 1873. By his first marriage he had eight children, whose names with dates of birth are as follows: Letitia L., October 15, 1819; John W., November 18, 1821; Hannah M., November 20, 1823; Amelia Ann and Emily Jane (twins), April 6, 1826; Charles, May 8, 1828; Joshua Beal, April 19, 1830; and James Albert, May 31, 1834. By the second marriage there were four children: Hannah M., March 7, 1852; Emma Jane, October 22, 1853; Mary A., October 29, 1855, and Hannah M., October 28, 1857, who married C. O. Millen.

Our subject grew to manhood at the old homestead in Stamford, his education being obtained in the schools of that locality and in Greenwich. Being reared to agricultural work, and finding it congenial, he has always followed it as an occupation, and his judicious management has won for him a substantial success in this calling. He is in sympathy with all movements which tend to benefit the community, and is a leading member of the Congregational Church at Sound Beach. On November 4, 1850, he married Miss Caroline E. Ferris, daughter of Gideon Ferris, a well-known citizen of Greenwich. Of the seven children of this union three are now living: (1) William Albert, born January 20, 1852, died April 4, 1889. (2) Gideon Ferris, born September 28, 1853, was married September 10, 1881, to Miss Fannie L. Ayers, daughter of David Ayers, and they have had five children—Daisy (deceased), Mabel Louise, Grace Elizabeth, Harold Russell and Florence. (3) Caroline E., born August 26, 1855, married Joel B. Ford, of Sound Beach. (4) Mary L., born April 7, 1858, married H. G. Ridabock, of New York City. (5) Clinton, born October 15, 1860, died June 23, 1897. (6) Charles F., born June 19, 1863, died February 2, 1893. (7) Emma Jane, born September 8, 1868, died October 18, 1868.

JUDGE HOWARD B. SCOTT, a member of the firm of Tweedy, Scott & Whittlesey, leading lawyers of Danbury, is an able and talented man, and his grasp of legal principles has made him especially prominent in the judicial branch of the profession. For many years he has been a justice of the peace and an associate judge of the city court, and he now presides over the latter tribunal.

Judge Scott was born August 25, 1851, at

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Bridgeport, this county, and comes of excellent ancestry. On the paternal side he is a great-grandson of James and Sally Scott, and a grandson of David and Betsey (Burr) Scott, residents of Ridgefield. Albert Scott, the father of our subject, was born June 2, 1815, at Ridgefield, and became first a harnessmaker and then a dealer in harness. His death occurred in 1893, and his wife, Caroline (Seeley), died in 1891. She was born in Cheshire, Conn., August 15, 1819, the daughter of David and Theodosia (Lewis) Seeley, and was a member of an old family. Four children were born to Albert and Caroline Scott, viz.: Mary E.; Howard B.; Albert L., who is a physician in New York City; and William D., now a resident of Portland, Oregon.

The Judge passed his early life at Bridgeport, where he attended the public schools, also a private school for boys taught by William O. Seymour, afterward a railroad commissioner. In 1870 he entered Amherst College, and on graduating four years later he engaged in teaching at Greenwich, Conn., continuing thus until July, 1876. He then entered the law office of Brewster & Tweedy, at Danbury, and prepared for the Bar, to which he was admitted in July, 1878. He has since been identified with the firm with which he began his legal studies, the style being for some time Brewster, Tweedy & Scott. In September, 1892, Judge Brewster retired, and the firm of Tweedy, Scott & Whittlesey was formed, They have a large business, handling many important cases, and all the members stand high in the profession.

Judge Scott is a member of the First Congregational Church of Danbury, and is active in various progressive movements, being especially interested in educational affairs; for a number of years he has served on the board of education as acting school visitor. Politically he upholds the doctrines of the Republican party. The Judge is not married.

DOCTOR JOHN HENRY McARDLE. Of the young professional men of Fairfield county, none stands higher in the estimation of his numerous friends and acquaintances than the gentleman whose name introduces this review.

Born September 2, 1873, in Brooklyn, N. Y., Doctor McArdle is a son of Patrick McArdle, a native of County Armagh, Ireland, who came to America when a young man, settling in Brooklyn. He is a stone-cutter by trade, and has followed that occupation thus far through life. His wife, formerly Ellen Murphy, was also a native of Ireland, born in Wexford. Their marriage was blessed with five children, namely: Edward, deceased; Francis, chief examiner in the Lawyers Title Insurance Company, Brooklyn, with residence in New York; Ellen, a member of one of the Sisterhoods of the Catholic Church in New York City; John H., mentioned more fully farther on; and Mary, deceased. The father of this father is a Democrat in his political views. He is a member of the Catholic Church, as was also the mother. She died July 7, 1880.

Dr. John H. McArdle came to Westport when seven years of age to reside with his aunt, Mrs. Michael Cluar, and here he received his elementary education. In April, 1892, at the age of eighteen years, he entered the New York College of Dentistry, from which he was graduated in the class of 1895, and during the summer months of each year practiced in the City Infirmary. In his senior year he and a classmate were appointed to take charge of the Dental Department connected with the Good Samaritan Hospital in New York City. The same year he returned to Westport, where he located in practice and has ever since remained. He is well up in his profession, and, having the reputation of being a skillful and a most careful dentist, he has succeeded in building up a good practice, and is making the record and success to which his studies, habits and energy entitle him. Socially, he is a member of the Order of Foresters, and in his religious views he is a Roman Catholic, holding membership with the Church of that denomination at Westport. In politics he is a Democrat, and he is at present serving as a member of the board of education. As yet he is unmarried.

CRODMAN TOWNSEND, M. D., a successful physician and surgeon of Bridgeport, is a representative of a family which has long been noted for ability, enterprise and public spirit, its members having distinguished themselves in various lines of effort.

All of the name in the United States are supposed to be descended from one common ancestor, the Doctor's great-great-grandfather, Martin Townsend, who came from England about 1700, and whose large family of children settled in different parts of the country, the great-grandfather of our subject locating in Massachusetts. Among the men of note who have sprung up from this stock is Hon. Martin I. Townsend, of Troy, N. Y. (a cousin of our subject's father), a leader in the Republican party and formerly a United States senator. By inter-marriage the family has become connected with honorable lines of rela-

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tionship, and an uncle of our subject, the late Col. Daniel Rodman, of Hartford, Conn., served as an officer in the Civil war.

Daniel Norton Townsend, the Doctor's grandfather, was born in Dunham, Province of Quebec, Canada, and a portion of his life was spent in Canada, where he was extensively engaged in business as a merchant and hotel-keeper. He married Charlotte Cross, of the same place.

Charles M. Townsend, the father of our subject, was born in Canada, and in early manhood went to Troy, N. Y., to learn the harnessmaker's trade. For thirty years past he has made his home in Lansingburg, N. Y., being still connected with the harness business. He married Miss Martha A. Pullinger, a native of Philadelphia, who was reared in Hartford, Conn. Her father, Thomas Pullinger, was probably of German descent, and was for many years a resident of Philadelphia. To Charles M. and Martha Townsend five children were born: Albert C., a florist in Troy, N. Y.; Hattie S., wife of Dr. Stephen Welsh, a physician in Providence, R. I.; C. Rodman, our subject; and Bessie and Grace (twins), of whom Grace died in 1889.

Doctor Townsend was born April 6, 1870, in Lansingburg, N. Y., where he received a good practical education, graduating from both the academy and high school. He then entered Albany Medical College, and on completing his course, in 1894, he took a competitive examination for the post of junior and senior assistant and house physician and surgeon of the Albany Hospital. Being successful in this difficult test, he served sixteen months in that position, and on November 10, 1896, he established himself in practice at Bridgeport, where he quickly won recognition. During the first four months of his stay he filled the unexpired term of the former city physician, and he has since been in active general practice. The Doctor is popular socially. He is a member of the City, County and State Medical Associations, and is the official physician, and Chief Washington of the Brotherhood of the Union, Progressive Circle No. 2, at Bridgeport; also medical examiner for the A. O. U. W.; and is a member of the Ancient Essenic Order at Albany, N. Y. Politically he is an Independent. He is unmarried.

CHESTER E. BLACKMAN, M. D., of Bridgeport, is a young man of marked ability, and his success in professional work points to a brilliant career. He was born February 5, 1873, in Danbury, this county, and is of English descent in the paternal line.

Dr. Blackman's education was begun in Danbury, and on leaving the high school he learned the tool-maker's trade, which he followed some six years. He then entered upon a preparatory course of medical reading under the direction of Dr. F. C. Graves, of Bridgeport, with whom he studied about two years. Two years were spent in the medical department of the University of Vermont, but his course was completed at the Long Island College Hospital, where he was graduated in 1897, receiving Dudley Memorial medal for prize-essay on a surgical case. He received an appointment as physician for the Bridgeport City Hospital, but, declining, he engaged in practice, opening an office at No. 280 State street, Bridgeport. From the first he met with success, and after six months he removed to his present office at No. 1184 Stratford avenue. He is a member of the Bridgeport Medical Association, and socially he is identified with various clubs and other organizations, including the Park City Yacht Club, Scottish Clans, the Sons of St. George, the I. O. O. F. (Adelphine Lodge No. 80, at Bridgeport), and the Alpha Kappa Kappa (Delta Chapter), a college fraternity. In politics he is a stanch Republican, but does not aspire to prominence in official life, his profession absorbing his attention.

EDWIN S. GIFFORD, justice of the peace at Long Ridge, in the town of Stamford, Fairfield county, where for many years he has carried on his carriage and wagon-making business, was born March 29, 1830, at Canaan, Columbia Co., N. Y. He comes of good old Revolutionary stock, his grandfather, Amaziah Gifford, having been a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He was a native of Rhode Island, and removing thence settled in Canaan; Columbia Co., N. Y., where he spent his remaining years engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Rev. Isaac S. Gifford, father of Edwin S., was born at Canaan, N. Y., was reared there, and became a member of the Baptist Church. After entering the ministry he preached for four years in his native town, later having charge at Berlin, N. Y., for eight years, after which he was in Bedford, N. Y., where he preached ten years, when he returned to his first Church, which had been removed to the town of Chatham; subsequently he took charge of the Baptist Church at Banksville, in the town of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn. He passed away at Berlin, N. Y., aged seventy-eight years. At Canaan, N. Y., he was united in marriage to Annice Ford, and they became the parents of five children: Amanda L.,

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who lives in New York City; Horace C., a resident of Berlin, N. Y.; Silas D., who is deceased; Edwin S.; and Sarah Jane, deceased.

Edwin S. Gifford spent his early years in the town of his birth, receiving the advantages afforded by the public schools of Canaan and Berlin, N. Y., of which he made good use. He commenced to learn his trade, carriage and wagon making, before he was eighteen years old, but at that time he worked at it only a few weeks when he commenced teaching school, to which profession he devoted himself until he was twenty-one, having the school at Bedford, N. Y. Here he resumed his trade and served an apprenticeship of two years, finally, in 1856, coming to Fairfield county, Conn., and settling at Long Ridge, in the town of Stamford, where he has since made his home. During the forty odd years of his residence here he has been successfully engaged in business on his own account, at first giving all his attention to carriage and wagon making, in 1872 adding the undertaking business, which he has since continued. Mr. Gifford has worked steadily all his life, and his present circumstances are sufficient evidence that his industry has been to some purpose. His neighbors all around admire and respect him for his sterling qualities of mind and heart, and he has had their good will and more substantial cheer in the way of patronage all along his path to success. As above stated, he is at present serving as justice of the peace, and has held that position for a number of years. Originally a Know-Nothing in political sentiment, his views have changed with the progress of the times, and he is now an ardent Republican in national issues, holding himself independent in local affairs.

Mr. Gifford's first marriage took place in Bedford, N. Y., where he wedded Hannah M. Brown, daughter of Hezekiah M. Brown. She died in 1860, and he was subsequently married, January 30, 1862, at Chatham, N. Y., to Harriet J. Searles, of Stamford, daughter of Ira Searles, his father performing the ceremony. To this union were born six children, namely: George E., Charles L., Annice Ford, Ira Searles, Jennie L., and May E., of whom two are deceased—Charles L. and Annice Ford. George is a civil engineer in Stamford, and Ira S. is a bookkeeper in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Gifford is a Baptist in religious belief.

THADDEUS BELL, who is at present holding the offices of clerk and treasurer of the town of Darien, is one of the leading citizens of that locality, and for many years he has been active in business and political life. His family is well known in this county, his ancestors having settled here at an early date.

Mr. Bell is a descendant of Francis Bell, who located at Stamford in 1641, and a grandson of Thaddeus Bell, a member of the Legislature for thirteen terms from the towns of Darien and Stamford. Hon. Holly Bell, the father of the present Thaddeus, was a native of Darien, and made his home there throughout his life, engaging first in agricultural pursuits, and later taking the position of station agent in the village. He was influential in local affairs, being elected five times to the State Legislature, and for a number of years he served as colonel in the militia. He died in 1887, aged ninety-three, and the death of his wife, whose maiden name was Abigail Scofield, occurred six months later. They had eight children, four of whom are now living: Charles E., a resident of California; Thaddeus; Julia F., widow of Charles G. Morehouse; and Mary L., widow of John G. Simonds. Abigail Scofield was a descendant of John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley, daughter of John Tilley and wife, all passengers on the "Mayflower."

Mr. Bell was born in 1831 at the old home in Darien, and was educated in the common schools of that locality. At the age of eighteen he went to New York City and engaged in shipbuilding, in which he spent about four years in that and other places. Some work in connection with a railroad took him to Chicago, Ill., for a year, but owing to illness he returned home. On his recovery he engaged in railroad business in this locality, and in 1861 he resumed the work of shipbuilding at the navy yard, Brooklyn, N. Y. His next employment was as station agent at Darien, and after a year in that position he spent two years in the United States navy as assistant paymaster. Since locating permanently at Darien he has been engaged in contracting, and of late has been interested in mercantile business. As a citizen he is held in high esteem, and he is one of the trusted leaders of the Republican organization of his neighborhood. For eight years he was selectman of his town, and for four years he held the office of postmaster, while he is now serving as town clerk and treasurer, and represents the town of Darien in the General Assembly of Connecticut.

In 1854 Mr. Bell married Miss Caroline E. Morehouse, daughter of Henry Morehouse, of this county (who was a member of the State Legislature for five terms), and five children have blessed their union. Three are yet living: Alfred B., now a resident of Denver, Colo., who in 1897 married Miss Grace Dauchy Smith, of

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that city; Miss Grace L., a student at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Clarence W., now teller in the First National Bank at Stamford, Conn., and who resides in Darien. Mr. and Mrs. Bell are both members of the Congregational Church at Darien, and the family have always been active in the various branches of work carried on by that society.

HORACE BURR BANKS, an intelligent, well-to-do farmer, and one of the upright and respected citizens of Fairfield township, Fairfield county, Conn., is a worthy example of the type of progressive and thrifty agriculturists who make their home in this community, and he is "native here," having been born January 29, 1831, on the farm adjoining the one he now owns and occupies.

Mr. Banks is a grandson of Nehemiah and Sarah (Sherwood) Banks, farming people, who removed about 1816 from Ridgefield to near Westport, Conn., and later took up their residence in Hulls Farms, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Their family was a large one, and John, the father of Horace B. Banks, was the youngest. He was born in September, 1802, and was reared to farm life, receiving in his boyhood such advantages for education as were afforded by the public schools of his day. He came to Fairfield from Woodchuck, in the town of Ridgefield, and was married, in Cross Highway, to Miss Caroline Ogden, a daughter of Hezekiah Ogden, after which he and his wife commenced housekeeping on the farm where they passed the rest of their days, in Fairfield township. Mr. Banks owned but a small tract at first, on which he built his home and commenced farming on his own account, but by constant industry and thrift he prospered as the years went by, became a successful farmer, and at his death left a very comfortable estate. He and his family were prominent members of the Congregational Church, in whose work he took an active part, and he held the office of deacon for forty years. He was a Republican in politics, and a regular voter. During his prime Mr. Banks was a vigorous, active man, always a hard worker, and he was unusually powerful, his feats of strength being unequalled here in his day, though he never under any circumstances boasted of his strength, and his disposition was kind and peaceable. His death, which occurred in 1886, was the result of an accident, a nail which had run into his foot causing gangrene, which proved fatal. Mrs. Banks passed away in 1891, and both are interred in Oaklawn cemetery. They had a family of three children: Angeline, who became the wife of Moses Banks, and died in Greenfield Hill; Horace B.; and Eliza F., wife of Rev. George W. Banks, of Guilford, Connecticut.

Horace B. Banks received his early training in the Hulls Farms District school, where Timothy M. Banks was one of his earliest teachers, and later he attended Zalmon Wakeman's private school, at Greenfield Hill, where he finished his literary education. He was reared at home to farm life, and immediately after his marriage settled on the land which he has since cultivated, which at that time was entirely unimproved and without buildings of any sort. He is at present the owner of seventy-two acres of valuable and desirable land, improved and worked in the most modern manner, and he has the reputation of being one of the most intelligent, successful farmers of this region, a man who is respected and looked up to by all, not only for the prosperous position he has gained by his own efforts, but also for the sterling integrity and high principle which has marked all his life. He is a good citizen and well-liked as a neighbor and friend, while his circle of acquaintances is a wide one, for he is possessed of a jovial, good-natured disposition which makes him a favorite with all.

On February 25, 1855, Mr. Banks was united in marriage with Miss Sally M. Burr, of Fairfield, an intelligent young lady, who was born December 11, 1837, in Burr's Highway, daughter of John and Sarah (Nichols) Burr. Mrs. Banks received her education in the schools of the district in which she lived, Seth Bradley being one of her first teachers, and when fourteen years old she commenced teaching in Hoyden's Hill District, engaging as teacher for five or six terms in all. Mr. and Mrs. Banks have two sons—John E. and George A.—the former of whom is a carpenter at Hulls Farms; he married Miss Sarah L. Fanton, of Weston, and has three children—Georgia Anna, Sarah F. and John Horace. When Georgia was one year old she was one of a group in a family picture in which five generations were represented. George A., the second son, who is a painter in Southport, married Minnie V. Jennings, daughter of Edwin and Helen (Gould) Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Banks are prominent members and active workers in the Congregational Church at Greenfield Hill, where he has served as leader of the choir and on the committee of the society. Politically, he is a stanch member of the Republican party, and votes regularly, but he is no office-seeker, preferring to devote all his time and attention to his private interests.

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HENRY H. BAIRD. The life of the subject of this sketch, a representative self-made man, presents a striking example of enterprise, industry and integrity conducting to eminent success. He was a native of Connecticut, born in Trumbull, Fairfield county, October 1, 1825.

Ebenezer Beard, grandfather of our subject, was born in Huntington, Fairfield Co., Conn. He served his country in the Revolutionary war. By marriage with Anna Thompson he had children as follows, all now deceased: Samuel (died young), Ebenezer, Aaron, William, Pamelia, Elam and Ely.

Elam Beard, father of Henry H. Baird, was born, in 1801, in Huntington, Conn., and died in 1880. He taught school when a young man, later becoming a manufacturer of broadcloth at Trumbull, Conn. His health becoming impaired, he removed to Stepney, Conn., where he became a farmer. He was a member of the M. E. Church. He married Esther, daughter of Isaac Cables, who died in 1840. By her he had the following children: Henry H., the subject of this sketch; John Judson, a resident of Stepney; Eliza, widow of A. L. Winton, of Bridgeport; Julia A., deceased; William, living in Bethel; Pamelia, wife of Charles B. Wheeler, of Stepney; Sarah, married to Ira Penfield, of Danbury; and George H. (deceased). For his second wife he married Minerva Bennett, who died in 1883, the mother of the following children: Mary E., wife of Edward Corning, of Stepney; Katherine, who married Thomas Trimble, of Brooklyn; Frances, wife of Benjamin Hurd, of Monroe; Caroline, wife of Birdsye Sherman, of Stepney; and Anson (deceased).

Henry H. Baird, whose name introduces this sketch, received a common-school education in the schools of Trumbull and Stepney, and worked on a farm until he was seventeen years old, at which time he entered upon an apprenticeship with Henry Bodwell, of Newark, N. J., to learn the trade of hatter. Prior to this, however, he had been associated with Marcellus Jackson, at Stepney, two years, learning the boot-making trade, but had to abandon it on account of ill health. At the age of twenty-two years he moved to Bethel, and worked as journeyman hatter until 1854, when he commenced in the general merchandise business on Main street, Bethel, and continued in same until 1869. He served as first selectman eleven years, and during the Civil war period was, by virtue of his position, recruiting officer; he was also first constable of the town of Bethel. In 1869 he exchanged his store for a farm, whereon he remained two years. In August, 1871, he bought stock in the Bethel Hat Forming Company, which was organized November 18, 1865, by G. A. Hickok (now deceased), Nathan Seeley, Horace E. Hickok, A. R. Stevens (of Danbury), George J. Hopkins, Peter Starr and Isaac H. Seeley (the last four being now deceased). He was secretary and manager of the company from 1871 until his death.

In November, 1853, Henry H. Baird was united in marriage at Newtown, Conn., with Orphia C. Shepard, daughter of Hart and Charlotte (Platt) Shepard. Children as follows were born to them: John H.; and George S., who died at the age of twenty-six years. Our subject had always been an active Republican, was a member of the Congregational Church for nearly thirty years, and one of its trustees, holding this office continually for many years. To some extent Mr. Baird dealt in real estate, and in all his efforts he met with well-earned success. He died September 26, 1897, aged seventy-two years.

Few men of the town have been more closely identified with its industrial or general interests. He was one whose influence was felt, and his judgment consulted in all public affairs. Foremost in all moral reforms having to do with the thrift and sobriety of working men, he was especially their friend; his assistance was never withheld, when sought by worthy young men. His benevolence toward the needy, while never ostentatious, was very wide. No good cause solicited his interest in vain. In the Church of which he was a member, he was always active in seeking its welfare, and one of the most liberal givers. His manner was quiet, even reserved; he never sought the favor of preferment of his townsmen, but was foremost in their esteem. He was an intense worker, carrying every detail of his private or corporate business in his mind almost to the day of his death.

HART SHEPARD, mentioned above, who through the first half of the present century was a substantial citizen and farmer of Newtown, was a son of George and Phebe (Hull) Shepard, farming people in the Head of the Meadow District. He was born on his father's farm November 5, 1801, and was of the seventh generation from Edward Shepard, of Cambridge, Mass., the line of his descent being through John, John, John, Timothy and George Shepard [See Shepard genealogy.] In his earlier years he learned the comb-maker's trade, and for a time worked at same, but he was throughout life chiefly engaged in agricultural pursuits. Before the Civil war he was a Democrat, but afterward became a Republican. He was a repected citizen, and for a number of years, along in the early "fifties," he served as select-

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man. His death occurred August 29, 1864. His wife, formerly Charlotte Platt, daughter of Ephraim Platt, was born August 2, 1803, and died December 12, 1855. To this marriage were born children as follows: Mary A. is the widow of Jacob Weeks, and resides in Norwalk; Augustus F. died in New Orleans, La.; Orphia C. is the widow of the late H. H. Baird, of Bethel, Conn.; Z. Towner died September 25, 1875; and John W. is a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota.

EDWIN S. HOLLY, a successful merchant of Stamford, is one of the leading citizens of that locality, and for many years has taken an influential part in municipal and township affairs as a member of the Republican organization. He is descended from good pioneer stock, and has well sustained the prestige of his name, displaying in full measure the qualities of enterprise and thrift which won success for his forefathers.

Edwin S. Holly (1), the father of our subject, was born January 4, 1800, in Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., and after receiving a district-school education there, engaged in mercantile pursuits, which he followed throughout life, being one of the chief business men of the town. In politics he was a Whig, and he was active in religious work as a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, in which he held the office of treasurer for many years and for some time served as vestryman. He was married, in the town of Stamford, to Miss Mary E. Howe, by whom he had the following named children: Sarah Lavina, deceased; Mary E.; Edwin S., our subject, who is mentioned more fully below; and Henry H. and John I., residents of New York City.

Our subject was born, February 14, 1838, at the old home in Stamford, and secured his education in the public schools of the town and a private school conducted by John W. Hendrie. On leaving school he was employed for a year as clerk in E. F. Boyer's dry-goods store, and then going to New York City, clerked for a year and a half in a large dry-goods store in Eighth avenue. Returning to Stamford, he resumed his position with Mr. Boyer, remaining with him for another year; but after the death of his father he went to Hartford, Ohio, and engaged in mercantile business on his own account. Two years there sufficed to teach him that there is "no place like home," either for business or pleasure. Accordingly he came back to Stamford and engaged as a dry-goods merchant with H. A. Hubbard, under the firm name of Hubbard & Holly, their store being located in Atlantic street. Later they built a store in Park Row, the same now occupied by our subject, but in 1873 they dissolved partnership and went out of business, Mr. Holly going to New Jersey, where he took charge of his brother's stock farm for two years. Afterward he went west, spending a short time in California and Arizona, and since his return to Stamford he has been engaged in the dry-goods business at the old stand, where, through his able and judicious management, he has built up a fine trade.

From early manhood Mr. Holly has been interested in the Republican party, and his popularity among all classes of citizens has made him an available candidate on the party ticket. Since 1869 he has been a member of the board of burgesses, being re-elected at the expiration of each term, and for five years—1887–88–89–90–92—he was elected to the office of warden. In 1885 he served as selectman of his town, and after being again chosen to that position in 1891 he was retained continuously in that office until 1899, his work in every position of trust being faithfully performed, with one regard for the interests of the public. Mr. Holly is prominent socially, being identified with St. John's Episcopal Church as vestryman, and belongs to various fraternal organizations, including Union Lodge, F. & A. M.; Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11, R. A. M.; and Washington Council No. 6. He has never married.

LEWIS BEARDSLEY, Stratford. William Beardsley, the pioneer of the family of that name in the United States, who have given to the country many noted statesmen, jurists and ecclesiastics, came from England in 1635, in the ship "Planter," settling in Stratford, Conn., in 1639. The Hon. Morris Beardsley and Mrs. Charles F. Wood (*née* Beardsley) are lineal descendants of William Beardsley, of Stratford-on-Avon, England, later of Stratford, Conn. Henry Beardsley died August 13, 1806; his wife, Christina, died February 27, 1823. Of this pioneer strain comes also the subject of this sketch.

Lewis Beardsley, whose name introduces this sketch, was born June 8, 1831, at the Beardsley some in the borough of Stratford, a son of Wilhon Beardsley, who died May 18, 1865, and a grandson of William Beardsley, who died August 28, 1841. Philo, a brother of William, died February 20, 1846.

The last named was born in the town of Stratford, and was a lifelong farmer there. By his marriage with a Miss Beach he had a family of six children, named respectively: Wilson, Lu-

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cretia, Harry, Charles, Stephen and Sarah. Of these, Wilson was the father of our subject; Lucretia married a Mr. Crawford, a native of the town of Stratford; Harry was first a shoemaker, later a farmer in Stratford town; Charles was also a shoemaker in that town, and died there; Stephen was a carpenter; and Sarah wedded Benjamin Califf, of Bridgeport.

Wilson Beardsley was born April 15, 1796, in the same house as was his son, our subject, and died May 18, 1865, after a busy life devoted to agricultural pursuits. By his wife, Louisa (Smith, daughter of Amos Smith, of the town of Milford, New Haven county, he had two children: Charles Frederick and Lewis, the former of whom died October 13, 1843, when yet a young man. Their mother passed from earth March 11, 1882, a devout Episcopalian, as was also her husband. In his political predilections he was first a Whig, afterward a Republican.

Lewis Beardsley, the subject proper of this review, received all his education at the public schools of the neighborhood of his birthplace, and was reared to farming pursuits, which he has followed all his life. In 1855 he married Miss Martha A. Perry, who was born in Stratford, a daughter of William M. Perry, of that place, and eight children blessed their union, a brief record of whom is as follows: Mary L., born August 3, 1856, married November 5, 1890, to Daniel C. Wood, of Stratford; she died September 11, 1897. Evert L., born December 25, 1858, was married May 25, 1882, to Miss Hattie C. Hoyt, of Stratford; their daughter, Bessie H. Beardsley, was born November 19, 1887; this wife died November 5, 1895, and on October 12, 1898, he married Miss Sarah L. Cordon, of Bridgeport, Conn. Frederick P., born May 29, 1861, married Estelle Todd, of Stratford, May 30, 1883. Arthur L., their son, was born May 15, 1889. Susan A., born December 25, 1863, married Samuel E. Smith, of Bridgeport, Conn., June, 1887; her two children are Addie L., born August 25, 1891, and Arthur, born August 26, 1895; she died January 24, 1898. Sidney S., born December 27, 1866, married Miss Ona Curtis, of Stratford, October 31, 1894; Sidney Russell, their son, was born July 11, 1897. Charles N., born July 22, 1869, married, September 4, 1895, Miss Minnie Kutscher, of Bridgeport, Conn. Elbert M., born November 10, 1871, married September 4, 1895, to Miss Carrie L. Plum, of Stratford; their children were Lewis H., born September 20, 1896, died March 8, 1897, and Ethel May, born October 14, 1898. Frank W., born April 27, 1874, was married August 18, 1898, to Miss Lily Cordon, of Bridgeport; their daughter, Lydia Wilson, was born November 7, 1898. Of the above-named family, Evert L., Charles N. and Frank W. are all three in the employ of Eaton, Cole & Burnam, Bridgeport; Frederick P. is a hardware merchant in Stratford, and Elbert M. is clerking with him; Sidney S. is a contractor and carpenter in Stratford.

Mr. Beardsley is the owner of about twelve acres of land that has been in the possession of the family some two hundred years, and in quality and fertility is second to none in the county. In politics he is a Republican, as are all of his sons. In municipal affairs he has served as selectman, also as road commissioner several times, and he is pleased to be able to say, truthfully, that he has always taken an active part in matters of public concern and tending to the general good of the community at large.

ALPHEUS G. BAKER. The ancestors of this well-known business man of Hawleyville were among the early settlers of Litchfield county, and the old homestead in the ancient town of Woodbury (now Washington) has been occupied by four generations of the family. The records of the first settlers of the name are now complete, and Cothren's "History of Ancient Woodbury" is referred to for particulars.

Ira Baker, the grandfather of our subject, was born at the old homestead, and in early manhood engaged in agricultural pursuits. He took an influential part in local affairs, and was regarded as one of the leading men of the town. In 1861 he was accidentally killed by the discharge of a gun.

The late Samuel A. Baker, our subject's father, inherited the homestead, and he lived on it until about five years before his death, which occurred in 1880. He was a man of fine natural abilities, and as his prudence and good judgment were proved by success in his own enterprises he was often called upon to act for others in the capacity of guardian, trustee and administrator of estates. He was a leader in the Democratic organization, and was for a great many years first selectman of his town. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian, and for many years served as vestryman and warden in St. John's Church at Washington. He married Miss Elizabeth M. Hickok (a daughter of Austin and Betsy Hickok, of Naugatuck, Conn.), who died in September, 1898, at the age of eighty years; her death was the direct result of a fall. Mrs. Elizabeth M. Baker was a woman endowed with an exceptionally beautiful character, and she died beloved by

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every man, woman and child who had ever had the good fortune to come in contact with her.

Our subject, the only son of the above union, was born at the old homestead May 20, 1847. His education, except for a few terms at outside boarding school, was acquired in the public and private schools of his native town, Washington having achieved almost a National reputation for the excellency of its private schools. Later, however, he spent one summer in the law office of Judge Origen S. Seymour, at Litchfield, Conn., where he studied business law and forms. His business career began as a clerk and later as a partner in the establishment of E. J. Hurlburt, who then carried on a general country store. When, in 1870, the Shepaug railroad was built through Washington Mr. Baker was early on the ground, and he secured a desirable half-acre of land near where the depot was finally located and erected the first building in what is now the thriving village of Washington Depot. He formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr. S. L. Brinsmade, and these two young men started a general mercantile business. As their patronage increased each year they added new buildings, in which were carried on tailoring, millinery, harnessmaking, shoemaking, tinning and plumbing, a furniture business, a market and post office, in addition to the original line of general merchandise as first started. Their business grew and expanded, and a thriving village sprang up around them, but the close attention necessitated by the many details of their large business soon began to undermine the health of both partners, and under medical advice the business was sold out in 1880.

Mr. Baker immediately went into the open-range cattle business in southwestern Colorado and northern New Mexico, a stock company being formed of which he was president. He moved at once to Colorado and took up his abode in a log cabin at the ranch in the mountains, some thirty miles from the nearest settlement, taking in as partner and co-worker on the range with him Mr. V. S. Weaver, who was formerly a clerk in his business at Washington. A wild mountainous range some sixty miles in length by fifteen in width between the Los Pinos and Piedra rivers was taken up and stocked with some 4,000 head of cattle. They were right in among the Navajoes, the Apaches and Southern Ute Indians, and at this time numerous bands of white and Mexican horse and cattle thieves infested the borders of the reservation. A band of cowboys were employed and Mr. Baker was in the saddle with them continually, sharing every hardship and danger. He experienced an exceedingly rough and hazardous time during the first initiatory years but this rough experience, it proved, was just the thing needed to bring his health up again to the "top notch." He used to go down to lower Texas and Mexico and gather herds of cattle for restocking the Colorado ranch, driving through from 1,500 to 2,000 head of cattle in a bunch, and spending four months on the trail, exposed by night and day to trouble from Mexicans, Indians and horse thieves, and also to the tremendous storms peculiar to that section during the rainy season (this being the only season when herds can be driven across the staked plains). There were quicksand streams to cross and big rivers to swim with the herd, and many hardships to overcome and endure that would be apt to make the average New England heart quail, and the interesting experiences Mr. Baker can relate about the "old Texas cow trail" would fill a book. His family and also his partners spent a number of summers at the ranch in the mountains, which ranch was in those days the paradise of the sportsmen who enjoyed hunting large game.

Mr. Baker's adventures were of so varied and interesting a nature that before long articles from his pen began to appear in the "Youth's Companion" and other Eastern periodicals, and his ability as a descriptive writer was soon recognized. He wrote for the New York *Tribune* on special topics and became western correspondent of the New York *Evening Post*, and penned for that publication many interesting articles descriptive of frontier life and customs, among which was a series on the Cliff dwellers and Pueblo Indians of New Mexico, and during the so called "Cutting embroglio" between the United States and Mexico, when war came so near over the unwarranted seizure and imprisonment without trial of Cutting, an American citizen, Mr. Baker was sent down into Mexico with instructions to obtain an interview with Cutting in his dungeon if possible. A regiment of Mexican soldiers were on guard about the old prison, yet Mr. Baker succeeded in eluding their vigilance and cleverly gained admission to the prison and had a personal interview with Cutting in his dungeon, a lengthy and interesting account of which appeared in the *Evening Post*, and Mr. Baker was afterward the recipient of a personal letter of commendation from the editor-in-chief.

When the hard times in the open range cattle business came on Mr. Baker closed out his interests in Colorado and New Mexico, and in the fall of 1891 we find him again a pioneer, this time at Hawleyville, Conn., where he erected and opened

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up his present large furniture emporium. Predictions of his inability to sustain so large an establishment at such an obscure point were rife in all communities, yet three years later he was compelled by increasing business to double his building plant, and the steady growth and far-reaching aspects of the business from this time on has been almost phenomenal; it now goes without saying that the "Hawleyville furniture warerooms" are among the best-known institutions of the State. The seeming ease with which Mr. Baker brought business from afar to his "Emporium in the howling wilderness" has been, and no doubt justly, attributed almost wholly to his original and unique style of advertising, which during the first years, when he was paying more attention to advertising, was the talk of the State, and some of his famous "ads" were copied into trade papers in every State in the Union.

Mr. Baker being the son of a prominent Democrat and reared in a Democratic atmosphere naturally voted that ticket, but in 1896 he squarely bolted the Chicago platform. He has never taken an active part in politics, and has persistently avoided "political honors." He is a member of Rising Sun Lodge No. 27, F. & A. M., at Washington, and a warden of St. John's Episcopal Church, in the same town.

In 1869 Mr. Baker married Miss Silence L. Brinsmade, a daughter of Thomas F. Brinsmade, of Washington, and two daughters and a son were born to this union: Elizabeth B. is a graduate of Prospect Hill Seminary at Hartford, Conn., and Julia L., a graduate of Howard Seminary, near Boston; the son, George F., is now a partner in the business with his father at Hawleyville.

WHITMAN S. MEAD, who is now serving as commissioner of Fairfield county and judge of probate in and for the township of Greenwich, is one of the most prominent citizens. As a representative of an old and highly esteemed family he would naturally enjoy an enviable standing in the community, but in addition to the prestige of an honored name he has won, through his own abilities and sterling qualities of character, the personal respect of all classes irrespective of party ties and sectarian bounds. For nearly two centuries and a half the Mead family has been identified with the town of Greenwich, and, while members of an earlier generation did gallant service in the cause of liberty in the Revolutionary war, later times have shown no diminution of public spirit as devoted to the varied progressive movements of our advancing civilization. In educational and religious work the family has been especially active, and from the first the Congregational Church at Greenwich has been largely sustained by them. Judge Mead is of the eighth generation of the name to reside in the township, and a brief review of his ancestry will appropriately introduce the story of his own life.

(I.) John Mead, the head of the family, came from England about the year 1642 with a brother Joseph, who located in Virginia. John Mead located first in Massachusetts, but afterward went to Hempstead, Long Island, and in 1660 he came to this section, making his home in Greenwich. He had two sons, John and Joseph, but the latter left no descendants.

(II.) John Mead, son of (I.) John, was the first of the name to acquire land in Greenwich, the records showing that he purchased a tract from Richard Crab, *et al.* He married Miss Potter, of Stamford, and died in 1696, leaving eleven children, viz.: John, Joseph, Jonathan, Ebenezer, Benjamin, Nathaniel, David, Samuel, Abigail, Mary and Susanna.

(III.) Ebenezer Mead, the next in the line of descent, was born in 1663 and died in 1728. He married Sarah Knapp, of Stamford, and had the following children: Ebenezer; Caleb; Sarah (Mrs. Jonathan Hobby); Hannah (Mrs. John Hobby); Jabez; David; Abigail (Mrs. Isaac Holmes); Susanna (Mrs. Moses Husted); and Jemima (Mrs. Moses Knapp).

(IV.) Ebenezer Mead, son of (III.) Ebenezer, was born October 25, 1692, and died May 3, 1775. He was married December 12, 1717, to Hannah Brown, of Rye, N. Y., and had twelve children, as follows: Ebenezer, born October 8, 1718, married Mary Mead, and his death occurred February 25, 1758; Silas, born May 22, 1720, married Mary Mead, and died in October, 1816; Abram (1), born June 15, 1721, became a minister, but died in 1742 at the age of twenty-one; Jonas, born December 25, 1725, is mentioned more fully below; Solomon, twin of Jonas, entered the Presbyterian ministry and settled in South Salem, N. Y.; Deliverance, born May 4, 1728, died May 3, 1785; Amos, born February 22, 1730, became a physician, and his death occurred February 24, 1807; Edmund, born in 1732, sailed for the West Indies in October, 1755, and was never again heard from; Hannah, born in 1735, died June 25, 1757; Jabez, born March 1, 1737, died September 14, 1766; Jared, born December 15, 1738, died May 2, 1832; and Abram (2), born December 14, 1742, who was always known as "Deacon Potter Mead," served in the Revolutionary army as an officer with the

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rank of captain, and was present at the battle of White Plains. He died December 24, 1827. Hannah Brown, the mother of this family, was a descendant of Sir Anthony Brown, of England, who was created a Knight of the Bath at the coronation of King Richard II. The ancestral home of the Browns was at Beckworth, in the County of Kent, England. In 1632 Thomas Brown, the great-grandfather of Hannah Brown, came to America from Rye, County of Sussex, England, and located at Concord, Mass. Of his two sons, Hachaliah and Thomas, the latter left no children. About 1664 they removed from Massachusetts to Rye township, Westchester Co., N. Y., where they spent their remaining years. Peter Brown, a son of Hachaliah, made his home at Rye, and his death occurred there about 1731. He married Martha Disbrow, a daughter of Peter Disbrow, and had the following children: Ebenezer, Peter, Nehemiah, Caleb, Elizabeth, Sarah, Rebecca and Hannah.

(V.) Jonas Mead, our subject's great-grandfather, who died September 14, 1785, was a prominent citizen of Greenwich in his day, and for years was a deacon in the Congregational Church. By his first wife, Sarah (Ferris), he had two sons, Solomon and Edmund, and by his second marriage, with Sarah Howe, he had three sons, of whom Jonas, our subject's grandfather, was the youngest. Noah, who was a farmer at Indian Field, this county, married Elizabeth Peck, but had no children, and he made Charles Mead, our subject's father, his heir. Mark was educated for the ministry, and became a clergyman of the Congregational Church.

(VI.) Jonas Mead, son of (V.) Jonas, was born April 13, 1784, and for many years followed farming in the town of Greenwich. He owned a large tract of land there, and the village of East Port Chester was founded upon a portion of his farm. As a citizen he was held in high esteem, being noted for his firm adherence to any course or policy which he thought right. He was one of the first advocates of the temperance cause in his locality, and took an active part in other movements, especially the Free-Soil agitation, in which he opposed the extension of slavery, and the anti-Masonic demonstration, in which he took strong ground against the society. For many years he was known far and near as Deacon Jonas, having been a deacon in the Congregational Church at Greenwich from 1828 until his death, which occurred August 2, 1871, at East Port Chester. His remains now rest in the Congregational cemetery at Greenwich. By his first wife, Hannah Hibbard, he had two children who lived to adult age, viz.: Hannah, who married Benjamin Mead, and Charles, our subject's father. His second wife, Hannah Mead, who was born May 25, 1788, and died January 27, 1874, was a daughter of Jared and Lydia (Smith) Mead, her father being the tenth son of (IV.) Ebenezer, and his wife, Hannah Brown. By the second marriage Jonas Mead had three children: Sarah, who died at the age of nine years, and Milo and Mark, both of whom are mentioned elsewhere.

(VII.) Charles Mead, the father of our subject, was born February 4, 1812, at Indian Field, this county, and when about eight years old accompanied his parents to their new home upon the farm, at the present site of East Port Chester. In December, 1843, he returned to the farm where he was born, and there he made his permanent home, being engaged in agriculture throughout his active life. He was a man of excellent judgment, and had a good education for his time, his district school course being supplemented with the study of higher branches in the academy at Greenwich. While he never was a politician, he took an earnest interest in public questions. In early life he was a Whig, later becoming an ardent supporter of the Republican party, the selection of fit standard bearers being to him an important matter as involving the success of the principles represented. He was a man of regular habits, and his chief interest was in the work of the Congregational Church, of which he was for years a leading member. In 1862 he was chosen to the office of deacon, and he served continuously until his death on January 9, 1898. While residing at East Port Chester he was married to Miss Rachel Sackett, the ceremony occurring December 31, 1838. She died July 18, 1885, and the remains of both were interred in the cemetery at Greenwich. They had five children, as follows: Sarah, now the widow of B. P. Brush, resides at Greenwich; Whitman S., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Mary E., widow of Zophar Mead, has one daughter, Bertha M., and spends her winters in New York City and her summers in Greenwich; Miss Hannah H. resides in Greenwich; and Charles N. is a merchant at Greenwich. Our subject's mother was born in Greenwich December 20, 1811, the daughter of John Sackett and granddaughter of Justus Sackett, a Revolutionary soldier. John Sackett married (first) Mary Mead, only daughter and third child of Whitman Mead, and sister of Whitman Mead, Jr., and Zophar Mead, all of Greenwich. She died at the age of thirty-five, and he afterward married Cornelia Olmstead. He had the

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following children, all by the first union: Henry L., formerly a merchant in New York City, who died in Greenwich, unmarried; Rachel, our subject's mother; Whitman, who died in early manhood at the beginning of what seemed a most promising career; Abigail, who married Gilbert Lent; Mary A., now Mrs. Charles Seaman, of Greenwich; William, who is not married and resides in Greenwich; and Thomas, who married Miss Sarah Kimball, of Fayetteville, N. C., and died in New York, leaving three daughters.

(VIII.) Whitman S. Mead was born April 17, 1841, at the old homestead at East Port Chester, but the greater portion of his boyhood was spent at Indian Field. His education was begun in the district school at Cos Cob, with a Mr. Treat as his first teacher, and at the age of twelve years he entered the academy at Greenwich, which was then conducted by that popular and efficient educator, Philander Button. On leaving school at the age of eighteen he became a clerk in a wholesale dry-goods house in New York City, but did not remain long, as the firm was composed entirely of Southern men who were even then preparing to close out the business in anticipation of war between the North and South, and who at once dissolved partnership on the election of Lincoln. Our subject then returned home, and for some time he gave his attention to the management of his father's farm, but of late years he has contented himself with simply overseeing the work in a general way, his other interests occupying his time. He is one of the trustees of the Greenwich Trust and Loan Company, also a director in the Rippowam Woolen Manufacturing Company, and at times has been interested in other business enterprises. He cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, and has ever since been a firm supporter of the principles of his party. His sound judgment and well-known public spirit have made him a popular candidate, and he has held various offices, including those of registrar of voters, and selectman. In July, 1891, he was appointed county commissioner by M. G. Bulkeley, as a result of a dead-lock then existing, and so well did he perform his duties that he has been kept in office ever since, on July 1, 1897, being chosen for another term of four years. In January, 1897, he assumed the duties of judge of probate, an office which he is well-qualified to fill acceptably, and in all these positions he has shown a rare fidelity to the interests of the public. Like all of his family, he shows ready sympathy with any beneficial work, and for a number of years he has been an active member of the Congregational Church at Greenwich. On February 9, 1871, he was married to Miss Sarah Sackett, who was born September 11, 1845, daughter of J. Ralph and Mary E. (Mead) Sackett, well-known residents of Greenwich. Since his marriage he has continued to reside on the old homestead at Indian Field, which has been in the possession of his family from its purchase in 1686. Four attractive daughters brighten his home: Julia B., Clara B., Helen F. and Marion E.

ELI H. STEVENS, one of the prominent and substantial farmers of the town of Brookfield, has resided for nearly forty years on the farm where he still makes his home. He is a descendant of Benjamin Stevens, who received a grant of a house lot from the town of Stamford for services against the common enemy, and whose father, Thomas Stevens, died in Stamford in 1658.

Zalmon Stevens, his grandfather, was a native of Brookfield, where he grew to manhood and married Paulina Warner. By this union were born three children, namely: Lucy, Betsey and Solomon Warner. The mother dying, Mr. Stevens was again married, the second choice being Lydia Williams, by whom he became the father of eight children: Caroline, Barlow, Charles, Almira, Alonzo, Edwin, George and Eliza. Zalmon Stevens was a man of fair education, and ranked high as an honest man and worthy member of the community. In politics he was a Democrat; he was a faithful and consistent member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and served as warden for a number of years. Solomon Warner Stevens, his son, was born May 27, 1801, and died October 6, 1856. His boyhood and youth were passed on a farm in the town of Brookfield, and on reaching man's estate he was married to Polly Ann Kellogg, a daughter of Ira Kellogg. This union was blessed with three children: Henry, who served through the Civil war, but is now deceased; Eli H., mentioned below; and Samuel B., now also deceased. The father of the family spent twelve years of his life burning lime at New Milford, and then passed the remainder of his days tilling the soil in his native town. He was prominent in local politics, casting his ballot in support of the Democratic party, and was honored by his neighbors and friends by being elected to a number of minor offices. Like his father before him, he, too, became warden in St. Paul's Church.

Eli H. Stevens, whose name appears at the opening of this sketch, was born in the town of Sherman, Fairfield Co., Conn., May 9, 1831,

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and his early days were all passed in this county in the towns of New Milford and Brookfield. He received his education in the district schools, and at the age of eighteen went to Naugatuck, in New Haven Co., Conn., where he learned the trade of a machinist. Later he was located for a time at various places—Mt. Carmel, in the town of Hamden, Bridgeport, and finally at Birmingham, Conn. In 1857 the steady application to his trade undermined his once robust constitution, and he returned to Brookfield and began farming. Mr. Stevens was twice married, his first wife being Miss Sarah M. Hubbard, of Norwalk, Conn.; she died in 1857, leaving one child, Seth Warner, who married Eleanor Logan, and has one child, J. Watson. After the death of his wife Mr. Stevens was wedded to Miss Catherine L. Stevens, a daughter of Ira Stevens. One child, a daughter, Sarah Catherine (now the wife of Nile Hendrickson, by whom she had one child, George), blessed this union. In 1862 Mr. Stevens removed to his present farm, and its well-cared-for fields indicate the industry and thrift of its owner. The place has been greatly improved under his management, and is one of the comfortable and beautiful spots in Brookfield.

At New Haven Mr. Stevens was a member of Harmony Lodge, I. O. O. F., and of the Encampment at Birmingham. Politically, he affiliates with the Republican party, and takes a keen interest in the political issues of the day. He is now serving as a member of the Board of Relief of the town. Wise in the administration of his own affairs, careful of the interests of others entrusted to him, he stands high in the estimation of the best element of the community.

MOSES S. MATHER, the senior member of the well-known firm of Mather & Grumman, general merchants at Darien, is one of the leading citizens of that locality, and the following sketch of his life will be read with more than usual interest.

Mr. Mather is a representative of an old family of Fairfield county, and some of his ancestors took a prominent part in the various movements which resulted in the establishment of our present religious and social institutions. Rev. Moses Mather, D. D., who organized the Congregational Church in Darien on June 5, 1744, was the great-great-grandfather of our subject. George Mather, father of Moses S., was a native of the town of Darien, and for many years conducted a prosperous mercantile business there. He was much esteemed in the community and often held local offices, serving for a number of years as a justice of the peace. He died in 1878, and his wife, Mary Ann (Whitney), who was also born in the town of Darien, passed to the unseen life in 1885. They had seven children who lived to mature age: Charles Milton; Moses S.; Mary F., deceased wife of Zalmon Richards; George M.; Cordelia A., deceased; Sarah A., wife of Albert H. Scofield, a member of one of the oldest families of the town; and John C., of Darien, who is in business in New York City.

Mr. Mather, our subject, was born in 1831 in Darien, and received his education in the local schools. When twenty years old he went to Ohio, but remained only a year, and on his return engaged in the mercantile business in which he has ever since been interested.

In 1859 he married Miss Mary Ellen Stevens, daughter of James Stevens, of New York City. The only child of this union, Emily C., is now the wife of Franklin A. Smith, of South Norwalk, Conn. Mr. Mather and his wife are members of the Congregational Church at South Norwalk, and have always taken a generous interest in its work. Politically, Mr. Mather is a Republican, but he does not give especial attention to the cause, as his business requires his entire time.

GURDON B. LEE. Prominent among the names connected with the history of Connecticut and Fairfield county we find those of Sanford, Bartram and Lee, and we here present a short story of the life of Gurdon B. Lee, in whose veins is the blood of each of the abovementioned families. He was born in the town of Redding, Fairfield Co., Conn., November 29, 1831, one of the two children of Milo and Lucy A. (Bartram) Lee; the other was Mary L., now the widow of Samuel B. Osborne, of Redding.

Daniel Lee, the paternal grandfather of Gurdon B. Lee, was a resident of the Colony of Massachusetts. He was a stanch patriot, and during the dark days of the Revolution he served as a drummer boy in the Continental Army, for which services he was pensioned by the new government. He was twice married, first to Ann Page, by whom he had eight children, and (second) to Hannah Butts, who bore him thirteen children. After the close of the Revolution he removed from Massachusetts and settled in Otsego county, New York State, and there Milo, the father of our subject, was born August 9, 1805. Milo Lee came to Fairfield county at the age of nineteen and engaged in the manufacture of hats, which business he continued until 1836 or '37, when he began traveling, dealing in patent rights.

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He was a selectman of his town, and for two terms served as a member of the Connecticut Legislature. He was a very prominent citizen because of his business ability, and also because of the very active interest he betrayed in the success of the Democratic party. He died May 12, 1877. His wife was Lucy A. Bartram, a native of the town of Redding, where she was born August 27, 1806, the daughter of Gurdon and Loraine (Sanford) Bartram. She is still living in Redding, making her home with her daughter, and now at the advanced age of ninety-one she passes her days quietly, and by careful reading keeps well posted on current events, while surrounded by the younger generations she presents the type of "noble womanhood, glory crowned." Gurdon Bartram, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born September 21, 1776, the son of Daniel and Ann (Merchant) Bartram, the former of whom, a tanner and currier by trade, was a son of David Bartram, who came to Fairfield county in 1733. Loraine (Sanford) Bartram was the daughter of Oliver and Rachel (Coley) Sanford, of Redding, the former a son of Ephraim Sanford, who, according to tradition, had the first store in Redding. That he was a large landowner is shown by deeds now in the possession of the family, dating back to the early days of the eighteenth century. Ephraim Sanford married Elizabeth Mix, and the parish record gives the baptismal record of eight children, while his will mentions three more. A portion of Redding is now known as Sanfordtown.

Gurdon B. Lee, the subject proper of this review, received his elementary instruction in the common and private schools of Redding, later attending a boarding school at Danbury, and also one at Easton, where he completed his education. At the age of seventeen he was apprenticed to learn the carriage-manufacturing business, at which he served until he was twenty-one, subsequently working at his trade until the winters of 1854 and 1855, during which he taught school. In April, 1855, he was elected to the State Legislature, and sat in the House of Representatives at Hartford, he being the youngest member of the House. This was the first year of the Know-Nothing rule in this State, to which, as a Democrat, Mr. Lee was opposed. In 1856 he came to Bridgeport and began to work at his trade, leaving it again in order to teach school in that city, in 1857. Up to 1890 he was engaged the greater part of his time at coach making, for sixteen years as foreman of Wood Brothers and, later, of their successors, Hincks & Johnson, who still carry on the business.

In politics Mr. Lee is a Democrat, and his active interest in the welfare of his party has repeatedly placed him before the public as a candidate for political honors. In 1892 he was elected tax collector and served two terms; the duties of this office include the collection of all city and town taxes. In April, 1895, he was elected town clerk for a term of two years. He is faithful in the discharge of his duties, and, believing that a public office is a public trust, he makes it his business to see that that trust shall not be violated. His integrity has never been assailed even by his political opponents.

On February 22, 1854, Mr. Lee was married to Miss Caroline E. Gorham, daughter of Col. Joseph W. and Eliza (Goodrich) Gorham, and by this marriage he has become the father of two children: Ella, who was a teacher in the Bridgeport public schools until her death, which occurred in 1883, when she was aged twenty-four years; and Laura, who was also a teacher in the public schools (she married Charles H. Armstrong, and has had two children, one of whom is living, Frank Lee; Gurdon Chapman died at the age of five years). Socially, Mr. Lee is a member of St. John's Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M., of Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M., and of Jerusalem Council No. 16, Select Masters; in the early 'fifties he joined the I. O. O. F. Mr. and Mrs. Lee are living quietly in the cosy home at No. 12 Armstrong Place, and there they delight in receiving their many friends. They are highly respected for their many excellencies of character, and hold an enviable place in the social world.

HON. WILLIAM HOMER HUBBELL. The Hubbell family, which has for many years been prominent in the county, traces its descent from one Richard Hubbell, who was born in Great Britain in 1627 or 1628, and came to America between 1645 and 1647. On March 7, 1647, he took the oath of fidelity to the government of the New Haven Colony, and on February 25, 1653 or 1654, he was admitted as a planter into the settlement at Guilford, Conn., where he died October 23, 1699. In 1650 he married Elizabeth Meigs, daughter of John Meigs, and granddaughter of Vincent Meigs, a native of Dorsetshire, England, who emigrated to America and became one of the earliest settlers at Weymouth, Mass. By this marriage Richard Hubbell had eight children, viz.: John, Richard, James, Samuel, Elizabeth, Ebenezer, Mary and Martha. By his second wife, Esther (or Elizabeth), whose surname is not known, he had four children: Samuel, Abigail, Sarah and James.

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II. Samuel Hubbell, the next in the line of descent which we are now tracing, was born November 6, 1657, at Guilford, Conn., and died September 18, 1713. He was married April 4, 1687, to Elizabeth Wilson, who died January 4, 1688, leaving one son, Benoni. On April 17, 1688, Samuel Hubbell married Temperance Preston, by whom he had the following children: Elizabeth, Jehiel, Daniel, Katherine, Ephraim, Stephen, David, Abiel, Tabitha and Joseph.

III. Stephen Hubbell was born in 1695, and passed his life mainly at Stratford, where he died April 20, 1792. He was married January 10, 1720, to Abigail Squire, who died leaving three sons: Nehemiah, Jabez and Gershom. By his second wife, Rebecca [surname unknown], he had one child, Rebecca.

IV. Nehemiah Hubbell was born in 1722, and made his home during the greater portion of his life in the town of Weston, this county. He married Hannah Treadwell, and had the following children: Stephen, Nathaniel, Abigail (who married Stephen Tyrrell), Hannah, David, Isaac (who was captured by the Indians, and died May 5, 1842), Huldah, Rebecca, Billy, Nehemiah and Rachel.

V. Billy Hubbell, the great-grandfather of the well-known gentleman whose name opens this sketch, was born in 1759, in the town of Monroe, this county, and died April 2, 1848, his remains being interred at Newtown. He married Mary Booth and had three children: Ezra, Jeremiah and Ruamy.

VI. Jeremiah Hubbell, our subject's grandfather, was born in 1787, in the town of Monroe, and died in 1852. By occupation he was a blacksmith, and he possessed excellent mental abilities, being an original thinker and a man of wide reading for that time. In religious faith he was a Universalist, but he did not take active part in Church work or in political affairs. His wife, Marcia (Toucey), who died October 24, 1853, was a native of Newtown, and a cousin of Isaac Toucey, formerly governor of Connecticut, United States Senator and a member of the cabinets of Presidents Polk and Buchanan. Of the six children of this marriage, the eldest, Ruamy, born May 5, 1810, married Benjamin Burr; Mary, born September 16, 1812, married Osmund N. Crane; William, our subject's father, is mentioned more fully below; Philo Toucey, born September 6, 1816, was a merchant at Vicksburg, Miss., where he died April 18, 1846, leaving an adopted daughter named Marcia; Charles Lewis, born October 28, 1818, married Amelia Lewis; and Sylvia, born December 6, 1820, married David Northrop. Charles Lewis and Sylvia are the only survivors of this family, and at present they occupy the old homestead at Stepney, in the town of Monroe, this county, the property being owned by our subject.

VII. Hon. William Hubbell, our subject's father, was born July 30, 1814, at the old homestead, and in his youth learned the blacksmith's trade under his father's instructions. For some years of his early manhood he traveled through North Carolina and Virginia as a dealer in "Yankee notions," which were manufactured in Connecticut, later engaging in the manufacture of carriages at Stepney. For five or six years he continued this business successfully, but the panic of 1857 caused him to sell out, and during the remainder of his life he worked at his trade. He was a man of fine mental gifts, and was prominent in political affairs as a member of the Democratic party, being at one time a representative of his town in the State Legislature. While he was not a Church member, he was in thorough sympathy with all truly religious effort, and he was held in high esteem by his associates. His death occurred May 25, 1869. His first wife, Jane Eliza (Winton), to whom he was married August 20, 1840, was a daughter of Marcena Winton, of Stepney, Conn. She died January 30, 1861, and on January 31, 1864, he married Maria Williams. By his first marriage he had four children, of whom our subject is the eldest. The others were: Jane Elizabeth, born April 2, 1843, married John Oliver; Franklin Jeremiah, born June 23, 1845, became a messenger for the Adams Express Company between New York and Boston, and was twice married, but has no living children; and Frances Augusta, born November 11, 1854, died November 21, 1895. By the second marriage there was one daughter, Minnie Belle, born March 15, 1867.

VIII. The subject of this sketch was born June 5, 1841, at the family homestead in the town of Monroe, and his early educational opportunities were limited to the district schools of that locality. He attended during the winter terms until he reached the age of seventeen, making such good use of his time that he was then prepared to teach. After conducting a school for one winter at Afton, Chenango Co., N. Y., he returned home for a short time, and then went to Brooklyn, N. Y., to take a position in the hat factory of James H. Prentice, and was soon promoted to the post of foreman, which he held for three years. Ill health causing him to leave the city, he entered the employ of a mapmaking firm, F. W. Beers & Co., afterward Beers, Ellis & Soule, representing them in the oil regions of Pennsylvania and various other

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places, first as canvasser, later as collector. With the exception of a brief period, he continued this business from 1865 to 1875, and in November of that year he located at Newtown, where he and his brother-in-law, Mr. Taylor, purchased a coal and feed business from Jabez Botsford. This venture proved an entire success, as they have continued with a constantly increasing trade, and they are also associated together in railroad business. As Mr. Hubbell has made his own way in the world, he is entitled to great credit for his success, and it should be noted that he has not allowed business cares to prevent him from keeping well informed upon the topics which command the attention of intelligent people, his reading being quite extensive. He also takes a keen interest in all that pertains to the welfare of his community. Politically, he has always been a Democrat. In 1885—session of 1886—he was elected to the State Legislature, has served as assessor, and in 1896 was chosen on the Citizens' ticket to the office of first selectman, serving one year and declining a renomination. Socially, he is identified with the Masonic Fraternity, belonging to Fortitude Lodge No. 19, F. & A. M., at Brooklyn, N. Y.

In 1865 Mr. Hubbell was married to Miss Sarah J. Brisco, daughter of Harvey Brisco, a well-known citizen of Newtown. She died February 21, 1892, and April 2, 1895, Mr. Hubbell was united in marriage with Miss Ida M. Taylor. He has had four children, all by the first marriage: (1) Frederick Brisco, born February 21, 1871, graduated in 1893 from Trinity College, and is now the superintendent of the Light and Water Company at Westport, this county. He was married in 1893 to Miss Grace M. Goodsell, of Newtown, and they have two sons. (2) Miss Mary Josephine Hubbell, born September 12, 1873, is a graduate of the Kindergarten department of the State Normal school at New Britain. (3) Nellie Caroline, born September 15, 1875, a graduate of Yale Art School, married Hervey W. Wheeler, of Newtown, who is now a postal messenger between New York and Boston, and resides at Newtown. She died March 17, 1898, leaving a young son. (4) Herbert Carlton, born April 13, 1882, and now a student at Bridgeport high school, lives at home.

WILLIAM S. WHITE. One of the most familiar of names in the ecclesiastical history of Danbury is that of Rev. Ebenezer White, who on March 10, 1736, was ordained pastor of the First Congregational Church. For twenty-five years he faithfully labored in the parish, and harmony between the minister and people prevailed. The growth of the town and Church necessitated the enlargement of the meeting-house; following their pastor's example, the people of the parish became noted for their morality and charity. After a quarter of a century, however, the Rev. Mr. White's views of religion became more liberal, his mind broadened too rapidly for the people he had directed so many years, and, after due deliberation, a council of the Church found him guilty of heresy. A majority of the Church, however, adhered to Mr. White and declared themselves independent, forming a new Church organization known as the "New Danbury Church." In 1779, Rev. Ebenezer White was called to his long rest from earthly labors, and the "New Danbury Church" became extinct, though the example set by the untiring pastor, who, like Chaucer's "good man of religion, preached, but first he practiced it himself" bore fruit, and left its indelible impress on the community.

Thomas P. White was a son of Rev. Ebenezer White, and was born and reared in Danbury. He married Ann Booth, of Stratford, and became the father of nine children, namely: John, a lawyer of South Carolina, where he died; Frederick, also a lawyer; Samuel, a hotel keeper in Norwalk; Philo B., mentioned more fully below; Charles L., a drover, who died on the homestead; Prosper, a merchant and woolen manufacturer who also served as town clerk of Danbury; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Asher Starr, a farmer of Brookfield; Sarah, who died unmarried; and Phœbe, who became the wife of Zadoc Stevens, of Danbury.

Philo B. White was reared on the old homestead. He married Miss Clara Andrews, who was born in the town of Bethel, a daughter of Eden Andrews, a hatter of that town. They continued to reside on the home farm and there raised their family of six children: (1) Cyrus A. was a farmer and hatter in that town, and for a time was also in the ice business; he died in Georgia in 1894. (2) Mary A. married Samuel D. Platt, of Danbury, and both are now deceased. (3) Eloise married Isaac I. Ives, of Meriden; he is now deceased, and she makes her home in Danbury. (4) Homer (1) died in infancy. (5) Homer (2) died in California at the age of twenty-eight. (6) William S. is the subject proper of this review. The father of this family was first a Whig and later a Republican, and held a number of offices. He died in 1879; the mother passed away in 1875.

William S. White, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in the town of Danbury,

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August 16, 1832, on the farm where he still makes his home. His boyhood and youth were passed on the homestead, and his education was obtained in the district schools. On completing his school life he taught for some time; then took the home farm of 140 acres, and in its management has found his life work. He carries on general farming, and his progressive spirit causes him to use the latest improved machinery and the most scientific methods. The carefully attended land, together with the neat and modern buildings, betoken the thrift of the farmer.

In 1856 Mr. White was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Nichols, a daughter of Hervey Nichols, of Roxbury, and five children were born to this couple, as follows: Hervey N., a hatter of Danbury; Edward A., at home; George S., an inventor of a number of small articles, such as a lamp-burner rest, pencil attachment, and hat rest, was formerly a bookkeeper in New Haven, but is now in the wholesale and retail dairy business at Yonkers, N. Y.; William S., Jr., a salesman in California; and Esther C., unmarried and at home.

Mr. White is one of the substantial men of the town, and is interested in all enterprises for public improvement. He has been a Prohibitionist for years, and earnestly works for what he thinks will lessen the evils of intemperance. In their religious tendencies he and his family adhere to the doctrines of John Wesley, and contribute to the support of the Methodist Church.

HENRY E. SCOFIELD is a highly respected resident of Stamford, Weed avenue, Fairfield county, Conn., where he was born March 4, 1832. His grandfather, Rufus Scofield, was a native of Greenwich, Conn. His father, Lewis Scofield, was born in the town of Stamford, where he passed his entire life. He was a flour miller by occupation, and was for a number of years employed in the East mill, originally with the first proprietors and afterward with their successors, the Stamford Manufacturing Company, up to the time of his death. Mr. Scofield married Miss Sarah Palmer, of Stamford, and they reared a family of nine children, viz.: Henry Ellsworth, whose name introduces this sketch; George A., N. Franklin, Lewis W., Chauncey A., and Edgar H., all residents of Stamford; Charles W., of Bridgeport, Conn.; James Theodore, of Bedford, N. Y.; and Alfred V., of Mianus, Conn., who passed away January 31, 1898. Of these, James T., George A., Alfred V., N. Franklin and Lewis W. served in the Union army during the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Scofield were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Henry E. Scofield was educated in the public schools of Stamford, attending in the building which stood in St. John's Park. When thirteen years of age he entered the employ of the Stamford Manufacturing Company with his father, grinding brites, and here he has ever since been employed. In time he was transferred to the extract department in the mill, and for the past twenty-three years has been superintendent of the department, having risen to that position by faithful service. In December, 1895, occurred the fiftieth anniversary of his entrance in the mill, and on that occasion he was presented by the company with a beautiful gold watch as a mark of esteem, engraved as follows: "1845—Presented to Henry Ellsworth Scofield by the Stamford Mfg. Co., in recognition of his fifty years faithful service and constant devotion to this company, December, 1895."

Mr. Scofield has proved himself a trustworthy and reliable man in the responsible position he has been placed in, and he has the confidence of his employers in an unusual degree. He is interested in the Cove Transportation Company, of which he is vice-president, also one of the directors.

Mr. Scofield was married, in Stamford March 18, 1855, to Miss Lois A. Holly, the eldest daughter of the late Samuel Augustus and Phebe S. Holly, of Hunting Ridge, and they are the parents of one child, Mary L., who lives in Stamford. Mr. and Mrs. Scofield are members of the M. E. Church.

WATSON DEXTER HAYDEN was born November 12, 1833, at North Adams, Mass. He is descended from an old English family, his ancestors having made their home in New England at an early day.

His father, Miles L. Hayden, was a native of Vermont, but settled in Massachusetts, where he was engaged in farming during his remaining years, his death occurring in 1889. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Aminda Blood, was also of English descent, and her father, Silas Blood, was a prominent agriculturist at Clarksburg, Mass. To Miles and Aminda Hayden ten children were born, viz.: Betsie, widow of the late Elisha G. Ketcham, of Illinois; Reuben, deceased; Julia, wife of Hon. Calvin T. Sampson, of Washington, D. C., both deceased; Ruth Ann, widow of Hon. Charles Clisby, formerly a United States Senator from Massachusetts; Lester, deceased; Watson D., our subject;

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Mary and Wesley, both deceased; and Joseph and Myron, of Clarksburg, Massachusetts.

During his youth, our subject attended school at North Adams. On leaving school, he remained at home for some years, but finally decided to learn the carpenter's trade in North Adams, where he was employed until 1861. For four years he worked as a journeyman at Vineland, N. J., but latter settled in Bridgeport, and established himself in an independent business as a builder. He is a member of the Master Carpenters' Association of Bridgeport, Conn., and is always ready to assist in any movement which will promote the welfare of his guild or of the public generally. Politically, he is a strong Republican, but he is not active in party work.

In 1856 Mr. Hayden married Miss Lealy L. Gould, who was born at North Adams, Mass., of English ancestry, and whose father, Samuel Gould, was a well-known citizen of that place. Eight children have blessed this union, viz.: Edwin L., a resident of Bridgeport, Frank, a machinist of Port Chester, N. Y.; Gertrude, deceased; Carrie B., wife of John W. Rose, of Bridgeport; Mildred L., wife of Arthur B. Rose, of Bridgeport; Walter, deceased; and Grace and Edith, who are at home.

WILLIAM GRIESINGER. The country that produced a Bismarck and a Schiller, a Von Moltke and a Goethe, has contributed in no small way to the best development of this country. The habits of industry and economy, the stern self-denial, the sterling integrity, and the happy faculty of true enjoyment and cheerful living, are characteristics of the German race, and the combination forms a citizen that is an honor and a profit to any community. Germany has given us much that is best in our cosmopolitan civilization, and the sons of the Fatherland rank high among our representative citizens.

William Griesinger, whose name opens this review, and who is one of the best known and most prominent citizens of Bridgeport, was born in Stuttgart, Germany, August 27, 1832, and received his education at the Polytechnic Institute in his native city. In 1851, at the age of nineteen, he left home and came to the New World, locating in New York City, where he was employed as a designer in a house decoration company. Here he remained until 1861, when, true to the country of his adoption, he entered the United States Sharpshooters under Col. Berdan. He passed examination as an officer on December 10, 1861, and on December 25 received his promotion as lieutenant in the Third German Rifles of New York Volunteers. After two years of faithful service, in which he unfalteringly obeyed the commands of his intrepid leader, he was mustered out in 1863. In 1870 he removed to Bridgeport, and for eleven years he was the publisher of the German newspaper, *Bridgeport Anzeiger;* he proved his ability as a newspaper man by the able manner in which he carried on the work. At one time he was engaged in the manufacturing of cabinet work, but is now in the insurance and real-estate business, his office being located at No. 51 Bank street; he is prepared to prosecute pension claims, negotiate loans, rent or sell real estate, make general collections, and besides all of these handles steamship tickets, and is a notary public. He began this varied line of work in 1889, and the success he has attained betokens a careful and methodical business man, versatile and untiring. He has also made real-estate maps and an atlas of the city.

In 1858 in New York City, Mr. Griesinger was married to Miss Barbara Kupfer, a native of Eisenach, Germany, and to them have been born three children: (1) Emma married William Nothnagle, the furniture man; she died and left three children—William, Emma and Harry. (2) William married Lizzie Seaman, and is engaged in the millinery business. (3) Alfred is in business with his father.

In politics Mr. Griesinger is a Democrat, and has held a number of offices. In 1883, he was elected assessor, and continued in that office for six years; and was a clerk of the board of relief from 1883 to 1889. For six years, from 1883 to 1889, he was president of the Progressive Union, this being a non-partisan club composed of the best citizens of the State, and intended to "promote the general welfare." He is a member of the Board of Underwriters of Bridgeport, and represents fire insurance companies only. For twelve years he has been identified with the Germania Life Insurance Company, is also a representative of the Buffalo German Insurance Company and many others. He is a member of Elias Howe Post No. 3, G. A. R., emulating in his life the noble trio of that order, "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty;" for five years he was district deputy grand master of the I. O. O. F. For twenty-nine years our subject has made his home in Bridgeport.

William G. Griesinger, the father of our subject, was a teacher in the old country, as was also his father before him. The maternal grandfather, an officer in the French army, was a Herbert, and was known as General Herbert, which title he bore in the French army.

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DAVID J. STURGES is an enterprising and prosperous agriculturist of the town of New Fairfield, and his farm shows the results of judicious management during his forty-four years of ownership.

The Sturges family has been identified with this section since Colonial times, and their descent is traced from Peter Sturges, who settled in Fairfield in 1680. David Sturges, the grandather of our subject, was born in old Fairfield in 1769, and after receiving a common-school edacation engaged in farming and carpet weavjug. At the time of the burning of Fairfield he was a mere boy, and his mother brought him to New Fairfield for safety. He continued to reside there during his life, and was a highly respected citizen of the locality. He married Jerusha Stevens, by whom he had seven children: Harry, who married Matilda Gregory; John H., our subject's father; Francis, who married Zubia Gardner; Horace, who married Permylea Hoyt; Sarah, wife of James McKay; Harriet, wife of Marvin Wildman; and Julia, who died in infancy.

John H. Sturges, our subject's father, was born September 15, 1807, in the town of New Fairfield, and was educated in the common schools of that town. He learned the shoemaker's trade, but after following it for a number of years he gave it up and engaged in farming. He always took much interest in public affairs, and was a stanch Democrat in politics; but he neither sought nor held office. He was a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of New Fairfield, of which he was a liberal supporter, and in which he held all the offices. He married Miss Eliza Knapp, daughter of Elnathan Knapp (a well-to-do farmer of Danbury) and his wife Lydia (Barber.) They had three children, as follows: David J., our subject; Jerusha, born August 26, 1830; and Salina, born May 7, 1837.

David J. Sturges was born May 6, 1832, in the town of New Fairfield, and the common schools of that locality furnished him his only educational opportunities. From the age of six years he began to make himself useful in the work on his father's farm; and during the winter months he would help as he could at shoemaking. As soon as he reached his majority he purchased a farm near his father's homestead, and he has ever since continued to reside there, making improvements from time to time, and occasionally adding some coveted acres to the estate. He has much influence in the community and in the local Democratic organization, having held numerous offices, including those of selectman and assessor, and as a member of the board of relief.

On October 17, 1861, Mr. Sturges married Miss Mary J. Elwell, who was born June 8, 1835, in Patterson, Putnam Co., N. Y., a daughter of Hiram Elwell (a well-known farmer) and his wife Susan (Knapp). Three children have blessed this union, to wit: (1) Edgar F., born August 8, 1863, in New Fairfield, was educated in the local schools, and is now engaged in farming with his father; he is not married. (2) Clifford W., born July 8, 1867, was educated in the public schools of New Fairfield, and attended the high school in Danbury, Conn., member of the class of '87; also graduated from the Eastman Business College in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in August, 1889, and from the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, class of '90. For a time he was engaged in teaching school. At present he is bookkeeper for E. A. Mallory & Sons, a leading firm of hat manufacturers in Danbury, where he has been employed for the last seven and one-half years, prior to which he was employed some twenty months in the offices of the N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co. as bill clerk. He is at present a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, New Fairfield, Conn., having been treasurer of the board for the last eight years. (3) William E., born August 8, 1871, died April 26, 1872.

WALTER WILCOXSON, a prominent agriculturist of Stratford township, is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of that section. The first of the name of whom we have an account was William Wilcoxson, a native of Lancashire, England, who came to America previous to 1636, and after spending a few years in Massachusetts settled in 1640 in this county, making his home in Stratford.

Ephraim Wilcoxson, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Stratford, and passed his life there. Colonel Ephraim Wilcoxson, our subject's grandfather, was born in the same locality November 13, 1761, and became a farmer, his death occurring January 15, 1838. He served in the Revolutionary army, and during the war of 1812 he held the rank of colonel. His wife, Mary (Wheeler), was also a native of Stratford, and they had three children: John, Lucius L., and Mary (Mrs. Oliver Beardsley).

Hon. John Wilcoxson, our subject's father, was born in Stratford in 1805, and died March 30, 1870. He became a leading farmer of the town, and was also active and influential in political life as a member of the Democratic party, representing Stratford three times in the Lower house of the Legislature, and served one term in

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the State Senate. He married Miss Susan Caroline Wells, daughter of Legrand Wells, of Stratford, and a descendant of pioneer stock. They had four children: Albert, a well-known citizen of Stratford; Walter, our subject; George S., who was drowned at sea; and Miss Susan C., a resident of Stratford.

Walter Wilcoxson was born October 24, 1832, and was reared upon the old farm, his education being secured at the common schools and the academy in the village of Stratford. When seventeen years old he began to learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed for some time, but for twenty years past he has given his attention to general farming. Politically, he is a Democrat, though he has not been especially active in public affairs. As a citizen he is much esteemed, and in many ways he has shown his interest in the welfare of the community. He and his wife are prominent in social life, and are identified with the Episcopal Church at Stratford, in which he has held the office of warden for many years. In 1878 he married Miss Augusta Swartz, a native of New York City and a daughter of Augustus Swartz, who was born in South Carolina.

DANIEL PECK, one of the leading agriculturists of Greenwich township, was born September 25, 1833, upon the farm on Peck's Land, where he has always made his home. His family is one of the oldest and most prominent in Fairfield county, its founder being Theophilus Peck, who located upon a farm adjoining that on which our subject lives. The six sons of this gentleman were: Isaac, who lived and died in this locality; Israel, who remained on the old homestead and reared one son, Israel; Abram, who removed to the Hudson river valley; Benjamin, who located on Clapboard Ridge, and whose descendants are still residents of Greenwich; Theophilus, who always made his home on Peck's Land; and Samuel, the grandfather of our subject.

The last named spent his entire married life upon the farm of our subject, the property being given him by his father, who erected the house upon the place. Here Samuel Peck died, and his remains were at first interred in Peck's Land, but afterward removed to the Greenwich Union cemetery. His children were as follows: Jared, who was a wealthy citizen of Port Chester, N. Y.; Samuel, who lived in Clapboard Ridge, and was the paternal grandfather of Zenas M. Peck, whose sketch appears elsewhere; Jabus, who resided in Riversville for some years, and had a family of three daughters; Daniel, the father of our subject; Isaac, a drover, who lived at Round Hill, and whose son Isaac was an Episcopal clergyman; Mrs. Benoni Peck, a resident of Genoa, N. Y., and the grandmother of Prof. Todd, who fills the chair of Astronomy in Amherst College; Rachel, who married Luther Peck, and died in Stanwich, Conn.; Mrs. Moses Husted; and Mrs. Darius Mead.

Daniel Peck, Sr., was born August 8, 1781, on our subject's farm, and throughout life gave the greater part of his time and attention to its cultivation and improvement, though at times he bought and sold cattle. He was married, May 25, 1814, to Hannah Mead, who was born March 7, 1799, above Glenville, on the place where Samuel Pine now lives. Her father was Platt Mead, and her mother was a daughter of Benjamin Peck, who was one of the six sons of Theophilus Peck, before mentioned. Our subject's father died January 14, 1861, his mother on June 16, 1870, and both were laid to rest in a private cemetery at Clapboard Ridge. He was a stanch Whig in political sentiment, was a regular voter, and a great reader of the New York *Spectator*. The mother held membership in the Second Congregational Church. In their family were four children: Harriet, born March 30, 1816, never married, and died November 12, 1842; Elizabeth, born December 20, 1820, died, unmarried, December 23, 1842; Samuel, born October 11, 1829, died April 9, 1891, at Port Chester, N. Y., where his widow still resides; Daniel, our subject, completes the family.

The subject of this sketch acquired his education in a local school taught by Leonard Mead at Peck's Land, and when he became old enough to be of any assistance on the farm he was allowed to attend school only during the winter. For a time he pursued his studies in the Riversville District school, but never attended any higher institution of learning. He early became familiar with every department of farm work, and is accounted one of the most thorough and skillful agriculturists of his community. By paying his brother for his share of the estate he secured the old homestead, which he successfully operates. It comprises one hundred and three acres of valuable land under a high state of cultivation, and well improved.

On November 19, 1867, Mr. Peck married Miss Harriet F. Clark, who was born in the town of Haddam, Middlesex Co., Conn., March 18, 1841, a daughter of Albert M. and Harriet F. (Clark) Clark. Her father was a wool-dealer of New York. She is the third daughter and fourth child in a family of seven children, consisting of three sons and four daughters. Her education,

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begun in the district schools, was supplemented with a course in Brainard Academy at Haddam, Conn., and at the age of sixteen years she became a competent teacher. While following that profession she came to Peck's Land, where she met her future husband. They have no children. She is a faithful member of the Second Congregational Church in Greenwich, and a most estimable lady. While an ardent advocate of Republican principles, Mr. Peck is not a politician in the sense of office-seeking. He is one of the oldest representatives of the Pecks, of Peck's Land, that are left in Greenwich township, and, like the other members of this old and numerous family, he has the respect of the entire community.

PETER GABRIEL. For nearly thirty years this well-known citizen of Bridgeport has been connected with the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company of that place, and his ability and fidelity have been tested in various responsible positions. As superintendent of one of the departments of the immense plant, he has won the esteem and confidence of the workmen to a notable degree, as is shown by his election to the office of president of the Sick Benefit Association. As a citizen he is no less trusted, and for many years he has served in important offices in the municipality.

Mr. Gabriel was born March 19, 1833, in Neuenburg, Prussia, the son of Adolph and Margaret (Hoffman) Gabriel, both natives of that town. The father, who was engaged in business as a millwright, died there in 1837. The mother passed away in 1851. Of the two children of this worthy couple our subject is the only survivor, a daughter having died in infancy.

Our subject's education was obtained in the schools of his native Province, and at the age of sixteen he came to America to seek his fortune. On landing at New York he found employment with a manufacturer of billiard supplies, and after serving an apprenticeship he went to Seymour, Conn., to take a position with A. G. Day & Co., manufacturers and dealers in rubber goods. With this firm he remained seventeen years, taking charge of the manufacturing department, and on leaving he traveled two years in the West. In 1870 he located in Bridgeport, entering the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company, and at present he has charge of the assembling and adjusting department. Politically, he is a stanch Republican, and in 1886-87-88-89 he was elected alderman from the Fifth ward, now the Ninth and Tenth districts. In this position he did effective service, being a member of various committees, and chairman of the committee on streets and sidewalks, the committee on sewers, and the committee on claims. Since 1893 he has been a member of the board of education, being vice-president for one year, and at present he is chairman of the building committee. He is a director in the Lake View Cemetery Association, and is identified with many philanthropic and ecclesiastical organizations, being especially active in religious work as a member of the Park Street Congregational Church. Fraternally, he is connected with the I. O. O. F., Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, and with the F. & A. M., St. John's Lodge No. 2, at Bridgeport.

In 1857 Mr. Gabriel married Miss Martha Jane Atkinson, daughter of William A. and Mary (Hartley) Atkinson. She was born in England, and was educated in Ansonia and Seymour, Conn., having come to the United States in childhood. Of the eight children of this union two—one son and one daughter—died in childhood; William A. is now the mechanical engineer of the Elgin Watch Company, Elgin, Ill.; Miss Mary H. and George P. are at home; Charles R. is experimental engineer in Brown & Sharp's factory in Hartford; Miss Martha A. is employed in Staples Bank at Bridgeport; and Allen F. is attending school.

ENOS BEAL LOCKWOOD is one of Stamford's well-known citizens, and his home in Prospect avenue is among the most beautiful and artistic residences in the town. A charming view of Long Island Sound adds to its attractiveness without, while within is to be found evidence of the refinement and taste of its owners. This home has been in the possession of the family for many years, and Mr. Lockwood, who was born November 30, 1833, has resided there all his life.

His ancestors were early settlers in this county, and his grandfather, Enos Lockwood, was a native of the town of Greenwich. Enos Bennett Lockwood, the father of our subject, was born at Sound Beach, in the town of Greenwich, and grew to manhood in that locality, but the greater portion of his life was spent in Stamford, where he followed agricultural pursuits at the present homestead. While he was never especially active in public affairs he took much interest in the political questions of his time, being an Old-line Whig in early life and later a Democrat. He was married in Greenwich to Miss Ann Mariah Lockwood, a daughter of Peter

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Lockwood, and had four children—three daughters and one son, our subject. The mother was born January 5, 1803, and died January 11, 1836; the father was born October 26, 1798, and died November 6, 1870.

Mr. Lockwood, who is the only surving member of his family, was educated in the public schools of Stamford and Greenwich, and in private schools at Norwalk and Westport, this county. In early manhood he engaged in farming at the homestead, and he has since continued that occupation without interruption, being known as one of the successful agriculturists of the town. In politics he has always been a Democrat, and for many years he has held an influential place in the councils of the local organization. At one time he served as assessor of the town of Stamford.

On May 20, 1861, Mr. Lockwood was married at Watertown, Ohio, to Miss Mary L. Hendrie, daughter of Alexander Hendrie, a prominent resident of that town, but formerly a resident of Greenwich. No children have blessed this union. The family has always held an enviable position socially, and Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood are in sympathy with all movements that promise benefit to the community in which they reside. Fraternally, Mr. Lockwood is a Freemason.

BENHAM BROTHERS, OF BRIDGEPORT. The name of this well-known firm of contractors and builders has long been the synonym for enterprise, and the numerous specimens of their skill which are to be found in different parts of the State afford convincing evidence of their wide reputation. Since the firm was founded, July 8, 1838, a large portion of the best and costliest buildings erected in Bridgeport have been built by them, the list including the South Congregational church, Baptist church, Dr. Hewitt's (Presbyterian) church, and a number of buildings on Water street between Wall and State streets. For some years past the firm have made a practice of buying lots and improving them with blocks of handsome buildings, which they have placed on the market profitably. To name the important buildings constructed by them in Bridgeport and other places would exceed the limits of this sketch. Since 1865 they have devoted their time largely to their real-estate business, and, in addition to the buildings sold by them, they have erected others, which are now occupied by fifty tenants. Their success is all the more creditable because they have won it unaided, having begun business without a dollar of capital. As citizens they have always been held in high esteem, and, while they are not politicians, they have taken keen interest in public affairs, and are stanch supporters of the principles of the Republican party.

The brothers, Julius H. and Junius N. (twins), are natives of Middlebury, Conn., having been born July 8, 1817. In 1824 they removed to Seymour, where they were instructed in the public schools, and in April, 1834, they located at Bridgeport, where they learned the builder's trade.

Samuel Benham, their grandfather, was a thrifty farmer of Middlebury. Truman Benham, a son of Samuel, was born in Middlebury, Conn., December 4, 1772. In 1824 he removed to Seymour, Conn., and in 1845 he settled permanently at Woodbridge, where he died in 1858 at the age of eighty-eight years. His wife, Annie (Scoville), was born in Waterbury, and died in Bridgeport in 1865, aged ninety-six years. This worthy couple had seven children—four daughters and three sons—and were the parents of the founders of the present firm.

JULIUS H. BENHAM was married April 27, 1845, to Miss Mary Thompson (also a twin), who was born at Middlebury, and was the daughter of Eli Thompson; she died in 1884 in Bridgeport, and on December 21, 1886, Mr. Benham married Miss Mary F. Gilbert, daughter of Horace Gilbert, of Newtown. He had three children, all by the first marriage: (1) John S., and (2) Charles N., both deceased; (3) George T. (now deceased) married Miss Annie Strong, and they had two sons, George T. and Howell P.

JUNIUS N. BENHAM was married May 18, 1843, in Derby, New Haven county, to Miss Elizabeth Ann Curtis, daughter of Capt. Kneeland Curtis, and they had four children: (1) Frank N., cashier of the Bridgeport National Bank, married Miss Annie Lord, and they had two sons—Herbert (now deceased) and Nelson; (2) Mary C. married John E. Close, of Elizabeth, N. J., and they had five children—Frank N. B., Bertha, Bessie and Jessie (twins) and Junius B.; (3) Hattie, who died in 1888, was the wife of A. L. Foster, of Hartford, Conn.; and (4) Miss Elizabeth is at home.

The brothers are now simply caring for their real estate. Both have been healthy all their lives, having inherited good constitutions and honest and upright principles, which have been the foundation of their business career. Their lives have been temperate and, as a result, they are remarkably well preserved. In size they are almost identical, both being about five feet eleven inches in height, and weighing in the neighbor-

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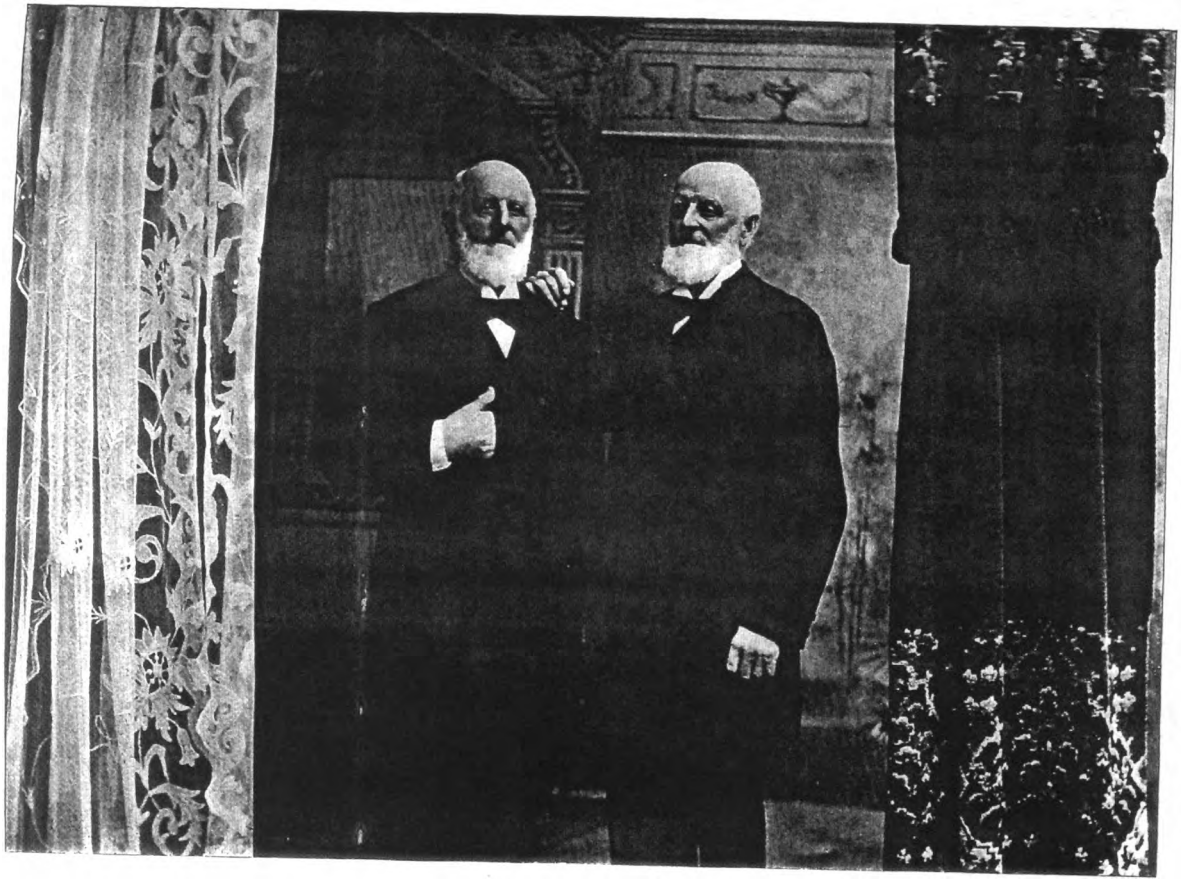

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hood of two hundred pounds. They come of a long-lived race, and, of their father's family, at one time five brothers and sisters were living, the oldest of whom was ninety-four years of age, and the youngest eighty-one.

AUGUSTUS N. REYNOLDS, one of the best of the citizens of the town of Greenwich, and an agriculturist of standing in Fairfield county, is a direct descendant of John Reynolds, Whig commissioner and justice of the peace, one of the first settlers of Greenwich (settled in 1634), and whose descendants were for over a hundred years among the wealthiest and most influential families of Greenwich.

Ambrose Reynolds, his grandfather, who was a native of Greenwich, was an agriculturist and a resident of the town of Greenwich. His wife was formerly Miss Mary Knapp, and their children were as follows: Sarah, Ambrose, Joshua, Gideon, Mary, Bertha, Jared, Benjamin and Eunice.

Joshua Reynolds (father of our subject) was born in 1793 in the town of Greenwich. He was reared on his father's farm in a manner not unlike the general farmer's boy. He was one of eight children, four of them being boys. He married Miss Rachel Reynolds, and they went to housekeeping on the adjoining farm, where he and his brother Ambrose were in partnership, which continued many years. When they ceased working the farm together they divided the place, Joshua taking as his portion the land now occupied by our subject, it being land on which Joshua always made his home. He started in life with $600. He and a brother Gideon bought a sloop styled "Tradesman," and in addition to the specialty of raising potatoes themselves, they bought thousands of bushels from others, and the "Tradesman" was used in transporting them to market. As a potato raiser, Joshua was a great success, two thousand bushels being but an ordinary crop. He possessed great business tact and foresight, and being a close figurer, prospered and accumulated a competence. He had the benefit of only a common-school education, but being shrewd and capable, endowments of nature, he soon acquired a taste for reading and became a well-informed man. He was affable and kind, and although reticent and retiring, he had his opinions and was true to his convictions, never afraid to assert himself. He was indulgent to his family, and aided his children in getting started in life. He was a good disciplinarian in the family, and when occasion required it he could be stern, yet he was never domineering. He and his wife were both of a religious turn of mind, and were members of the Congregational Church. He took an active interest in the Church and was prominent in its work. He was one of the building committee that erected the present edifice at Greenwich. His efforts in all walks of life seemed to be crowned with success. In the later years of his life he speculated considerably, giving up farming to his sons. The farm he divided among them, yet held on to the deed, feeling that he himself should be at the helm. His wife, a most estimable woman, died December 25, 1843, at the age of forty-four years. His death occurred September 29, 1866, when he was aged seventy-three years; both were buried in the Episcopal Church cemetery at Greenwich. The children born to this couple were as follows: William Todd died at Stanwich in advanced life; Elthea married Silas M. Mead, of Greenwich, a sketch of whom is given elsewhere; Rachel Ann, the widow of Ezra B. Knapp, resides at Greenwich; Abram is an agriculturist of Greenwich; Augustus N. is our subject, and is referred to farther on; Edgar died in New York; and Mary Louise died at the age of fourteen years. These children imbibed the good influence thrown around them by their Christian parents, and all became the best of citizens—men and women who reflect credit on the community in which they have moved.

Augustus N. Reynolds was born June 21, 1834, on the farm on which he now resides on North Street in the town of Greenwich. He attended the North Street District school, Deborah and Mary Knapp, of Round Hill, being among his teachers. Later he attended Greenwich Academy, then under the principalship of Philander Button. Young Reynolds was reared on the home farm, and there remained until his marriage, which occurred when he was twenty-eight years of age, when he wedded Miss Martha A. Mills, of Clapboard Ridge, a daughter of Samuel and Maria (Trowbridge) Mills, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere. They went to housekeeping on the home place, his father having built another house for himself. Our subject, however, has greatly remodeled and improved the house and farm buildings generally, made an addition to the dwelling and built a carriage house and barn. The latter burned January 3, 1895, together with some cattle and much of its contents, entailing a great loss. The barn Mr. Reynolds at once rebuilt. He has been mainly through life engaged in general farming; however, he has at different times branched out into other lines. He grows a great

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many apples; also conducts a dairy, wholesaling the milk, keeping from twenty-five to thirty cows, chiefly Holsteins. His farm is an excellent one, comprising some hundred and fifty acres.

To his marriage with Miss Mills were born children as follows: Elbert M., a farmer of Fairfield county, residing on the home farm; Norman T., employed in a broker's office in New York; and Lillie T. and Bertha M., who both died in childhood. The mother of these passed away May 12, 1887, aged fifty years, and lies buried in the Episcopal cemetery at Greenwich. She was a member of the Congregational Church, and a woman who was esteemed by her large circle of acquaintances. Mr. Reynolds has also been identified with that Church, and for years was one of the standing committee. In politics he is a Republican.

WILLIAM WAKEMAN. A rural life has many charms for a man of culture, and it is a happy fate which permits the retirement to some quiet country home when once the strenuous efforts of life's mid-day have passed. The subject of this sketch, who was for many years a prominent educator in Connecticut and New York State, is to be congratulated upon his return to the scenes and associations of farm life, and his able management of his farm in Easton township shows that he has not forgotten the lesson gained by practical work on the old homestead during boyhood.

Mr. Wakeman is a member of one of the well-known families of this county, his grandfather, Aaron Wakeman, having been a successful agriculturist of the town of Weston. This worthy citizen married, and had eight children: Charles, Eli, Aaron B., Moses, Sally, Betsey, and two whose names are not given.

Eli Wakeman, our subject's father, was born in the town of Weston, October 24, 1809, and was reared to farm work. In early manhood he married Miss Delia M. Sherwood, daughter of Jeremiah Sherwood, a prominent resident of the town of Fairfield, and soon afterward he settled upon a farm in that town, where his remaining years were spent, his death occurring October 13, 1883. Politically, he was a Democrat, and he took an active part in local affairs, serving as assessor of the town of Fairfield for a number of years. He and his wife, who died January 16, 1879, were devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of their eight children, the eldest, Herman, is now a merchant tailor in Bridgeport; Amelia is the widow of Charles Sherman, formerly a farmer in Easton township; William, our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Henry is a merchant in Ohio; Elizabeth (deceased) married Moses A. Bulkley, of Weston; Mary (deceased) never married; Dwight died in childhood; and Eli is in the employ of the Adams Express Company at Bridgeport.

Our subject was born July 12, 1834, at the old homestead in the town of Fairfield, where he grew to manhood. On completing the course offered in the local schools, he attended the academy at Easton, and at an early age he began his professional career by teaching in the district schools of Weston, Easton, Fairfield and Westport. He then taught for a time in the high school at East Bridgeport, and in 1869 he accepted a position at Rockville Center, Long Island, his work there being so satisfactory that he spent twenty years in that section, taking charge of schools at Rockville Center, Hewlett's and Smithville. In 1882 he returned to this county, and engaged in general farming at his present homestead, which contains seventy-five acres of excellent land. He affiliates with the Democratic party in politics, and since locating in Easton township he has held numerous offices of trust and responsibility, serving at various times as selectman and justice of the peace. His knowledge of educational affairs has also been called into service by his fellow citizens, and for a number of years he has been a member of the local school board. In 1858 he married Miss Eveline J. Meeker, daughter of William Meeker, a highly-esteemed citizen of Westport township. The only child of this union, Georgia A., is now the wife of Charles Jennings, of Southport, Connecticut.

FREDERICK S. SHELTON, proprietor of a carriage-painting establishment in Long Hill, town of Trumbull, and tax collector of that town, is a native of Connecticut, having been born December 22, 1834, in the town of Huntington, Fairfield county.

The Shelton family originated in England, and all of that name in this country are believed to be descendants of two brothers, Daniel and Richard, who crossed the Atlantic prior to 1690.

The ancestral home was at Shelton, in the County of Norfolk, England, but the branch of the family to which the two brothers belonged had been identified for some time with Derbyshire. Richard Shelton settled in Virginia, and his descendants are now numerous in the Southern States, the name having been changed, however, in some instances to Chilton. Daniel

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located in Stratford, this county, at a place known as Long Hill, while he also owned large tracts of land in Stamford, Farmington, Oxford, Woodbury, Derby, and Waterbury, Conn. His name appears among those of the earliest churchmen of Stratford, which then included Huntington, and next to the head of the list of those who petitioned the Bishop of London, in 1707, to aid them against some rigid Presbyterians and Independents who had threatened serious trouble to the petitioners because of the visit to the town of Stratford of a Church missionary who had conducted service and administered the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper. The petition requested the bishop to send over as a missionary "an exemplary man in conversation, fluent in preaching, and able in disputation, that he might silence the cavils of the enemy." It is also recorded that in 1722 sixteen Episcopalians, inhabitants of the town of Ripton (now Huntington), addressed a paper to the secretary of the Society for the Propogation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, asking for a pastor of their own or for stated supplies every third Sunday from the ministers settled in Stratford and New Haven. "We are emboldened to hope this," say the petitioners, "both because we design to set apart a glebe for our spiritual guide when he comes, and also because we suffer great persecution for the Church's sake from those who have the Civil power here, and have made that a handle to grasp the Ecclesiastical." The second signature to this document is that of Daniel Shelton, who did not live to see a Church established at Ripton, while the fifteenth name is undoubtedly that of his son, Joseph, then a young man of twenty-four. In 1709, Daniel Shelton suffered imprisonment for his devotion to the Church of England, and we take the account as given in the Documentary History of Connecticut, as follows: "They, the Independents, still persisted with vigor to continue their persecution, and seized the body of Daniel Shelton at his habitation or farm, being about eight miles distant from the town, hurrying him away towards the town in order to carry him to the county gaol. Passing by a house he requested of them that he might go in and warm him and take some refreshments, which was granted; they, however, being in a hurry, bid him come along, but he desiring a little longer time, they barbarously laid violent hands upon his person and flung his body across a horse's back, and called for ropes to tie him upon the horse; to the truth of which several persons can give their testimony and are ready when thereon to be called; and having brought him to the town they immediately seized the bodies of William Rowlinson and Archibald Dunlap, and carried them all three to the county gaol, it being the 16th day of January, 1709, and there confined them until such time as they disbursed such sums of money as the gaoler demanded of them, which money was last in the hands of the Lieutenant Governor, Nathaniel Gould, Esq., he promising them that the next General Court should hear and determine the matter, and that the money left in his hands should be disposed of as the court should order; and they were at present released, being the 17th day of the same instant." Daniel Shelton died in January, 1728, aged about sixty years. He was married April 4, 1692, to Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Welles, of Wethersfield, Conn., and grandaughter of Hon. Thomas Welles, one of the early governors of the Commonwealth. Nine children were born of this marriage: Elizabeth, Sarah, Joseph, Daniel, Thaddeus, Samuel, James, John and Josiah.

Samuel Shelton, through whom is traced the line of descent in which we are now particularly interested, married Abigail, daughter of Philo and Mehitable Nichol, and had fourteen children: Mary, Daniel, Samuel, Elizabeth, David, Abigail, Joseph, Andrew, Sarah, Ann, Josiah, Philo, Isaac Welles and Agur.

Daniel Shelton, the great-grandfather of our subject, married in 1760 Mehitable Shelton, daughter of Daniel Shelton, Jr., and Mary (Hubbell) Shelton, and they had seven children: Jane, Elizabeth, Susannah, Samuel Frederick, Elijah Daniel, Avis Newton and Isaac.

Samuel Frederick Shelton, the grandfather of our subject, married Eunice Hannah Curtiss, and had six children: Samuel Daniel, Judson Curtiss, Juline, Sally, Hannah Maria and Abigail Avis.

Judson Curtiss Shelton, our subject's father, married Miss Hannah Lewis.

Frederick S. Shelton, the subject proper of these lines, passed his boyhood at Booth's Hill, town of Huntington, attending the public schools of the locality. At Nichols, in the town of Trumbull, he was apprenticed to the trade of carriage painter, serving his time with the Nichols-Peck Company, remaining in their employ until 1890, in which year he commenced the business for his own account at Long Hill, where he has since made his home.

On May 6, 1857, Mr. Shelton was married in Stratford, Fairfield county, to Miss Ann Elizabeth Peck, who died in 1874, leaving one child, Jennie E. For his second wife Mr. Shelton wedded, November 21, 1877, Miss Sarah French. They are

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members of the M. E. Church. Socially, our subject is affiliated with the United American Mechanics at Long Hill; the Trumbull Grange; and the Good Templars. In his political predilections he is an uncompromising Republican, is a member of the town school committee, and at present is serving as town tax collector. As a useful and loyal citizen he has the respect and esteem of all who know him.

GILBERT. The family of this name have long been established in Connecticut, and none stands higher for respectability and probity.

Seth Gilbert, a cooper by trade, was known to have lived in Newtown at an early day, and died in Weston while passing his declining years with his daughter, Mrs. Obadiah Wheeler. He married Jane Gray, of Redding, and by her had nine sons and one daughter. One of the sons, Ichabod, a carpenter and chairmaker by trade, was also a resident of Newtown. He married Tamar Rowland, daughter of Jabez and Sarah (Lacey) Rowland, and died August 4, 1857. Their children were: (1) Jabez. (2) Seth, of whom special mention will presently be made. (3) Mary, who married Hiram Cole, and is now deceased. (4) Betsey, who married Preston Durant, and is deceased. (5) Esther, deceased. (6) Eunice, who, October 17, 1839, married Zalmon Whitlock, who was born March 19, 1809, and died February 26, 1892; two children were born to them—Addison Myron, September 19, 1840, married, November 23, 1870, to Mary E. Sturgess, by whom he had one child, Edith; and Sarah Jane, June 17, 1842.

Seth Gilbert was born in Newtown, Conn., in 1800, attended the district schools and learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed the greater part of his life. He used to walk from his home to Bethel in the morning, do a day's work, and walk back at night. He spent the last twelve years of his life in Bethel. In Redding, Conn., he married Nancy Sanford, and their children, seven in number, were: Eliza A., married to Edwin Stone, of Bethel. Esther Jane, who married (first) Andrus Rusco (she had one child, Malvina); Aaron S. Lacey, her second husband, is now also deceased. Eli W. (sketch of whom follows). Philo. Julia M., wife of Horace Wheeler, of Bethel. Fannie, who died at the age of sixteen years. Henry A., a resident of Bethel. Seth Gilbert was a Whig in his political affiliations, and he was a member of the Episcopal Church at Redding.

ELI W. GILBERT was born October 1, 1834, in Newtown, Conn., and when twelve years old was taken to live with his granduncle, Philo Gilbert, at Stepney. There he remained until he was fifteen years old, after which he worked on a farm at Redding for a year; then on one in Newtown. In the fall of 1851 he began to learn carpentry with Thomas L. Sanford, of Redding, and in the following year came with Mr. Sanford to Bethel, remaining in his employ till 1854. During the next season he worked near Brewster, N. Y., for a time, returning to Bethel, and in 1858 he commenced the carpentry business under the firm name of E. W. & P. Gilbert, which partnership existed until 1870, when Henry A. Gilbert was admitted as a partner, the firm name being changed to Gilbert Bros. In that year they built a planing-mill, which was burned in March, 1878, after which the firm put up their present mill. They carry on a lumber yard as well as the planing-mill, and do all kinds of contract work. In 1890 Henry A. retired from the firm, and his son William became a partner.

In 1859, at Bethel, Conn., Eli W. Gilbert was married to Samantha M. Hoyt, daughter of Eli Hoyt, of Bethel, and a daughter was born to them: Ida J., who married Fred J. McKenzie, and had issue—Harvey G. and Daisy L.; the mother of these died at the age of twenty-six, and the children are now living with Eli W. Gilbert. Our subject is a member and trustee of the M. E. Church at Bethel. He has been a lifelong Democrat, and has served as selectman, justice of the peace, grand juryman, assessor, warden of the borough, and water commissioner (seven years). He commenced business on a small scale, and has steadily increased it until it is now one of the best of the kind in the county.

HENRY A. GILBERT, brother of Eli W., was born in the town of Newtown, Fairfield Co., Conn., July 25, 1846, and attended school at Newtown, Redding and Bethel. In 1862, at the age of sixteen, he enlisted in the 23rd Conn. V. I. The mustering officer refused to take him, but the captain interceded for him, and after showing his strength by lifting Capt. Sam Bailey, who weighed 240 pounds, he was accepted. After serving in that regiment one year, he re-enlisted, this time in the 2nd Rhode Island Cavalry. At Thibodaux, La., he was wounded, taken prisoner, paroled, and turned over to the Union lines at Donaldsonville, whence he was sent to Ship Island and from there to hospital at New Orleans. In September, 1863, he was sent home with his old regiment.

Having learned the trade of carpenter with his brothers, Eli W. and Philo, Henry A., in 1870, became a member of the firm of Gilbert Brothers, and remained in that connection until

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1890, when he retired in favor of his son, William A. Since that date he has conducted a fire-insurance and real-estate business at Bethel. In 1866 he was married at Bethel to Elenora Burr, daughter of John G. Burr, and they have one sons William A., a sketch of whom follows. H. A. Gilbert is a member and trustee of the M. E. Church at Bethel. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served as registrar of voters, as town treasurer and as justice of the peace. He has settled many estates. Mr. Gilbert was for sixteen years a member of the Connecticut National Guard, and was said by an old army officer to have had the best company in his brigade at the "Centennial" held in Philadelphia.

William A. Gilbert, son of Henry A., was born in Bethel, February 23, 1867, and received his education in part at the public schools of Bethel, in part at Bridgeport Business College. From his boyhood days he has been connected with Gilbert Bros., and up to 1890 he was bookkeeper for the firm. In 1886 he fell from a building, owing to a window casing giving way, and was unconscious for four days, but a trip to Europe and extensive traveling restored him to health and strength. In 1890, his father having retired from the firm, William A. succeeded him, as already related.

In Hackensack, June 17, 1891, Mr. Gilbert was married to Helen Voorhees, daughter of John Voorhees, and one child, Muriel, was born to them December 11, 1894. Mr. Gilbert is a member and steward of the M. E. Church; is affiliated with Eureka Lodge, F. & A. M., at Bethel, of which he is senior warden; and with Eureka Chapter at Danbury. He is not active in politics.

HORACE PURDY, of the well-known firm of Horace Purdy & Son, insurance agents at Danbury, has now been identified with that line of business longer than any other man in that city. He also enjoys the distinction of having enlisted at the very first call for soldiers to defend the Union after the attack on Fort Sumter, and nothing but serious injuries, incapacitating him from further service in the field, prevented him from continuing until the close of the war.

Mr. Purdy was born at Danbury, November 11, 1835, a son of Augustus and Nancy (Mills) Purdy. The father was a native of New York State, having first seen the light March 10, 1811, at Somers, Westchester county, near Purdy Station, and his death occurred March 9, 1885. The mother, who was born March 18, 1811, died February 24, 1881. There were seven children in their family, viz.: Harriet, Abigail (deceased), Horace, John (deceased), William (deceased), George and Isabel.

Mr. Purdy's youth was spent in his native town, where he attended the common schools until he was fourteen. For some time after leaving school he worked on a farm, and then he learned the hatter's trade, which he followed until the long smouldering fires of secession and rebellion broke out, and he offered his services as a soldier. His company was the first to rendezvous at New Haven for the formation of the 1st Regiment Conn. V. I., and he subsequently took part in the disastrous engagement known as the battle of Bull Run. Lieut.-Col. Daniel Tyler, of this regiment, had been appointed a brigadier-general previous to this battle, during which they were under the command of Lieut-Col. George S. Burnham. Mr. Purdy served through his term of enlistment, and, then, as has been said, his injuries compelled him to return to the paths of peace. He resumed his former occupation, and after two years went to New York City, where he was in business for a couple of years. In 1870 he established himself in Danbury in the insurance business, in which he has been successfully engaged for more than twenty-seven years.

Mr. Purdy has a pleasant home at No. 20 William street, Danbury, and his office is No. 18 adjoining, both lots being owned by him. He was married December 3, 1857, to Ann Augusta Griswold, daughter of Rev. E. E. Griswold and his wife, Nancy Webster. Rev. Mr. Griswold is a well-known minister of the Methodist Church, and for more than twenty years was a presiding elder. Mr. Purdy and his wife have had three children: (1) Edwin A. died in infancy; (2) George L., born in 1864, is now in business with his father; he married Miss Lilian Josephine Bilker, but they have no children; (3) Fannie G. married Herman Hirsch, of Danbury, and has two children: Lottie Augusta and Julia Evelyn. The family is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Purdy are both active members. In politics, he is a steadfast Republican, but, while taking an active interest in party work, he is not a politician in the ordinary meaning of that term.

JOHN ANSON STANNIS, a veteran of the Civil war, is one of Danbury's most highly-esteemed citizens, and for twenty years has been the general agent at that place for the Adams Express Company.

Mr. Stannis is a native of the Empire State, having been born at Rochester, August 31, 1835.

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His father, the late John Stannis, was born in 1788, and during the greater portion of his life resided at Hartford, Conn., where for some years he followed the trade of millwright, and later that of tinner. He was killed by a freight train at Meriden, Conn., in 1880, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. His wife, Elizabeth Crawford, was born in 1802, and died in 1869. Of their twelve children, three died in infancy, the others being: Mary L., J. Elizabeth, Harriet A., James W., Robert A., William H., Frederick A., John A. and Charles E.

Mr. Stannis, our subject, was educated in the public schools of Hartford, and on leaving the high school he was apprenticed to a carriage manufacturer in New Haven, Conn., where he remained three years. He then went to Vincennes, Ind., and entered the employ of the Adams Express Company, but while thus engaged, Fort Sumter was fired upon, and Mr. Stannis promptly responded to the call for soldiers to defend the Union. On April 23, 1861, he enlisted as fourth sergeant in the "Old Post Guard," which was later incorporated in the 14th Ind. Inf. as Company B. In June, 1861, the regiment went to the front, crossing the Ohio river at Wheeling, W. Va., to join General McClellan's forces. During that year he took part in a number of skirmishes, and in the battles of Rich Mountain and Greenbrier. After spending part of the winter of 1861–62 at Cheat Mountain they had an engagement at Bloomery Gap under General Lander, and then swung round to Winchester to take part, under General Shields, in the first battle of Winchester (sometimes called the battle of Kernstown). From there they went up the Shenandoah Valley, skirmishing all the way; and later, after participating in the battle at Port Republic, Va., June 9, 1862, the regiment joined the Army of the Potomac at Harrison's Landing, June, 1862, and continued to share its fortunes until mustered out on June 30, 1864. Among the important battles in which they were engaged we mention Antietam, Chancellorsville, Bristow Station, Mine Run, Gettysburg, Fredericksburg (where they stormed the heights), the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, and Cold Harbor (where they were ordered home). Mr. Stannis received a flesh wound at Gettysburg, a part of his arm being torn off by a shell which burst almost in his face; and at Antietam he had some marvelous escapes, as five bullets went through his clothing without touching his skin. They each made two holes in his uniform as they passed on their way, and it seems almost a miracle that he was not injured. In this engagement Company B had but nine men left out of the thirty-two who went into the battle. Mr. Stannis did not go home with his regiment, having been detailed on special duty from Washington, D. C., to Petersburg, Va. He received his final discharge at Indianapolis, Ind., June 30, 1864, with the rank of second lieutenant, to which he had been promoted after his first year of service.

On leaving the army Mr. Stannis went to his father's home, then located at Winsted, Conn., and on regaining his strength he again entered the employ of the Adams Express Company, starting as messenger. He was soon appointed route agent, a position which he held twelve years, and in February, 1879, he took the position of general agent at Danbury.

In 1868 Mr. Stannis married Miss J. Elizabeth Wakefield, daughter of Albert D. and Martha J. (Bradley) Wakefield, of Stafford Springs, Conn. The only child of this union died in infancy. Mr. Stannis and his wife are prominent socially, and he is a member of Union Lodge No. 40, F. and A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. and S. M., in which he is treasurer; Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., of which he is treasurer; Nelson L. White Post No. 18, G. A. R., in which he is senior vice commander; Encampment No. 114, Union Veteran Legion, of which he is colonel; Progressive Lodge No. 18, I. O. O. F., of which he is treasurer; Paugussett Tribe No. 3, Improved Order of Red Men; and Danbury Lodge No. 2781, Knights of Honor. In the last named order he holds the rank of F. R., and he is a Past Grand Dictator of the State organization. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

GEORGE P. BIDWELL belongs to a family that has long been connected with the agricultural interests of this State, and his great-grandfather, Abner Bidwell, was a farmer at Watertown. Norman A. Bidwell, the grandfather of our subject, was born at Watertown, but the greater portion of his life was spent at Oxford, this State. He married Miss Rebecca Steele, a daughter of Daniel Steele, and a descendant of Governor Bradford, of Connecticut. Three children were born of this union: George A.; Mary, deceased wife of Harry Brooks, a carpenter by trade; and Frederick, a musician residing in Meriden, Connecticut.

George A. Bidwell was born in Oxford in 1826, and is now a resident of Huntington. In early manhood he followed the machinist's trade at Waterbury and Meriden, but later he became

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an engineer, and in 1864 he removed to the town of Huntington and purchased a farm which he has since conducted. For some years after coming to Huntington he also held the position of engineer in a factory at Derby. His estimable wife, Harriet (Phelps), who passed to the unseen life in June, 1893, was a native of Winchester, Conn., and was a daughter of Daniel Phelps, a well-known farmer. They were the parents of three children: (1) Helen R., who married Robert T. Lattin, a son of Lyman Lattin, of Huntington, and they now reside at Meriden where he is employed as superintendent of the Miller Manufacturing Company; (2) Abbie L., who married Frederick L. Loomis, a farmer near Winchester; and (3) George P.

George P. Bidwell was born April 5, 1853, in Waterbury, where he remained until he reached the age of eleven years, his education being begun in the local schools. After his parents removed to Huntington he attended the district schools of that town for several years, and on leaving school he engaged in farming. In 1884 he settled upon his present homestead, where he has devoted his attention to the raising of general crops. He is a Democrat in politics, and as a citizen is held in high esteem.

On October 28, 1874, Mr. Bidwell married Miss Amanda M. Hubbell, of Huntington, and they have one son, Charles H., now attending school at Shelton. Mrs. Bidwell is descended from one of the pioneer families of Huntington, and her great-grandfather, John Hubbell, grandfather, Christopher Hubbell, and father, Charles Hubbell, all followed farming. Her mother, whose maiden name was Charlotte Shelton, was a daughter of William Shelton and his wife Lucy (Johnson), daughter of Ebenezer Johnson.

ISAAC WILCOX IVES. Few men have shown such originality in their pursuit of fortune as has this well-known resident of Danbury. As a lumber dealer, manufacturer, real-estate dealer, and as a promoter of various important movements which are no less beneficial to the public than to himself, he has won a high place among the business men of the State, his operations extending far beyond local limits, and yet his ability and sagacity are not to be wondered at, as they "run in the family."

George W. Ives, father of our subject, and Isaac Ives, his grandfather, members of the firm of Ives & White, were the first wholesale hatters in New York City, and later his father established the first savings bank in Danbury, furnishing all supplies for the first three years, even the stationery. George W. Ives was born in 1800, in New York City, and died in Danbury, December 26, 1864. His wife, Mrs. Sarah Hotchkiss (Wilcox) Ives, was born in Clinton, Conn., in 1809, and died January 4, 1899, at the advanced age of ninety years. They had five children: Joseph Moss; Isaac W.; Sarah Amelia, wife of Judge Lyman D. Brewster, of Danbury; Elizabeth, who died in childhood; and George E., deceased.

Isaac W. Ives was born in Danbury, May 6, 1835, and was educated there, attending the public schools and the academy, and pursuing a special course under Prof. Benedict Starr. On leaving school at the age of seventeen he went to New York City, and was employed in a Wall street office until he was twenty-one, when he engaged in the lumber business in Danbury, occupying the land between Ives street and the bridge on the south side of White street. After twenty-five years in this business, he became interested in the manufacture of hat cases by a new process of which he was the originator. He started three factories in Danbury and Bethel, under the title of the Danbury & Bethel Hat Case Company. The result of this undertaking was to reduce the price of hat cases in ninety days from forty dollars per thousand to twenty dollars, which price has been maintained till the present day, although the material and labor cost the same. Mr. Ives originated the idea of having the hat manufacturers combine together in a joint-stock company to do various parts of the business which are ordinarily done by different parties (at good profits) outside of the factory (many of which have made more than the manufacturers themselves), such as hat-cases and racks, paper boxes and rings, hat blocks and flanges, skyvers and leathers, printing tips, etc., all of which to be assembled and manufactured under one management, the manufacturers themselves being joint owners and customers. This would yield an immense profit, and give them this benefit over other manufacturers in other hatting centers. Mr. Ives has the proud distinction of originating and the satisfaction of living to see the realization of his invention materialized in the immense and thriving industry known under the name of the Clark Box Company, where all of the above named variety of materials are manufactured, owned by and run in the combined interests of the manufacturers of the town, it being the only one of the kind in the United States or in the world. The plant is an immense one with a four-story factory, four hundred feet long and proportionately wide, thoroughly fitted and equipped with every facil-

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ity, with improved inventions and machinery for all of the various kinds of work, turning it out in large quantities. The business is so systematised that it runs like one immense mass of mechanism, running on full time every day in the year. Mr. Ives built the Clark Box shop upon land which he originally paid $3,000 for, and his father-in-law, Lyman Keeler, a director in the Danbury Bank, and a man of large means and high standing in finance, said that if that was the way he (Mr Ives) "was going to fool away his money," he could not have any of his to throw away. The result of this purchase showed, however, the rare foresight and shrewdness of Mr. Ives, as in 1894 he sold the property to the consolidated railroad for eight thousand dollars!

In 1887 Mr. Ives went out of the hat-box manufacturing business, in which he was engaged five years, and since that time he has given his attention to the improvement of his real estate. In 1887 he laid out and built Keeler street and donated it to the city, the grading, curbing and sewering alone costing ten thousand dollars, and the land itself being worth thirty thousand dollars more. It is eight hundred feet long and is centrally located, being the main approach to the east end of the town. All the buildings on the street have been built by Mr. Ives, who has erected more buildings of various kinds for his own use than any other individual in the city. He has been the largest borrower in the location, having carried an indebtedness of nearly one-third of a million dollars for years. His name appears on the town records for those years oftener than any other man in Danbury, his name covering pages of the index. One notable real-estate deal was the transfer of a house, which he had built for himself, to Gen. U. S. Grant (then the trustee for the "General Rawlins Fund") for the use of that General's widow. The price was $11,000, and Mr. Ives received from General Grant checks for the full amount. Mr. Ives purchased the first manufactured lumber that was ever shipped by rail from the mills in Michigan to any point east of the Ohio, his first order being forty carloads. Previously all lumber had been shipped in the rough, or undressed, and transported by water on the lakes and canals. At that time there were neither steam-mills nor steam-drying kilns for making lumber in the various forms for use, whereas now it nearly all is "manufactured" and shipped almost entirely by rail. Since then there have been millions upon millions invested in it. Mr. Ives was really the pioneer in shipping the first lumber (partly "manufactured") by rail from Michigan east of Ohio.

Mr. Ives is the originator and sole promoter of the proposed railroad link to connect Danbury at Goldens Bridge with the Harlem (which is the branch of an approach to New York City of the great New York Central), this point being on a direct ("bee") line to New York City. When the D. & N. road was built it was laid out with "tide water" as the object point (to obtain cheap but slow freight) instead of New York City direct. This was before steam had superseded water transportation, and now in its turn electricity takes the place of steam, and mileage is more and more a consideration in effecting speed and frequency of communication. Danbury has always suffered (perhaps unknowingly) for the need of "up-to-date" (freight and passenger) transportation facilities, without which no business center can grow or even exist. It is solely and entirely dependent upon one single but great monopoly for all transportation facilities without any kind of completion.

The hatting industry has especial need of frequent and rapid transportation with New York City (even hourly as well as daily) which this proposed link only could furnish. All of the various supplies come directly from there, and most of the manufactured products go there. Promptness and quick delivery both ways are essential to the industry, and this is especially a peculiarly needed requirement of the business. By this proposed "Ives link" supplies of all kinds can be received (in answer to telephone calls) at different times during each day instead of requiring one, two, or even three days, under the present regime. It now remains to be seen what attitude the influential financial element of the town will assume, as it is largely in their power to help in its construction or (as before) its destruction. If this important project to the city and community is consummated it will be another monument (as is Keeler street and the Clark Box industry) to the enterprise and public spirit ot its projector.

Mr. Ives married Miss Emily D. Keeler, daughter of Lyman and Maria (Forrester) Keeler, and a lady of rare qualities of mind and heart. She died in 1885, leaving one son, George Forrester, who married Miss Jennie Howes, a daughter of Egbert Howes, of Howes' London Show.

OLIVER D. MEAD, a prosperous agriculturist residing at Field Point, in the town of Greenwich, is one of most highly-respected citizens of the county, the sturdy virtues of his pi-

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oneer ancestry being well exemplified in his character and in his successful though quiet career.

Mr. Mead was born December 29, 1842, in the village of Greenwich, and is of the eighth generation in direct descent from John Mead (1), the noted pioneer [other authorities say William], the line of descent being traced through John, a son of the pioneer, Ebenezer (1), Ebenezer (2), Jared, Daniel S. (1), and DANIEL S. (2), the father of our subject. The latter is still living (1898) at the advanced age of eighty-seven, and is an honored resident of the town of Greenwich. His estimable wife, whose maiden name was Huldah Mead, died in 1882, and of their ten children six are deceased. Our subject, who is the fourth child and second son of this worthy couple, now manages his father's extensive property in addition to his own business.

During his youth Oliver D. Mead acquired a thorough knowledge of agricultural affairs through practical work upon the home farm, and his education was obtained in the schools of the town. His first teacher, Miss Rachel Weed, conducted a school on the lower floor of a building used as a carpenter shop, but after securing his elementary training he attended the academy at Greenwich, then presided over by Philander Button, assisted by Miss Lyzetta Peck. Mr. Mead was married at the age of twenty-four to Miss Cornelia Scofield, daughter of William Scofield, a well-known resident of Greenwich. In 1882 he removed to his present homestead at Field Point. This place was then a portion of a large estate belonging to Oliver Mead, a relative, who was well advanced in life, and who made our subject one of his heirs in recognition of the latter's thoughtful and considerate care of him during his last years. Mr. Mead is a good manager, cautious and conservative, yet energetic in following a course once decided upon, and he attends strictly to the work at hand in a quiet and business-like way. His integrity is unquestioned, his word being "as good as his bond" anywhere, and he is justly regarded as one of the leading farmers of the county. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church at Greenwich, and while he is not a politician he is a firm supporter of the principles and policy of the Republican party. Of his three children, the eldest, Cora A., married A. R. Guy, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Olive M. and Lydia S. are at home.

The late Oliver Mead was born in 1800 in the house now occupied by our snbject, which was built in 1793. He resided there throughout his life, and he died there in 1887 at the age of eighty-seven years. He was much esteemed in the community for his excellent qualities of character, and although he was not formally connected with any religious society, he gave liberally to any worthy cause, and at his death left a substantial sum of money to Church work in his locality. He was a son of Zophar Mead and grandson of Capt. Abram Mead, an officer in the Revolutionary army, who settled in the vicinity of Indian Harbor at an early date, and engaged in business as a potter. Captain Mead had several children, among whom were two sons, Isaac and Zophar, and for these he purchased two farms at Field Point. Some of the descendants of Isaac are living in this county, but none of the other children of the gallant Captain are now represented among the family. Zophar married Huldah Mead, and had children, only one of whom married. The homestead of our subject lies to the south of the other farm purchased by Captain Mead, is a valuable estate, and comprised of one hnndred and fifty acres of of fertile land, peninsular in form, with over a mile of coast. It is noted for the beauty of its location, being situated in the most picturesque part of the township, and one of the most attractive features is the famous "Round Island," its breezes, shades and pleasant beaches free to all who come. The long slope toward the Sound affords charming views of rolling hills and sparkling waters, and traveling inland a summit is reached, with Belle Haven in the valley below.

CORNELIUS J. DE WITT, a prosperous farmer of the town of Wilton, was born in the town of Eastchester, Westchester Co., N. Y., June 10, 1856. Having secured his education in his native village he went to Newark, N. J., and there for a time engaged in the mercantile business, and later he followed farming in Wilton, Conn. While in Newark, N. J., he was a member of the fire department of the city. When the war of the Rebellion came on he enlisted as a drummer boy in Company D, Third New Jersey Militia, and retired as first lieutenant, having passed up through all the intermediate ranks in his company. Politically, he has always been a strong Democrat, but has never aspired to public office. He married Miss Margaret E. Kilty, who was born January 4, 1854, the marriage taking place July 5, 1881. Mrs. De Witt is a daughter of Peter and Mary (McCarthy) Kilty. The names with dates of birth of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. De Witt are as follows: Alice W., May 6, 1882; William A., January 17, 1884; Florence M., May 28, 1887, and Estella, May 7, 1889.

Tjerck Claeszen De Witt, great-great-great-

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great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Grootholt, Zunderlandt, and was the first of his family to come to America. The earliest information concerning him that is obtainable is contained in the marriage register of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York. This information is to the effect that on April 24, 1656, he married Barbara Andriezzan, Van Amsterdam, and that he resided in the city of New Amsterdam until after the birth of his eldest son, Andries, when he removed to Wiltwyck, now a part of Kingston, and there Mr. De Witt remained until his death, which occurred February 17, 1700. He and his wife had the following children: Andries, Tjerck, Jan, Jacob, Lucas, Peek, Kjaatze, Janetje, Gertruy, Rachael, Marietje, and Aaghie. The mother of these children died July 6, 1714.

Andries De Witt, great-great-great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Kingston, was there educated and was there married to Janatfe Egbertson, March 7, 1682.

John De Witt, son of Peter De Witt, and great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Kingston, Ulster Co., N. Y., there obtained his primary education, and afterward studied theology, becoming an ordained minister of the Dutch Reformed Church at Kingston, N. Y. Shortly after his marriage he established his residence at Crum Elbow Creek, in Charlotte precinct, now Staatsburg, where his children were born. In 1804 he moved to Albany, and in 1806 he removed from Albany to Newburg, Orange Co., N. Y., where he resided until his death. In 1773 he married Miss Catharine Van Vliet, by whom he had fourteen children, one of whom,

Peter De Witt, was the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. Peter De Witt was born at Crum Elbow Creek, Dutchess Co., N. Y., April 19, 1780, and there he received his early education in the common schools. Later he graduated from the law department of Columbia College, and afterward practiced law in New York most of his life, devoting his entire energies to his profession. In June, 1807, he married Miss Jenat Gosman, daughter of George and Jenat Gosman. The children born to this marriage were thirteen in number, one of whom,

William Andrew De Witt, was the father of the subject. He was born July 31, 1830, and died November 2, 1863. He was a native of the City of New York, was educated there, first in private schools, and afterward graduated from Columbia College. Then studying law, for the benefit a knowledge of the law would be to him in business, he established a wholesale and importing business in New York under the firm name of De Witt & Benjamin, the business consisting of the importation and sale at wholesale of spices, liquors, etc., on Front street. The business of this firm was very extensive, and was conducted by them for many years. In politics he was a Democrat, and at one time he was collector of internal revenue for the Port of New York; socially, he was a member of the Masonic Fraternity. He married Miss Amelia Duncan, daughter of Thomas Duncan and Hester (Parrett), the former a cousin of Bishop Parrett, and by this marriage he had the following children, their names, with dates of birth, etc., being: William A., Jr., July 29, 1851; Frederick N., June 30, 1852; Thomas D., October 29, 1853; Cornelius J., June 10, 1856; Amelia D., April 5, 1858, died June 12, 1863; Alfred, September 2, 1860, died June 17, 1863; and Peter, June 20, 1861, died June 14, 1863. Of this family,

William A., Jr., was born in New York, educated there, and has ever since been engaged in mercantile business in Buffalo, where he also has large planing-mills. Frederick N. was also educated in New York, afterward studied law there, and went west, serving in Marion county as deputy auditor and deputy treasurer for many years. He married Miss Abigail Bishop, of Marion, Ohio, by whom he had no children. He was a thirty-third-degree Mason. He died February 25, 1895. Thomas D. is a graduate of a New York business college, and is engaged in the wholesale and retail coal trade in New York, which has been his business so far throughout his life. He married Amelia P. Hammond, of Searsdale, Westchester Co., N. Y., a daughter of Judge Hammond, of New York. To this marriage there have been born the following children: William Archie, George G., Lucy, Amelia P., Grace and Thomas.

Peter Kilty, father of our subject's wife, was born May 25, 1820. Mary McCarthy, his wife, was born in Canada, November 1, 1825, and they were married November 20, 1852. Peter Kilty was a soldier in the Mexican war, and while in Mexico was taken ill with yellow fever, from which he did not recover for about six months. After the close of that war he went to Canada, where he remained a few years. He and his wife were married in Chicago, where their daughter Margaret E. was born, and previous to the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion he removed to Manitou county, Mich., and there became a farmer. About 1868 Margaret E. Kilty returned to Chicago, and some time later went to Colorado, where she and Cornelius J. DeWitt were married.

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WILLIAM H. REDMAN, who owns a handsome residence in the attractive town of Riverside, located on Long Island Sound, in Fairfield county, Conn., is one of the many retired business men of New York City who have chosen this delightful region as a resting place after a busy commercial career, and found it the ideal spot for a life of enjoyable quietude and comfort. The locality, naturally healthful and beautiful, has been enhanced from year to year by the various wealthy men who have taken up their residence here, building luxurious dwellings and sparing neither pains nor expense to make their homes and surroundings all that heart could wish in the way of comfort and beauty. Mr. Redman has been prominent among this class since his removal here in 1890 from New York City, where he passed all his previous years, having been born there in 1835 at No. 185 Hester street, where the Redman family had their home for years.

The Redmans are of English extraction, and the progenitor of the branch to which our subject belongs came to America, in 1680, from Yorkshire, England, settling on land now embraced in the city of Philadelphia, in which city and also in Trenton, N. J., many of his descendants are yet living. His son, Thomas Redman, was born in 1684 in Philadelphia, and was married in 1706. From ancient records are gleaned the following: In 1721 the Assembly passed the law regulating party walls in Philadelphia, which is in force to-day, and Thomas Redman was one of four to be the first regulators. On May 1, 1729, the House took into consideration the necessity of a house for the Assembly of the Province to meet in; appropriated £2,000; on October 15, 1730, purchase of grounds was made; 1732 ground was broken and the work divided to the different trades. John Parsons and Thomas Redman were the stone masons and cellar diggers. Some of the bricklaying was done by this firm. This building, at first called the "State House," has been known for years as "Independence Hall."

Mr. Redman's father, Charles H. Redman, was born in 1798, in Trenton, N. J., the eldest of the two children of Samuel and Susannah Redman, viz.: Charles H. and Wolloston. He was reared in Trenton, and there received his education, which was gained in a six-months' attendance at the public schools, but he was a man of extraordinary business capacity and force of character, and his success in life was an unusual one. As his father died when he was thirteen years old, leaving the family in any but comfortable circumstances, he was obliged to go "into the harness" at an early age to help support them, and he was still in his "teens" when he went to New York City and entered the shop of his uncle, Jesse Redman, as an apprentice, the uncle being a "cedar" cooper and the pioneer in his line in the metropolis. Mr. Redman picked up the business rapidly, and displayed such unusual interest in it that it was not many years before he succeeded his uncle, the latter retiring, and with no capital but ambition and untiring energy set himself to work to establish a profitable trade. He toiled early and late, and at the first, when he was able to fill all orders himself, he not only did that, but also carried the finished product to market on his shoulder and brought the raw material—large cedar timbers—to the shop in the same manner. His business grew, however, from a merely local one until he had customers as far south as the Carolinas, and he gave employment to a large force of men, continuing until 1844, when he retired. Having given his undivided attention to business up to this time, Mr. Redman decided to travel for some time, and after the death of his wife he had no permanent home until the marriage of his daughter, Harriet, after which he lived with her. Although he had abandoned, practically, his business affairs, Mr. Redman would never have been content to live a life of idle leisure, and he looked after the interests of his large estate—which at his death amounted to half a million—in person, in this connection acting as director in various banks and companies, viz.: The Old Bowery Bank, the Butchers & Drovers Bank, the Pacific Bank, the Broadway Insurance Co. and the Park Insurance Co. He had a large number of tenants, in his dealings with all of whom he was kind and considerate, canceling many an unpaid rent bill, and such a thing as an eviction was unknown among them. He was active and well preserved up to the time of his decease, in 1878, when he was thrown from a wagon and sustained injuries to his hip which proved fatal. Mr. Redman was a remarkable man, and had many sterling qualities of head and heart which endeared him to all who knew him. His uprightness and integrity were displayed in all his business dealings, and he was highly respected by his associates in any of the relations of life. Reared in the Quaker faith, to which his parents and forefathers also adhered, he was always a devoutly religious man, and after his marriage he attended the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife belonged, though he never joined himself. However, he took a deep interest in Church and benevolent enterprises, acted as trustee of the Church, and was an early member of the Me-

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chanics Society, now called the Mechanics Institute, on the library committee of which he served for years. He was unostentatious and retiring in his manner, but nevertheless he numbered among his circle of acquaintances many of New York's best citizens, and he was well known for a man of his habits and tastes. Politically he was a Whig.

Mr. Redman was married in New York City to Miss Mary A. Tappan, who was a native of that place, belonging to one of the old families, and died in 1843, leaving the following named children: James H.; William H., whose name introduces these lines; Joseph, who died in New York, leaving a family; Angeline A., living in New York, who is the widow of Charles Bell; and Harriet, who married Richard Stillwell, and died in New York leaving a family of seven children.

In 1816 Mr. Redman joined the military organization then known as the Eleventh Regiment of Artillery, in New York City, and retained his membership until 1844, during which time all his enthusiasm seemed to center in military matters, and few if any members of the corps were better known or more popular. At the time of his resignation he held the rank of lieutenant in the Ninth Regiment, as it was then known.

William H. Redman attended school up to the age of sixteen years, receiving a careful training in the best private schools, and not long afterward he commenced to learn the trade of wood engraver, which at that time was a highly remunerative one. He finally engaged in business as a member of the firm of Redman & Kenney, who in their day held high rank in that particular line, and were well known, receiving many important contracts. This firm did all the engraving for Johnson's Encyclopedia, and when it was published Mr. Redman was presented with a complete set of the books by the compiler, with his compliments. The firm did a large and successful business until Mr. Redman's retirement some years ago, and as above stated he has had his home in Riverside since 1890, enjoying all the advantages, natural and social, for a life of ease, which are found here. He has built two residences, his own beautiful home and another which he sold, and like his neighbors he is constantly improving and beautifying his grounds till his property is now one of the most desirable in the region. Mr. Redman is a great admirer of fine horseflesh, and takes much pleasure in driving, but he prefers the quiet of his own home to social excitement, and avoids publicity of any kind in his own life.

Mr. Redman has been twice married. His present wife was Miss Beulah Howells, who was born October 6, 1854, in Freeport, Ill., the daughter of Joseph Charles and Louisa Odlin Howells, who had seven children—three sons and four daughters. The family removed from Freeport, to Madison, Wis., during Mrs. Redman's infancy, and thence to Washington, D. C., where they resided during the period of the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Howells now live at Baltusroll, N. J. He is an inventor. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Redman, William H., Jr., who died in infancy, and Laurence, who is still with them. Mr. Redman's political sympathies are with the Democrats, but he is not bound by party ties, and he voted for McKinley at the last Presidential election. He takes no part in politics beyond casting his ballot.

REV. JOHN W. GILL, late rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Bridgeport, needs no special introduction to the readers of this volume, being so well and favorably known.

A native of New York State, Mr. Gill was born March 24, 1861, in Brooklyn, and is of English descent, his grandfather, Joseph Gill, having been born in England, whence he migrated to the United States. John Henry Gill, son of Joseph, and father of our subject, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he was reared and educated. He was in the employ of Havemeyer in the sugar business during his active business life. He was the father of two children: Stephen, a resident of Brooklyn; and John W.

Our subject received an excellent education, one well fitting him for the ministry of the Episcopal Church. He graduated at the public schools of Brooklyn, at Trinity School, New York, at St. Stephen's College (receiving the degrees of B. A. and M. A.), and at the General Theological Seminary in New York. After his ordination he received the appointment as rector of St. Paul's Parish, at Keeseville, N. Y., where he remained until called in December, 1895, to the rectorship of St. Luke's Parish in Bridgeport.

On November 18, 1890, Rev. John W. Gill was married to Mrs. Frances F. Rogers, daughter of Hon. W. W. Tabor, of Keeseville, N. Y., and niece of Secretary Frelinghuysen and Judge Forsyth. He himself is connected with some of the most prominent families of the States of New York and New Jersey, and by his marriage becomes related to the following families in New York State: Frelinghuysen, Pumpelli, Tibbits, Tabor, Forsyth and Parker, and also with the Ramsays of Vermont.

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Rev. Gill while in Bridgeport served as chaplain of the 4th Regiment Connecticut National Guard, of the Park City Yacht Club, and of various other organizations of that city. Socially, he is a member of Crusade Lodge No. 149, F. & A. M., at Keeseville, N. Y., and is chaplain thereof. For several years he has faithfully served in the Master's vineyard, doing all in his power for the betterment of mankind, and has gained the confidence and respect not only of his own people, but of the community at large. As a worker in the spiritual and temporal affairs of St. Luke's Parish he was indefatigable, and as a preacher, lecturer and public speaker he had no superior in Bridgeport. Two years ago he resigned his incumbency in St. Luke's Parish, and returned to his old home in Keeseville, Essex Co., N. Y., where he has since been, with the exception of nine months he served in the late war.

WALTER GODDARD. If deeds measure a man, the subject of this sketch takes high rank. If devotion to public interests is praiseworthy, encomium may properly be showered upon him. Born in England, there reared to manhood, imbibing its national life, the subject of this sketch had scarcely attained his majority when he resolved to unite his fortunes with the newer nation of kindred blood across the waters. His advocacy of Union, his estimated and efficacious labors for the people among whom he settled, his worthy example of clean-handed stewardship in public trust, are matters of record and history.

Mr. Goddard was born in London, England, February 2, 1836. He was educated in the private schools of his native metropolis, and at the age of fifteen he bade good-bye to his school books to engage in the practical affairs of life, and to win a livelihood, and also, perchance, a competence and the regard of man. He left Southampton, England, July 4, 1858, for America, and, settling at Bridgeport, he found employment in the dry-goods store of Hall & Read. Soon acquiring familiarity with the business, Mr. Goddard, with his innate energy and determination, went to Easton, Conn., and at Easton Center opened and conducted a general store. Those were the dark, sullen days that preceded the Civil war, when forebodings cast gloom upon business affairs, when public sentiment was yet uncrystallized, and when bold, clear utterances were the need of the hour. Mr. Goddard warmly espoused the cause of the Union, and while at Easton he arranged many demonstrations in favor of patriotism and national spirit. In 1862 he returned to Bridgeport, and engaged in the fancy and dry-goods business at the corner of Main street and Fairfield avenue.

The public life of Mr. Goddard is a long and honorable one. Under the old educational regime, he was a member of the Bridgeport board of education from 1871 to 1875, and in that capacity the administration of the board's affairs and the responsibilities of its duties fell largely upon his shoulders, as the other members of the board were engaged in New York City. During this period the district school was brought to a high degree of efficiency, and many marked improvements were wrought. In 1870 Mr. Goddard was elected justice of the peace, and was re-elected in 1872 and 1876. He brought to his judicial duties a mind that was at once fearless and clear, and many important cases, both civil and criminal, were tried before him. It was also in the year 1870 that he was appointed health officer of Bridgeport, holding the position for several years. It is notable that during his service in this capacity the cleansing of the Hydraulic Companies' reservoirs in the northern portion of the city was accomplished, while abattoirs and various nuisances in that locality were removed. In 1873 Mr. Goddard was elected to the common council. He has also filled the office of town auditor most creditably with Hon. Samuel Baldwin. Solicited to accept the appointment as assessor, he most ably and equitably fulfilled the delicate duties of this office from 1889 to 1892.

It has been perhaps in his discharge of his duties as Collector of Customs that Mr. Goddard is most widely known. He was appointed to that office by President Cleveland for the district of Fairfield in 1885. At the time of his appointment Secretary Manning had under serious consideration the abolition of Bridgeport as a port of entry, and its amalgamation with the New Haven office. The business done at Bridgeport amounted to about one thousand dollars per year, in duties collected. Through the untiring efforts of Mr. Goddard this action was postponed, and when the new collector, as he did, brought the revenue up to one hundred thousand dollars per year, there was no longer any disposition to remove the office. At the expiration of his term of office thirty-four importers tendered him a magnificent banquet and presented him with costly presents. Mr. Goddard's personal efforts also availed to secure for that port the application of the Immediate Transportation Act, whereby foreign merchandise might be shipped in bond directly to Bridgeport and there appraised.

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The extension of the Marine Hospital service to Bridgeport, whereby the seamen might receive gratuitous hospital treatment and care, and in case of death a fitting burial, was also due to the labors of Mr. Goddard. In 1893 he was reappointed to the office of Collector of Customs, and served to August, 1897.

Not least among his public service was the successful issue of his efforts to secure for Bridgeport the present handsome post office and customs building, and also the addition of one hundred thousand dollars toward its enlargement. Many pilgrimages were made by Mr. Goddard to Washington before the necessary apportionments were made. While the building was under construction during the years 1888, 1889 and 1890, Mr. Goddard acted as disbursing agent for the government.

In politics he is a Sound-money Democrat. For six years he has served as chairman of the town Democratic committee, and he successfully managed thirteen elections. For a number of years he served as a member of the State Finance committee of the Democratic party. His religious affiliations are with the Episcopal Church, and he is the oldest male member and a vestryman of Trinity Church.

In the East End, formerly known as West Stratford, Mr. Goddard laid out and improved at his own expense many public streets, doing as much as any one man for that vicinity. For the semi-centennial celebration of the city, known as the Municipal Festivities of July 3d and 4th, 1888, Mr. Goddard was an active worker, and he secured the assignment of the U. S. S. "Atlanta" to participate in the celebration. When the Second Heavy Artillery reunion was held in Bridgeport the U. S. S. "Cincinnati" was present through the same instrumentality.

Mr. Goddard is a member of the Sea Side Club, the Bridgeport Yacht Club, the Park City Yacht Club, the Sound Money Club, St. John's Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M., the Y. M. C. A., and the Church Club of Connecticut. He is a vice-president of the Bridgeport Board of Trade, and an honorary member of the Second Connecticut Light Battery. He has keen power of observation, has a wide and valuable fund of practical information, and is pre-eminently a self-made man.

HENRY M. WHEELER. It is refreshing in these days of "calamity howlers" to find an agriculturist whose judicious management enables him to overcome the disadvantages of unfavorable years, and maintain an even balance of prosperity. The subject of this sketch, a substantial agriculturist of Fairfield township, is thoroughly scientific in his methods, and his fine farm north of Greenfield Hill is a model estate.

Mr. Wheeler belongs to one of the oldest families of Easton township, where its members are still numerous, and in every generation the name has been associated with good citizenship. Samuel Wheeler, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a farmer near Jump Hill, Easton township.

Silas Wheeler, our subject's grandfather, was a well-to-do farmer in Easton, and a well-known citizen in his day. He was a robust man of stocky build, and lived to be nearly eighty years old, his remains being now at rest in the cemetery of the Baptist Church in Easton. He married Miss Sarah Sanford, a member of one of the pioneer families, and a sister of Ebenezer Sanford, of Easton, who formerly resided near the Baptist church. Silas and Sarah Wheeler had the following children: Sanford, our subject's father; Samuel, a jeweler in Canada, but who died in Easton; Ebenezer, a prominent business man of Bridgeport, now deceased; John, a farmer of Easton; Edwin, who died at the old homestead in Easton; David, who died in Bridgeport, where he had been engaged in business for a number of years; Esther, widow of Bradley Sanford, of Easton; Lozia, who married John Hull, and died in Easton; and Lydia, wife of William Sanford, of Weston township.

Sanford Wheeler, the father of our subject, was born and reared in Easton township, several years of his boyhood being spent with his grandfather, Samuel Wheeler, who was extremely careful and systematic as a farmer, and gave him thorough training in all the details of agricultural work. As he grew older he engaged in farming on his own account, and for many years he operated a sawmill in Easton. He was an industrious man and a good manager, and through his own efforts he gained a fine competence, owning at one time nearly 300 acres of land. In politics he was a stanch Democrat, and he took keen interest in party work, voting regularly and serving at different times in minor offices, including that of member of school committee. He attained the advanced age of eighty-three years, and was married three times. By his first wife, Marietta Banks, he had one son, Morris, a carpenter in Bridgeport. His second wife, Lorena Wilson, a daughter of Benjamin and Martha (Perry) Wilson, of Fairfield, died at the age of fifty-eight years, leaving three sons: Henry M., our subject; Frank S., a carpenter at Bridgeport; and Benjamin S., a jeweler, who died in

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Canada. By the third marriage, to Eunice Perry, of Weston township, there were no children.

Henry M. Wheeler was born August 10, 1836, in Redding township, near the Easton line, and was educated in the schools of that locality, David Smith being his first teacher. He attended school chiefly in the Foundry District in Easton, and was an apt scholar, frequently gaining prizes for proficiency. He remained at the homestead until he reached the age of twenty-five, his father allowing him $100 per year after his fifteenth year, and on leaving home he took charge of a farm in Easton belonging to his aunt, Mrs. Andrew Perry. On March 29, 1863, he married his first wife, Miss Delia Squires, of Weston, and about that time he purchased a small farm in Easton, where his wife died February 16, 1866, leaving one child, Martha L., now Mrs. Dwight M. Banks. On July 29, 1867, he married Miss Mary F. Wood, of Greenfield Hill, and soon afterward he located on the farm of Thomas Wood, his wife's father. He bought another small farm near by the old homestead, and put up the buildings thereon, and his residence is comfortable and attractive. While his time is mainly devoted to the cultivation of his estate, he is a natural mechanic and has provided himself with a set of carpenter's tools, with which he does much of his own work in the repairing and construction of buildings and fences. He has always been active in promoting the interests of agriculturists as a class, and is a charter member of Greenfield Hill Grange, in which he has served as a member of the executive committee ever since its organization. He has held other offices, including that of assistant steward for two years, and is overseer at the present time. He and his wife are prominently identified with the Congregational Church at Greenfield, and he is a member of the Church committee. In politics he is a Democrat so far as national affairs are concerned, but in local matters he votes independently. In 1862 he served on the Democratic Town Committee. He has served on the grand jury, and at the present time is a justice of the peace. During the Civil war he was drafted twice, first time for nine months, and second time, August 22, 1863, for three years, but furnished a substitute, paying him the sum of four hundred dollars.

ARTHUR EDWARDS PLUMB, formerly a representative in the State Legislature from the town of Trumbull, is one of the leaders in the business, political and social life of that locality, and few men of his years have achieved as wide a popularity.

Mr. Plumb comes of good old Colonial stock, his ancestors having settled in the town of Trumbull at an early period. Eli Plumb, his great-grandfather, was born November 25, 1777, and and died October 14, 1865. He married Betsey Booth, and had six children: (1) Pixley J., born December 6, 1800, died July 28, 1826. He was married on May 16, 1822, to Susan Hurd, by whom he had one daughter, Delia Judson, born May 26, 1825; she was married February 12, 1850, to Charles H. Hall, and has had one child, Ella E., born February 24, 1871. (2) Birdsey B., our subject's grandfather, is mentioned below. (3) Almon E., born April 1, 1807, was married January 17, 1828, to Betsey Sterling. (4) Betsey Ann, born in 1811, died January 27, 1827. (5) Harriet A., born in 1816, was married November 10, 1835, to Benjamin Burton, and died May 27, 1854. (6) Mary Ann, born March 23, 1821, was married January 26, 1846, to Lucius C. Booth. They had one daughter, Lacira, born March 20, 1847, who married Edmond H. Hurd, and died December 11, 1872, leaving one child, Lillian Lacira, now the wife of Edward T. Hendrickson, of No. 619 Noble avenue, Bridgeport.

Birdsey B. Plumb, our subject's grandfather, was born August 8, 1804, and followed farming in Trumbull for many years, his death occurring February 12, 1891. On March 8, 1828, he married Miss Emeline Mallett, who died December 24, 1890. They had two children: Betsey Ann and Charles Elliott. The former was born December 15, 1827, and died January 17, 1864. She was married November 21, 1854, to Thomas C. Wordin, and had two children: Birdsey Plumb, born January 10, 1857, died March 8, 1875; and Elizabeth Chapelle, born January 15, 1860, who was married February 14, 1884, to Frederick J. Lockwood (now deceased).

Charles Elliott Plumb, our subject's father, was born in Trumbull, June 12, 1832, at the homestead now occupied by our subject, and died June 24, 1873. He made his home in Trumbull, and in early manhood followed farming there, but later he became a civil engineer, being connected with the United States coast survey for many years. He served as a soldier during the Civil war, in Company D, 23rd Conn. V. I., and his brief career was in all respects worthy of admiration. In religious faith he was a Congregationalist, and he and his wife were active members of the Church of that denomination in Trumbull. On May 5, 1856, he married Miss Susan Ann Hall (daughter of Alanson Hall, of Chestnut Hill), who died February 11,

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1895. Of their five children: (1) Willard Shelton, born July 21, 1857, was educated in the public schools of Trumbull, also in a private school conducted by Emory F. Strong, and since 1884 he has been connected with the City Savings Bank at Bridgeport; he was married November 15, 1883, to Miss Ida Grace Summers. (2) Charles Edward, born April 24, 1859, died October 29, 1863. (3) Charles Franklin, born January 19, 1865, was married November 19, 1889, to Miss Elizabeth C. Tait, and resides in Bridgeport. (4) Arthur E. is the subject proper of this sketch. (5) Howard, born January 26, 1870, died March 29 of the same year.

Our subject was born March 1, 1866, at his present homestead, and his education was chiefly obtained in the schools of that town, a course in a business college at Bridgeport giving him a technical knowledge of practical business methods. On leaving school he assisted his grandfather for some time in the management of the homestead, but in 1887 he was appointed station agent at Trumbull. This position he held until 1891 when he engaged in general mercantile business with his brother, Charles F., and this enterprise has met with increasing success. From an early age he has always been prominent in the work of the Republican party in his locality. In 1895 he was appointed deputy sheriff by Sheriff Sidney E. Hawley, and he resigned the position January 5, 1897, but was again appointed late in June of the same year. In 1896 he was elected representative from Trumbull in the General Assembly, and he served one term acceptably. Socially, he is identified with the Order of Red Men, and he is an active member of the Grange. On November 28, 1889, he married Miss Charlotte C. Bennett, who died April 25, 1894, leaving one daughter, Charlotte Bennett Plumb.

JAMES FRANCIS WALSH was born in Lewisboro, Westchester Co., N. Y., March 15, 1864, a son of James F. and Anne E. Walsh. His boyhood days were spent in Ridgefield, Conn., to which place his parents removed shortly after his birth.

Educated in the local schools of this latter place, at the age of eighteen years Mr. Walsh removed to Greenwich, entering the law office of his brother, the Hon. R. Jay Walsh, as a student. He was admitted to the Bar January 20, 1888, continuing the practice of his profession in partnership with his brother until January, 1890, when he opened an office of his own.

Mr. Walsh enjoys a large and lucrative practice, and, notwithstanding his business engagements, has still time to devote himself to the public welfare. In politics a Republican, he not only stands well in the councils of his party, but is an active worker in the political battlefield. He entered public life at a time when Greenwich was changing from a staid New England town to her present self, and is one of a number of the young business and professional men who have done so much to advance the welfare of the town and borough, in the face of the opposition of the older conservatism, now happily almost a thing of the past.

Mr. Walsh has not only preached—he has practiced. Energetic in his dealings in real estate, as in business, he has succeeded in amassing a competency. He is a director in and treasurer of the Byram Land Improvement Company; a director in and secretary of the Greenwich Gas and Electric Lighting Company, and a director in and attorney for the National Investment Company. He is also prosecuting agent for the county commissioners, which position he has held since 1888; and since the organization of the borough court, in 1888, he has been prosecuting attorney.

On April 11, 1893, Mr. Walsh was married to Emily Gene Tweedale, a lady who has won for herself an *entrée* to the hearts of both the rich and poor in the community.

HENRY FAIRCHILD (deceased), a lifelong resident of the old Fairchild farm, near the village of Newtown, with which locality his family had been identified for many years, was born there July 20, 1818, and died July 26, 1897.

Josiah Fairchild, the grandfather of our subject, born November 27, 1754, was an extensive landowner in the town, and followed farming throughout life, his residence being on the "flat road" on the place now occupied by Charles Brisco. He was not only one of the wealthiest men of the town, but he took an active and influential part in local politics and in various public movements, being prominent in religious work as a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. His property was divided among his five sons: Wheeler, who built the house occupied later by Henry; Adoniram, who lived on the hill east of the old place; Ira and Cyrus, who lived on the "flat road," and Jonathan Sturgis, our subject's father, who is mentioned more fully below. All the sons remained upon the farms thus acquired and all married and left descendants.

Hon. Jonathan Sturgis Fairchild, our subject's father, was born January 27, 1783, and inherited that portion of the old homestead which

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is now occupied by his son William. He died November 7, 1826, in his forty-fourth year, but even at that comparatively early age he had become one of the leading men of the community. His real-estate holdings in various parts of the town were valuable, and as an agriculturist he was uniformly successful. His fine mental ability enabled him to secure an excellent education in spite of somewhat limited opportunities, and his jovial disposition won for him a host of friends. In politics he was a Democrat, and in addition to holding numerous offices in his town, from constable up, he served as a member of the State Legislature in 1824–25. For many years he was an active worker in Hiram Lodge No. 18, F. & A. M. (formerly of Newtown, but now of the Sandy Hook branch of that fraternity), with which his father had also been identified. His wife, whose maiden name was Lucy Wheeler, died May 27, 1860. Her father, Joseph Wheeler, a well-known resident of Newtown, was born June 26, 1763, and died in 1837; her mother, Anne (Botsford), was born January 19, 1765, and died December 18, 1842. Jonathan S. and Lucy Fairchild had a family of eight children, viz.: Joseph B. was born March 7, 1806; Anna, born December 24, 1808, died January 10, 1825; Mary (1), born May 13, 1811, died July 3, of the same year; Mary (2), born January 27, 1816, married Charles Skidmore, and died December 29, 1893; Henry, our subject, is the next in order of birth; William was born October 4, 1821; Lucy, born July 15, 1823, married David Beers; and Anna Emeline, born April 2, 1826, married Edwin Terrill, of Brookfield. Of the above, the only survivors (1899), are Deacon William Fairchild and Mrs. Lucy Beers.

As will be seen, Henry Fairchild, our subject, was eight years old when deprived by death of his father, and the training of the children fell to the widowed mother. She was a woman of remarkable sweetness of character, a trait that was freely imparted to her son Henry. His education was restricted to the district schools of that period, and among his teachers may be mentioned Daniel Burhans (son of Rev. David Burhans), A. M. Hubbell, Daniel Leavenworth and A. M. Higgins, of *Zoar*. In those days the Taunton school house was located near the "hook," not far from the site of the chapel. As a boy and young man Henry Fairchild was a hard worker in both his studies at school and his duties on the farm, in which latter connection it is pleasing to note that under the management of the mother and her two sons—Henry and William—the homestead increased in acreage, becoming one of the finest of its size in the county. When he was only sixteen years of age Henry began buying land from the other heirs of the estate, and became interested in farming on his own account. About 1847 the arrangement with his brother William was discontinued, the latter taking the portion of the homestead which included the site of the old residence. In 1849 our subject bought the Wheeler Fairchild farm, and about 1865 he purchased the Harry Beers farm and the Clark farm, comprising together nearly ninety acres, which added to his previous possessions made a fine property of 190 acres, regarded as one of the best in the town. He gave much attention to stock raising, and during some of the later years of his life was interested in dairying, conducting both lines of business successfully and profitably. While a man of public spirit, he never entered the political arena, and his devotion to principles was untainted with any desire for party rewards. In early life he was a Democrat, but during the agitation over the "Missouri Compromise" he became a Republican, and ever afterward voted with that party. In religious faith he was a Congregationalist, and for many years he was a leading member of the Church at Newtown, holding every office in the organization, including that of deacon, in which he has served for forty years.

At the age of about twenty-seven years Mr. Fairchild married Caroline Booth, daughter of Horace Booth, of Brookfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., and by her had children as follows: Anna Frances and Jane Elizabeth, both of whom survive. Anna F. is the wife of Andrew C. Moore, and is living on the homestead; they had three children: Henry Fairchild, born June 9, 1877, who is in the employ of the Manhattan Typewriter Company, Newark, N. J.; Arthur Hill, born December 20, 1878, who is employed in the office of the Bridgeport Brass Company, at Bridgeport; and Elsie May, born February 19, 1883. Jane Elizabeth married Col. J. W. Knowlton, of Bridgeport, who was postmaster of that city sixteen years. The mother of these died in 1869, and in 1872 Mr. Fairchild married Elizabeth Peck, who survives him.

Mr. Fairchild, our subject, passed his entire life in Newtown. In 1843 he united with the Congregational Church, and October 20, 1857, he was elected a deacon in same, serving in that capacity for the long period of nearly forty years, in all his ways and acts proving himself to be a devout Christian. He left an honored and unsullied name, the purest and best of all heritages, and is remembered as one of the most kindly, genial and sweetly patient of men.

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SAMUEL A. DAVIS, attorney and counsellor at law, Danbury, is a native of that city, having been born there October 14, 1865.

Mr. Davis received his education in part at Danbury High School, where he graduated in 1882, and in part at Harvard University, where he spent one year, after which he attended Yale Law School, from which institution he graduated in 1893. On June 30, 1893, he was admitted to the Bar at Bridgeport, and immediately entered into partnership with Judge Lyman D. Brewster, at Danbury, which partnership still continues.

In March, 1894, Mr. Davis was appointed assistant prosecuting attorney of the city court of Danbury. In February, 1897, he was elected, by the Legislature, associate judge of the city court of Danbury, and re-elected in 1899.

WILLIAM BOTSFORD. The name of Botsford appears in the records of Newtown as early as 1712, and the family has been prominent for several generations in the social, business and political movements of that locality. Moses Botsford, the grandfather of the well-known citizen whose history is outlined below, was born in Newtown, and for many years was a leading agriculturist of Zoar District. He married Huldah Winton, and had the following children: Thomas, who never married; Theophilus, our subject's father; Daniel, who married Lucena Twitchell; Phœbe (Mrs. Ebenezer Beers); Sally, wife of Harry Downs; and Aurelia (Mrs. Isaac Peck).

Theophilus Botsford, the father of our subject, was born in Newtown about 1785, and throughout his active life was engaged in farming in the same town. After his marriage he removed from Zoar District to North Center District, where his remaining years were spent, his death occurring December 28, 1827. He was quite successful in business and was prominent in local affairs, holding numerous offices. In religious faith he was a Universalist, and as he was a man of fine mental ability and much force of character, he drew around him a superior class of friends. His wife, Lucy Ann (Peck), who died September 4, 1870, was a daughter of Elnathan Peck, a prosperous agriculturist of North Center District, and the owner of a large tract of land. They had a family of three children: (1) Julia, born August 24, 1808, married John Russell Skidmore; (2) Mary, born December 25, 1811, married Joseph Blackman; and (3) William.

Mr. Botsford, our subject, was born December 10, 1813, at the old homestead in Newtown, and his education was chiefly obtained in the common schools of North Center District, although he also attended the select school in a building which stood on the present site of the "Grand Central Hotel," his teacher being Judge Samuel C. Blackman. When about eighteen years old he left school, and for some time he devoted his attention to farm work at the homestead. In 1850 he removed with his family to Sturgis, Mich., then a little hamlet, and purchased a farm within a half-mile of the center of the place. His first investment included only forty acres, but as time passed he bought more land until he owned between two and three hundred acres. He remained there five years, meeting with success in his various undertakings, and during this time he took an active part in the development of the little town, holding office as justice of the peace. In 1856 he returned to Newtown, but soon afterward sold the homestead, and in the fall of that year he removed to Comanche, Clinton Co., Iowa, a small town on the Mississippi river. He purchased between two and three hundred acres of land about four miles from the village, and for four years he made his home there, renting his land, however, to others. On June 3, 1860, a tornado swept over the neighborhood, destroying the village and fatally injuring thirty people. Mr. Botsford's house was taken off its foundations and totally wrecked, but fortunately the family, having found refuge in the cellar, escaped serious injury. That locality having no further charms for them, Mrs. Botsford returned at once to Connecticut, Mr. Botsford remaining in Iowa only long enough to settle up his business affairs. In 1862 he made a trip to Oregon and Washington Territory, joining a caravan at Omaha, and making the journey across the plains with a team. Finding the prospects good, he spent some time in Washington Territory in mining on the Upper Columbia river, and later he went to Salt Lake, where he became interested in silver, which was at that time as profitable to the miner as gold. He discovered one mine that assayed over $4,678 to the ton, and he remained in that locality nearly seven years, during which time he took up about twenty claims. In 1872, satisfied with his success, he disposed of all his Western interests and returned to Newtown to enjoy the results of his labors, and since 1875 he has occupied his present handsome residence there. While he does not now take part in business enterprises with his former energy, his advice is valued in financial circles, and at present he is a director in the Newtown Savings Bank.

Politically, Mr. Botsford was in early life a Whig, later becoming identified with the Republican party. Since his return to Newtown he has

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not been active in politics, but in other places he has taken much interest in such matters. His public service while at Sturgis, Mich., has been already noted, and at the time of the tornado at Comanche, Iowa, he was mayor of that place. In religion he is inclined toward the Universalist faith, but his wife is an Episcopalian. The marriage of our subject occurred November 21, 1841. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Sophia Terrill, was born January 8, 1823, a daughter of Abel Booth and Sophia (Botsford) Terrill, and granddaughter of James and Esther (Booth) Terrill. Mr. and Mrs. Botsford have two sons, both of whom are in business in the West: (1) Henry Booth Botsford, born October 15, 1842, is interested in mines in the mountains of the "Desert" in California. He was married (first) in 1872 to Elizabeth V. Saunders, and (second) in 1884 to Mrs. Mattie E. Jones; he has two children: Frank Leroy, born in 1874 at Los Angeles, Cal.; and Lulu Kate, born in 1879. (2) Frank Terrill Botsford, born November 19, 1858, is in the real-estate business at San Diego, Cal.; he married Adelaide L. Tanner.

REV. JOHN DOLBY SKENE, rector of St. James Episcopal Church at Danbury, is one of the ablest among the talented divines of that city. Faithful and untiring in pastoral work, he is also an eloquent and impressive speaker, drawing his inspiration from his subject rather than from his audience. As he is wholly independent of manuscript, not even using notes, the manner as well as the subject-matter of his addresses produces a powerful effect.

Mr. Skene is a descendant of an old Scottish family concerning which an interesting and romantic account is given in history. It appears that when Malcolm II, King of Scotland, was returning from the defeat of the Danes at Mortloch, in Morayshire, in 1010, he was pursued by a ravenous wolf, which was about to attack him, when a son of Donald of the Isles thrust his arm, which was wound in his plaid, into the wolf's mouth, and with his dagger slew the beast. The King, appreciating the boldness of the action, gave to the young man certain lands, which now form the parish of Skene, in Aberdeenshire. This incident gave rise to the family name, Sgain, which means a dagger, or a dirk, and which occupies, together with three wolves' heads, a very conspicuous place in the family armorial bearings. John De Skene, in the thirteenth century, joined the forces of the Usurper, Donald Bain, but afterward proved his loyalty to his King, Alexander, and was forthwith restored to the royal favor. His great-grandson, John, who lived during the reign of Alexander III, was so well informed politically, and so esteemed for his impartial virtue, as to be chosen one of the arbiters between Bruce and Baliol, both of whom were contestants for the crown. A grandson, Robert De Skene, was a firm friend of Bruce, fought at Bannockburn, and received a charter from his leader in 1318. Coming down through the centuries, we find Alexander Skene fighting at the side of King James during the celebrated battle of Flodden, and later we see James Skene, his direct descendant, leading the charges at the battle of Pinkie, where he fell in 1547. Maj. George Skene distinguished himself, under the Duke of Marlborough, in the wars that were fought during the reign of Queen Anne, and in 1720 purchased the estate of Careston, in Forfarshire. Two more Skenes were soldiers, and both died fighting, one in Spain and another at the battle of Preston, in 1745.

While in the early history of the Skene family we find warriors plentiful, it must be remembered that there were litterateurs and lawyers also, though their attainments did not shine with the luster of the martial doings, a fact that was owing, in great measure, to the turbulent condition of the times. However, at a later date, the non-martial of the Skenes found fame and fortune in the pursuance of their respective professions. In 1575 history records the fact that John Skene and Sir James Balfour were appointed a commission by the Regent Morton to examine and make a general digest of the laws of Scotland. So thoroughly was the work done that Skene, who performed the more arduous duties connected with the undertaking, received a public commendation, and was pensioned, in addition. In 1587, so great was his favor with the King, he was chosen to proceed to Denmark for the purpose of concluding a marriage with the Princess Anne. This Skene is reputed to have been a very scholarly man. According to Sir James Melville, who wrote a short biography of him, he was able to harangue in Latin, and was without doubt the most celebrated of the Skene litterateurs. Coming down to 1590 we read of one Gilbert Skene, who was a professor of medicine in King's College, Aberdeen, and afterward physician to the King, which position he resigned in 1594. He was afterward knighted. One of the most interesting of the Skene family was James Skene, the long and faithful friend of Sir Walter Scott, co-worker and co-partner with him, and responsible for many of the most interesting scenes which Scott has so cleverly portrayed. Andrew Skene, who in 1834 succeeded Lord Cockburn

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as solicitor-general of Scotland, was also a member of this fine old family.

The paternal grandparents of our subject were William and Elizabeth Skene, who resided in Aberdeen, Scotland, and John Skene, our subject's father, was born at the old home there. He became a horticulturist, making that science a lifelong study. His wife, Anna (Dolby), was a native of Lincolnshire, England. Their union was blessed with the following children: Elizabeth; William, a clergyman of the Episcopal Church, who died in 1871; Mary, who married George W. Wilbur, president of the Wilbur Shirt and Collar Company, at Troy, N. Y.; George, a Methodist minister, now preaching at Cambridge, Mass., at the old Harvard Methodist Episcopal Church; Anna, who died at Troy in 1883; John Dolby, our subject; and Charles, an inventor and mechanic, who has charge of a malleable iron manufactory in Chicago.

The subject of our sketch was born October 16, 1849, in Lincolnshire, England, but was educated in this country, attending the public schools of Troy, N. Y., for a time, and completing his preparation for college with private tutors. His theological studies were pursued under the direction of Rev. Dr. J. I. Tucker, then rector of the Church of the Holy Cross at Troy, and Rev. Dr. Nichols of St. Mark's Church, Hoosic Falls, N. Y. Mr. Skene was ordained deacon in the latter Church at the Feast of the Epiphany, 1877, and on St. Peter's day, 1878, was advanced to the priesthood. He remained as assistant to Doctor Nichols until May, 1881, when he was sent by the Bishop of Albany to Gouverneur, N. Y., to take charge of that parish, where he spent a year and a half. The Bishop next sent him to Ilion, N. Y., and after three years he was transferred to Asbury Park, N. J., where he remained until 1889. His next incumbency was St. Paul's Church at Brooklyn, N. Y., and this he held until December 1, 1894, when he went to Danbury to assume his present pastorate.

He has always taken a great interest in political matters, as well as in all other questions of the day, and is a stanch Republican. Though he has never been active as a partisan, he sometimes preaches a patriotic sermon, as he believes it to be a pastor's duty and privilege to make practical application of truth to solve the problems of life. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

In 1879 Rev. J. D. Skene was married in Hoosic Falls to Miss Ellen A. Calhoun, daughter of John C. Calhoun, a native of Elmira, N. Y., who was connected with the New York Central railroad for years. Her mother, whose maiden name was Harriet Breeze, was a member of an old Holland family which has long been identified with Bennington, Vt. Mr. and Mrs. Skene have three children: John Calhoun, George Matthew and Malcolm Stanley.

JAMES R. MEAD, town clerk of Greenwich township, Fairfield county, is an able and popular official, and enjoys the distinction of having held his position longer than any other incumbent. Always courteous and obliging, his discharge of his duties is in every way satisfactory to the public, and his supporters are to be found in both political parties. His abilities are recognized far beyond local limits, and he has for some time held the office of president in the State Association of Town Clerks. He is a member of one of the oldest and most influential families, being a descendant of John [other authorities say William] Mead, the noted pioneer, who came from England to America in 1642 [other authorities say 1635], and settled at Sound Beach in 1660.

Mr. Mead, our subject, is the youngest son of Benjamin C. and Mary E. (Ritch) Mead, well-known residents of Greenwich, and a brother of Hon. Benjamin P. Mead, of New Canaan, whose biography appears elsewhere. The birth of our subject occurred August 28, 1860, at the old homestead in Greenwich, and his early education was obtained at the Greenwich Academy, then conducted by Professor Webster. On leaving that institution he read law with Col. H. W. R. Hoyt, one of the leading lawyers of the State, and after his admission to the Bar, in 1882, he practiced for three years with his preceptor. He then opened an office of his own, established a flourishing independent practice, and a year later, in 1886, he was chosen town clerk, which office he has held continuously ever since. He also practices law in connection with the duties of his clerkship. Mr. Mead is interested in various business enterprises, including the Greenwich Savings Bank, of which he is a director; the Rippowam Woolen Mills, being a director, secretary and treasurer; is secretary of the Putnam Cemetery Association, and director of the New Canaan Water Company. He is also burgess of the borough of Greenwich; has held the office of assistant prosecuting attorney of the borough court of Greenwich for the past ten years, and has recently been appointed deputy judge of the same court. Mr. Mead is most unassuming in manner, notwithstanding his success in life, and his generosity and public spirit are shown in his ready patronage of any movement designed to

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promote the welfare of the community. His integrity has never been questioned, and few men enjoy in such a high degree the confidence of their fellow citizens. In politics he is a Republican, and for years he has served the party with the same ability and shrewdness which have characterized his conduct of his private affairs.

In November, 1888, Mr. Mead was married in Brooklyn, N. Y., to Miss Elizabeth M. Stone, daughter of Thomas Stone, a prominent contractor and builder of that city, and a member of a well-known family. The only child of this union, James R., Jr., was born July 1, 1894, and died September 12, 1895. Mr. Mead owns a fine residence at Greenwich. Fraternally he is identified with various organizations, and is a charter member of the O. U. A. M., in which he was one of the first office holders.

WILLIAM BEERS PRINDLE. This venerable and esteemed resident of Newtown, who has for many years been identified with the best interests of the locality in which he has so long lived, was born May 1, 1815, at Newtown Center, and is of Scotch descent on the paternal side.

Cyrus Prindle, the grandfather of our subject, resided at Canaan, Westchester Co., N. Y., and he and his wife, Polly (Beers), reared a family of three children, viz.: Louis Beers, our subject's father; Charles W., who made his home at Pine Plains, Dutchess Co., N. Y.; and Polly Ann, who remained single.

Louis Beers Prindle was born February 2, 1783, in Newtown, and in early manhood engaged in business there as a cabinet and wagon maker. Removing to the site of Johnson's mill, he there for some time conducted a gristmill and wagon shop, and later engaged in undertaking, which business has since his death been continued by his son and grandson, making three generations of the family to follow that line of business in the same place. Louis B. Prindle was a man of good natural abilities, and successful in gaining a high reputation in the community, both as a business man and as a citizen, but he was never especially interested in political affairs. He died December 19, 1850. His wife, Betsey (Ferris), who passed away September 21, 1856, was a daughter of Nathan Ferris, of Newtown; her grandfather Ferris is supposed to have been a native of Scotland. Five children were born to this marriage, to wit: (1) Albert S., born August 20, 1810, married Polly J. Thirk, and made his home in Newtown; (2) Maria, born February 28, 1813, married Daniel Pickett, of Bethel, and both are now deceased; (3) William Beers, our subject, is mentioned more fully below; (4) Angeline, born August 23, 1817, died January 12, 1894, married (first) Czar Plumb, (second) Homer Hayes, (third) Harson Twitchell, and (fourth) C. C. Warner; and (5) Mary, born February 23, 1820, married S. W. Trowbridge, of Waterbury, Conn., at one time a bookkeeper by occupation.

William Beers Prindle began at an early age to assist his father, thus securing a thorough knowledge of wagon making, and also of the undertaking business, as until the latter's death he was associated with him in both lines of work; from 1850 to 1866, however, he continued the manufacture of wagons exclusively. In the latter year he removed to his present place of business and then resumed undertaking, making that a specialty until his retirement from business in 1890. In all he was engaged in undertaking for more than fifty years, and for some time he was the only one in Newtown in that line. As a result of industry and good management he met with substantial success, and he has always been regarded as an upright and worthy citizen. In politics he has not taken an active part, though for one year (some time ago) he held the office of constable. He and his family are identified with Trinity Episcopal Church, in which he has been an official for many years. On January 9, 1852, Mr. Prindle married Miss Maria Shepard, by whom he has had one son, William H., who is mentioned more fully below. Mrs. Prindle passed from earth October 1, 1897, aged seventy-six years, and was interred in Newtown cemetery. She was one of the oldest communicants of Trinity Church, Newtown, and was esteemed and beloved for her fervent piety, and her many virtues which adorned the faith she professed.

The SHEPARD FAMILY is well known in this county, and Abraham Shepard, the grandfather of Mrs. Prindle, was a prosperous farmer in the Head of the Meadow District, town of Newtown. He was born in 1744, and September 9, 1769, married Rhoda Ferris, by whom he had the following named children: Betty, born in September, 1770, baptized November 11, 1770; Truman, born September 11, 1772, died June 23, 1799; Lazarus, born October 5, 1774; Nathan, born May 3, 1777; Samuel, born July 10, 1779; Sueton, Mrs. Prindle's father; Mabel, born April 14, 1784; Abram Ferris, born March 12, 1789, who married Abby Lake; and Rufus, born February 24, 1792.

Sueton Shepard was born October 5, 1781, at the old homestead in the Head of the Meadow District which had been occupied by his father

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and grandfather, and which he himself owned and cultivated in later years. On November 26, 1806, he married Dymah Ann Hurd, a daughter of Oliver C. Hurd, who is mentioned farther on. A large family was born of this union, whose names, with dates of birth, etc., are as follows: Harriet, February 9, 1808, died November 16, 1817; Mary, November 15, 1809, married November 25, 1830, Lyman Smith, and died in 1891; Elizabeth Jane, December 23, 1811, married January 6, 1831, Demmon Blackman, and died in December, 1855; Delia, February 14, 1814, married November 25, 1832, Benjamin White; Lazarus Clarke, June 2, 1816, married May 7, 1837, Emily Strong; Juliette, November 27, 1818, died July 25, 1834; Maria, March 9, 1821; Samuel Ferris, March 14, 1823, married September 22, 1848, Sarah Maria Weed; Grand, October 30, 1825, died October 8, 1826. The mother of this family passed away April 14, 1850, and the father on April 12, 1863, at the age of eighty-one.

Oliver C. Hurd, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Prindle, was born November 2, 1765, a son of Theophilus and Johanna Hurd, the former of whom died in 1812, and the latter on July 4, 1799. On April 24, 1786, he married Keziah Botsford, who died January 15, 1817, and his own death occurred March 28, 1855. They had five children, viz.: Dymah Ann, born April 25, 1787; Roswell Botsford, born May 8, 1792, died August 15, 1793; Jerusha, born April 9, 1797, married Joseph Taylor; Emma, born August 25, 1802, died August 26, 1825; and Sally, born April 21, 1805, married Stephen Peck, and died July 12, 1835.

WILLIAM HURD PRINDLE was born May 30, 1854, in the town of Newtown, and was educated in the public schools and academy, the teachers who had most influence upon his early life being Beach Hill and Miss Fannie Marble. His school days ended when he was about seventeen years old, and when eighteen he was apprenticed to Charles H. Gay, of Newtown, to learn the business of carriage-making. After three years spent with him, he in 1880 went to Mile Hill to work for Daniel G. Beers, who made a specialty of the manufacture of canopy tops, and he is still with him, doing the painting and iron work in the establishment; since 1890 he has also conducted the undertaking business formerly carried on by his father. In this latter enterprise he has a partner, L. C. Morris, and they have a large custom, including all the Protestant portion of the community. In politics Mr. Prindle is a Republican, and although he is too much occupied with business cares to assume official duties he served one term as assistant registrar of his town. He is quite prominent in local affairs, and his public spirit has been shown in many ways when matters relating to local improvement have been under discussion. On October 24, 1878, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Ford, adopted daughter of Mrs. Harriet Beers. They have no children.

HON. EDWIN L. SCOFIELD, a prominent member of the Fairfield County Bar, at Stamford, and ex-State Senator and member of the Lower house, is of the seventh generation of the family of that name who have lived in the county.

John Scofield, the first of the family in America, came from Wethersfield, England, to Stamford, Conn., in 1640, being one of the early settlers of the town, and he married Hannah Mead. Samuel Scofield, the ancestor next in the line of descent, was born in Stamford, July 10, 1678. He married Hannah ———, and their son Samuel Scofield (known as Samuel third), born June 21, 1712, married Elizabeth Ambler, March 1, 1743. He resided in Newfield, and served in the Continental army during the war of the Revolution. Ezekiel Scofield, a son of the patriot, born July 30, 1767, in the town of Stamford, married December 21, 1793, Abigail Scofield. By occupation he was a farmer. Edwin Scofield, next in line, also a farmer, was a native of Stamford, born August 7, 1794. He married Elizabeth Bishop, and their children are: (1) Erastus E. was born November 11, 1816, on his father's farm in the town of Stamford, where he passed his boyhood days. Here he received a primary education in the district schools, and later he became a teacher in a boarding school at North Stamford. Subsequently he was engaged in the milling business at the same point. In 1856 he moved to Stamford, where for ten years he was engaged in milling business. He next carried on a flour and feed store, the business of which he still conducts. He is a man of good information and intelligence, and has at various times been placed by his fellow citizens in positions of honor and trust. He served as first selectman, for a term of two years. Politically, he was a Whig before the organization of the Republican party, and then became a Republican. In New York City he married Mrs. Jane A. Waterbury, who was a native of Pound Ridge, N. Y. She was a member of the Congregational Church, and a most estimable woman, in whose death, which occurred December 25, 1867, the community lost a woman whose influence was ever for the right. To this marriage were born—Edwin L., who is mentioned farther on; and

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Frederick, who died in infancy. (2) Horace Granville is at this time city engineer for Bridgeport. He is identified with the Congregational Church.

Edwin L. Scofield was born June 18, 1852, in the town of Stamford, and his boyhood was passed in the village of Stamford, where he attended private schools. In 1871 he entered the senior class of Columbia Law School, New York City, from which he was graduated in 1873, and in September of the same year he was admitted to the Bar at Bridgeport, becoming a member of the Fairfield County Bar. On January 1, 1874, he formed a partnership for the practice of law with James H. Olmstead, at Stamford, which partnership continued until January 1, 1880, since when Mr. Scofield has been engaged in practice alone. During the years that Mr. Olmstead was an attorney for the State he was assisted in his duties by our subject. From 1874 to 1880 Mr. Scofield served as prosecuting agent for Fairfield county, and for several years he was the attorney for the corporation of the town and borough of Stamford. In 1881 he was honored by the people of the county by an election to the State Legislature. While a member he served on a number of important committees, among them the Judiciary committee, and as chairman of the committee on New Counties and County Seats. In 1882 he was elected to the State Senate from the Twelfth Senatorial District. While in the Senate in 1882–83 he served as chairman of the Judiciary committee. In 1895 he was elected mayor of Stamford, and in 1896 he was re-elected to that office. On July 1, 1897, he was appointed, by Governor Cooke, commissioner of building and loan associations, which office he held until July 1, 1899, when he resigned same in order to accept the appointment of insurance commissioner for the State, for a term of four years, from July 1, 1899. In all of these public trusts Mr. Scofield has measured up to the duties and responsibilities devolving upon him, and given his constituents clear and business-like representation. He is a lawyer of ability and a citizen of high order.

On October 15, 1879, Mr. Scofield was married to Annie W. Candee, a daughter of Julius A. and Evaline (Weed) Candee, and the marriage has been blessed with one son, Edwin, born August 25, 1887. Mr. Scofield is a director of the Greenwich Trust, Loan & Deposit Company, of Greenwich, Conn.; is also a director in the First National Bank of Stamford; and he was one of the incorporators of the Stamford Savings Bank. He is also a director and secretary of the Stamford Hospital.

JOTHAM BURR HAWLEY, a well-known respected citizen of Hartford, Conn., is a native of Newtown, Conn., having been born there June 2, 1828, and is descended from the original family of that name who came to the New England States in pioneer times.

Tyrus Hawley, father of Jotham B., and who through a long and useful life was a resident of Newtown, lived on a farm in the vicinity of Hawleyville, and before the day of railroads kept an old-time tavern or house of entertainment, in connection with agriculture. He married Sally Lewis, and their children were as follows: Jotham Burr, our subject; Royal DeForest and Sarah Caroline, both of whom died in Hartford, Conn., Royal De F. on April 9, 1893, and Sarah C., on December 22, 1896, in her fifty-seventh year; and Lewis Marshall, a resident of Danbury, Conn. Tyrus Hawley died April 2, 1868, in the seventy-eighth year of his age, Sally (Lewis), his wife, passing away July 26, 1885, in her eighty-first year.

Jotham B. Hawley, whose name introduces these lines, passed his boyhood on a farm, attending during the winter seasons the district schools, and at the age of seventeen commenced learning the merchant-tailoring business in Sandy Hook, serving his apprenticeship with Almon Keeler. At the age of twenty-one he removed to Fairhaven, and one year later took up his residence in Bethel, his cash capital at the time being just fifteen dollars. At the end of nine months, however, he again moved, this time to Newtown, where he commenced business for his own account, buying out an established merchant-tailoring establishment, one year later entering the employ of David H. Johnson, whose merchant-tailoring establishment business he conducted some five years. We now find Mr. Hawley in New Haven, he having accepted a position as cutter with Thomas Chatterton, at the end of a few months commencing for himself in that city in partnership with John S. Parmalee, their place of business being for five years on the corner of State and Chapel streets, then for the same length of time on the corner of Chapel and Church streets. In April, 1868, Mr. Hawley and Mr. Parmalee dissolved partnership, and, our subject's wife dying shortly afterward, he made up his mind to try his fortune in the far West. Accordingly, having purchased a stock of jewelry, he set out on his journey in the capacity of Yankee peddler, arriving in due course at Kansas City, Mo. From there he proceeded to St. Joseph, in the same State, where he had a cousin living, and here he passed the winter, which was near at hand when he arrived there. Becoming interested

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in Western land along with his cousin, he went to Sioux City, Iowa, and purchased a farm of two sections in Sioux county. At that time Sioux City was the extreme point of advanced civilization on the Missouri, and had only one railroad communication.

Returning after seven months to his home in Connecticut, he spent the following summer in New Haven, and the succeeding fall set out for Chicago, obtaining a situation through John Peck, as cutter with W. H. Clingman. He remained with Mr. Clingman one year, then once more journeyed to Kansas City. Here, in the interests of a Boston firm, he had charge of an extensive tailoring establishment, remaining in that connection from September 14, 1869, to January 15, 1870, then returning east *via* Chicago, New York City being for the time his objective point. In the summer of 1870 we find him in Toronto, Canada, but before the ensuing fall he was once more in New York City, where he secured a position as cutter with Louis H. Grass, merchant tailor on the corner of Broadway and Chambers street. With him he remained one season, then worked for Isaac Hull & Company, on Broadway, in same line, also one season. From New York Mr. Hawley proceeded to Providence, R. I., and for two years was in the employ of West & Brothers; thence went to Auburn, N. Y., at the end of some ten months taking up his residence in Newark, N. J., having accepted a position with Miller & Westervelt, which at the end of four years he resigned to make another change, this time "trying his luck" in Saginaw, Mich., but remained there only a short time finding "metal more attractive" in Chicago. Here he succeeded in securing a position as cutter for Edward Ely, who at that time had the leading tailoring business in the city, and the latter opening a branch establishment in Grand Rapids, Mich., to do the finest work in their line, sent Mr. Hawley to manage the cutting department. Within a short time, however, Mr. Ely closed up that branch, and our subject was recalled to Chicago, whence not long afterward he again removed to New York, and for a season followed his trade there. Once more we find him in Newark, N. J., with his former employers, Miller & Westervelt, and after some other "changing around" he finally landed in Bridgeport, remaining there for one season, then coming to Hartford.

In Hartford Mr. Hawley for two years was in the employ of Henry P. Hitchcock, merchant tailor, then for three months worked at his trade for Strickland & Gallard, in New London, since when he has lived in Hartford retired.

Some two years after going to New Haven, Conn., as above related, Mr. Hawley was united in marriage, at Middlebury (now Port of Akron), Ohio, with Miss Emily M. Cotter, daughter of Ambrose and Mary (Pratt) Cotter. Mrs. Hawley died at New Haven May 20, 1868, aged thirty-two years, leaving one child, Hattie Cotter Hawley, who now presides over her father's home, No. 355 Windsor avenue, Hartford, which residence he built in 1896.

After the death of her mother Miss Hawley lived with her aunt and grandmother in Hartford, where she was educated, and where the greater part of her life has been passed. She is a lady of much refinement, and a violinist of considerable ability, in which connection it may be mentioned that the violin (a remarkably fine instrument) used by her is one given to her by her uncle, Royal DeForest Hawley, who was a thorough connoisseur in those instruments, and is reputed to have had one of the finest collections of violins in the world, which at his death, with the exception of the very fine one he gave to his niece, was sold to Mr. Granger, of San Diego, Cal., for twenty thousand dollars. One of his violins, called "King Joseph," he paid $3,000 for, and he was at one time offered as much as $5,000 for it, but would not part with it for that sum.

FRANCIS J. ROGERS, A. M., M. D., a prominent physician of Stamford, Fairfield county, where for twenty years he has, professionally and socially, been closely identified with the city's interests, was born in Carlisle, Ohio, June, 19, 1849.

John K. Rogers, father of Doctor Rogers, was a native of Ireland, where in Maynooth College he studied for the priesthood, and was graduated from that institution. Coming to the United States, he engaged in business in Philadelphia, later leaving that city with the intention of going to California, but stopped *en route* at Carlisle, Ohio, where he began teaching school, and during President Pierce's administration he served as postmaster at that place. While in Philadelphia Mr. Rogers was married to Alice McCallion [?], who was a native of Ireland, and to their union were born children as follows: Charles (deceased), who at one time was a Roman Catholic priest in Bristol, R. I.; William H., a priest in charge of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, at Stamford; Francis J.; Mary (Mrs. James Tobin, of Bristol, R. I.); and Daniel J., of the Wagner Palace Car Company, with residence at Harlem, N. Y. The parents are both deceased.

Francis J. Rogers, our subject, passed a por-

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tion of his boyhood at Carlisle, Ohio, and attended the common schools there. Subsequently he was a pupil for four years in the public schools of Philadelphia, and in the parochial schools of the Roman Catholic Church, later attending the public schools at Warren, R. I. As he was but a mere boy when his father died, he was placed under the care of an uncle, who it seems disapproved of his enlisting in the army during the Civil war, much as the lad desired it. In order that he might be weaned of his military ardor, Francis was sent to the College of the Holy Cross, at Worcester, Mass., from which institution he was graduated in 1870, and here he numbered among his class-mates Bishop Beven, of Springfield, Mass., Bishop Bradley, of Manchester, and Bishop Michaud, of Vermont. In 1875 the Faculty of this College conferred upon our subject the degree of A. M. He began the study of medicine in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1873, and he subsequently went to St. Mary's Hospital for one year, spending six months in the city dispensary.

Doctor F. J. Rogers began the active practice of his profession at Providence, R. I., in 1875, and June 1, 1877, he located in Stamford, Conn., and he has ever since been there engaged in the duties of his chosen calling. He has been prosperous in business affairs, and stands high both professionally and as a citizen. The Doctor is a man of generous disposition, and the supplication of the worthy poor never falls unheeded on his sympathetic ear, for he has the reputation in the town of being a friend to the needy, and many a heart has been gladdened by his bounty. His friends are legion. He has gained considerable prominence as a public speaker, and endowed as he is with a keen sense of humor, his name is always a welcome one on any program, for in his many speeches he has seldom failed to create wholesome amusement coupled with extreme good feeling. In personal appearance Doctor Rogers resembles ex-President Cleveland, and on one occasion in Washington, D. C., he was mistaken for him. Our subject is a member of the State, County and City Medical Societies.

Doctor Rogers takes great interest in all local matters, and has devoted considerable time to politics and other public affairs, being a foremost advocate of all improvements afoot in the community. Since May, 1898, he has been a member of the common council, representing the First ward of his city, and is chairman of the committee on Streets, Sidewalks, and Sewers. Previously the Doctor served many terms as member of the old borough council, and he has been a member of the school board of Stamford for eighteen years. His interest in public schools has been marked, and he has done much to bring about the high standard of excellence reached by the Stamford schools of today. Some years ago he established, and still maintains at his own expense, a system of prize-giving to the pupils standing highest in the various studies of the course, stimulating them to earnest action and greater efficiency. There are seven prizes in all. It was Doctor Rogers who presented to the Franklin street school the first United States flag that floated from any public-school building in Stamford. The Doctor has been a member of the Stamford board of health for twelve years, and at the present time is health officer of the town.

Doctor Rogers' political connection is with the Republican party, though he was formerly a prominent Democrat, and he was a delegate of his party to each of the three conventions that nominated Grover Cleveland for the Presidency. He is examining surgeon for the Benevolent Legion Society; a member of and examining surgeon for the Knights of Columbus; a member of Lodge No. 999, Royal Arcanum; Court Philip H. Sheridan, Foresters of America. In religious faith he belongs to the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1880 Doctor Rogers was married at St. Francis' Roman Catholic Church, New York City, to Miss Margaret Brennan, daughter of ex-Commissioner Owen W. Brennan, and niece of ex-Sheriff Matthew Brennan, both of that city. To their marriage have come children as follows: Harry, who died in infancy: Frank, born June 30, 1885; Charles, born December 12, 1890; and Alice, deceased.

PHILO HURD SKIDMORE. In modern times the qualities which constitute "generalship" find their best field of activity in business life, and the bloodless victories of our great promoters deserve to be chronicled as of more value to the race than the cruel and destructive movements in which nations too often engage for the sake of greed or glory. The man who seeks to broaden the channels of trade and industry is to be commended, and no one can read the following history without feeling admiration for the ability, energy and persistence shown in worthy lines of effort by the well-known citizen of Newtown whose career it briefly reviews.

Mr. Skidmore was born October 1, 1817, in Bethlehem, Litchfield Co., Conn., but his ancestors were early settlers in Fairfield county. Abel Skidmore, the grandfather of our subject,

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was a native of the town of Newtown, and for many years was engaged in farming "on the Neck," in the northwestern section of the town. He was a thrifty man, acquired a fair competence, and held an honorable place among the old-time residents of the locality. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian, but he was not especially active in Church work. He died September 30, 1846, aged ninety-two years, and his wife, Bethiah (Glover), who was a woman of much ability and force of character, died July 18, 1853. They had thirteen children, twelve of whom lived to adult age, their names, so far as can now be ascertained, being: John, Booth, Charles, Daniel, Glover, Zerah, Bennett, Annis (who married Henry J. Okson), Mrs. Samuel Blackman, Mary Ann (who married Glover Botsford), Mrs. Lake, and one whose history is not known. All married, some more than once, and John was married three times. With the exception of Bennett and Zerah, all lived and died in the vicinity of Newtown, and all were identified more or less closely with the agricultural element of the community. The sons displayed in a marked degree qualities of industry, economy and energy, and maintained an excellent standing as citizens.

Zerah Skidmore, our subject's father, was born in Newtown, and throughout life was interested in agricultural pursuits. About 1805 he removed to Bethlehem, where he purchased a farm of forty or fifty acres, and when that tract was paid for he bought another in the center of the town. He was a sturdy, thorough-going man, showing the thrifty characteristics of his race, and was highly esteemed by his associates. He was noted for his independence in thought and action, and was fond of argument upon religious topics, being a close student of the Bible. He was always active in Church work, belonging to the Episcopal Church, and in politics was a firm supporter of Democratic principles. By his wife, Bernice (Hurd), he had five children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being as follows: Homer, born in 1807; Julia, born in 1810, married Roswell A. Morse, and is still living; Wealthy, born in 1813, married Lucius Shelton; and Philo Hurd, our subject.

The Hurd family is well known in this county, and Jabez Hurd, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a prosperous farmer of the town of Brookfield. He married Lucy Blackman and had five children—two daughters and three sons. Of the latter: (1) William B. is a dentist in Brooklyn, N. Y., and has one son, William, who has recently been appointed judge. (2) Philo had three children—Mrs. J. E. Dunham, of Bridgeport; Mrs. Meeker, of New York City; and Melancthon, a member of the firm of Hurd & Houghton, of New York and Boston. (3) Ferris S. had two children—Henry, who married a daughter of P. T. Barnum, and resides in New York; and Catharine, wife of Doctor Hewett, of Bridgeport.

Our subject spent his early years in Bethlehem, and received all his education at the local schools. When about fifteen years old he went to Norwalk, and for four months was employed there as a clerk, in the following winter securing a similar position in New Haven, in the wholesale grocery store of Henry Oakes, where he remained until he attained his majority. He then engaged in business for himself in partnership with N. C. Hall, purchasing the interest of Mr. Kittston, this arrangement continuing five years, when Mr. Skidmore returned to Bethlehem and opened a general store, the enterprise proving so successful that at the end of one year he bought out his only competitor in business. Under these flattering prospects he established a home of his own, marrying Miss Abigail N. Ives, of Cheshire, Conn., who shared his joys and sorrows until her death, which occurred July 16, 1893. He carried on his business in Bethlehem successfully until 1853, when the failure of the Woodbury Bank, of which he was a director, involved him in serious loss. As a result he removed to Bridgeport in September, 1853, thinking to retrieve his losses by engaging in business with J. E. Dunham; but the partnership lasted only one month, Mr. Skidmore deciding to accept a position as secretary and treasurer of the Pacific Iron Works at Bridgeport. The post entailed considerable responsibility, as he was to be the executive head of the enterprise, and the offer was quite a compliment to his ability. The times were unpropitious, for of forty stock companies organized in that locality about that date only two survived, but the Pacific Iron Works was one of the fortunate ones, continuing on its original plan until 1861. The company then took a contract for building the machinery for the gunboat "Kanawha," the amount involved being $45,500, which so alarmed some of the stockholders that a number of changes were made in the company, resulting finally in the acquirement by Mr. Skidmore of the sole ownership of the business, though rather by chance than by foresight. During the year 1861 Mr. Skidmore went to Washington in connection with the contract referred to, and had an interview with the Secretary of the Navy.

On the establishment of the Wheeler & Wilson sewing-machine shops at Bridgeport, the

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Pacific Iron Works gained additional contracts of a profitable kind, and, later, Mr. Skidmore devoted his attention to the manufacture of stationary engines and boilers, becoming the leader in that line of business in the world. He retained the management of the works until 1884, employing from one hundred to one hundred and sixty men, and in the meantime he took advantage of other openings to turn an honest penny or two. In January, 1870, he made a visit to Florida and other Southern States, spending some time in Tallahassee, New Orleans, Mobile and Montgomery, and on his way home he stopped in Washington, where the first colored senator was then attracting attention. His trip through the South had impressed Mr. Skidmore with the possibilities of that region as a field for the judicious investment of capital, and he at once began the construction of the St. John's railroad, leading from St. John's river to St. Augustine, Fla., a distance of fifteen miles. After five years he sold out his interest in the enterprise at a handsome profit. In 1880, having built some steam fire engines for Galveston and New Orleans, he went South with them and spent two months. During this time he invested heavily in real estate in New Orleans at low prices, and this investment yielded satisfactory returns. At present he is the chief stockholder in the New Orleans Cold Storage Company, and has large property interests in other portions of the "Sunny South," including an extensive plantation above Carrollton, La. Altogether his career has been a remarkable one, his keen perceptions being seldom or never at fault in determining the value of an investment, or the probable outcome of a business contract.

Notwithstanding his business cares Mr. Skidmore has always been a reader, and he has kept well informed upon general topics. In politics he has been a lifelong Democrat, but during the Civil war he gave his support to the government in its efforts to suppress the Rebellion. He has never taken an active part in local politics, although at one time he served as a member of the Bridgeport council, and was a member of the State Legislature; also for several years was chief engineer of the fire department at Bridgeport. For many years he has been a leading worker in Trinity Episcopal Church at Newtown, in which he has held office continuously, and at the time the new edifice was built he was one of ten men to contribute the greater portion of the cost. Socially, the family is prominent, and our subject is a member of the I. O. O. F., and of Quepeack Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M., at New Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. Skidmore had seven children, viz.: Stella A., wife of E. L. Beard, of Cambridge, Mass.; Julius W., a hat block manufacturer in Bridgeport; Philo Hurd, Jr., manager of the Pacific Iron Works; Abigail (deceased), who married the late Henry T. Nichols, and had four children; William, who died at the age of three years; Eddie, who died at the age of six; and Herbert M., who died in 1887 at the age of twenty-two.

CHARLES D. DAVIS, member of The Davis & Hawley Company, jewelers, was born in Derby, Conn., Sept. 5, 1863, the only child of John B. and Josephine (Chatfield) Davis.

John B. Davis, Sr., grandfather of our subject, was one of the most prominent men of the town of Derby, was well known as "Deacon Davis," and was a very earnest member of the Presbyterian Church. John B. Davis, Jr., the father of Charles D., was born in Derby, and there grew to manhood, engaging in business with his father, who had become a celebrated grower of peaches, the expert cultivation of which was carried on with general farming. Mr. Davis was also a member of the Weed family of Stamford, Conn., who are descendants of Jonas Weed, who came over in the same ship with Sir Richard Salstonstall, accompanying him to Watertown, Mass., was admitted Freeman May 18, 1631, dismissed from Watertown Church to Wethersfield, Conn., May 29, 1635, thence to Stamford in 1642.

Charles D. Davis was brought to Bridgeport at the age of four years. As a young man he entered the jewelry store of E. W. Button, as a clerk, continuing as such until 1887 when he was admitted as a partner. In 1890 he purchased an interest in the present store, the firm being known as Parker & Davis, but has subsequently been incorporated under the name of The Davis & Hawley Company. In 1891 Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Susan J. Hawley, who was born in Bridgeport, a daughter of Frederick B. Hawley, of that place. To their union three children have been born: Constance H., who died May 4, 1896; Bronson Hawley, born March 2, 1896; and Esther Kinney, born June 18, 1897. Mr. Davis is identified with the Masonic Fraternity, is a member of Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and Lafayette Consistory, A. A. S. R.; is also a member of Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, I. O. O. F. He is a member of the Universalist Church, and served as clerk of the parish a number of years. He occupies a high position in the estimation of the citizens of Bridgeport for his business integrity.

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FREDERICK D. BENEDICT, member of the Legislature of Connecticut, for Wilton, was born in that town April 30, 1843, and received his education there first in the common schools. Afterward, during the years 1861–62, he entered Wilton Academy under Professor Olmstead, and then entered Yale College, in class of '67, and passed through the freshman and sophomore years of 1863–64–65, leaving at the end of the sophomore year, thus securing a liberal and valuable education.

After leaving Yale College Mr. Benedict taught school for a few years in different places, viz.: in Wilton, Norwalk and New Canaan, and still later attended Danville Theological Seminary in Kentucky, for one year; but owing to ill health he did not complete his course. In fact it was owing to the condition of his health that he took up farming on the Benedict homestead, and this occupation he has since followed in Wilton. Politically Mr. Benedict is a Republican of the stanchest kind, and as such he has held numerous town offices such, as selectman, assessor and member of the board of relief. In 1896 he was elected to represent his town in the Legislature of the State, was a member of the committee on Judicial Nomination, also on the committee on Unfinished Business. Mr. Benedict is a member of the Congregational Church at Wilton, is one of the deacons in same, and has been its treasurer since 1879. In 1882 Mr. Benedict was married to Miss H. Lucretia Gregory, daughter of William D. and Sarah A. (Middlebrook) Gregory, of Wilton. Mr. and Mrs. Benedict have no children.

Isaac Benedict, great-grandfather of our subject, was born August 7, 1746, and died August 10, 1813. He married Elizabeth Burchard, and names and dates of birth of their children are as follows: Esther, July 21, 1770; Adah, May 24, 1772; Elizabeth, May 24, 1774; Isaac, May 9, 1776, died May 23, 1776; Huldah, March 19, 1779; Isaac, brief sketch of whom follows; and Nancy, September 26, 1783.

Isaac Benedict, grandfather of Frederick D., was born June 24, 1781, in the town of Lewisboro (then South Salem), Westchester Co., N. Y., and died on his farm January 25, 1858. After leaving school he adopted farming as his life occupation and always adhered to it, being an unusually successful man in his calling. He married Huldah Hoyt, who was born September 29, 1784, and had children as follows: Syrene, born March 7, 1804, married Henry Holmes; Darius, born July 18, 1805, married Harriet Fuller; Nancy, born March 18, 1811; and Isaac N., a sketch of whom follows:

Isaac N. Benedict, father of our subject, was born April 21, 1813, in the town of Lewisboro, N. Y., and there received his education in the common schools of the locality. Leaving school he learned shoemaking, and worked at his trade for a number of years. Later he purchased a farm in the town of Wilton, Conn., upon which he resided the remainder of his life. He died January 20, 1882.

Politically, Mr. Benedict was a Republican, and was honored at different times by his fellow citizens with election to offices in his town, viz.: selectman, assessor, on the board of relief, etc. He married Miss Emily A. Keeler, who was born November 25, 1817, in Wilton, a daughter of Isaiah and Lucy (Watrous) Keeler, the former of whom was a prosperous farmer of Wilton. By this union there were children as follows: Lucy W., born October 19, 1841, who died single; Frederick D., the subject of this sketch; Arthur N., born May 13, 1845, who married Lucy E. Brown; and Emily K., born September 4, 1849, who died in infancy.

ARTHUR N. BENEDICT, brother of our subject, was born in the town of Wilton, and was there educated in the common schools. Adopting farming for a living, he has always followed that occupation. By his wife, Lucy E. (Brown) he has had four children: Harry D., Edward S., Robert N. and Frank C.

WILLIAM D. GREGORY, father of Mrs. F. D. Benedict, was born in the town of Wilton, March 18, 1823. His early education was received in the common schools of that place, and afterward he commenced farming. Soon thereafter he built a grist and saw mill, which he conducted for some years, or until it was burned down, and then returned to farming, which he for the most part followed during the remainder of his life. As a Republican he held numerous town offices, such as town clerk, and he served several terms as a member of the Legislature. He was also secretary of the Fairfield County Agricultural Society for a number of years, and in all of the places in which he served he was so faithful in the discharge of the duties that the entire community honored and respected him. He was a justice of the peace, an Odd Fellow and a member of the Congregational Church of Wilton.

For his first wife Mr. Gregory married Miss Henrietta Middlebrook, May 30, 1845. She was born May 15, 1824, and died November 12, 1846, leaving one child, Henrietta M., born November 9, 1846, and died August 4, 1847. For his second wife Mr. Gregory married Miss Sarah A. Middlebrook, born January 21, 1826, a sister of his first wife, this second marriage taking

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place June 18, 1848. She became the mother of the following children: Annie M., born September 8, 1852, married George N. Pike, and has one son, Clarence G. Pike, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Daniel W., born May 23, 1854, died September 18, 1854; H. Lucretia, born September 13, 1855, married the subject of this sketch; Emma S., born June 15, 1857, died single in May, 1891; Elwin H., born June 18, 1861, married Lizzie McCartey; and George C. M., born January 26, 1867, married Josephine G. Todd.

EDWARDS M. SMITH, M. D. Professional life brings a severe test of one's innate capacities, success being less easily won than in other callings where extraneous advantages can be made to re-enforce personal efforts, and this well-known physician of Newtown may feel a justifiable pride in the high standing gained by him as a practitioner.

Doctor Smith is a native of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., born January 19, 1860, and is descended from an old Scottish family, the ancestral home having been located near the city of Edinburgh, Scotland. William Smith, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a lifelong resident of that country, but James Smith, the grandfather, who was born near Edinburgh, came to the New World about 1833, and after remaining for short periods at Quebec (Canada), and in Vermont, near the Canadian line, he settled in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., early in the "forties." He was a confectioner by occupation, and being a thrifty, energetic man he soon established a fine business at his new home, the name of the firm undergoing change from James Smith to James Smith & Sons, during his lifetime, after his death becoming first James Smith's Sons, and later taking its present form of Smith Brothers. The business has now grown to large proportions, and even in the time of its founder was one of the substantial concerns of the city. As a citizen he was held in the highest esteem, and like all of his family he was a firm supporter of the Presbyterian faith, being for years a leading member of the local Church. He married Ann Black, by whom he had two daughters and three sons. Of the latter, William W. is prominent in public affairs in New York State, and was at one time the candidate of the Prohibition party for the office of governor; James, our subject's father, is mentioned more fully below, and Andrew, who resided in Poughkeepsie was a member of the firm of Smith Brothers, but died in October, 1895.

Col. James Smith, the father of our subject, was born in 1834, in Quebec, Canada, and died at Newtown, Conn., in December, 1896. In his youth he learned the confectioner's trade to such good purpose that he originated the formula for the now world-famed Smith Brothers' Cough Drops, once known as Pectoral drops. He remained with the firm through its various changes until 1872, when he retired from that line of business and engaged in hotel-keeping, spending the summers in the Catskills and the winter seasons in Florida. In all his enterprises he met with marked success, and the "Glen Ridge House," at Cornwall, N. Y., was for many years a popular hostelry under his judicious management. Since 1888 he has not been especially active in business life. He has always been interested in all that pertains to the advancement of the community in which he has resided, and in religious faith he is a devout Methodist. For many years he was connected with the New York State Militia, and served as colonel of the 21st Regiment, at Poughkeepsie. Politically he has been a Republican since the date of the organization of the party, and while he has not given much time to party work, he held office as supervisor in Poughkeepsie for two terms. He married Miss Frances Edwards, daughter of Ward Edwards, a leading citizen of Newburg, N. Y., and they have had two children: Edwards M., our subject, and Lem A., who is now engaged in the electrical business in New York City.

Doctor Smith's academic education was obtained in his native place, in the public schools and the Military Institute, which was then under the control of Professor Jewett. He also spent about a year and a half with a private tutor, his studies being chosen with special reference to his professional career, but later he completed a high-school course. The next two years he spent in the office of Dr. Edward H. Parker, one of the prominent physicians of Poughkeepsie, and with this preparation Doctor Smith went to New York City, in 1880, and matriculated in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the medical department of Columbia College. While there his work was chosen with a view to general practice, and in 1882 he was graduated with the degree of M. D. After a year at home, he came, in the latter part of 1883, to this county, locating first at Danbury. In January, 1886, he removed to Newtown and associated himself with Dr. W. C. Wile, a physician of about fourteen years' practice, and a year later, when Doctor Wile withdrew, Doctor Smith took charge of the business. This he has continued successfully ever since, building up an extensive and lucrative country practice, one of the largest in the northern part of the county. For twelve years he has held the

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appointment of coroner's medical examiner for Newtown, and he is now serving his fourth year as health officer of the town. He belongs to the Danbury Medical Society, and to the medical associations of the county and State, and to the American Medical Association, his ability commanding the respect of his fellow-practitioners. Political affairs have never claimed his attention, as he is exclusively devoted to his profession, but he is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party. Socially he is identified with the Knights of Honor, and the F. & A. M., Hiram Lodge, No. 18, and Hiram Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M. In religion he is an Episcopalian, being a member of Trinity Church of Newtown, in which he has served as a vestryman for five years, and as treasurer for four years.

In 1887 the Doctor was married to Miss Grace Dibble Raymond, the daughter of William W. Raymond, of Danbury, and their home is brightened by two children: Grace Edna, born June 15, 1888, and Andrew Raymond, born January 29, 1892.

GEORGE E. LEMMER, M. D., one of the leading members of the medical fraternity in this section, has since April, 1885, been in active practice at Danbury, his office being located at No. 153 Main street. While he does not specialize in his practice, he has made special preparation in the most important branches of a general practitioner's work, and in addition to the regular course of study in Bellevue Hospital Medical College at New York City, he took private course work in surgery with Prof. Alexander B. Mott; in heart and lung diseases with Professors Janeway and Smith; in pathology with Prof. William Welch; and in chemistry with Prof. Ogden Doremus.

Doctor Lemmer comes of German ancestry on the paternal side, his father, Adam Lemmer, being a native of Berlin, Prussia. Coming to America in early manhood, Adam Lemmer established himself in business as an organ builder, and is regarded as a pioneer in that industry in this State. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Burke, was born in Limerick, Ireland.

Doctor Lemmer was born September 30, 1855, at Newark, N. J., whence he was taken, in 1861, to Ansonia, Conn., where his youth was spent, his education being obtained in the public schools, with three years of private tuition in the Latin classics. He then entered upon journalistic work, and for six years was a reporter on the New Haven *Union* and the Ansonia *Sentinel*. In the summer of 1881 he began his preliminary course of medical reading under the direction of Dr. W. W. Baldwin, of Ansonia, and in September, 1882, he became a student in Bellevue Hospital Medical College, where he was graduated an honor man on March 9, 1885. In the following month he opened an office at his present location.

The Doctor is actively interested in the various progressive movements in his locality, especially in educational affairs, having served continuously for nine years past as a member of the board of active school visitors. Aside from this position his official honors have been connected more or less closely with his professional work. For two years (1893 and 1894) he was police surgeon for the city of Danbury. On March 13, 1895, he was appointed town health officer by County Health Officer George E. Hill, and in October, 1896, he was reappointed to that office for the term of four years. On April 12, 1897, he was appointed city health officer by the mayor and common council, and April 9, 1898, he was reappointed. He is a member of the town, county and State Medical societies, and for five years past has been secretary and treasurer of the Danbury Medical Society; in January, 1899, he was elected president. As a public official he displays the same energy, foresight and faithfulness to his ideal of duty which characterize his professional work, and his efforts have won the unqualified approval of his fellow citizens. While he was serving as police surgeon some of those who were best acquainted with the nature and the results of his labors resolved to give a tangible token of their admiration, and at a meeting of the Danbury Medical Society held April 4, 1894, an interesting incident occurred, which the Danbury *Dispatch* of the next day described as follows:

> Many out of town practitioners were present, as well as the majority of Danbury's doctors. The only parties outside of the profession were: His Honor Mayor Andrews, Captain of Police Bevans, and Editor DeStyak, of the *Dispatch*. Speeches were made, some of which were bright and witty. The principal item on the evening's program, however, had been kept a secret, not more than perhaps a half dozen of those present knowing of what was to prove a very amusing surprise.
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> When the time was ripe for its inception, Mayor C. S. Andrews and Capt. George R. Bevans were in an adjoining room and asked for admission. The members present were consulted and it was decided to admit them. When they were seated President Stratton arose and stated that he had some very serious charges to present against one of their number, and as the mayor and police captain of the city were present he thought it a just time to present the charges in question. The audience were still as death and every one looked grave. President Stratton then presented charges of a serious nature against Police Surgeon Lemmer. He had been reappointed to this office, but when the charges were made and sustained, as they certainly would be, there would be no doubt as to his guilt and dismissal. The charges included those of aiding and abetting the providing of a new emergency hospital; how he had tried all kinds of schemes

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until he had secured the same, and after securing it, how he had begged some rubber sheets from one party, bandages from another, etc., until now the hospital was a full-fledged one.

The mayor accepted the charges and the prisoner was now in the hands of Captain of Police Bevans. The mayor found that the prisoner was guilty of the charges, and the penalty imposed was that he be presented with a gold shield for his behavior. The applause of the audience was long and loud, and the police surgeon, whose face had been turning all the colors of the rainbow, was now nonplused. His mouth was closed and he had lost the key. After the presentation a fine banquet was held, and the happy party broke up about 1 o'clock. The shield presented to Dr. Lemmer bears the Connecticut coat-of-arms with the inscription: "Police Surgeon" over it, and the presentation date underneath. It is of solid gold, and will be highly prized by the surgeon.

On November 14, 1894, Doctor Lemmer married Miss Helen E. McGinty, daughter of Matthew and Harriet McGinty, of Bethel, and two children, George James and Ruth, have blessed the union. The Doctor and his wife are members of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, and for ten years he sang first tenor in the choir. Mrs. Lemmer herself is quite musically inclined, and for many years prior to her marriage much of her time was given to both vocal and instrumental culture.

FREDERICK C. GRAVES, M. D. Success in the medical profession depends not merely upon acquired knowledge and its skillful application, but also upon personal worth and innate ability. To have made one's way to the front in such a body of men as compose the medical fraternity in this section is to have demonstrated beyond question the possession of unusual gifts, and the subject of this biography, a leading physician of Bridgeport, might well take pride in his honorable standing. Among the other qualifications is a fine physique which enables him to perform the arduous duties of a general practitioner without difficulty, while his gentlemanly bearing is a ready passport to the confidence of all classes of people.

Doctor Graves was born January 30, 1863, in Bainbridge, Chenango Co., N. Y., and in the paternal line is of English descent, his ancestors locating in New England about 1637. Gaylord S. Graves, the father of our subject, was a native of Mt. Upton, Chenango Co., N. Y., and was successfully engaged in the furniture business in Bainbridge for thirty-five years, but is now living in retirement at the latter place. He married Miss Harriet E. Pettys, a native of Bainbridge, and a daughter of Capt. Isaac Pettys.

Doctor Graves spent his youth mainly in Bainbridge, graduating from the academy at the age of nineteen. He attended Colgate University at Hamilton, N. Y., for two years, and then taught for a time in the Union School at Masonville, N. Y., and in the graded school of Ridgefield, Conn. His choice of life work having been made, he entered the medical department of the University of New York, from which he was graduated in 1888. On April 1, 1888, he came to Bridgeport to take a position as house physician in the Bridgeport Hospital, where he remained until December of the same year. Since that time he has been engaged in private practice, meeting with unqualified success from the start. He belongs to the State, County and City Medical Societies, also the American Medical Association, and at one time was president of the Bridgeport Medical Association, while he also maintains his connection with the City Hospital as a visiting physician.

On September 15, 1892, Doctor Graves married Miss Fanny E. Damon, daughter of Dr. S. J. Damon, a well-known physician of New York City, who resides in Bridgeport. Two children have blessed this union, Frederick T. and George W. The Doctor and his wife are prominent in the best social societies of Bridgeport, and he belongs to various organizations, including the Y. M. C. A., of which he is a director and also medical examiner in the gymnasium; the I. O. O. F., the N. E. Order of Protection, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and is a member of the Sea Side Club and Bridgeport Yacht Club. In religious faith he is a Methodist, and is a member of the official board of the First Church at Bridgeport. Politically, he affiliates with the Republican party, but he has not been especially active in public affairs.

EDWARD C. BURRITT, a resident of the town of Stratford, is a representative of one of the old families of his locality, and occupies an estate which has been held in the family name for many years.

For several generations the members of the family have been identified with agricultural interests, but the grandfather of our subject, Philip Burritt, who was born in Stratford January 26, 1801, was engaged in mercantile business in addition to the management of his farm. This worthy citizen was married October 26, 1828, to Miss Alice Coe, who was born in the same town December 1, 1794, and two children blessed the union: Ann Satterley, born February 10, 1833, who died at the age of fifteen years, and Charles P., our subject's father.

The late Charles P. Burritt, born in Stratford township August 27, 1835, followed farming throughout his life, and was much esteemed as a

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citizen. He was a regular attendant of the Congregational Church for many years. In politics he was a stanch Republican, and his fellow townsmen frequently called him to offices of trust and responsibility, the position of town treasurer having been filled by him several terms. He died June 3, 1886, leaving a widow, Mrs. Mary E. (Burton) Burritt, and one son, Edward C. Mrs. Burritt was born March 9, 1829, in Stratford, the daughter of Albert Burton, a well-known citizen of that town.

Our subject was born June 15, 1862, in Stratford township, and was educated in the public schools and the old academy in Stratford village. During his youth he became familiar with the details of farm management, and on leaving school he gave his attention to the work on the homestead. The farm comprises forty acres of excellent land, which he at present rents to a tenant. Politically he is a Republican, and he takes an intelligent interest in the questions of the day, being in sympathy with all forms of progress. He has not married.

HUGH STIRLING, manufacturer of mattresses at Nos. 5 and 7 Union street, Bridgeport, was born in the City of London, England, January 16, 1848, the third son of Hugh (Sr.) and Eleanor (Stratton) Stirling.

Hugh Stirling, Sr., the father of our subject, was born in Falkirk, Scotland, a son of Thomas and Elizabeth Stirling, and a lineal descendant of Sir Thomas Stirling, who was born in Scotland in 1735, and who served with distinction in the British army during the American war for independence. In 1856, Hugh Stirling, Sr., came to the United States, bringing all of his family with the exception of his son Hugh, and settling in Bridgeport.

When his father brought the rest of the family to this country, Hugh Stirling, our subject, was adopted by a cousin and sent to Grove House Academy, in Highgate, London, where he remained until September, 1860, when he sailed for this country to rejoin his parents. He served an apprenticeship with an ornamenter in Bridgeport, and then for about fifteen years followed that business. In 1878 he was made foreman of one of the departments in the Howe Sewing Machine Company, where he remained until 1885, when he engaged in his present business, the making of mattresses, in which he has been more than successful, and has built up a large and lucrative trade.

On October 10, 1877, Mr. Stirling was married to Anna Eleanor Reid, daughter of Samuel and Anna Eleanor Reid, the latter of whom died when Mrs. Stirling was but a few months old. Samuel Reid was a native of the North of Ireland. To Mr. and Mrs. Stirling has been born one child, a daughter, Anna Eleanor. They are earnest and devout workers of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Stirling is the present junior warden and treasurer. In politics he adheres to the principles of the Republican party; and in the fall of 1898 was elected a Representative to the General Assembly. For two years he served the city of Bridgeport as a member of the common council; for four years was on the board of police commissioners; and for three years he has been a member of the board of health. In 1893 he was the candidate of his party for mayor, but he suffered defeat, Walter B. Bostwick, the opposing candidate, being elected. At the election of April 3, 1899, he was elected mayor. Mr. Stirling may be classed among those who, by gentlemanly bearing and courteous manners, hold their associates in the bond of friendship. His aggressiveness is seldom obtrusive, yet there is sufficient of that sturdy Scotch element in his composition to maintain his dignity and command respect; he can enforce discipline, yet at no time is he ever autocratic. His friends love him for his many virtues, his acquaintances esteem him for his integrity.

While Mr. Stirling's business success and standing is traceable to the possession of rare natural mental power, together with much self-reliance, entire independence of character and a conservatism possessed by but few, in advance of gray hairs and failing eyesight, his social position, one of prominence seldom equalled, has been won through a disposition at once kindly, affectionate, tender and winning. In the Masonic institute of the city of Bridgeport, and also of the State, our subject has filled and is still filling a large space. The many thousand members of the order realize how large that space is; how sagacious and true; how nobly and unselfishly devoted to the fraternity; how sedulously careful to guard its interests, and how comprehensively he directed its affairs. Mr. Stirling was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge No. 3, Bridgeport, September 1, 1869, and was elected Worshipful Master in 1875, '76, '77, '82 and '83, having previously served in each of the subordinate positions. In 1884 and 1885 he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for Fairfield county, and, in recognition of the able and faithful discharge of his official duties, he received the appointment of Grand Junior Steward of the Grand Lodge in 1886, filling each successive

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station. In 1891 he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, and in 1895 received the rare honor of a re-election to that exalted station.

On March 11, 1870, Mr. Stirling was exalted in Capitular Masonry in Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, Bridgeport, and was installed as Most Excellent High Priest in 1874, and again in 1875, having filled nearly all the subordinate positions in the Chapter. This year (1897) he is serving as Grand Master of the 2d Vail in the Grand Chapter, having been advanced from the Master of 1st Vail, to which he was appointed in 1896. On May 9, 1870, he was received into Cryptic Masonry in Jerusalem Council No. 16, Bridgeport, occupied one or two of the subordinate positions, and was elected its Thrice Illustrious Master in 1873 and 1874.

On August 11, 1870, Mr. Stirling advanced another step, and was knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Bridgeport, and in this, as in the other bodies, he took an active interest, filling each position in turn until 1881, when he was elected its Eminent Commander, and again in 1882 and 1883. In 1886 the Right Eminent Grand Commander appointed Mr. Stirling Grand Sentinel of the Grand Commandery, and by appointment and election he filled each station, when, in 1895, he was chosen as the Right Eminent Grand Commander, serving in that capacity one year. In 1886 he was chosen as Prelate of Hamilton Commandery, and to this day still performs the duties of that important position.

Our subject has also become a member of Lafayette Consistory (Scottish Rite); is a Past Potentate of Pyramid Temple, Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and a Past Patron of Orient Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

HON. WILLIAM J. H. BOHANNAN, who has the distinction of being the first Democratic mayor of Stamford, Fairfield county, is a Southerner by birth and education, having descended from one of the old families of Virginia.

Born in Mathews county, Va., March 9, 1865, Mr. Bohannan's only knowledge of the Civil war is through history and from tradition. His boyhood days were passed at Mathews Court House, the county seat of Mathews county, where he attended a private school. In 1879 he entered Emory and Henry College, Washington county, Va., and after a year's residence there he was for a time under a private tutor; he then attended Richmond College three years, and was a member of the Phi Delta Theta Society. In 1884–85 Mr. Bohannan attended the University of Virginia, at Charlottesville, passing the following year at home. In 1886–87–88 he was a law student at the University of Virginia, and in the year last named he was admitted to the Bar before the superior court of the State of Virginia. In December, 1888, he became a member of the Bar at Columbus, Ohio. In December, 1889, he entered the Bar of Connecticut, at Bridgeport, and in April, 1890, he commenced the practice of his profession at Stamford. In 1892–93 he was engaged in post-graduate work at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

In 1893 Mr. Bohannan went to Germany, and spent most of the time until the summer of 1895 in Goettingen and Berlin, returning to the United States and to Stamford in July of the latter year. He then resumed his law practice. In 1896 he was the Democratic candidate for mayor of Stamford, but was defeated at the election. However, in 1897, he was elected to that office, and has since, very acceptably to the people and with credit to himself, performed the duties of the incumbency.

WILLIAM H. MALONE, the genial young postmaster of Norwalk, is one of the native sons of Fairfield county, of whom she is justly proud. He was born January 31, 1869, a son of Patrick Malone.

Patrick Malone was born in Clare, Ireland, whence when a young man he came to this country, locating first in Massachusetts, where he remained about a year, then coming to Norwalk about 1849. His first occupation in this country was that of a laborer, but he soon received employment in a pottery, and worked at that until about fifteen years ago, when he began farming, in which he has continued with uninterrupted success ever since. He married Catherine Farrel, who was born in Garthamone, County Leitrim, Ireland, and eight children were born to them, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: John, a hotel keeper in Norwalk; Mary A., wife of T. C. Murphy; Margaret, wife of James Winn, of Norwalk; Elizabeth J., wife of Daniel Corcoran, of the same place; Kate A., at home; and William H. Patrick Malone is a stanch Democrat, and the entire family are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

William H. Malone passed his early days in Norwalk, and received his education in the public schools, from which he was graduated with the class of '85. For nearly a year after leaving school he was employed in the printing

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office of the *Norwalk Hour*, a paper published in Norwalk. He then decided to learn hat making, and accordingly entered the hat factory of A. Solomon as finisher, where he remained from August 1, 1886, to June 27, 1887, at which time he was appointed assistant postmaster under A. C. Golding. His services proved so efficient that he retained his position under the next postmaster, C. G. Hubbell, and on August 1, 1894, Mr. Malone was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland, and is still holding that office, giving satisfaction to the citizens, and keeping the affairs of the office in first-class condition.

As might be inferred Mr. Malone is a Democrat, stanch and true, and very active in party work—counting no labor too excessive, and no sacrifice too great if it furthers the interests of the party whose principles he strongly advocates. As a member of the Roman Catholic Church he is interested largely in its welfare, and contributes liberally of both time and means to the various worthy causes advocated by that faith. Socially, he is a member of the Catholic Club and the Knights of Columbus. It is seldom that one so young as our subject attains such prominence in public affairs, and Mr. Malone presents an example worthy of emulation. Of gentlemanly deportment, kind and obliging, he has won the high esteem of those with whom his entire life has been spent.

ROLLO E. GOODSELL. Few young men of this section have made as good a start in life as has this enterprising agriculturist, whose farm near Newtown is conducted in a model manner. Although but little past his majority, he has been in business for three years, and his success in the various lines of agricultural work, so far undertaken, gives evidence of sound judgment.

A native of this county, Mr. Goodsell was born in Bethel, July 18, 1876. His grandfather, Lewis Goodsell, was in his day a prominent resident of Redding, this county. The late Edward L. Goodsell, our subject's father, was born in the town of Redding, September 3, 1852, and in early manhood engaged in business as a dealer in groceries and meat, first in Hattertown, then in Bethel, and later in Danbury. About 1880 he became interested in the hatting business in Danbury, and in this he met with marked success until failing health compelled him to retire. In 1893 he located upon the farm now occupied by our subject, and his death occurred there August 30, 1896. He was a man of fine natural abilities, and his associates held him in high esteem. In politics he was a Republican, but he did not seek prominence in local affairs. For many years he was a leading member of the Congregational Church of Bethel, and he also belonged to Samaritan Lodge No. 7, I. O. O. F., of Danbury. On September 9, 1874, he married Miss Amelia Platt, who was born October 13, 1854, a daughter of Wanzer and Paulina Godfrey Platt, well-known residents of Newtown. She died December 23, 1891, leaving two children—Rollo Edward, our subject, and Nellie Amelia, who was born April 15, 1882.

Mr. Goodsell was educated chiefly in the public schools of Danbury, but he also studied in the academies at Newtown and Bridgeport for periods of six months each. He was an excellent scholar, being naturally fond of learning, and he still continues that wider schooling which is found in the reading of good literature. At the age of seventeen he took charge of his present farm, which consists of 160 acres of fine land, and during the years of his management the place has been brought to a high state of cultivation. He keeps a dairy of fifteen cows, exclusive of young stock, and in this, as in other work, is making a success.

On January 16, 1897, Mr. Goodsell married Miss Nellie May Wheeler, a daughter of Osa Wheeler, a prominent citizen of Bethel, and one son, Lewis Edward, was born to them May 7, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Goodsell are popular socially, and a host of friends wish them long life and prosperity.

JOHN D. HERTZ, D. D. S., a skillful and proficient young dentist of some seven-years' practice at Stamford, Fairfield county, is descended from German ancestry, his immediate forefathers, however, having resided in the State of Pennsylvania.

Rev. Daniel Hertz, his grandfather, was a clergyman of the German Reformed Church. D. Rhine Hertz, a son of the clergyman, and the father of our subject, was born at Ephrata, Lancaster Co., Penn. He married Elizabeth Hibshman. He was prepared for the practice of dentistry, and has honored the profession.

John D. Hertz is a native of Lancaster county, Penn., having been born there December 27, 1870, and was reared and schooled at Ephrata, Penn. When but sixteen years of age he began the study of dentistry in his father's office, and remained at home under the professional care of his father until he was nineteen. He then went into the office of W. H. Hertz, his

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cousin, a dentist at Hazleton, Penn., remaining there for a year and a half. At the expiration of that time he entered Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1893. After his graduation he practiced at Philadelphia for a short time, then, in the same year, came to Stamford, and here associated himself with Dr. A. G. Weed, and has ever since practiced at that point. Socially, he is a member of Union Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M., and of Puritan Lodge No. 43, I. O. O. F. Doctor Hertz is quite popular, and holds high rank in his profession.

LEVI C. MORRIS, member of the well-known mercantile firm of Prindle & Morris, of Newtown, is an energetic and successful business man.

Mr. Morris is a descendant of one of the prominent families of Litchfield county, Conn., his great-grandfather, Amos Morris, having been a leading resident of Bridgewater. This worthy pioneer was born September 28, 1762, and was married February 16, 1785, to Eunice Clark. His death occurred April 2, 1841, when he was seventy-eight years of age, and his wife, who was born February 17, 1765, died March 27, 1841, aged seventy-six years. They had four children: (1) Levi, born December 6, 1785, died September 24, 1850, at the age of sixty-four; he was married September 24, 1807, to Polly H. Smith, who died August 16, 1862, aged seventy-seven years. (2) Roswell, born May 27, 1795, was married November 27, 1818, to Laura Canfield. (3) Curtis, our subject's grandfather, is mentioned more fully below. (4) Patty, born December 6, 1799, was married February 4, 1819, to Orange Smith, who was born August 29, 1797.

Curtis Morris, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Bridgewater February 7, 1797, and for many years was engaged in mercantile business, also conducting a small farm. He was a man of fine mental ability, and his excellent judgment caused him to be consulted by his fellow-townsmen on various important matters. For some time he held the office of judge of probate, and he was frequently called upon to draw up wills, deeds and other legal papers. He died March 19, 1869, aged seventy-two years. On November 2, 1819, Curtis Morris married for his first wife Abigail Curtis, who was born February 23, 1797, and died May 8, 1827, aged thirty years. On September 2, 1827, he married (second) Cynthia J. Fink, who was born October 1, 1793, and died November 24, 1871, aged seventy-nine years. By the first union he had two children: Levi C., born October 24, 1822, was a merchant at Hawleyville and later at Sandy Hook, but died December 13, 1856, at the early age of thirty-four years; Catharina A., born December 1, 1825, was married, April 22, 1845, to Andrew Northrop, a leading citizen of Brookfield, this county. By the second marriage there was one son, Eli F., our subject's father.

Eli F. Morris was born in Brookfield October 31, 1833, and in early manhood engaged in the general mercantile business at Sandy Hook, in partnership with his brother, Levi C. On the death of the latter he purchased the entire interest, and continued the business until his death, which occurred October 27, 1866, when he was aged thirty-three. He possessed unusual ability, being an original thinker on all subjects, and in business was remarkably successful, as he began with small capital, and in a few years acquired a handsome competence. In politics he was a strong Democrat, while in religion he always inclined to the Episcopal faith, in which he was reared. On November 12, 1856, he married Miss Emily M. Platt, who was born May 20, 1836, daughter of Judson and Laura Platt, of Newtown, and is still living. Of their two children our subject was the elder; Jennie, born April 1, 1861, was married March 4, 1885, to Arthur T. Nettleton, and died in St. Paul, Minn., April 5, 1885, in her twenty-fifth year.

The subject of this biography was born June 28, 1858, in Sandy Hook District, of the town of Newtown. He began his education in the public school, also attended Newtown Academy, and for two and one-half years attended a boarding school at Greenwich, this county, his course of study giving him a fair knowledge of general subjects which has been well supplemented by his private reading. In 1876 he entered upon his business career as clerk for Sanford & Hawley, in the "corner store" at Newtown, and on leaving them, in 1880, he was employed in the store of L. B. Booth. In October, 1891, he was appointed trustee to settle up the business. On completing this task, Mr. Morris, in April, 1892, engaged in his present business, in partnership with William H. Prindle. Their trade is now extensive, and they send their teams to various parts of the surrounding territory to take orders and deliver goods. Their stock of general merchandise is well selected, and is in itself a sufficient guarantee of success.

On October 1, 1879, Mr. Morris married Miss Fanny C. Peck, a daughter of John B. and Charlotte C. Peck, well-known residents of Newtown, and three children bless their union: Curtis Peck,

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Mabel and Levi Phillips. The family is identified with the Congregational Church, of which, with the exception of two years, Mr. Morris has been treasurer for twelve years past. He is a man of public spirit, taking keen interest in local affairs, but he has not sought or held office. He is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party.

IRA COLE. Nearly half a contury ago, in in the office of the shirt factory of T. A. Morrison & Hoyt, of Norwalk, Fairfield county, there might have been found a bright-eyed little office boy who looked intelligently into the work of the factory, and became well informed on the minutest details of the work. To-day that office boy is known as the vice-president of the incorporated company that is the outgrowth of the old firm, and we here present a brief review of the life history of that so phenomenally successful a man—Ira Cole.

Thomas Cole, his grandfather, was one of the grand old patriots of the Revolution, and was with the Continental army when it was occupying New York City. He married Mary Ressigue, a daughter of Alexander Ressigue (who was a son of Alexander Ressigue, who married a daughter of Pierre Bontecue, a Huguenot of France), and in their family of children was Sherman, who was born June 4, 1804, and died in 1879. Sherman Cole passed his early days in Wilton, where for many years he engaged in the manufacture of carriages and carriage hubs, the firm being Cole, Nichols & Co. In 1854 he retired from business and came to Norwalk, where he made his home until his death. He married Susan Hurlbutt, a daughter of Louis Hurlbutt, of Wilton, and they became the parents of eleven children, as follows: (1) Emily married Charles Van Hoosier, of Norwalk, and died in 1892. (2) Jane married William B. Osborn, of Wilton, and is now living in Manchester, Mich. (3) Eliza married William A. Ambler, of Norwalk, a veteran of the Civil war. (4) Ira is our subject. (5) Mary E. married Willis McDonald, of Brooklyn, also a soldier in the war of the Rebellion. (6) Theodore died at the age of two years. (7) Henry married Mary Vaille, and died in 1890. (8) Harriet married P. R. Dusenberre, of Stamford; he is now deceased. (9) Lydia married Henry S. Selleck, of Norwalk. (10) Allee married Lizzie Martin, of Norwalk, where he is superintendent in a factory. (11) Victor married Kate Hall, of Long Hill, this county. Sherman Cole was a prominent man in the public affairs of Wilton, holding a number of town offices. He was first a Whig, later voting with the Republicans. For a number of years he was selectman of the town, and also represented his district in the State Legislature. A high compliment was paid him in selecting him for this last position, one that is seldom paid to a man in politics—he received the endorsement of both parties in his own town—a tribute, indeed, to his faithfulness, integrity and popularity, pointing him out as a man worthy of the perfect faith and confidence of those who knew him best. In all the work of the Methodist Church, he was found an energetic helper, and he contributed materially to its support.

Ira Cole, the subject proper of this sketch, was born in the town of Wilton, this county, May 4, 1836, and there spent the first years of his life. In 1853 he went to New York, where he entered the clothing house of Brooks Brothers, as bookkeeper, remaining with them one year. He then returned to Connecticut, and coming to Norwalk entered the employ of T. A. Morrison & Hoyt, shirt manufacturers, as office boy. Steady application and careful attention to business were the stepping stones by which he mounted, and in 1883 he bought out one of the partners, the firm becoming Hutchinson, Cole & Co. This firm continued to prosper, and in 1895 a joint-stock company was incorporated, under the name of Hutchinson, Pierce & Co., with a capital stock of $600,000, and Mr. Cole, who holds a large interest, was elected vice-president of the company. They employ about 300 hands in the factory and 600 outside, the product being over 25,000 dozen garments per year; the company also have a larger factory at Bridgeport, which has a capacity of over 30,000 dozen pieces per year, and of course a larger force of help. They manufacture the celebrated "Star" goods, shirts, shirtwaists and underwear of the highest grade, supplying the first-class retailers, such as Rogers, Peet & Co., Brokaw Brothers, Stern Brothers and others, of New York City, also the leading houses of Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and other cities of the West and South, and they have a store of their own in New York. Mr. Cole attends to the management of the factories. Having devoted so much of his life to the interests of this concern, his knowledge of finance and his business acumen have been widely recognized, and he has been called upon to lend his services to other corporations; he is a director of the Fairfield County National Bank, also of the Norwalk Savings Society.

In 1868 Ira Cole was united in marriage with Rebecca I. Hill, daughter of Dr. Asa and Susan (Isaacs) Hill, the former a leading dentist in

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Norwalk, and the latter a daughter of Charles Isaacs. Three interesting children have come to brighten their home life: Lena H., Annie L. and Alice I. Mr. Cole has always been a Republican, and he keeps well informed on all the political issues. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity and of the Odd Fellows; in religious connection he is a Congregationalist. He is thoroughly up-to-date, and interested in any movements for the advancement of the moral or material welfare of his town. His steady rise in the world has brought him in contact with all classes and conditions of men, and given him a broad sympathy which prompts many charitable acts of which the people at large will be forever ignorant.

WILLIAM F. GILBERT was born in Weston, Conn., December 29, 1822. In that town he received a good common-school education, and after leaving school he learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked for eleven years. In 1852 he entered the employ of the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company, of Georgetown, Conn., and remained with them forty-five years, during a greater part of that time having charge of one of the departments of the business. During the Civil war of the Rebellion he was drafted into the army, but did not serve. Politically he was in his earlier days a Whig, in 1840 voting for William Henry Harrison for President of the United States. Later in life he became a Republican, and still adheres to that party, but takes no active interest in its affairs. He is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Cannon's Station, and is steward and trustee in same.

Mr. Gilbert married Miss Mary E. Sterling, a daughter of William S. and Polly (Jelliff) Sterling, the former of whom is a prosperous farmer of the town of Wilton. Mary E. Sterling was bornin Wilton, May 8, 1830. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert have come the following children: Georgiana, born January 22, 1852, married O. I. See, of Bridgeport; she was educated in Wilton. Mary L., born April 2, 1854, married to Chester Benedict; they have one child, Harold, born in August, 1884. William B., born October 27, 1862; and Samuel, who died in infancy. William B. Gilbert, only son of William F. Gilbert, the subject of this sketch, was born in the town of Wilton, educated there in the common schools, and is now engaged in the hardware business in East Bridgeport, Conn. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and of the Park-street Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is steward, treasurer and trustee; is also the librarian of the Church. He married Miss Ella Coester, by whom he has one child, Nina, born in August, 1890.

Ebenezer Gilbert, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Ridgefield, Conn., and was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He married Ruth Hurlbut, by whom he had the following children: Nathan, who married Abigail Terrell; Benjamin, who married Charlotte Burchard; Daniel, who married Betsey Hurlbut; Ebenezer, who married a Miss Abbott; Pitt, who married Miss Abigail Schofield; Hannah, who married a Mr. Manie; Anna, wife of Hulbut Burchard; and Naomi, who married Eliphalet Whitlock.

Nathan Gilbert, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in the town of Weston, Conn., educated in the common schools of that place, and after leaving school learned the trade of shoemaker, at which he worked for many years. Religiously he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Weston. He married Abigail Terrell, a daughter of Samuel and Rachel (Bennett) Terrell, the former of whom was a carpenter of Wilton, and a highly respectable man. Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gilbert were the parents of the following children: Brewer, who married Emma Godfrey; William, who died in infancy; Louisa, who married Lorenzo Jones; Caroline, wife of Sylvester Olmstead; Marietta, who married Aaron Fellow; Rachel, Emily, Ann, all three of whom died young; and William F., the subject of this sketch.

Thaddeus Sterling, grandfather of the wife of the subject of this sketch, was born in England, educated there and there learned the trade of blacksmith. When yet quite young he came to the United States, and all that is really known of his first place of residence in this country is that he lived in the town of Wilton, Conn. In that town he carried on the trade of blacksmith the remainder of his life. He married Miss Mary St. John, of Wilton, by whom he had children as follows: Sherman, who married Ann Joyce; Hawley, who married Maria Williams; and William S., who married Polly Jelliff.

William S. Sterling, father of our subject's wife, was born in the town of Wilton, Conn., in 1810. He was there educated in the common schools, and learned the shoemaker's trade; but though he worked at same to some extent, yet he devoted most of his life to farming, and was known far and near as the best farmer of his section of the country. Religiously he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilton, and was a steward and trustee of his Church. He married Miss Polly Jelliff, a daugh-

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ter of Salmon and Rebecca (Gregory) Jelliff, the former of whom was a stonemason of Wilton. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling were the parents of the following children: Mary E., wife of the subject of this sketch; Sherman, who married (first) Catharine Burrows, and (second) Jessie Manie; Theodore, who remains single; Andrew, who married Mary Woodruff; Anne, who married George Lathrop; Rodman, who married Mary Bennett; Odell, who married Minnie Lathrop; and Albert and Freddie, both of whom died in infancy.

DAVID D. HAWLEY. The profitable management of a farm requires business talent of a high order, and this is notably displayed by the subject of this sketch, a leading agriculturist of the town of Danbury. Mr. Hawley is not only a success as a general farmer, dairyman and cattle breeder, but he deals extensively in agricultural implements, being agent for the Worcester Buckeye Mower, the Bullard Hay Tedder, and the Champion Farm Wagon. In his various lines he is ably assisted by his son, Edson H., with whom he is in partnership, under the style of D. D. Hawley & Son.

Mr. Hawley was born July 18, 1840, in Putnam county, N. Y., a son of Orin and Charlotte (Weeks) Hawley, and remained at his native place until he was nine years old. From that time until he reached the age of seventeen he lived upon a farm in the town of Monroe, Fairfield Co., Conn. During his early manhood he followed the hatter's trade for ten years, but in 1868 he settled upon his present farm, a beautiful estate of 164 acres. As has been said, he raises general crops, but of all the products of his farm it is likely that his fine breed of Holstein Friesian cattle is the best known.

On November 13, 1867, Mr. Hawley married Miss Julia A. Hoyt, who was born at their present homestead, the daughter of A. E. Hoyt and granddaughter of Ezra Hoyt. Four children have blessed this union: Edson H., who is in business with his father, married Sarah E. Miller, of Bethel; David D., Jr., a hatter by trade, married Miss Laura Hurlbert, of Danbury; Mary J. is the wife of George G. Knapp, a farmer in Newtown; and Julia E. is at home. The family is identified with the Disciples Church, in which Mr. Hawley holds the office of deacon. In politics he is a Republican, but he has never taken any specially active share in party work.

Mr. Hawley traces his descent from an honorable ancestry, the head of the family in this country being Joseph Hawley, who was born in 1603 in Derbyshire, England, and landed near Boston, Mass., in 1629. Later he settled in Connecticut, and he died at Stratford in 1690, leaving five sons: (1) Ebenezer and (2) Joseph left no issue; (3) Samuel, born in 1652, had seven children; (4) Ephraim, born in 1659, had four sons; (5) Capt. John Hawley, born in 1661, had six children.

Isaac Hawley, our subject's grandfather, was born in Roxbury, Litchfield Co., Conn., and became an agriculturist by occupation. Some years after his marriage to Elizabeth Warner, daughter of Doctor Warner, of Newtown, he removed with his family to New York State, remaining there some years, and returning to New Milford, Conn., where he died. He had six children: Orin, our subject's father; David, who died in Danbury, Stephen, a farmer in Roxbury; Eliza, who married Edmund Garlic, a farmer and tailor in Roxbury; Caroline, who married George Dean, a farmer of Patterson, N. Y; and Nancy, who married William H. Curtis, a farmer in the town of Monroe, this county.

Orin Hawley, the father of our subject, was born in Roxbury, where for many years he conducted a general store, and later followed the carpenter's trade. He was a Democrat in politics, and was prominent in local affairs, although he was never an office-seeker. His death occurred in 1888. He married Miss Charlotte Weeks, of Bridgeport, a lady of English descent, who died in 1882, and they had thirteen children, of whom the first three died in infancy; Bennett S. is a farmer in the town of Danbury; Caroline, deceased, married James Zarr, a farmer of Bedford Station, this county; Eliza married a Mr. Gettis, of Bridgeport, and both are now deceased; Helen is the wife of David H. Briggs, of Bridgeport; the twins, David D. and Daniel D., were next in the order of birth, and the latter is now a resident of Bridgeport; William, deceased, was a farmer by occupation; Henry is engaged in the livery business at Bridgeport; Charlotte married David Wanzer, a farmer of New Milford; Isabelle, deceased, was the wife of Austin Phelps, of Danbury.

JAMES STAPLES. To the student of human nature the history of a self-made man is of surpassing interest. To some men early adversity inflicts a blow never recovered from, a wound never healed or cured. Their energy is crippled, their elasticity of spirit destroyed, their hope crushed. To others it comes as a test of native vigor, as an incentive to effort, creating a spirit of resistance against accident and fate, and inspiring with a determination to overcome every

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stumbling block in the path to success. To the subject of this sketch, now a leading business man of Bridgeport, early misfortunes proved to be the key to a prosperous life. In them he found, as many a man has before him, a knowledge of his powers, a chart of the shoals and quicksands of business to be avoided, a will hardened and strengthened—as the mascle is—by exercise and work, an ambition to overcome that proves to so many their final fall.

Mr. Staples comes of excellent ancestry, and is a descendant of Peter Staples, who came from England in 1640 with two brothers, and settled at the present site of the town of Kittery, Maine. Miles Staples, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born September 22, 1729, and made his home in Prospect, Maine (now Stockton), where he died February 11, 1810. He was married there on June 11, 1753, to Sarah Trefethenen.

Miles Staples (2), our subject's grandfather, was born at Prospect, but after his marriage to Jane Nickerson he removed to Swanville, Maine, where his remaining years were spent.

Capt. Hezekiah Staples, father of our subject, followed the sea, and for thirty years was a captain. He married Elizabeth Treat, of Maine, whose grandfather resided at Prospect, on a farm adjoining that of his own grandfather.

James Staples, son of Hezekiah and Elizabeth (Treat) Staples, and one of twelve children, was born in Swanville, January 19, 1824, and was educated in the public schools of that place, high school at Searsport and academy at Belfast, all in the State of Maine. At the age of seventeen he began to teach school, and until 1853 was engaged in that profession in Monroe, Swanville, Searsport and Belfast, during the next year teaching in Hyannis, Mass. In 1854 he removed to Bridgeport, Conn., where he established himself in the lumber business. Though hopefully prosperous for three years, the severe financial crisis of 1857 caused his failure, and once more he was obliged to start on a business career. At that time, as the financial clouds were gradually swept away, operations in real estate became quickened in and about Bridgeport, and, as agent and commission merchant in the real estate field, he once more established himself in the confidence of the community, and built up a large and increasing business.

Finding his time and capabilities far from exhausted by his dealing in realties, Mr. Staples added the business of an insurance agent to his other operations, and soon became one of the most trusted agents in that line in the State. After carrying on his business alone for several years he associated with himself his brother, George A. Staples, under the firm-name of J. & G. A. Staples. In 1874 the firm still further extended its operations, and established a private banking business in addition to its real-estate and insurance enterprises. George A. Staples having gone out of the firm, T. R. Cruttenden became a partner in the new firm of Staples & Co., but after Mr. Cruttenden's death, in 1882, Mr. Staples continued alone until 1884, his son, Frank T. Staples, taking charge of the banking department. In October of that year Philip L. Holzer and Frank T. Staples became associated with him in the firm of James Staples & Co., which has continued up to the present time. Mr. Holzer is a native of Bridgeport, and after the formation of the firm of J. & G. A. Staples, was a clerk in their house until 1870, when he was appointed clerk in the Connecticut National Bank in Bridgeport, remaining with that institution until he became a partner in the firm of James Staples & Co.

The business of the firm of James Staples & Co. is carried on in their own building, known as the Staples Bank building, five stories high, and occupied above the banking house by offices, and on the upper floor by a lodge-room and hall. No banking house in Connecticut is conducted on safer or more conservative methods, and none enjoys a higher reputation in the community. It is a house for discount and deposit, and all depositors' balances, averaging $500 or more, receive a satisfactory rate of interest. It contains a thoroughly fire and burglar-proof safe-deposit vault for the benefit of its customers, built and equipped in the most substantial and approved manner. The Staples Bank building was completed in September, 1892, and is equal to any of the many costly and durable structures which have been erected in Bridgeport during recent years. The real-estate and insurance department of the firm is still in full operation, but its distinctive character is that of a permanent and successful banking house. Notwithstanding his business cares Mr. Staples has taken an active part in promoting the prosperity of his adopted city. As a member of the Bridgeport Board of Trade he has aided in the establishment of various manufacturing enterprises, and is at the present time president of the Consolidated Rolling Stock Company. He has always felt a deep interest in the cause of education, and has been a member of the school board of Bridgeport. Every cause in the interest of the moral, religious and social welfare of the community of which he is a member finds in him a zealous and generous friend.

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James Staples was married (first) January 19, 1851, to Harriet H. Shirley (daughter of Hugh Shirley, of Searsport, Maine), who died April 2, 1852, and (second) September 21, 1858, he wedded Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Turney) Trubee. Mrs. Staples is descended from Andris Trubee, who came from Holland about the year 1700 and settled in Boston, where he entered into business with a Mr. Solomon, a brother Hebrew. The firm of Trubee & Solomon established a branch house in Fairfield, Conn., and Mr. Trubee became its manager. Since that time the descendants of Andris Trubee, in the line of Mrs. Staples, have made Connecticut their home. Mrs. Staples is also descended from Thomas Staples, who came to Kittery in 1640 with his brother Peter, the ancestor of her husband. Thomas Staples removed to Fairfield about 1650, and became a prominent man in public affairs. His wife was accused of witchcraft by Roger Ludlow, and a successful suit for defamation of character against the accuser was the means of putting an end to the delusion, which in some localities was attended by such serious results.

Frank T. Staples, the only son of James Staples and his wife, Sarah Elizabeth (Trubee) Staples, and already mentioned as a member of the firm of James Staples & Co., was born November 24, 1863, in Bridgeport, Conn., where he was educated in the city schools, graduating from the high school in 1881. He began his business career in the insurance department of his father's business. In January, 1882, on the death of T. R. Cruttenden, young Staples took charge of the banking department of the business, with which he has ever since remained connected, becoming a partner in 1884. He is regarded as one of the brightest and most successful of the young business men of Bridgeport. On December 16, 1884, he married Miss Laura Frances, daughter of William and Mary C. (Sperry) Stevens, and the union has been blessed with one son, Richard T. As a Republican he was appointed, June 1, 1897, to the office of fire commissioner. Socially, he and his wife are popular, and he is a leading member of the Sea Side Club.

WARREN P. HURLBUTT, a prominent resident of Stamford, has been for many years a leading business man of that city, but he has now retired from active participation in business life, and is enjoying a well-earned period of leisure.

Mr. Hurlbutt was born July 6, 1828, in the town of Darien, this county, the son of Joel and Charlotte (Weed) Hurlbutt. His grandfather, Joseph Hurlbutt, a native of Fairfield county, was born March 7, 1748, and he and his wife, Sally Hurlbutt, who was born November 29, 1755, reared a large family of children, whose names with dates of birth and death are as follows: Lewis, October 26, 1773—May 5, 1856; Sally, August 26, 1775—December 18, 1825; Foster, October 12, 1777—April 3, 1842; Anna, February 17, 1780—June 17, 1781; Horatio, May 13, 1782—February 5, 1820; Anna (2), July 23, 1784—August 6, 1847; Clarissa, February 7, 1787—1860; Joel, twin to Clarissa, February 7, 1787—May 25, 1866; Charlotte, May 3, 1789—October 11, 1871; Walter, May 17, 1791—April 7, 1811; Polly, May 1, 1793—September 3, 1873; Susan, March 24, 1795—August 4, 1851, and Dudley, May 16, 1797—July 21, 1832.

Joel Hurlbutt, the father of our subject, was born and reared in the town of Wilton, this county, and in early manhood was engaged for some time in teaching school. Later he became interested in farming in the town of Darien, and on December 20, 1812, he was married there to Miss Charlotte Weed, who was born January 18, 1789, and died May 17, 1859. He was a man of influence in his town, serving as selectman, assessor, and in other positions, and he always took great interest in the political movements of his day, being first a Whig, later a Free Soiler, and finally a Republican. In religious work he was active as a member of the Baptist Church of Stamford, which he attended for forty years, missing only one half-day during all that time. Of his seven children four are now living. Joseph, born October 13, 1813, died April 29, 1891; Deborah Ann, born September 22, 1816, died May 12, 1896; Isaac B., born November 24, 1820, died October 17, 1878; William, born October 3, 1823, is now a resident of Arborville, Neb.; Sarah L., born November 26, 1825, resides at Sound Beach, Greenwich township; Warren P., our subject, is mentioned below; Lewis, born August 1, 1830, resides in Columbus, Ohio.

Warren P. Hurlbutt spent his early life in the town of Darien, his education being obtained in the local schools and at Norfolk, Conn., where he served an apprenticeship of four years and a half to the tailor's trade. At the age of twenty-two, on account of his health, he went to Cascade, Iowa, where he remained for about thirteen years, during eleven of which he was engaged in farming. While there he was married, as stated more fully farther on, and after his

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wife's death he returned to Connecticut. After his second marriage he again went west, this time for three years. On his return to Darien Mr. Hurlbutt purchased the old homestead, and resided there for two years, and four years following he was in the merchant-tailoring, clothing and furnishing business with his brother Lewis, at Nos. 104–106 Main street, Stamford, under the firm name of W. P. & Lewis H. Hurlbutt. He then went to West Winsted, Conn., and spent four years in the same line as a member of the firm of Foster & Hurlbutt, and on the dissolution of that partnership he returned to Stamford and again engaged in business. During the next twelve years he had different partners, the style of the firm being Joseph W. & W. P. Hurlbutt, then W. P. Hurlbutt & A. P. Weed, and later W. P. Hurlbutt & Son, each partnership lasting about four years. Mr. Hurlbutt at the end of this period sold his interest to Frederick Rockwell and retired on account of ill health; Mr. Rockwell in turn sold his interest to Walter Hurlbutt, and the firm is now known as Hurlbutt Bros. Our subject has since remained free from the cares of financial enterprises. Mr. Hurlbutt began life without a dollar, and only equipped with such educational training as the common schools of his boyhood afforded, and the high standing and success which he has attained are all the more remarkable and praiseworthy. While he has never been active as a politician, he has been an ardent believer in the principles and policy of the Republican party ever since its organization, and he is in sympathy with every progressive movement afoot in the community. Since 1842 Mr. Hurlbutt has been a member of the Baptist Church, and during his residence in Stamford he has held numerous offices in the Society there, including that of treasurer of the poor fund and the trust fund. When about eighteen years of age Mr. Hurlbutt joined the I. O. O. F., but after he went west, the country being wild, he had little opportunity for continuing in the order.

On March 12, 1854, Mr. Hurlbutt was married at Cascade, Iowa, for his first wife, to Miss Caroline S. Tilton, who was born April 15, 1829, and died October 10, 1857, leaving two children: George and Hattie (twins), born April 17, 1857; the last named died August 12, 1861; George, who is mentioned below, is a resident of Stamford. On July 6, 1859, at Newark, N. J., Mr. Hurlbutt formed a second union, this time with Miss Catherine Hopper, who was born August 27, 1831, and by her has had four children, viz.: Carrie G., born April 12, 1861, died March 4, 1878; William A., born October 7, 1863, died July 2, 1891; Walter H., born September 9, 1864; and Kittie, born October 26, 1868, died January 6, 1869.

George J. and Walter H. Hurlbutt are now engaged in the retail clothing and merchant-tailoring business in Stamford, having succeeded their father, as stated above, and they are regarded as substantial citizens of the town. George J. Hurlbutt was married in Nyack, N. Y., to Miss Emma D. Clark, by whom he has had two children: Carrie G. and Ralph. Walter H. Hurlbutt was married in New York City to Miss Addie Lockwood.

ROBERT SAYER, who has for more than forty years been prominent in the business circles of Danbury, has made his way to that enviable position by his own efforts, having started in life without either capital or influence. He is now president of the Danbury Ice Company, but is best known through his long connection with the undertaking firm of Hawley & Sayer, now Sayer Bros.

Mr. Sayer was born February 27, 1825, in Whitham, County of Essex, England, a son of Benjamin and Rebecca (Newton) Sayer, of the same nativity. They had fifteen children, seven of whom lived to adult age: Mary, Philip, James, Charles Newton, Henry, Robert and William. Of these, our subject and his brother James, a resident of Danbury, are now the only survivors. The father, who was by occupation a mason and builder, came to America in 1827, but after a few years returned to England with several of the children, where he died.

Coming to this country in infancy, Mr. Sayer was educated at the schools of Mill Plain, in this county, and at an early age he went to Danbury to learn the trade of carpenter and joiner, which he followed for six years. He then purchased the business with which his name has so long been associated, and, after conducting it alone for some fifteen years, he formed a partnership with the late Abel S. Hawley, under the style of Hawley & Sayer. This continued twenty-five years, or until January 1, 1894, when, Mr. Hawley having died, Mr. Sayer bought his interest from his widow. For one year he carried on the work alone, but he has since turned it over to his sons, Frank B. and George R., who conduct it under the firm name of Sayer Brothers. Our subject is thus left free to enjoy a well-earned period of leisure, and in 1896 he made a trip to Europe, leaving New York on June 27, and returning on October 27, most of the time being spent in Paris, France, and in England—at London, Yarmouth and Ipswich. He has always

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been fond of travel, and has crossed the Atlantic seven times in all. His residence at No. 9 Granville avenue, Danbury, built by him about the year 1881, is one of the most elegant homes in the city; he also owns other residence property.

On March 18, 1852, Mr. Sayer married Miss Annie E. Benedict, daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah (Dean) Benedict, and five children have blessed their union: (1) Johanna lived only nine days. (2) Gertrude died at the age of six years and nine days. (3) Florence A. married (first) Sumner D. Aspinwall, by whom she had two children—Robert S. and Gertrude A.; she is now the widow of Charles D. Tyler, formerly of Binghamton, N. Y., later of New York City; he was the owner of the "Hotel St. George," at St. Augustine, Fla.; by this marriage there is one child, Tracy B. (4) Frank B., born September 25, 1860, married Miss Gertrude Buckley, and resides at No. 117½ Pennsylvania avenue, Newark, N. J.; their only child, Charles, died of diphtheria when about four years old. (5) George R., born March 15, 1864, married Miss Annie V. Fanton, daughter of John H. and Josephine Fanton, of Danbury, and they have one son, John F., born November 9, 1890.

On February 10, 1894, the mother of this family passed to the unseen life, deeply mourned by a large circle of friends. She was a devout and consistent member of the M. E. Church, to which Mr. Sayer also belongs. For twenty years past he has held the office of steward, and has given much time and attention to furthering the work of the Church. He is a member of various social orders, including Union Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M., and the Improved Order of Red Men, Paugussett and Pocahontas Lodges. In politics he is a Republican, but he has neither sought nor held office.

JEROME NORTHROP, a prominent resident of Newtown, is the owner of a fine estate near Newtown village, and is regarded as one of the progressive agriculturists of that locality. He represents a family which has held an honorable place in the history of this State, being a direct descendant of Joseph Northrup, a pioneer settler at Milford. The line of descent is traced from Joseph through Jeremiah, John, John, Jr., Peter, and Walter Northrop, the father of our subject. [See genealogical record elsewhere.]

Mr. Northrop, our subject, was born December 8, 1833, and was given excellent educational opportunities for the time, attending the public schools in the Head of the Meadow District, also the private schools in Redding conducted by Aaron Wilson and Harry Peck. Among his early schoolmates were many who have since achieved prominence in different lines of effort, the list including John M. Toucey and Judge Briscoe. When about eighteen years of age Mr. Northrop left school, and for twelve or thirteen years devoted his time and attention to general farming. In 1865, desiring a change, he purchased his present farm from Theron Appell, and engaged in stock raising, in which he has been quite successful. In connection with this he has been interested to some extent in buying and shipping stock for the home market, his sound judgment and thorough knowledge of stock enabling him to make the venture profitable. He is not identified with any corporation, his business being entirely in his own hands. As a citizen he has always shown much public spirit, desiring the success of any movement that promised to benefit the community. Politically, he is a Democrat, but he is not active in party work.

On April 19, 1859, Mr. Northrop married Miss Sarah Stuart, daughter of Lewis L. and Emeline Stuart, of Amenia, N. Y. To this union have been born two children: Nellie S., born June 11, 1863, and Sarah F., born December 8, 1869, who married J. J. Schermerhorn, of New York (now deceased); both daughters are living at home. The family is connected with the Congregational Church, but Mr. Northrop is a Universalist in religious faith.

HENRY ALLEN HUBBARD. The Hubbard family is one of the oldest in this State, and the subject of this sketch, a prominent real-estate dealer of Stamford, is of the ninth generation in direct descent from George and Mary (Bishop) Hubbard, pioneer settlers at Milford, Conn. [See work entitled "1,000 Years of Hubbard History."]

II. William Hubbard, son of George and Mary (Bishop) Hubbard, was born in 1642 in Connecticut, probably in Milford, and prior to 1664 he married Abigail Dudley and settled at Greenwich, this county. The records show that he owned land there in 1667, and a few years later he joined with twenty-six others in the purchase from the Indians of Miosehasseky, a tract of land which was afterward known as Horseneck, and is now the site of the village of West Greenwich. This is a historic locality, being made especially famous by Gen. Israel Putnam's bold leap on horseback. The purchasers of the tract are mentioned in the writings of that day as "the twenty-seven proprietors of 1672," and between 1664 and 1750 the name of William Hubbard appears

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ten times in the land records of the town of Greenwich. Some of the items doubtless refer to William Hubbard, Jr., a son of the first William, as the latter spent his last days at Stamford, where his death occurred in 1684. He had three children: Abigail, of whom nothing is now known; William, Jr. who is mentioned more fully below; and George, who was born in 1675 and died in 1688.

III. William Hubbard, Jr., was born in 1670 at Stamford, where he purchased land in 1697. In 1704, or the year following, he bought another tract in that town on Pepperwood Ridge, west of Mill river. He married Hannah Mead, and died in the year 1723.

IV. Abraham Hubbard, the next in the line of descent, was born in 1703 and died in 1780 in the town of Greenwich. He married Abigail Rose, of Guilford, Conn., and had five children: Abraham, William, Mary, Abigail, and Nathaniel.

V. Abraham Hubbard was born in Greenwich in 1729, and died there in 1786. He married Sarah Jenkins, of the same town.

VI. Henry Hubbard, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in 1751, and was married in 1771 to Lydia Dickson; died in 1784.

VII. Andrew Hubbard, our subject's grandfather, was born in 1778, and attained the advanced age of eighty-four years. A portion of of his life was spent in Greenwich, but for fifty years he resided in New Rochelle, N. Y., where he engaged in farming. He married Mary Mead, and had the following children: Allen, born in 1799; Mary, born in 1801, married Samuel Baylis; Jane, born in 1804; Azubah, born in 1805, married Walter Thompson; Husted, born in 1809; Anne, born in 1811; Dickson, in 1813; Hannah, in 1816; Harriet, in 1818, married Veeder Colegrove; and Lot, born in 1822, died in 1895.

VIII. Allen Hubbard, the father of our subject, was a native of the town of Greenwich, where he grew to manhood, and for three years he carried on agricultural work on City Island. At the age of twenty-three he went to Adrian, Mich., where he followed farming some fifteen years, being the owner of about one thousand acres of land in that vicinity. In 1849 he went to California, and for five or six years was interested in mining operations there. His death occurred in 1881 at Roseburg, Oregon. His wife, whose maiden name was Harriet Schureman, died in 1860. Of their three children (1) Frederick, born in 1828, died in 1868; he married Miss Therese Dohler, and had five children. (2) Henry Allen, our subject, mentioned more fully below, and (3) Cornelia A. (now Mrs. Lippiatt, of Bernardsville, New Jersey).

Our subject was born June 9, 1832, at New Rochelle, N. Y., and his early education was secured in the public schools and the academy of that place. For nine years he was employed as a clerk in the dry-goods business, thus gaining practical preparation for mercantile life. In 1852 he located at Stamford, and in 1854 he engaged in the dry-goods business there on his own account. In 1859 E. S. Holly became a partner, and for sixteen years the business was continued under the firm name of Hubbard & Holly. They owned what was known as "Concert Hall," and for sometime they conducted their business at that building, later building a store at No. 2, Park Row. Their trade was the largest in that line in Stamford, amounting to more than ond hundred thousand dollars annually during the Civil war. About the time of Mr. Hubbard's retirement from the firm, Mr. Libby, of the firm of A. T. Stewart & Co., then the leading wholesale dry-goods house of New York City, informed Hubbard and Holly that they had purchased of them during the previous five years more goods than any customer of theirs west of the Alleghany Mountains. After disposing of his interest in the store in 1874 Mr. Hubbard engaged in a real-estate and insurance business, his offices being located at No. 8 Park Row, and he has also established a high reputation as an auctioneer, having held hundreds of sales of real estate and personal property, involving millions of dollars. His wide acquaintance with moneyed men in New York and elsewhere has enabled him to attract many buyers from out of town, and some of the finest residences of Stamford are now owned and occupied by families who were led through his efforts to locate there. Mr. Hubbard takes keen interest in all movements that promise to benefit the community, and for many years he has been a leading member of the Methodist Church at Stamford, having served as treasurer for a quarter of a century. On October 22, 1868, he was married to Miss Sarah A. Ayres, daughter of James E. Ayres, a well-known citizen of Tarrytown, New York.

RICHARD D. SHEPARD. It would be difficult to find a safer or more practical rule of conduct than that familiar but somewhat blunt saying: "Mind your own business." If any ambitious youth will take the trouble to note the characteristics of successful men he will be apt to conclude that the homely injunction is worth considering, and certainly it has been followed profitably by the subject of this biography, now a prosperous merchant of Newtown town-

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ship. Mr. Shepard was born December 26, 1832, in Dodgingtown, Fairfield county, and is descended from one of the old families of the county, his great-grandfather, George Shepard, a farmer by occupation, having had his home for many years on Sugar street, Newtown.

Richard D. Shepard (1), the grandfather of our subject, was born in Newtown, and throughout his life he followed agricultural pursuits, residing for some time at "Butternuts" (now Cooperstown), N. Y., and later at Dodgingtown, this county, where he built for his own use the house now occupied by James Barnum. His death occurred in 1825. By his first wife, Hannah (Foote), he had the following children: Ambrose, our subject's father; Phœbe, who married Bennett Fairchild; Nancy, who married Joshua H. Taylor, of Bethel; Delia (now Mrs. Elijah Taylor, of Bethel); and Susan (now Mrs. Lyman Chipman, of Newtown).

Ambrose Shepard, the father of our subject, was born January 1, 1802, and died February 23, 1876. He was a remarkably talented man, and, although he was self-educated in the main, became distinguished as a mathematician, being able to calculate the most difficult problems with apparent ease. He was especially well-versed in astronomy, and could compute the data for an almanac or navigate a vessel in any part of the globe. He taught the science of navigation in all its branches, but never followed the sea himself, his life being spent chiefly in this county. For about thirty years he was engaged in the manufacture of combs at Dodgingtown, having been among the first to follow that line of business, and during this time he enjoyed a large trade, employing eight or ten workmen constantly. He was not a member of any Church and, in fact, was not particularly active in local affairs of any nature, although when chosen at one time to the office of justice of the peace for the town of Newtown, he filled the position with satisfaction to the public and credit to himself. On September 25, 1825, he married Miss Nancy Gray, daughter of George Gray, of Tinkerfield, Newtown, Fairfield Co., Conn., and she survived him about eight years, passing away May 14, 1884. They had seven children, as follows: William H., born August 2, 1827, now a resident of New Haven; Sarah Ann, born January 4, 1831, now Mrs. Clark Blackman, of Taunton District, Newtown; Richard D., our subject; Frank, born February 18, 1836, now deceased; Elmer B., born July 17, 1839, who is engaged in the grocery business at Bridgeport, this county; Mary E., born March 1, 1842, who married (first) Frederick Dunham, and (second) Harry Lockard; and Minot, born February 12, 1847, who entered the Union army as a soldier, and at the last report was "missing," nothing definite having ever been learned as to his fate.

Our subject's educational advantages were limited to an attendance at the common schools of Dodgingtown, with the exception of a brief period of private instruction in a select school conducted by Henry Peck. As he has always been fond of reading he has managed to keep well posted upon the questions of the day, however, and he is also acquainted with the best literature. During boyhood he learned the business of comb making, which he followed for some years, but as his tastes inclined him to mercantile life he soon sought an entrance into that line of business. His father had previously built a store on the place where our subject's residence now stands, and after purchasing first the business of D. N. Morgan at Morgan's Corners, our subject rented for a time the old store, then owned by Alfred Sharp. He began a general mercantile business there in 1867, and as the venture proved successful he bought the property, and in 1875 he built his present store building there. In politics Mr. Shepard is a Democrat, but he has never given any time to party work, having no inclination for public life. His fellow-townsmen showed their appreciation of his abilities some time ago by electing him to the office of justice of the peace, but he declined to qualify. Socially, he belongs to the Masonic Fraternity, being connected with Hiram Lodge No. 18, F. & A. M., at Sandy Hook.

Mr. Shepard has a beautiful residence in Dodgingtown, town of Newtown, and its interior is painted and decorated most artistically in accordance with his own designs. In this respect it rivals any residence in the county, and it is evident that if its owner had chosen to devote his attention to that line of effort, he would have made a decided success of it. On March 5, 1854, Mr. Shepard married Miss Martha A. Smith, daughter of William and Annis Smith, of Newtown. Two children have blessed this union: Mary Frank and Florence A.

JOHN K. GRAY, a member of a prominent family of Connecticut, was born in the town of Wilton, Conn., September 20, 1833. His early education was obtained in the public schools, and after leaving school he learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked until his fortieth year, after which time he gave his attention to farming. In politics he is a strong Republican, but he has never held office. Re-

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ligiously, he is a member of the Bald Hill Methodist Episcopal Church, and is steward and trustee of same, as well as superintendent of the Sunday-school; in years gone by he was class leader, and throughout his entire life he has taken great interest in Church work.

Mr. Gray married Miss Mary J. Hoyt, who was born in Pound Ridge, N. Y., October 13, 1828, a daughter of Linus and Lydia A. (Weeks) Hoyt, the former of whom was a shoemaker of Pound Ridge, N. Y. By this union there are two children: Jonathan D., born October 22, 1862, and Frederick, born September 26, 1864, both of whom are unmarried. Of these, Jonathan D. was born in the town of Wilton, was educated in the district schools, and for some time was engaged by a railway company in Boston; he is now residing on a farm in Wilton. Frederick, since finishing his education in Wilton, has been engaged in farming.

Jonathan D. Gray, father of the subject of this sketch, was born January 21, 1803, and was educated in the common schools. After completing his education he learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked the remainder of his life. He was a Republican, but never held office, and in his religious belief, he was a strong Methodist, greatly interested in the work of his Church. He married Miss Fannie Keeler, daughter of John and Ruth Keeler, the former of whom was a blacksmith and farmer of the town of Wilton. The children born to this marriage were as follows: Henry died in infancy: Cyrus H.; Ruth; Sarah; and John K., the subject of this sketch. Of these, Cyrus H. was born in the town of Wilton, was educated there in the common schools, and then learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he has worked most of his life, but of late years he has been engaged in farming; he married Cornelia Dykeman, by whom he has no children. Ruth married Rufus Keeler, and has had the following children: Sarah, who married John Barr; Fannie, wife of Herbert Smith; Georgiana, who married George Seymour; and William, deceased in infancy. Sarah Gray married Abram Nash, and has had the following children: Jennie; Samuel, who married Mary ——, and Katie, wife of Albert Avery.

The genealogy of the Hoyt family, to which the wife of the subject belongs, is unusually interesting. It is traced back to Lyman Hoyt, who was born in England in 1585. His son, Walter, emigrated to America, and became a resident of Norwalk, Conn., where he died in 1698. From his son, Zerubbabel, descended the distinguished Gen. W. T. Sherman, and the present Secretary of State, John Sherman. Daniel Hoyt, son of Zerubbabel, had a son, Abner, whose son Uriah was a soldier in the army of the Revolutionary war. Matthew Hoyt, son of Uriah, was born July 31, 1780, and married Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Benijah Brown, and lived at Pound Ridge, N. Y., for many years. Matthew Hoyt learned the carpenter's trade, and worked at same all his life. He lived a most consistent, upright life, and was a member of the Protestant Methodist Church of Pound Ridge. The children born to Matthew and Elizabeth (Brown) Hoyt were as follows: Linus, who married Lydia A. Weeks; Louisa, who married David Pinnay; Sarah, who married a Mr. Caldwell; Ruamie, who married William Sellick; Rufus, who married Catharine Stiles; Mary, who married (first) a Mr. Dana, and (second) Benjamin Weed; Smith, who married (first) Eliza Morgan, and (second) Mary De Forest; and Betsey, who married Andrew J. Brown.

Linus Hoyt, father of the wife of our subject, was born at Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N. Y., January 19, 1804. After obtaining his education he learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked most of his life. In politics he was first a Whig, later a Republican, and has adhered to that party ever since. While he is of a retiring disposition, yet he is well-known to the entire community as a man of integrity and strong character. All his life he has been a devout member of the Methodist Protestant Church. He married Lydia A. Weeks, who was born May 6, 1805, a daughter of Holly and Olive (Beebe) Weeks, and by her had the following children: Hester Ann, born August 15, 1829; Hannah Maria, June 15, 1831; Lydia Catherine, October 2, 1834; Mary Jane, October 13, 1838; Adelia, February 8, 1844; and Adeline, July 8, 1846.

Lydia A. (Weeks), the mother of the above-named children, was born May 6, 1805, and was married to Linus Hoyt, June 17, 1827. They lived together happily in that portion of the town known as East Woods for forty-seven years, and she died March 22, 1874. She was a faithful and constant friend of the ministry, and many a weary preacher of the Gospel found in her home a place of encouragement and rest. She was a woman of unusual strength and sweetness of character, and was loved by all who knew her. "She was buried at Sellick's Corners, where she rests until the bright resurrection morn when we hope to meet her once more."

Hester Ann Hoyt married Erastus Fancher, December 8, 1848, and he died October 16, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Fancher had five children: W.W., born January 23, 1850, died January 1, 1875;

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Mary E., born May 17, 1852; married Antone Stommel, January 13, 1875, and died April 19, 1876; Ida Emma, born January 25, 1855; Hubert L., born September 9, 1860, died July 24, 1879; and Herman R., born May 31, 1864.

Hannah Maria Hoyt married Harrison Whitney, July 4, 1853. Harrison Whitney afterward distinguished himself as a soldier, as a member of the 2d Conn. Heavy Artillery, and was wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor, June 1, 1864. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Whitney were as follows: Charles Fremont, born July 22, 1856, died in Waterbury, Conn., August 21, 1878. George D., born August 8, 1858, married (first), July 24, 1879, Ella S. Palmer; she died March 3, 1886, having had two children—Charles Dayton Whitney, born May 11, 1880, and Jennie May, born September 15, 1882, and died February 21, 1883. Mr. Whitney afterward, June 2, 1888, married Mrs. Martha L. Munson, the marriage ceremony being performed at Bridgeport, Conn., by Rev. J. W. Davis, who compiled the genealogy of the Hoyt family from which this is taken. Jennie M. Whitney, born October 19, 1860, died January 10, 1873. Hester Ann Whitney, born October 7, 1862, died October 17, 1863. Edith May, born July 24, 1870.

Lydia Catherine Hoyt was married to Charles H. Ruscoe, December 8, 1853, and died November 12, 1869. Mr. and Mrs. Ruscoe had the following children: Lydia Ann, born May 3, 1855, married Capt. W. L. Weeks, January 1, 1880; Lavinia F., born October 25, 1856, married Charles S. Betts, October 11, 1885, and has one child, Charles Russell, born October 30, 1889; Winfield S. Ruscoe, born July 27, 1858, married Hattie A. Betts, March 15, 1882, and has three children—Grace May, born December 20, 1882; Hubert W., born June 15, 1884, and Chester B., born September 15, 1889; Ada E. Ruscoe, born August 2, 1860, married Joseph R. Fancher, June 6, 1880, and has one child, Willie H., born October 18, 1886.

Mary Jane Hoyt married John K. Gray, January 1, 1860. The names of her children have already been given.

Adelia Hoyt was married February 6, 1867, to Henry A. Pinney, who was born at Milford, Penn., October 23, 1836. They had three children, viz.: Gertrude A., born June 23, 1868; Frederick W., born September 6, 1870, died March 23, 1871; and Augusta A., born July 3, 1876, died April 25, 1877. The family reside in New Canaan, Conn.

Adeline Hoyt married James W. Davis, September 17, 1865. Mr. Davis was born January 1, 1844, and is a son of Hiram and Catherine (Hoyt) Davis. He served in the 12th Conn. V. V. I. in the war of the Rebellion, and now resides at No. 172 Park street, Bridgeport, Conn., where he is pastor of the Advent Christian Church. Rev. and Mrs. Davis have three children: Frank W., born October 23, 1866, married Laura E. Beckweth, September 11, 1889, and they have one daughter, Laura Jennie, born May 13, 1890; Addie E. Davis, born April 19, 1869, married Jay C. Holden, January 31, 1886, and they have one child, Eula J., born October 9, 1889. Jennie E. Davis was born April 2, 1877.

The following summary of the family of Linus and Lydia A. Hoyt is of special interest in this connection: Children, 6; grandchildren, 22; great-grandchildren, 9; immediate descendants, 37; married into the family, 15; grand total, 52. Immediate descendants living June 6, 1891: Children, 6; grandchildren, 14; great-grandchildren, 8; deaths, 11. Number June 6, 1891, including father, 47.

A reunion of the family was held at Norwalk May 6, 1890, at which there were gathered around Linus Hoyt, then hale and hearty at eighty-six years of age, five children, twelve grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. On that day Rev. J. W. Davis read the genealogy of the family which he had prepared, going back eleven generations.

ORMAN J. DREW, a successful agriculturist of the town of Trumbull, resides upon the old Drew homestead, near Long Hill, and by his judicious management of the place has won well-deserved prosperity.

Mr. Drew was born March 9, 1835, at Peekskill, Westchester Co., N. Y., where his ancestors settled at an early day. James Drew, the grandfather of our subject, was born in that county and resided there for some years, but in later life he and his wife, Charity (Barrett), removed to this county and made their home in the town of Monroe.

Isaac Drew, our subject's father, was born in Westchester county, N. Y., and was educated in the schools of Peekskill. He married Miss Alzadie Olmstead, and in 1838 he removed with his family to Southbury, Conn., where he spent about fifteen years in agricultural pursuits. He then settled in this county, locating first in Monroe and later in Trumbull, where he and his wife passed their last days. They were devout members of the Baptist Church, and were much esteemed among their acquaintances. Our subject is the eldest of three children, the others

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being: Ann E., who married Stiles Nichols, of Huntington; and James, a resident of Bridgeport.

The early education of our subject was obtained in the schools of Southbury, Monroe and Trumbull townships, and on completing his course of study he engaged in farming, which he has since followed without interruption. He was married in Monroe to Miss Susan R. Lamphear, a native of that town, and one daughter was born of the union, Cora May, who died at the age of fifteen. For ten years after his marriage Mr. Drew resided upon a farm in Monroe township, but he then removed to Huntington, and a few years later he settled at the old homestead in Trumbull. He is an excellent citizen, and, although he has never taken an active part in politics, he is in sympathy with the progressive movements of the day.

ROBERT KERR. The Scotch race, which is noted for sound intellect, hardy and vigorous physique, and unconquerable courage, has given to America many valued citizens, and the subject of this sketch, now a leading resident of Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., does honor to "Auld Scotia," the land of his birth. In both war and peace he has shown sturdy devotion to principle, and we are glad to count him among our representative men.

Mr. Kerr was born December 14, 1836, at Paisley, Scotland, son of William and Mary (Parker) Kerr. The family came to America in 1843, and the father was for some time engaged in business in New York City, thence removing to Sullivan county, N. Y. Later he returned to New York City, whence he again moved, in 1848, to Mason, Hillsboro Co., N. H., and he finally settled in Jersey City, N. J., where he died in 1888. Robert Kerr commenced his education in the schools of New York City, and he also attended a school at Mason, N. H. At the age of seventeen he went to Norwich, Conn., then called Greenville, and there learned the weaver's trade, which he followed until the breaking out of the Civil war. Four days after Fort Sumter was fired upon he enlisted, under the three-months' call, in the 2d Conn. V. I., and he participated in the first battle of Bull Run. At the expiration of his term of enlistment the regiment was discharged, and in 1862 he re-enlisted, this time in the 18th Conn. V. I., being given the rank of orderly sergeant of Company A. At the battle of Piedmont he was promoted "for bravery" to the rank of lieutenant. On June 15, 1863, during the battle of Winchester, he was captured by the enemy and sent to Libby prison, where he remained until released on parole on July 2 and sent forward to Annapolis. In September, 1863, he rejoined and took command of Company A at Martinsburg, Va., continuing thus to the close of the war. Mr. Kerr was in all the important engagements in which his regiment participated, at Winchester performing one of the bravest feats of the war. He was on duty on the skirmish line, opposing Lee's army, in the outskirts of the town, when a dispatch bearer was sent to him by the colonel of the regiment to be directed to the town. Mr. Kerr pointed out the shortest way, which lay through an open field in full view of the enemy, who were hidden in the woods near by. The messenger, Quartermaster Dwight W. Hakes, of the 18th Conn. V. I., naturally hesitated, but told Mr. Kerr that he would try the path if he (Mr. Kerr) would go ahead and take down a fence that blocked the way. Our brave Scotch-American was not the man to shrink from even such a seemingly foolhardy task as this, and under a fierce fire from the enemy, the bullets pattering around him like hail, he walked to the fence, took it down, and returned to his station. The officers confined at Libby prison voted this to be the most courageous act of which they had then heard.

On retiring from the service in 1865, Mr. Kerr returned to Norwich, and in partnership with Governor Buckingham and others established the Norwich Lock Works, since transferred to Roanoke, Va. After a year and a half he sold his interest in this firm to the Governor, and engaged in the lock-manufacturing business at Branford, Conn., where he spent a year, returning to Norwich to take charge of the lock works for three months. He spent a year and a half in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he established a jobbing shop in partnership with a Mr. Brady under the name of the Brady Manufacturing Company, and on leaving that city he engaged for a time in the butcher's trade in Jersey City. Later he became interested in the hotel business in New York City, and for sixteen years past he has conducted several hotels and lodging houses, being now the proprietor of three hotels in that city. In 1886 Mr. Kerr removed to Stamford, purchasing the Rippowam Spring Farm, a fine homestead in Newfield avenue, four miles from the town of Stamford. The residence site is one of the highest points on the Newfield road, one hundred and eighty feet above tide water. Mr. Kerr has made extensive real-estate purchases in Stamford township, owning some two hundred and twenty acres, comprising several farms, the greater part

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of which he uses for his dairy business, which is the largest in this part of Fairfield county. He gives employment to from eight to fourteen men, and his herd numbers some sixty cows. He has nine horses for the business.

On January 2, 1859, Mr. Kerr was married to Miss Maryett Dorrance, and they have one son, Arthur Farnsworth, who is married to Miss Hattie L. Knickerbocker, of Westminster, Conn., and resides with his parents. The family is highly esteemed socially. Mr. Kerr is a member of Hobbie Post No. 23, G. A. R., at Stamford, and of Somerset Lodge No. 34, F. & A. M., of Norwich, Conn., which he joined in the year 1866.

CAPTAIN CHARLES W. HALL is the senior member of the well-known flourishing firm of Hall & Godfrey, manufacturers of carriages and trucks, John street, Bridgeport.

A native of Connecticut, Captain Hall was born September 20, 1831, in the town of Easton, Fairfield county, of English descent, his great-grandfather, Abel Hall (1), having emigrated to this country from England prior to the Revolutionary war, in which he took sides with the "Tories." Col. Abel Hall (2), his son, and the grandfather of our subject, was born in Easton, Conn., became a large farmer and stock raiser in Easton, as his father was before him, and died in 1837. He was a leader in the old Tashua Episcopal Church of Easton; was a Freemason, and was colonel of a regiment of troopers. He married Sally Sherwood, of Easton, a descendant of one of three early families of that locality —the Halls, Staples and Sherwoods—and three children were born to them: Col. Abel (3), and Mabel and Sally, who both died young.

Col. Abel Hall (3), father of Capt. C. W. Hall, was born in 1803, in Easton, Conn., and passed his boyhood on the home farm, attending school at Easton Center. He followed farming and stock raising all his life, which was comparatively short, however, as he died in 1837, when only thirty-four years old. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and was colonel of a regiment of troopers. He was married in Easton to Polly J. Sherwood, daughter of Deacon David Sherwood, of the old North Congregational Church of Bridgeport, and four children were born of this union: Abel (4), Fannie M., Capt. Charles W. and Henry S., all living in Bridgeport except Henry S., who makes his home in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Capt. C. W. Hall passed his boyhood in Easton up to the time of his father's death, he being a six-year-old lad, and he then went to live with his grandfather Sherwood on his farm at the west end of Bridgeport, in the meantime attending the district school in Fairfield, also Johnson's private school in the basement of the South Congregational Church building. After a residence of ten years with his grandfather, he was apprenticed to J. Mott & Co., of Bridgeport, to learn the coach maker's trade, serving five years, at the close of which he went to California, where he followed mining some seven years. Returning to Bridgeport in 1858, he opened out a carriage shop on the corner of Fairfield and Middle streets, from there moving later to Elm street, having bought the factory of George Keeler. For a time his brother Henry was associated with him in the business.

In 1861 our subject, assisted by a Mr. Wardin and a Mr. Nichols, raised a company of one hundred and fifteen men, one hundred of whom were mustered in at Camp Buckingham, New Haven, as Company D, 23rd Conn. V. I., Mr. Hall being elected captain, he having been a member of the City Guard of Bridgeport. In June, 1862, he left Company D, being detached as acting assistant commissary, in charge of $3,000,000 worth of commissary stores. Later in the same year he was sent to New Orleans to take charge of the troops there, and in August he was placed in charge of a vessel running up the Mississippi to take troops home. He then once more returned to Bridgeport and resumed work with his brother until 1870. About this time a stock company, known as the Hall Brothers Manufacturing Company, was formed, which lasted two years, at the end of which period Captain Hall again returned to his Elm street factory and remained there six years. His next place of business was on Nousatoma avenue, and in the meantime, in 1891, E. A. Godfrey became a partner in the concern, and the firm has since been known as Hall & Godfrey. In 1896 they removed to their present premises on John street, and they find their business continually expanding.

In June, 1861, Captain Hall was married to Miss Gertrude W. Purcelle, daughter of John Purcelle, and children as follows have been born to them: Gertrude, who married Louis C. Kiefer, of Chicago, Ill., and has one child, Kenneth; Louie, who married John T. Snyder, of Chicago, Ill., and has one son, Charles Hall; and Sophie, wife of Frank C. Gernert, by whom she has one son, Harold Hall.

Captain and Mrs. Hall, in religious faith, are identified with the First Baptist Church at Bridgeport; socially, he is a charter member of

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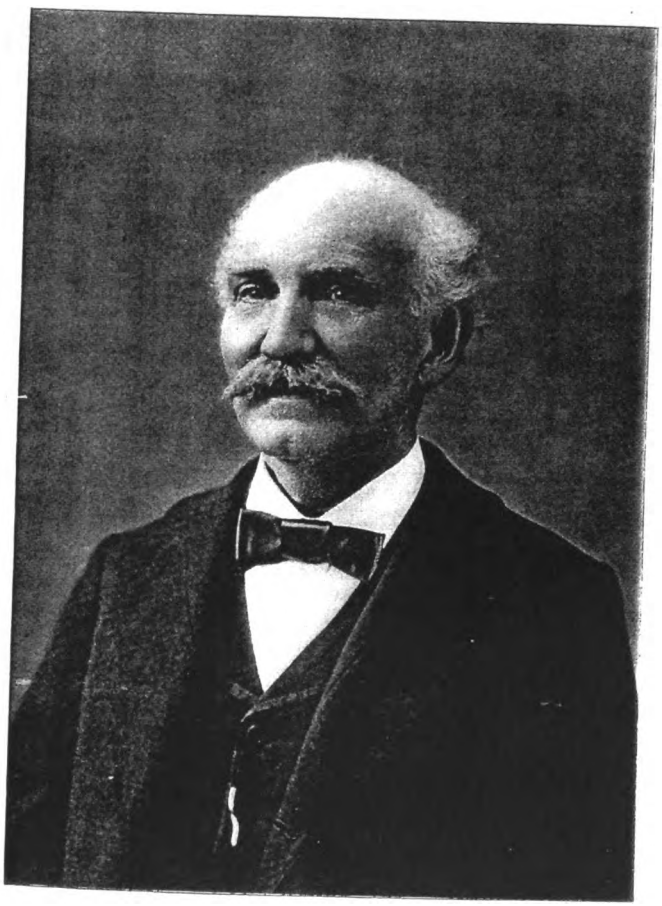

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Elias Howe, Jr., Post No. 3, G. A. R., and he is also identified with the United Friends of Bridgeport. No better, more patriotic or popular citizen can be found in central Connecticut, and he justly merits the high regard in which he is universally held.

MOSES E. BANKS. Not alone is there particular interest attaching to the career of this gentleman as one of the leading citizens and ex-educators of Fairfield county, but in reviewing his genealogical record we find his lineage tracing back to the Colonial history of the nation, and to that great period which marked the inception of this great Republic. Through such sources have we attained the true American type, and along this line must our investigation proceed if we would learn of the steadfast and unyielding elements which constitute the basis upon which has been reared the lofty and magnificent superstructure of an enlightened and favored commonwealth.

Mr. Banks is a native of Connecticut, having been born June 15, 1835, in the town of Easton (at that time known as Weston), a son of William Banks, and a grandson of Hezekiah and Rhuanna (Betts) Banks, both of whom were born in Fairfield, Conn. They had a family of six children, viz.: Moses B. and Hezekiah, both farmers at Greenfield Hill, Conn.; Eliza G., who died unmarried; Mary, deceased wife of Ezra Peet; William, the father of our subject, and Anna, who died in childhood.

William Banks was born in the town of Weston, Conn., in 1808, and followed agricultural pursuits all his life. In 1833 he married Ellen Burr, also a native of Weston, daughter of Moses Burr, of the same locality. Moses Burr, a very prominent man in his day, was Judge of Probate until reaching the limit age, when he was made clerk. Two children were born to William and Ellen (Burr) Banks, to wit: Moses E., our subject; and Eliza M., who married Minott Tuttle, of Bridgeport, and is now a widow. The parents of our subject are both deceased, the father having died in 1882, in the town of Fairfield, the mother passing away in 1883. They were Congregationalists in religious faith, and in politics Mr. Banks was first a Democrat, later a Republican.

Moses E. Banks, whose name introduces this memoir, was reared till the age of fifteen upon his father's farm, his education being secured at the old Staples Academy, and at New Britain Normal School, Hartford county, after which he taught two years in Redding, Fairfield county. He then taught a private school in Stepney, same county, one year, at the end of that time opening a boarding school in Easton, known as Washington Institute, which he conducted until 1858. He then taught in Black Rock, two years; in Fairfield and Southport four or five years; then in Derby until 1869, in that year retiring from scholastic work on account of impaired health. He then became connected with the publishing house of Ivison, Blakeman & Taylor, of New York, and after a fifteen-years' association with that firm he united, as stockholder, with Silver, Burdett & Co., publishers of school books, music, etc., in New York, of which extensive firm he is now a director. For the past seventeen years he has lived on the edge of Bridgeport, going to and from New York each business day. He has also a fine farm in the town of Easton, where he and his family rusticate during the hot summer weather "far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife," and in quiet repose.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Banks is an ardent supporter of his party, his first Presidential vote having been cast for Fremont. In 1856 he served as vice-president of the Republican Club of Easton (the first one organized in that town), and the following year he ran for representative of his district, but was defeated, although he succeeded in securing more than the party vote. For over seven years he has been a member of the town school committee of Fairfield, and for four years has been its secretary. Socially he has been affiliated for the past thirty-three years with King Hiram Lodge No. 12, F. & A. M., at Derby, Conn. In religious faith he is a member of the Congregational Church.

On December 24, 1853, Mr. Banks was united in marriage with Miss Amelia Collins, of New York, a daughter of Denmark P. Collins (an extensive lumber merchant of that city), who was born in New Haven, Conn., of an old family of that city, his father, Eben Hall Collins, having been in business there many years, a highly educated man prominent in social affairs, exalted in Freemasonry and an officer in the war of 1812. To our subject and wife have been born four children, a brief record of whom is as follows: Cecile (born in Easton) is the wife of Louis F. Gardner, of Ansonia, Conn.; Jane E. married Major J. Taylor Amiss, of Asheville, N. C.; Mildred married James H. Torry, of Bridgeport, Conn., now deceased; and C. Lincoln, a medical practitioner, of whom special mention will presently be made. Mr. and Mrs. Moses E. Banks are distinguished for their refinement and intelligence, and being of social and genial natures they are the center of a large circle of

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friends and acquaintances. The life of Mr. Banks is a constant inspiration to those who know of his zealous and self-sacrificing work in the advancement of the cause of education.

C. LINCOLN BANKS, M. D., only son of the above, was born in Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., April 8, 1863, and the earlier part of his life was passed in Derby, New Haven county, where his father was superintendent of schools at the time. Here the lad received his primary education, which was supplemented with a course of study at the High school of Bridgeport. He then attended Lehigh University, taking a scientific course at that institution, graduating with the class of '88, and receiving the degree of B. S. While there he was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity. In the fall of 1888 he entered the medical department of Columbia College, graduating with the class of '91 (he there joined the Zeta Psi fraternity); then did two years' hospital work, and graduated as house surgeon from the Post-graduate College, also from Sloane Maternity Hospital. In the fall of 1893 he located in Bridgeport, Conn., where he has since been associated in the practice of medicine with Dr. Charles C. Godfrey.

On April 26, 1894, Doctor Banks was married to Miss Edith Marston, of Portland, Maine, daughter of Seward B. and Harriet A. Marston, also of that State, and of English descent. To this union has been born one child, Marston Edson. In politics the Doctor is a Republican, and in 1897 he was elected alderman of Bridgeport, in which incumbency he is still serving. Socially, he is a member of the Algonquin and Sea Side Clubs, and is affiliated with the F. & A. M., St. John's Lodge No. 3, and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, of Bridgeport. As a physician he enjoys an enviable reputation, while his pleasant and genial manner have won for him many friends.

UNDERHILL LYON. The Lyon family is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, in the town of Greenwich, and the old homestead, near Hawthorne P. O., now occupied by the subject of this biography, has sheltered seven generations of that name. It was in the year 1640 that Thomas Lyon settled there, he having received a royal grant of the tract from King Charles I, and the house built by him on his arrival has been continually occupied by the family ever since, additions being made from time to time without destroying or essentially altering the original structure. It is one of the oldest and most substantial houses in the United States, and according to family tradition all in this section who bear the name of Lyon could trace their descent from its founder. The estate is a valuable one, lying on the old Post road, north of Byram Bridge.

II. In the second generation the line of descent, in which we are now interested, was continued by Thomas, Jr., a son of the pioneer.

III. Gilbert Lyon, son of Thomas, Jr., was born July 20, 1719, at the homestead. He married Jane Kniffen (now Sniffen).

IV. Abraham Lyon, our subject's grandfather, was born November 13, 1764, in the old house where he always resided, and he followed farming throughout his life. He married Hannah Mills, and had eight children who lived to maturity: Seth, a prominent politician, county surveyor, and farmer of his day; Fitch, who never married; Olivia, who married (first) Jonathan Lyon, and (second) Jotham Sherwood; Jane (Mrs. Henry Davis); Deborah (Mrs. Gilbert Lyon); Hannah, who never married; Elias, our subject's father; and Emeline, who did not marry. All are now deceased, but they attained to advanced years, at one time their combined ages reaching a total that had never been equalled in this State by members of one family.

V. Elias Lyon, the father of our subject, was born in the old home in 1800, and became a successful agriculturist, much of his life being spent at the homestead. He was a Democrat in politics. His death occurred in 1863, his remains being interred in Lyon cemetery on the Post road in the town of Greenwich. He married Martha A. Banks, who was born October 24, 1805, a daughter of John Banks, and she survived him many years, passing away in 1893. This estimable couple had two children: Underhill, our subject; and Louise, who married Daniel Haight, and had three children—Daniel, John U. and Martha (she died at Port Chester, New York, in April, 1893).

VI. Underhill Lyon, who is now probably the best-known of the name in this county, was born October 24, 1837, in a house standing on the opposite side of the road from the old family residence. His education was begun in the Byram district schools, and he also attended a select school at Port Chester, N. Y., but his opportunities were limited compared with those enjoyed by the children of that locality today. As the only son, he became the mainstay of his father in the work of the homestead, to which he succeeded on the death of the latter. He is a successful manager, and in addition to the care of his farm he is often called upon to settle estates for others, much business of that

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sort being done gratuitously. His sound judgment and public spirit have won for him the confidence of all classes in the community and, although he is a Democrat politically, he has often been elected to office through the votes of both parties. He has held nearly every office of importance in his township, serving creditably in all. For more than fifteen years he has served as assessor, an office which he now holds, and for more than five years he was a selectman of his town. Since 1871 he has been prominent in the management of the local school, and for more than twenty-five years has served as clerk of the district. He is unassuming in manner, and in all his dealings he is thoroughly upright, his religion being the practical observance, in everyday life, of the "Golden Rule."

In June, 1880, he married Miss Maria Blackett, who was born March 25, 1854, at Tremont, N. Y., now 177th street, New York City. Her parents, John and Frances (Ritch) Blackett, died when she was about thirteen years old, and for some years her home was in Port Chester and Greenwich. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Port Chester, and takes an interest in its various lines of work. One daughter brightens their home, Julia Frances, born December 18, 1889.

WILLIAM B. LOCKWOOD. For about two hundred and fifty years the farm at Sound Beach, Greenwich township, now owned and occupied by the prominent citizen whose name opens this review, has been in possession of the Lockwood family. It is one of the few tracts of land, in the county, still held in the name of the original Colonial settler. The name has been prominently interwoven through the history of those two and one-half centuries of American life and development. Eight generations span the period of time since Robert Lockwood, about 1630, emigrated from England, locating first at Watertown, Mass., in 1646 removing to what is now Sound Beach, Fairfield county, and there founding this distinguished family. Here Robert Lockwood died in 1658. The line of descent to our subject is as follows: Robert, first generation; Jonathan, second generation; Robert, third generation; David, fourth generation; Enos, fifth generation; Enos (2), sixth generation; Beal Burr, seventh generation; and William B. (our subject), eighth generation.

Enos Lockwood (1), the great-grandfather of our subject, was born May 30, 1731. His wife Elizabeth was born in 1735. Enos Lockwood died April 12, 1802, and his wife died January 9, 1787; both were buried at Sound Beach. Their children were as follows: Abigail, who married Abel Ferris; Sarah, who married Joseph Donaldson; Enos, grandfather of our subject, who married Sarah Ferris; Joshua; Elizabeth, who never married; Reuben; Mary; and Martha, who married a Mr. Ferris.

Enos Lockwood (2) was born March 1, 1763, at Sound Beach, and on September 15, 1793, married Sarah Hoit, who was born March 28, 1771. Their three children were as follows: Maurice, who was born April 6, 1794, and who, while a clerk in a store at Cos Cob, died a young man; Enos Bennett, born October 26, 1798, was a farmer, and died in Stamford township, November 6, 1870; and Beal Burr, father of our subject, was born May 26, 1807. Enos (2) Lockwood was chosen July 4, 1818, as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention at Hartford, which body assembled in August, 1818. When but a lad he enlisted in the Connecticut State Troops, called the Town Guards, or Coast Guards; his company was commanded by Capt. Timothy Lockwood, and Lieut. Oliver Jervis. He was a farmer, and owned the farm where our subject now lives; was a well-known citizen, and left considerable property. He died June 22, 1837, his wife surviving him about one year. They were buried at Sound Beach.

Beal Burr Lockwood was born on the home farm May 26, 1807. He was reared as a farmer boy of his day, attending the schools of Sound Beach at first, then attending the school at Stamford. In December, 1834, he was married at Port Chester, N. Y., to Miss Susan Ferris, who was born at Mianus, November 4, 1812, the daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Warring) Ferris. Jonathan Ferris was a farmer, and lived near Mianus Landing. Beal Burr Lockwood began housekeeping on the home farm, and always lived there until his death, which occurred January 3, 1866. He was buried in the Congregational cemetery. His four children were: Reuben B., born August 27, 1835, was a farmer at Sound Beach, and died September 20, 1891; William Burr is our subject; Sarah A., born February 10, 1840, married (first) Frank Lockwood, and (second) John Kelley, of Port Jervis, N. Y.; and Enos, born February 7, 1843, died September 19, 1856. The father of our subject was a Whig in early life, and later a Democrat. He was through life a prominent member of the Congregational Church. The allurements of office did not appeal to him, and, save for the earnest and conscientious Church work in which he was ever ready to engage, he was devoted chiefly to

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his family and to his own business affairs. He left a considerable property. The mother of our subject still survives in the eighty-sixth year of her age, and lives on the old homestead. She is an active member of the Congregational Church, and is highly respected and well preserved.

William B. Lockwood, our subject, was born December 12, 1837, on the old Lockwood homestead, of which he has ever since been a resident. In his youth he attended the Sound Beach schools, and completed his education at Stamford. He was married September 2, 1861, to Miss Lavina Ford, who was born in New York City, April 10, 1838, daughter of Benjamin and Harriet (Purdy) Ford. Benjamin Ford was a wholesale dry-goods merchant of New York City. His daughter, Lavina, was highly educated, and when married brought to our subject the graces and culture of a refined home-maker. She is a member of the Baptist Church at Stamford. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood are as follows: Harriet C.; Laura J., now Mrs. John F. Ryan, of Stamford; M. Lillian; Beal Burr, a horseman and farmer, at home; and Enos B., at home. In politics Mr. Lockwood is a stanch Democrat. He is a business man of ripe judgment, and in the intelligent community in which he lives he is regarded as one of its best and most substantial citizens.

EBENEZER COLEY, a prosperous farmer of the town of Wilton, was born April 26, 1838, in the town of Westport, Conn. His early education was obtained in the common schools, and he afterward attended a private school kept by Professor Richards. Being thus well qualified, he began teaching school and continued to follow this profession for eighteen years. At the end of this time he turned his attention to farming, which occupation he has since followed with success, purchasing a farm within the town of Wilton. He has also, to some extent, been engaged in the butcher business.

During the Civil war Mr. Coley was drafted, but on account of the condition of his health he was found to be exempt. Politically he has always been a strong Republican, and he has been honored by his fellow-citizens with election to several of the minor offices, such as tax collector, member of the school committee, and others. He is a member of the Westport Congregational Church. Mr. Coley married Miss Eleanor O. Gregory (daughter of Samuel and Eleanor (Fillow) Gregory), who was born in the town of Wilton, November 10, 1841, and they have had the following named children: Stanton, born December 17, 1864, married Susie M. Hubbell; Chester E., born December 1, 1874, is engaged in business with his father; he married Edna C. Bradley.

Walter Coley, father of Ebenezer Coley, was born in the town of Westport, Conn., October 11, 1791, was educated in the common schools of his native place, and engaged in farming throughout his active life. During the training days he was a member of the horse artillery. In politics he was a strong Republican, but he never aspired to office. He was a member of the Norfield Church of Weston, in which he was a member of the choir. Walter Coley married Mrs. Ora Coley, widow of John Coley, by whom she had no children. By her second marriage she had the following named children: Walter, who remains single; Mercie A., who married Jarvis Taylor; Ebenezer, the subject of this sketch; Samuel M., who married Mary E. Nash; and Henry B., who married Hellen A. Seymour.

Samuel Gregory, father of Mrs. Ebenezer Coley, was born March 6, 1769, in the town of Wilton, where he was educated in the common schools. He became a tin peddler, continuing in that business for many years, but during the later years of his life he was engaged in farming. During the training days he was a member of the militia, and he was a strong Republican in politics. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was an excellent citizen, standing well in the estimation of the community in which he lived. He married Eleanor Fillow, by whom he had the following named children: Eleanor O., wife of the subject proper of this sketch; Samuel, born January 18, 1845; and Aaron, who died young. Samuel Gregory, father of these, died in 1862.

WILLIAM LIEBERUM. Thomas Carlyle once said, "our grand business in this life is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do that which lies clearly at hand." Philosophers in all ages have, in various ways, given voice to the same thought in language so terse, as to be handed down to us as proverbs; and the Divine Master himself declared "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Success comes slowly, and it is the result of great toil and much hardship, and it comes only to the spirit that is strong enough to overcome all obstacles. To contemplate on the lives and characters of those to crown whose efforts success has come, and to emulate their example is a worthy lesson for the American youth, and we here present a few of the incidents in the life of one of the representative

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and progressive business men of Bridgeport—William Lieberum.

The subject of this review was born at Hesse-Cassel, Germany, September 26, 1837, a son of August Henry and Minnie (Happel) Lieberum, in whose family were eight children: (1) Mary, who became Mrs. Keller, and now resides in Birmingham, Conn.; (2) Augusta, who married Nicholas Usinger, and lives in Bridgeport; (3) Kate, deceased wife of A. Usinger, of New Haven, Conn.; (4) William, our subject; (5) August, who is mentioned elsewhere; (6) Henry, of Bridgeport; (7) Charles, of New Brunswick, N. J.; and (8) Minnie, deceased wife of William Evers, a butcher of Bridgeport. The father of this family died in 1884, followed two years later by his devoted wife. On coming to this country, August Henry Lieberum first located at Derby, Conn., where he engaged in the manufacture of cigars, but at the time of his death he was living retired at New Brunswick, New Jersey.

In 1854, William Lieberum left the Fatherland for the United States. Before coming to this country he had learned the cabinetmakers' trade, and after his arrival in America he located at Ansonia, New Haven Co., Conn., where he followed his trade. Here he remained some time; then after a short stay in Birmingham, Conn., he, in 1861, removed to Bridgeport, where he has ever since made his home. For four years he here worked for the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Co., but in 1865, in company with his brother August, the firm of Lieberum Brothers was established, for the purpose of dealing in furniture and for undertaking. For twenty-five years this firm carried on business with great success, and "Lieberum Bros." were an important factor in the commercial world of Bridgeport. The partnership was dissolved in 1890, since when our subject has conducted the business alone. In 1895 he moved from his former location on Water street, to No. 441 Main street—the largest store on the street—where he has since remained.

On April 9, 1863, Mr. Lieberum was married to Miss Henrietta Eckel, a native of Newark, N. J., and a daughter of John Eckel, a native of Germany. Though born in New Jersey, Mrs. Lieberum passed the greater portion of her life in Bridgeport, where her father was a saddle maker. A family of three children were born to our subject and his wife: (1) Marie H., who became the wife of Frederick C. Winnewisser, formerly of this State, now of Bellows Falls, Vt. (2) Charles F., who is in business with his father; he married Christine Rohe, of New York. (3) William J. was bookkeeper with his father, but died February 11, 1899, at his home in Bridgeport, Conn. The mother of these children died January 7, 1873, and March 25, 1874, for his second wife Mr. Lieberum married Henrietta Horstman, of Newark, N. J., and to this union four children were born: (1) Julia W. and (2) Wilhelmena F., at home; (3) Henry H., a machinist; and (4) George W., at home.

In his political opinions Mr. Lieberum coincides with the principles of the Democratic party, and he has been frequently called upon by his friends to fill positions of trust and honor; in 1882–83 he was a member of the council, and from 1885 to 1889 was police commissioner. At the election of April, 1899, he was elected a member of the board of education for the term of three years. When Mr. Lieberum has been elected to office, it has been when the office sought the man, for in no sense can he be regarded as an office seeker. In his social relations he is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, which he joined in 1862. His success in life is due to his own unaided efforts, and he has not only made a financial success, but has won and maintained the high regard of all who know him, for his upright life, public and private. In his own home, surrounded by his accomplished family, he finds his true enjoyment—a cheerful haven of rest after the worrisome cares that fall to the lot of any business man.

CHARLES H. PEIX, a member of the well-known firm of Beckerle & Co., leaders in the hat industry at Danbury, is a representative of the best type of our German-born citizens. Energetic, shrewd, thrifty, he has made his way to a high mark in business circles, and while he is not especially active in local political work, his influence is always thrown upon the side of progress.

Mr. Peix was born November 22, 1846, in Hanover, Germany, the youngest in a family of seven children. He was educated in the public schools of his native land, and at fourteen began to learn the dyer's trade, which he followed for some time there and in this country. In November, 1869, he crossed the ocean, and landing in New York City found employment in a dyeing establishment in Brooklyn. After six months he removed to Danbury and continued in the same line of business as an employe of Louis Moegling. He soon decided to familiarize himself with Danbury's principal industry and, entering the hat factory of the Tweedy Manufacturing Company, he there spent several years. He then formed a partnership with William Beckerle and

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the late Joseph H. Shuldice, and began the manufacture of hats under the firm name of Beckerle & Co. A few years later Thomas F. Fay was admitted to the firm, which has enjoyed unusual prosperity, employing in good seasons from six hundred to seven hundred people.

In 1868 Mr. Peix married Miss Rosina Von Wartburg, and two children bless this union: Bertha L., an attractive young lady, at home; and Charles H., Jr., a graduate of Yale College of the class of '98, and now connected with the firm of Beckerle & Co. The family attend the First Congregational Church of Danbury, and take a prominent part in the social life of that pleasant city. Mr. Peix built his present home there about fifteen years ago. He is an ardent believer in the doctrines of the Republican party, but has never shown inclination for office, though in 1888, before Danbury was incorporated as a city, he was elected burgess and served with ability for four years.

MARCUS O. WHEELER. New England's pride is in her people, the sturdy, upright stock which through generation after generation holds steadily by the old wholesome ways of life while keeping pace with modern culture and scientific progress. The Wheeler family of this section is a notable instance, its members continuing to cultivate the broad acres which were handed down to them by their pioneer ancestors, yet their public spirit and sound practical judgment are always recognized factors in the varied activities of the community. The subject of this sketch, who is a prominent agriculturist of the town of Trumbull, divides his time between city and country life, and while conducting a large farm he resides principally at his attractive home in Bridgeport, on the corner of Washington and Park avenues.

Mr. Wheeler is of the seventh generation of the family of that name in this county, tracing his descent from Sergt. Ephraim Wheeler, an Englishman by birth, who was made a freeman at Concord, Mass., on March 13, 1639. In 1644 he located in Fairfield county, and at his death, which occurred previous to 1670, he owned a large amount of land. As a genealogical record of the family is given elsewhere, we will simply indicate here the line of descent to our subject, which includes Deacon Isaac, son of Sergeant Ephraim; Isaac, who died about 1698; Ebenezer, born in 1696; John, born in 1738; John M., born January 7, 1769; and Walker Wheeler, our subject's father. Hon. Walker Wheeler was born January 21, 1803, in Chestnut Hill District, town of Trumbull, and was educated there and in the city of Bridgeport. Throughout life he followed farming in Trumbull township, and for many years he was a leading Democrat of that town, serving as a representative in the State Legislature, and holding various local offices, including that of selectman. He was also active in non-political movements, and was prominent in religious work as a member of Grace Episcopal Church at Long Hill. On March 15, 1826, he was married in Easton to Miss Rebecca Sherwood, daughter of 'Squire Walker Sherwood, a well-known resident of that town. Five children were born of this union, our subject being the youngest. Margaret married Abel Stiles Beach, of Trumbull; Sherwood died in 1848 at the age of twenty; Melissa married W. A. Tomlinson, of Bridgeport; and John M. is a member of the firm of Wheeler & Howes, of Bridgeport.

Our subject was born May 25, 1838, at the old home in Chestnut Hill District, Trumbull, and his education was begun in the schools of that neighborhood. Later he attended the academy at Easton, also a private school in Warren, Conn., and since leaving that institution he has made farming his occupation. He is a leading member of Grace Episcopal Church, and is interested in all movements which promise to benefit the public. At times he has participated in local politics, giving his support to the Democratic party, and for ten years he served as registrar. In 1861 he was married in Trumbull to Miss Susan E. Beardsley, daughter of Miles Beardsley, a respected citizen of that locality. Four children have blessed this marriage: Marion R. (deceased), Sherwood B. (a resident of New York City), Lizzie May and Arthur N. Of these, Lizzie May Wheeler married Henry Franklin Parrott, January 25, 1899.

ANDREW P. WAKEMAN, of Fairfield township, is one of the most influential and public-spirited citizens of Fairfield county, worthily representing a family which has held a prominent place in this section from pioneer days. He is of the seventh generation in direct descent from John Wakeman, one of the founders of the New Haven colony, from whom nearly all of the Wakemans in the United States trace their lineage. Robert Peel Wakeman, of Southport, is now compiling a genealogy of the family, a task which has already occupied more than a quarter of a century, and from him we have obtained the following brief but interesting account:

(I) John Wakeman was born March 29, 1601, in Bewdley, Worcestershire, England, and came

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to America in the spring of 1640. He became a leading spirit in the New Haven colony, serving as its treasurer for a time, and his death occurred at Hartford in 1661. On January 28, 1629, he was married in England to Miss Elizabeth Hopkins, daughter of William Hopkins, a member of the famous "Long Parliament." She died in 1658, having four children: John, Helena, Samuel and Elizabeth.

(II) Rev. Samuel Wakeman was born June 7, 1635, and died March 8, 1692. He was the first of the family to locate in Fairfield township, where he was active and influential as a citizen. He married Hannah Goodyear, daughter of Hon. Stephen Goodyear, who served at one time as deputy governor of the colony of Connecticut.

(III) Capt. Joseph Wakeman, son of Rev. Samuel, was born in 1670 and died December 5, 1726. He was married in 1697 or 1698 to Elizabeth Hawley, born May 6, 1679, died August 18, 1753.

(IV) Lieut. Samuel Wakeman, son of Captain Joseph, was born in 1713, and died August 15, 1752. He served in the French and Indian war, and in 1745 he was appointed ensign in the First Militia company of Fairfield. He married Ruth ——.

(V) Capt. Andrew Wakeman, our subject's grandfather, was born December 22, 1745, and died August 22, 1821. During the troubled time preceding the Revolution he served in the Lexington Alarm List, and in 1777 he was a conductor of teams for transporting supplies from Connecticut to the Continental army, having charge of eleven teamsters. In May, 1777, he was appointed lieutenant of the First Company, 4th Connecticut Regiment, later becoming captain. On April 14, 1773, he married his first wife, Hannah Allen, who was born May 13, 1747, daughter of David Allen. She died September 8, 1787, and on June 16, 1791, he married Eunice Smedley, born December 26, 1767, daughter of John and Eunice Smedley, and her death occurred October 5, 1821. By the first marriage there were four children: Sallie, who married Daniel Osborne, and died in Fairfield; Samuel, who died in Fairfield at the age of about fifty-five years; Catherine, who married, and settled in New York State; and Betsey, who died young. The children, two in number, by the second marriage, were Joseph Wakeman (a sketch of whom follows); and Benjamin, who died in Monroe, this county.

(VI) Joseph Wakeman, father of our subject, was born June 12, 1792, and was reared to the ancestral occupation of agriculture, his residence throughout life being upon a farm which has now been in the possession of the family for more than one hundred and fifty years. He owned a large tract of land, and was a successful manager, while as a citizen he was greatly esteemed for his excellent qualities of character. For many years he was a leading member of the Congregational Society in his locality, and although he was never an office-seeker, he took keen interest in the political issues of his time, voting regularly with the Democratic party. He died August 15, 1854, and his wife, Sarah Ann (Buckley), survived him many years, her death occurring in 1880. The remains of both now rest in the East cemetery, in Fairfield. Mrs. Sarah Wakeman was born in Fairfield in 1813, a daughter of Henry and Nancy Buckley, and, although her parents removed to New York State during her childhood, they afterward returned to the old home. Our subject was the younger of two children, and his sister, Jane, who died in New Haven, was formerly the wife of B. P. Bacon.

(VII) Andrew P. Wakeman was born January 17, 1738, at the old family homestead, where he still resides. His education was begun in the local schools, a Mr. Morse being one of his earliest teachers, and after he had completed the somewhat limited course offered there he attended Fairfield Academy, then conducted by Morris Lyon. When not in school he assisted in the work of the homestead, and his first business experience was gained, while still in his 'teens, as clerk for James W. Beach in a store in Wall street, Bridgeport. He remained there about two years, when the death of his father made it necessary for him to devote his attention to the management of the home farm. In this he was very successful, and even now, although he has turned the active work over to his sons, he keeps a general oversight of the estate. He is a man of the strictest integrity and is a valued citizen, his influence being always cast on the side of progress. For many years he has been prominent in the local Democratic organization, his advice being sought in the party councils, and at various times he has served in positions of honor and trust. He has served his township as first selectman for four consecutive years; was chairman of the board of education two years, and held minor offices of various kinds. In 1881, 1884 and 1885 he represented his town in the State Legislature, and in this important position, as in all others, he served with conspicuous ability. He and his family are identified with the Congregational Church at Fairfield, in which they are active workers; he is at present serving as deacon, and he was also chorister for nearly twenty years.

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On May 15, 1861, Mr. Wakeman married Miss Cornelia K. Burr, daughter of Eben and Hannah Burr, and a descendant of the well-known Burr family of this county, her ancestors having located here about 250 years ago. Nine children, two dying in childhood, have blessed this union, the others being: Jennie is the deceased wife of William D. Aiken, of Putnam, N. Y.; Samuel B. resides in Fairfield township, and is mentioned more fully elsewhere; Andrew S. is a farmer of Fairfield township; Bacon is an attorney in Bridgeport; and J. Howard, Florence C. and Emma F. are at home.

DANIEL E. MARSH. The American nation will ever hold in grateful memory the names of those whose courage and devotion put down the Rebellion, and established, beyond question, the indivisibility of the United States. Among the brave men who went down from this State, in response to the call of the government, was this well-known resident of Bridgeport, who made an honorable record for gallantry, serving throughout the entire struggle.

Mr. Marsh was born June 16, 1839, in New Milford, Litchfield Co., Conn., and is a lineal descendant of William Marsh, who emigrated to this country from Kent, England, in 1642, and served as commissary in King Philip's war, being wounded in the fight with the Narragansetts at Stonington, Conn. Wanzer Marsh, our subject's grandfather, was born at New Milford, and passed his life there in agricultural pursuits. John B. Marsh, the father of our subject, was also a native of that place, and, like his father, followed farming through life. He died in February, 1867; his wife Laura (Hine), a native of Northville, Litchfield county, passed away in 1882. Of their nine children, five are now living: Clark, a retired resident of Bridgeport; Daniel E., our subject; Helen, wife of James A. Cook, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Lucy, widow of the late J. S. Turrell, an attorney of New Milford; and Francis W., a member of the banking firm of Marsh, Merwin & Lemmon, of Bridgeport.

During his boyhood Daniel E. Marsh attended the schools of New Milford and Watertown, Conn., and at the age of twenty-two he enlisted in the 19th Conn. V. I. Soon afterward the regiment was transferred to the 2d Conn. Heavy Artillery, and assigned to service in the Sixth Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. For some time he was stationed at the fortifications at Washington, D. C., and later he did some severe fighting with Grant in the Wilderness, and with Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley, Va., being wounded at the battle of Winchester or Opequan. He remained in the service until peace was re-established, and was mustered out August 18, 1865. On the very next day he entered the employ of his brother Clark, and about a year later became his partner, they being contractors for the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company, with whom he continued in that capacity until 1896, when he was given general supervision of certain details of work in all parts of the factory. Thirty-three years of business life in connection with such a firm is, of itself, an evidence of worth and uprightness, and one is not surprised to learn that Mr. Marsh has been chosen to positions of importance in social, religious and philanthropic movements. Bridgeport has a very flourishing Y. M. C. A. of nearly one thousand members, with a building costing $150,000, of which Mr. Marsh was a charter member, vice-president, member of the building committee and for many years director. He has been a member of the Park Street Congregational Church ever since its organization in 1871, and for four years was superintendent of its Sunday-school of more than six hundred members. He also belongs to the Loyal Legion N. Y. Commandery, and to the G. A. R., Post Elias Howe, Jr., Bridgeport, Conn. Politically he is a Republican, and for three years he was a member of the Board of Apportionment at Bridgeport.

On May 23, 1866, Mr. Marsh married Miss Sarah F. Merwin, daughter of Hon. Horace Merwin, of New Milford. Two sons were born to them: Arthur M. and Egbert, both of whom are graduates of Yale University (classes of '92 and '95 S. respectively), and are regarded as ranking high among the promising young men of Bridgeport. Arthur M., not married, makes his home with his parents; Egbert, who also resides at Bridgeport, married October 14, 1896, Miss Lucy J. Catlin, of Bridgeport.

WILLIAM G. HARD, a successful agriculturist of Zoar District, Newtown township, enjoys the distinction of occupying the homestead which three generations of his family have owned and cultivated, his grandfather, Cyrus Hard, who was born in April, 1773, having made his home there after his marriage to Abigail Curtis. Their family consisted of two sons—William and Amos—and one daughter—Sophia.

The late Amos Hard, our subject's father, was born August 13, 1809, at the homestead, and, being the only survivor of the family at his father's death, inherited the property. He was a man of excellent judgment and fine business

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sagacity, and became one of the leading farmers of Zoar District, Newtown. The farm comprised about one hundred and seventy-five acres, and its care occupied his entire attention throughout his lifetime. He was never an office-seeker, but he took much interest as a citizen in public questions, being in his party affiliations a stanch Republican. For many years he was a prominent member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Newtown. On November 29, 1832, he married Miss Mariette Camp, daughter of Silas Camp, and they had two children: Elizabeth, born July 28, 1837, died March 25, 1844; William Gould, our subject, is mentioned more fully below. The mother of these passed away February 17, 1847, aged thirty-two years, six months, and on March 6, 1849, Mr. Hard wedded Miss Catharine Lake, daughter of Philo Lake; she died April 4, 1882, aged fifty-seven years. To this union came one son, Chester, born September 26, 1852, who is now living in Ohio.

Our subject was born May 21, 1840, and was reared in the town of Newtown, receiving a fair education for that time in the district schools and in Newtown Academy, then under the control of John H. French and J. E. Goodhue; he also attended the Connecticut State Normal School, at New Britain, for one term. Having made good use of his opportunities, he was, at the age of seventeen, qualified to teach, and he followed that profession successfully for some time at Botsford's Hill, Gray's Plain, and in Taunton District, Newtown, where he was engaged one year. Later he took up farming and spent a few summers in working for D. J. Lake in the map business, the territory he traveled over including Ohio, Michigan, Maryland and Pennsylvania. In 1870 he gave up this line of work and settled down to farming in Taunton District, where he remained until 1887, and he has since been residing at the old homestead.

Mr. Hard's first wife, Miss Sarah E. Erwin, was a daughter of Dr. Erastus Erwin, a well-known physician of Newtown. She died December 16, 1868, and on January 6, 1875, he married Miss Sarah E. Camp, daughter of Hiram and Eliza Camp, prominent residents of Taunton District. He has had three children, all by the first marriage, viz.: Katie Nichols died in childhood; Charlotte is the wife of James B. Bedient, a merchant of Wilton, this county; and William died in infancy. In religious connections Mr. Hard is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church at Sandy Hook. He has always shown sympathy with any movement which in his opinion was likely to benefit the community, but he has not taken an active part in local affairs of a political nature. He votes the Republican ticket, and holds decided convictions upon all the questions of the day.

JACOB ARNOLD is one of the best-known business men of Bridgeport, as manufacturer of cigars, wholesale and retail dealer in tobacco, and direct importer of Havana tobacco from the port of Havana to the port of Bridgeport. Mr. Arnold now enjoys a large, well-established and lucrative patronage, which he has won by his own efforts, and it is an evidence of his superior business ability and stamen that he has passed successfully through several financial crises, and that no one of his creditors is a dollar the loser on any of his accounts. Call it sterling integrity, or only business sagacity, Mr. Arnold has a reputation that is an honor to himself and a comfort to all the admirers of the old school of mercantile fidelity.

And yet Mr. Arnold is not indigenous to this soil. He is one of those freedom-loving spirits who left a fatherland and all its ties to breathe a freer atmosphere, and to struggle for a livelihood among strangers—even to battle in warfare for the country of his adoption. He was born in Germany, October 11, 1841, a son of Philip and Margaretta (Ruffer) Arnold. Philip Arnold was a son of a German soldier, who was mortally wounded in the battle of Leipsic, though he lingered some time before death. Mr. Arnold's mother was the daughter of Jacob Ruffer, and died in Germany in 1850, survived by her husband and four children: Philipine, wife of Charles Eberle, a retired baker, who now lives in Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Caroline, who married Henry Helwick, a builder at Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and is now deceased; Lena, who died in Germany; and Jacob, the subject of this sketch. In 1852 the father, who was a gardener by occupation, came to this country with his son Jacob, Philipine following in 1857 and Caroline in 1871. At this time Jacob was only eleven years old, but when they reached New York he found employment with Powell Orth, a tobacconist at No. 113 West Broadway, that city, and, with the commendable pertinacity for which his race is noted, he clung to the trade which he thus adopted on the new continent. There was one interruption: On April 23, 1861, he enlisted in the 1st Conn. V. I., Company B, Capt. John Spidell, in the three-months' service, serving ninety-nine days, and was honorably discharged at New Haven, Conn., July 31, 1861. His father, Philip Arnold, also became a soldier, enlisting in Company B, 132d N. Y. V. I., August 25, 1862, for three

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years, and was honorably discharged June 21, 1865.

After returning from the army, Jacob, then in his twentieth year, entered the large shop of Thomas Russell & Co., where he soon became foreman, remaining until 1864; then, after working for a year as journeyman for George Warner at New Haven, Mr. Arnold, in 1865, started in business for himself at Bridgeport, in partnership with Antonio Kern, under the firm-name of Arnold & Kern. Six months later Mr. Arnold purchased the interest of his partner and formed a new business alliance with Rudolph Kost, under the name of Arnold & Kost, at No. 1 Bank street. A year later the property was partially destroyed by fire, and the remnant of the stock was sold to Nelson Davidson.

Mr. Arnold's experience was now sufficiently wide and varied to warrant him in engaging in business alone. The name Jacob Arnold appeared as a business house at No. 57 Water street, and several years later was transferred to his present address, Nos. 311–313 Water street, where he had previously purchased property. Here Mr. Arnold has been successfully conducting business for the past thirty-three years. He has not only built up a large local trade, but one which extends through several States. In national politics he is a Republican, but locally he is independent. Socially he is a member of St. John's Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M., at Bridgeport, and of Elias Howe Post No. 3, G. A. R. He is an active member of the Bridgeport Board of Trade, is an honorary member of the Turnverein of his city, and is associated with the German Workingmen's Benevolent Society.

On May 16, 1862, Mr. Arnold married Caroline Wiggins, daughter of Henry and Caroline (Cook) Wiggins, and nine children have been born to them: Amelia (deceased), Philip (deceased), Louise (deceased), William Augustus, Henry, Edward (deceased), George (deceased), Charles, and Jacob (deceased). William Augustus and Charles are in the tobacco business with their father.

HON. WILLIAM HENRY GLOVER is one of the leading citizens of Newtown, and has been chosen by his fellow-townsmen to many positions of public trust, which he has filled with marked ability and faithfulness. He is a native of the town, having been born at the old family homestead near Newtown, on January 15, 1840, and he is a member of an old Colonial family, being a direct descendant of Henry Glover, of England, who landed in Boston in 1636, and became an early settler at New Haven. The family name has always been associated with good citizenship, and Capt. Solomon Glover, our subject's great-grandfather, was a prominent resident of Newtown in his day, wielding much influence in local affairs and in religious work; he built the old town hall for use as a church for the Universalist Society.

Norman Booth Glover, our subject's father, was born January 22, 1807, in Hanover District, of the town of Newtown, and became a prosperous agriculturist of that locality, owning a farm of more than two hundred acres. He possessed the industry and thrift characteristic of the family, and was known as one of the substantial men of the town, but he never gave much attention to public affairs, the only office he held being that of member of the board of relief; he also served as grand juror. In his early years he was a Whig, but after the passage of the Maine law he became a Democrat. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian, and for many years he was an active worker in the Church. In 1833, he married, for his first wife, Esther M. Hawley, who died in 1842, and he afterward formed a second matrimonial union, with Amelia Gilbert. His death occurred in 1889. By his first marriage he had four children: Booth Fayette, born April 1, 1834, is a successful commission merchant in New Orleans; Edward Leroy, born in June, 1836, was a hatter by occupation, and died in Danbury some years ago; Miss Mary Sophia, born November 10, 1838, died in New Orleans in 1865, and William Henry, our subject, is mentioned more fully below. By the second marriage there was one daughter, Julia Frances, born in 1850, who married Henry L. Beers and died in 1880.

William H. Glover acquired his education in the district schools near his old home and in the Newtown Academy, under the instruction of Professors French, Frost and Goodhue, and as he has always been a reader of current literature he has kept well informed upon the questions of the time. When about sixteen years old he left school, and until he reached the age of twenty-three he remained at home. In 1864 he married Miss Elizabeth G. Bartram, of New Milford, Litchfield county, and soon engaged in farming on his own account in his native district, purchasing a farm from his uncle, Granville S. Glover. Two years later he bought a half-interest in his father's farm, which consisted of more than two hundred acres of choice land; but after residing there four years he sold his interest to his wife's father and removed to the village of Newtown. While there he followed various call-

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ings, and for some time held the office of town collector, but in 1872 he purchased a farm south of Sandy Hook and engaged in raising tobacco, in which he was very successful, his crops being valued sometimes at three or four hundred dollars a year. He spent about eight years in this occupation, and then sold the property, moving back to Newtown, where he has since resided.

From an early age Mr. Glover has been interested in politics, and for year she has been regarded as one of the chief workers in the local Democratic organization. In the spring of 1871 he was chosen to represent his town in the State Legislature, and so well did he discharge his duties that in 1882 he was again elected to that position. From 1876 to 1879 he held the post of deputy sheriff under appointment from Aaron Sanford, and he was later appointed by Sheriff Swartz in 1883, and Sheriff Clarkson in 1886 and 1889, holding the office in all for fourteen years. In the fall of 1888 he was elected first selectman, a position to which he has been annually re-elected for twelve years, and he is serving as such at present. For many years he has been chairman of the town committee of his party. In 1880 he was made census taker by appointment from William E. Disbrow, of Bridgeport, and in fact it would be difficult to enumerate all the lines of public service in which he has taken an active part. As selectman he has done much for the welfare of the community, and the improvement of the highways has been an object of especial care with him.

Socially Mr. Glover and his family are prominent, and he is identified with the Masonic order as a member of Hiram Lodge No. 18, F. & A. M., at Sandy Hook. While not a Church member, he was baptized in Trinity Episcopal Church, and is in sympathy with all religious work. His only son, Charles B. Glover, who is now a successful farmer at the old Glover homestead, married Miss Mary E. Bishop, and has one son, named William H., Jr.

JOHN DURGY, a well-known agriculturist of the town of New Fairfield, is the third of the name to follow that occupation in this county.

John Durgy (1), our subject's grandfather, was born in the northern part of Ireland, and on coming to the United States located in what is now the town of New Fairfield, where he engaged in farming. At the beginning of the Revolutionary war he enlisted in the American army, and served throughout the long struggle that followed. His wife, Hannah (Congo), lived to the advanced age of one hundred and three years. They had seven children, among whom were John, who is mentioned below; Francis, who married Hannah Wanzer; Marcus; Joel, who married a Miss Wanzer; and Andrew, who married Huldah Whittock.

John Durgy (2), our subject's father, was born in the town of New Fairfield, and received a common-school education there. At an early age he began farming, and this business was continued successfully during his life. Although he was a stanch Democrat in politics, he neither sought nor held office. In religious work he took an active part as a member of the Methodist Church, and he was quite prominent in the local organization. His first wife, Miss Abbie Osborn, died leaving several children, and he afterward married Miss Maria Monroe, daughter of Eben Monroe, a farmer of near Roxbury, Conn. By the second marriage there were six children: Levi and Eben, who both died in infancy; Chauncy, who married Georgianna Wooster; John, our subject; Alonzo, who married Sylvia Stevens; and Seth, who married Georgianna Wooster.

Our subject was born in 1840 in the town of New Fairfield, where he attended the common schools for some years of his boyhood, and from an early age he has followed agricultural pursuits in that locality. He married Miss Clarinda Wildman, by whom he has had ten children, three of whom died in childhood, the others being Irene, Edrick, Hattie, Nora, Alpheus, Cora and Carrie. Of these, Cora married Charles Treadwell, and has a son, Harvey B.; Carrie married Elmer Pearce, and has a daughter, Annie C.; and Alpheus married Lucy Mosher, and has a daughter, Irene M.

FREDERICK F. ECKART (or EHRSAM), a member of the well-known firm of Eckart Brothers, of Bridgeport, manufacturers of lager beer, is a man of energy and enterprise, and has made his way to financial success in spite of the discouragements attending straightened means in youth.

Our subject was born April 20, 1843, in Sachsen-Weimar, Germany, and his parents, Valentine and Henrietta (Koehler) Ehrsam, were also natives of that Province. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died when our subject was an infant, and the mother afterward married Christian Eckart, a farmer of the same locality. Frederick F. was the youngest in a family of six children of the first marriage, the others being as follows: Christina married Henry Stoehr, of New York City; Henrietta married Otto Rife, and still resides in Germany; Eliza-

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beth married Frank Daisenberger, of New York City; Herman, who did not marry, died in this country; and William is a civil engineer in New York City.

In 1854 our subject came to America with his stepfather, locating first in Pittsfield, Mass. In 1857 they removed to Bridgeport, where Mr. Eckart was engaged in gardening for some time. Our subject worked for several years at various callings as opportunity offered, and from 1863 to 1880 he was a clerk in a wholesale grocery store on Water street, Bridgeport. In the meantime he formed a partnership with his half-brother, George F. Eckart, and in 1874 they engaged in the manufacture of lager beer in a small way under the firm name of Eckart Brothers. The business prospered from the start, and since 1880 our subject has devoted his attention exclusively to its management. In 1890 his brother died, leaving a widow and children, who have inherited his interest. [Since the above was put in type, Mr. F. Ehrsam writes that he has sold his interest in the business.—Editor.]

Our subject is popular socially, and is identified with several organizations, including the German Singing Society and the Turn Verein. Politically he affiliates with the Democrats, but he is not blindly subservient to party leadership. He is unmarried.

D SMITH GAGE, who conducts the largest general store in Ridgefield, is a native of that town, born December 6, 1844. The two or three preceding generations of the Gage family lived in New York State, Selah Gage, grandfather of Smith, having been born in the town of Southeast, Putnam Co., New York.

Grandfather Selah Gage, better known as "Captain" Gage, was a farmer by occupation, and was in his day a man of considerable local prominence. He was a member of the New York State militia, holding the rank of captain. He married Ester Lockwood, and they became the parents of seven children, viz.: Thomas, who went to Spring Prairie, Wis.; Levi, who removed to the western part of New York State; Abigail, who married Jarvis Foster, of Southeast; Evelyn, who married Benedict Sherman, of the town of New Fairfield; Lydia, who became the wife of Joseph Palmer, of Dungle Ridge; Matilda, who married Josiah Smith; and Selah, the father of our subject.

Selah Gage, the youngest of the above-mentioned family, was born, in 1819, in the town of Southeast. He was a shoemaker by trade, carried on the business at one time at Lake Mahopac, and worked for Stephen Monk. In 1839 he married Loraney Smith, daughter of David Smith, a farmer of Ridgefield, Conn., and in 1852 removed from New York and took up his permanent abode here. They had two children—D. Smith, and Henry C., who is a clerk with the Hull & Hoyt Company. During the early part of the war of the Rebellion, Selah Gage enlisted at Ridgefield in the service of his country, joining Company G, 23d Conn. V. I., with which he went to the front. He lived but a short time after entering the army, dying of sickness in Florida in 1862. He was a man much respected in his community, and was possessed of considerable natural ability. His widow still makes her home in Ridgefield.

D. Smith Gage had no lack of good educational facilities in his youth. He began his school life in the common schools of Ridgefield, and completed it in the Select School conducted by Rev. D. H. Short, leaving his studies when about sixteen years of age. The following year, in December, 1861, he engaged as clerk with Lewis H. Bailey at the "Old Hundred" store, and continued with him in that capacity until January, 1868, when he was admitted as partner by Mr. Bailey with a half-interest in the business. This relationship continued until November, 1880, when Mr. Bailey retired, Mr. Gage buying his interest in the store. The business was conducted at the old stand until in April, 1884, it was removed to the new store building, which was erected in 1882–83, aud here it continued to grow and flourish until December 8, 1895, when the entire building was destroyed by fire. Mr. Gage, however, lost no time in re-establishing the business, and it still continues to be what it always has been, the principle general store of the town. It was established in 1785 by Gen. Joshua King, and until the fire above spoken of went on without the interruption of a single day. William Hawley, son-in-law of the General, succeeded him, and he in turn was succeeded by Lewis H. Bailey, Mr. Gage's predecessor.

Mr. Gage has attained more than the ordinary measure of success in life, and by close application to business and a steady adherence to sound principles of honesty and integrity has placed himself in the ranks of the prosperous merchants in this county. He began work as a humble clerk, receiving forty dollars a year and his board, and the comfortable circumstances which he now enjoys are the reward of years of patient and persevering industry in his earlier manhood; from December, 1861 until 1876, he never had a day's vacation. He has been equally successful in other business enterprises, has made several good

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investments, and as a result has some good real-estate holdings, etc. He has also been prominently connected with the Ridgefield Savings Bank, of which he was treasurer for two years.

Mr. Gage was married in November, 1879, to Miss Clara Hoyt, daughter of Stephen Hoyt, of Wilton, and one daughter was born to them, Nellie F., who lives at home. Mrs. Gage passed away in April, 1883. Our subject is a public-spirited citizen, and has always taken a keen interest in the progress and welfare of his community. He has not been particularly active in politics, and is no office-seeker, but he was elected assessor on the Democratic ticket, and served for three years in that position. Socially he is a member of Jerusalem Lodge No. 49, F. & A. M., Ridgefield, of which he is pastmaster. The family are Methodists in religious connection.

ANDREW BELL FANCHER. Success in life should be judged by relative, not absolute, standards, for the man who starts without capital or other extraneous advantages is much more deserving of credit for attaining a place among the substantial business men of his community than one whose pathway is smoothed for him by others. Having made his own way from boyhood, beginning when most youths are still in school, this well-known merchant of Hawleyville may justly take pride in his achievements, and the following brief review of his history may encourage others to similar efforts.

Mr. Fancher was born April 30, 1849, at Black Rock, Fairfield county, and his educational opportunities were limited to the district schools of that locality. When about thirteen years old he began to earn a livelihood as a deck hand on the sloop "Wonder," sailing in Long Island Sound, and later he served as steward on different schooners, the "George" and "Edgar," the "Henry Remson," and the "Champion." After spending about four years in this calling, he became weary of a seafaring life and decided to return to land. In 1867, Mr. Fancher married Emma Pauline Bradley, daughter of John Bradley, then of Newburg, N. Y., but formerly of Weston, this county, and he soon after went to Niles, Mich., locating upon a farm where he remained about a year. He then removed to the vicinity of Grand Rapids, Mich., and spent two years in agricultural work, in January, 1871, returning to his native county with his health much broken, and for six months he was unable to engage in any occupation. On his recovery he followed painting for one season, and spent the next four years as a steward on the schooner "Ella Jane," in Long Island Sound. He then secured a position in a restaurant at Bridgeport, this county, taking charge of the culinary department, and after two years there became a clerk in a fish and produce market in the same place, continuing thus for one year. Later he was employed in the shop of Bellknap Bros., at Bridgeport, for about a year and a half, but ill health compelled him to give up that work for an outdoor life, and in 1880 he removed to Hawleyville to take charge of the farm of Asa N. Hawley on a salary, remaining there eight years. In 1888 he removed to a farm on Botsford Hill, and a year later returned to Hawleyville, where he soon afterward entered H. S. Blackman's general store as a clerk. In October, 1891, he purchased the business, which he has ever since successfully conducted, enjoying an excellent trade. In addition to the management of his store he has held the office of postmaster for several years, having been appointed under President Harrison's administration and continued by President Cleveland. Politically, he is a stanch Republican, and, while he is not especially active in party affairs, he takes much interest in all that concerns the public welfare.

Fraternally, Mr. Fancher is identified with the Order of United Friends, Charter Oak Lodge, of Bridgeport, also with the Golden Rule Alliance, of Boston, Mass., and he is a leading member of the Congregational Church at Newtown, having been a member of the Church committee for two years, and superintendent of the Sunday-school for the same length of time. Mr. and Mrs. Fancher have three children: Frances Caroline, wife of Moses Oakley Gregory, of Bridgeport; Henry Wilson, who is in business with his father, and William Sherman. The Fancher family has been represented in this section many years, and our subject's grandfather Fancher was at one time a resident of New Canaan, where Henry Wilson Fancher, the father of our subject, was born in 1806.

NATHANIEL BURTON ROGERS. Danbury has been so closely identified with the hat industry in the past that, as a rule, other lines of trade have found difficulty in gaining a foothold, and it remained for the Rogers Silver Plating Company, under the energetic and judicious management of its present head, N. Burton Rogers, to "break the record" and establish a permanent and profitable business. Prophecies of failure were plentiful when in 1886 the firm began operations in Danbury with but one experienced workman, "green hands" being em-

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ployed to complete the force; yet from the first success crowned the enterprise. The subject of this biography is the only one of the original members of the firm to continue throughout this interval, but he modestly attributes the marvelous growth of the business to the loyal support of the citizens of the town rather than to his own pluck and ability.

Mr. Rogers was born July 6, 1848, at Saybrook, Conn., a son of Harvey and Elizabeth (Tryon) Rogers, and in both paternal and maternal lines is of honorable ancestry, his father being a descendant of John Rogers, who was burned at the stake for his religious convictions during the reign of "Bloody Mary," while the Tryon family is traced through many generations in Flanders. Harvey Rogers was a native of Essex county, Conn., born in 1806, and for many years was engaged in the hotel business at Meriden, in this State. He died in 1882, and his wife, who was born in 1812, survived him seven years. They had nine children, our subject being the youngest. The others were: George Washington, who died in 1880, served as postmaster at Meriden under appointment of President Lincoln, and later was assistant doorkeeper of the House of Representatives at Washington when General Banks was speaker; Harvey still resides in Meriden; Virginia died in childhood; Watson was lost at sea in 1857 while returning from Europe; Cephas Brainard comes next; Gilbert and Wilbert F. constitute the firm of C. Rogers & Brothers, the well-known silver plate manufacturers at Meriden; and Isabella Virginia married a Mr. Young, of Meriden, and has one son, Harvey.

Mr. Rogers, our subject, began his education in the public schools of his native town, and was in the high school when, a lad of fifteen, he gave up his books to enlist as a drummer boy in Company C, 7th Conn. Vol. Inf., under the command of Governor Hawley, now United States Senator from Connecticut. He joined his regiment at Hilton Head, S. C., and then went to Jacksonville, Fla., and from that time until the end of the war he was in active service, participating in some important engagements, including the battles of Chester Station on the Richmond and Petersburg turnpike; Drury's Bluff, where General Butler was in command; Bermuda Hundred; and Strawberry Plain; while he also spent three months before Petersburg during the memorable siege. He was a member of the force that captured Fort Fisher and the city of Wilmington, and there the regiment was assigned to duty as provost guard until the war ended. Mr. Rogers fortunately received no wounds, and on being mustered out of the service at New Haven he resumed his studies, taking a two-years' course at Russell's Military School, New Haven. He then took a situation with C. Rogers & Brothers of Meriden as a traveling salesman in the Western and Middle States, but in 1870 he went to Brooklyn, N. Y., to engage in the provision business as senior member of the firm of Rogers & Karcher. Failing health caused Mr. Rogers to retire from business in 1877, and selling his interest to Mr. Karcher he took a trip to Europe, finally locating at London, as European agent for C. Rogers & Brothers. After an absence of six months he returned, and was married to Miss Elizabeth Beach, daughter of Orrin M. Beach, of No. 508 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., who is treasurer of the Higgins Carpet Company, on White street, New York. Her mother, whose maiden name was Jeanette Johnson, was a daughter of William Johnson, formerly a partner of Thurlow Weed in the publishing of a newspaper at Albany, New York.

Mr. Rogers and his bride made their home in London until 1882, when he located in Brooklyn, joining the Stock Exchange, and for three years he was engaged in a brokerage business. In 1885 he helped to organize the Rogers Silver Plate Company, and in December, 1886, he moved to Danbury to establish a plant, the firm then consisting of Dwight E. Rogers, president; F. A. Hall, treasurer; and N. B. Rogers, secretary. The business was located for a time in what is now the Tweedy Manufacturing Company's plant on River street, but the buildings having been destroyed by fire the firm purchased the present property on Round street, and reorganized by the election of N. B. Rogers, president; C. A. Mallory, treasurer; and Charles Ryder, secretary. At present it consists of N. B. Rogers, president; G. Mortimer Rundle, treasurer; and George H. Eastman, secretary. The business was originally started on a capital of $10,000, but now represents an investment of $150,000, the volume of its trade being second to that of no other firm in the city. From 150 to 220 hands are employed, and the factory is a three-story building, thirty feet wide and more than six hundred and fifty feet in length.

Mr. Rogers has lately made extensive improvements and additions to his handsome residence at No. 37 Fairview avenue, which is one of the largest in the city. The dining-room is 30x18, and another room of the same size is devoted to the children's games. The home is a center of hospitality, and Mr. Rogers and his wife are prominent in the social life of the locality. They are members of the First Congrega-

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tional Church of Danbury, in which he has held various minor offices. Of their nine children, two—Annie Pomeroy and Cephas P.—were born in London; Sarah Cornelia was born in Garden City, Long Island, where they resided two years; Mary Hoffman, the fourth in order of birth, was also born in Garden City; and Jeanette Beach, Dorothy Millard, Elizabeth Beach, and Margaret Clarke and Nathalie Burton (twins, born in 1896), are all natives of Danbury.

As might be inferred from his war record Mr. Rogers takes an ardent interest in the G. A. R., and for two years was commander of James E. Moore Post No. 18, at Danbury. He is also active in political work as a supporter of the Republican party; has been chairman of the city committee, and for five years has been at the head of the committee of the Second ward. In 1896 he was elected alderman of that ward, and has since been elected chairman of the Republican town committee. As a councilman he is chairman of the finance committee, of the police, the gas, and electric light committees. In 1896 he was chairman of the delegation from his district to the Republican State Convention held September 1 at Hartford.

GEORGE W. GODFREY, the world-renowned trainer of horses and breaker of colts, and at the present time serving as selectman of the town of Wilton, is a native of Fairfield county, born July 16, 1852, in the town of Wilton.

Mr. Godfrey received his earlier education at the schools of his native place, whence when he was twelve years old, having lost his father by death, he moved to Lee, Mass., in the common schools of which city he continued his studies. At the age of twelve years he commenced the business of horse training and colt breaking in Lee, under the superintendence of his uncle, with whom he remained some ten years, at the end of that time returning to Connecticut and settling in Georgetown, Fairfield county. Here he commenced for himself in the same line, making a specialty of training and breaking high-bred and trotting stock. Among the many prominent people and noted horsemen throughout the United States for whom he has trained horses may be mentioned David Bonner; and some of the most famous horses of the American turf were broken and trained by him. In the winter of 1897–98 he had some nineteen horses under his charge and training, during the summer months a much larger number occupying his stables, which are located at Branchville.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Godfrey takes an active interest in the affairs of the party, has served as constable four or five years, and has been, and is now, selectman of the town of Wilton. Socially he is affiliated with the I. O. O. F., Pilgrim Lodge No. 46, Ridgefield, and no man is more popular or public-spirited in the community in which he lives. On July 1, 1874, Mr. Godfrey married Miss Anna B. Meeker, who was born August 9, 1858, daughter of Andrew and Catherine (Bennett) Meeker, and they have had one child, Charles Mallory, born January 13, 1876, in the town of Wilton. He was educated chiefly in Bridgeport, Conn., studied bookkeeping in that city, and is now foreman in a dye works at Stamford, Conn. In 1894 he married Miss Ida Williams, daughter of John Williams, of Branchville, Connecticut.

Jeremiah Godfrey, grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Weston, Conn., and followed the trade of shoemaker all his life. In religious faith he was a strong Methodist. Of the children born to him and his wife, Hannah (Patchin), George M. Godfrey, father of our subject, was a native of the town of Weston, Conn. He learned the trade of blacksmith, but after a time abandoned it and took up school teaching, which profession he followed the rest of his days. In 1861 he enlisted for nine months' service in Company E, Twenty-third Conn. V. I., but at La Fourche Crossing, La., he was taken sick and died. By his wife, Mary J., daughter of William and Mary (Judd) Mallory, he had children as follows: (1) William F., born in the town of Wilton, is a hatter by trade; for five years he was a member of the State militia. He married Jennie Baldwin, and has one child Marguireta Godfrey. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. (2) Mary E. married Edgar Davis, a sawyer of Bethel, Conn., and they have children: Minnie, married to Lewis Lyon; and Nellie, unmarried. (3) Eva wedded Fred Taylor; they have no children. (4) Effa married Stephen Gregory, a boss carpenter of Stamford, Conn., and now connected with the Stamford Manufacturing Company's mills in that city. They have two children—Harry and Frank. (5) George W. is our subject.

GEORGE WOOSTER PULLING, a prosperous dairyman and agriculturist of Middle River District, in the town of Danbury, was born June 9, 1854, on the farm which he now owns and occupies. On the paternal side he is of French descent.

We first hear of the Pullings in Boston, where

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Abram Pulling, of that city, married Mary (Elgin) Ward, widow, in September, 1703. She died in 1715, aged forty-eight years, and he subsequently went to Stratford, where, on March 8, 1722-23, he wedded Elizabeth (Beardslee) Pulford, widow. Tradition says that this Abram Pulling lived to be one hundred years old. He was buried in Ridgefield, Ridgebury parish. There is record of an Abram Pulling, born in Boston December 9, 1705, who was probably a son of the first Abram, and came with his father to Stratford. On November 10, 1743, he married Abigail Beers, of Fairfield, and they had children: Mary, Augustus, William, Abel (who died early), Abigail, Abraham and Abel, all born in Fairfield; and Sarah and Beers, born afterward in Ridgefield. The father died August 4, 1787, in Ridgefield. Of this family Abraham, the ancestor of our subject, was born August 14, 1758. He married (first), April 7, 1778, Susannah Wood, and they had three children, born as follows: David (grandfather of our subject), August 26, 1779; Elias, September 2, 1781; and Susannah, March 28, 1786. On October 12, 1787, Abraham Pulling married (second) Esther Seeley Hyatt, and they had two children, Josiah and Abel. By his third union, with Mercy Stevens Barnum, were born Samuel, Abraham, Mary and Matthew.

David Pulling was a resident of Ridgefield. He attained the good old age of nearly ninety-one years, his death occurring March 27, 1870, in Danbury, while his wife, Sally (Scott), who was of Scotch blood, lived to her eighty-second year, dying April 8, 1864; they were both buried in Danbury. They had four children: Wooster, who is now (1897) living at Bridgeport at the age of eighty-two; Lucretia, Mrs. David Dykeman, of Ridgefield, now eighty years old; Smith, our subject's father, and Hiram, a hatter, residing on Franklin street, Danbury. As will be seen the family is unusually long-lived, but Smith Pulling, the father of our subject, was unfortunately an exception. He was born August 21, 1820, and never knew a day's illness until he was forty-eight years old, when he had an attack of measles, and, quick consumption resulting, he was taken away at a comparatively early age, his death occurring July 20, 1869. In early manhood he had followed the hatter's trade, but his last years were spent at the present homestead in agricultural pursuits. His wife, Wealthy Ann (Stone) Pulling, was born July 9, 1823, the daughter of Alanson and Anna Wood Stone, and is still living in New Fairfield, Conn.; she is now the wife of G. H. Knowles, a farmer. Our subject was the eldest of three children, and is now the only survivor: Charles H., born November 29, 1856, died February 17, 1858; Mary E., born December 3, 1861, died December 16, 1874.

George Wooster Pulling was educated in the common schools of his district, and as he grew to manhood received training in farm work of all kinds. After his father's death the homestead came into his possession, and he has since conducted it, while from 1871 to 1893 he was also engaged in the hatter's trade. He now gives his undivided attention to the farm, which contains about seventy acres. A fine apple orchard is a notable feature of the place, and the dairy is also a source of profit, Mr. Pulling keeping ten head of cattle; he is also a breeder of and dealer in Berkshire and Chester White swine. Three horses are required for the work on the estate, every part of which shows the effects of careful management.

On December 20, 1876, Mr. Pulling married Miss Lillie Gilbert, of Pawling, Dutchess Co., N. Y., the only child of Charles H. Gilbert and his wife Antionette (Hungerford), who was a native of Sherman, Conn., and a daughter of Urian and Julia (Barnes) Hungerford. Mr. and Mrs. Pulling have one daughter, Mary E., born August 13, 1882. The family attend the M. E. Church, and fraternally Mr. Pulling is an active member of Samaritan Lodge No. 7, I. O. O. F., at Danbury. While his preference is for a quiet life, free from political struggles, he takes much interest as a citizen in all the movements of the time, and in sentiment he is a stanch Republican.

EDWARD F. DAVIS, a successful hat manufacturer of Danbury, Fairfield Co., Conn., was born December 22, 1858, in Putnam county, N. Y., where his ancestors settled at an early date, and there Travis Davis, our subject's grandfather, was born and always resided. He married and had seven children.

Oliver Davis, our subject's father, was born and reared at the old home, and learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed successfully, being considered a fine workman. He was an intelligent man, and paid close attention to the issues of his time, supporting first the Whig and then the Republican parties. He enlisted in the Union army, fought gallantly, and during his service he received a gunshot wound in the jaw. His death occurred in 1891. Oliver Davis married Elizabeth Roscoe, who survives him. Her family was of Holland descent, and her father was a farmer in Putnam county; her mother, Phœbe Roscoe, attained the advanced age of ninety-six years. Oliver and Elizabeth (Roscoe)

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Davis had three children, viz.: Nora H. died at the age of twenty-two years; Edward F. is the second in order of birth; Anna I. died at the age of six years.

The first ten years of our subject's life were spent in Putnam county, N. Y., where he attended the district schools. In 1869 he went to Danbury. When about fifteen years old he began to learn the hatter's trade, and he remained with the Beckerle Hat Company until about 1885, when he formed a partnership under the firm name of E. F. Davis & Company, and engaged in the manufacture of hats on his own account, the venture proving a success from the start. The firm now has a large trade.

On January 25, 1880, Mr. Davis for his first wife married Miss Aggie K. Gray, a daughter of Abel and Ellen K. Gray, of Danbury. She died August 4, 1885, leaving one daughter, Meta G., born March 1, 1881. On December 18, 1894, Mr. Davis formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Mrs. Mary E. Dodson, a daughter of James and Helen Gantt, of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Davis attends the Episcopal Church, and has always shown an interest in every progressive movement in his locality. In political faith he is a Republican, but he has never given much time to party work. For five years he served in Company G, Fourth Connecticut National Guard. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Honor.

ALFRED H. COLE, member of the firm of E. F. Davis & Co., was born March 16, 1850, in Wiltshire, England, came to the United States in 1854, and settled in Connecticut. He went to school for some years, and subsequenty learned the hatting trade, which he followed for years with Tweedy & White and Rundle & White, in 1891 entering into partnership with E. F. Davis. Mr. Cole married Mary E. Gray, of Wiltshire, England; they have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Cole are members of St. James Episcopal Church, in which he has been vestryman for sixteen years and warden for two years; Mrs. Cole is a member of the Women's Guild, St. James Church. Their residence, which Mr. Cole owns, is in Deer Hill avenue. Mr. Cole is a son of Luke and Sophia (Newberry) Cole, the former of whom, also a hatter, is now retired. Their family consisted of eight children (seven of whom are living), viz.: Isabella, Alfred H., Emelia, Andrew G., Matilda (deceased), Albert W., Anna and Fannie.

THOMAS AND MICHAEL FARRELL, the well-known contractors of Bridgeport, are numbered among the self-made men of that city, and their success in life demonstrates their energy, ability and thrift.

The Farrell family is of Irish origin, and Philip Farrell, the father of our subjects, was born in the county of Westmeath, Ireland. He was married there to Miss Marcella Kilduff, a native of the same county, and for a time he followed farming, but in 1851 he came to America, locating in Bridgeport, Conn., where he was engaged in quarrying, and later carried on a trucking business. In politics he was a Democrat, and he and his wife were both members of the Catholic Church, to which their children also belong. The father died in Bridgeport in 1869. Of their nine children, all but one were born in America: Patrick is now a resident of Bridgeport; Susan married William Brown, of the same city; Thomas is mentioned more fully below; James died at the age of thirty-four; Joseph died at the age of thirty-three; Philip resides at Flushing, Long Island; Andrew is a resident of Bridgeport; Katie married Joseph Garry, of Bridgeport; and Michael, the youngest of the family, is mentioned below.

Thomas Farrell was born in Bridgeport, November 8, 1855, and was educated at the old Washington school on Golden Hill. When thirteen years old he was obliged to begin earning a livelihood, but he was not willing to give up his studies at that point, and for two winters he attended a night school. At fifteen years of age he engaged in contracting with his brother Patrick, and later he spent six and a half years in the liquor business at No. 109 Fairfield avenue, Bridgeport, after which he resumed business as a contractor in partnership with his brother Michael, and has since continued in this line successfully. He is one of the leading Democrats of his district, and has taken an active part in municipal affairs. In 1891 he was elected to the city council from the Fourth ward for one year, and in 1893 he was re-elected for a term of two years, his majority each time being larger than was ever given any other candidate in that ward for the position. During his term as councilman the first electric street railway was constructed in Bridgeport. Socially, Mr. Farrell is popular, and he is a charter member of the local branches of the order of Knights of Columbus, and the Foresters of America, of which he served for five years as treasurer. On November 10, 1892, he married Miss Sophia Kautsman, who was born in Bridgeport, the daughter of John Kautsman, a native of Germany. Two children, Josephine and Albert, brighten their home.

Michael Farrell was born in Bridgeport, September 28, 1869, and for some years in his boy-

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hood attended the public schools there. At the age of fourteen he entered the employ of the Bridgeport Wire Company, but after one year he engaged in driving team, continuing this business about three years, since which time he has been in partnership with his brother Thomas. Like his brother he is a stanch Democrat, and on April 5, 1897, he was elected to his present office of alderman from the Sixth District of Bridgeport, his term of service beginning on April 19, of that year. On June 15, 1894, he married Miss Annie Masterson, daughter of Patrick Masterson, of Bridgeport.

JOHN McNALLY was born in the town of Stamford, February 25, 1856, and is a son Lawrence and Catherine (Fogarty) McNally, both natives of Ireland. They were the parents of children as follows: Mary, deceased; John, our subject; Michael, deceased; Charles Henry, in the saloon business in Stamford, Conn.; and Kate and Maggie, the last named being deceased, having died in childhood.

Our subject was reared to hard work, and with meager school advantages. In the year 1877, without capital and with but two horses, he embarked in the livery business, and has gradually won his way to success. He now owns and conducts one of the most extensive and best equipped stables in Connecticut, his office and place of business being situated in Gay street, Stamford.

Mr. McNally's marriage to Miss Julia James, daughter of Aaron and Hattie (Palmer) James, was celebrated November 25, 1881, and to them was born one son, Clarence P.

WILLIAM ALLMAN, an enterprising citizen of Bridgeport, has found the secret of success in a close attention to business, and his large and constantly increasing trade in general merchandise demonstrates the practical sagacity with which he has carried out his plans.

Mr. Allman was born September 21, 1856, in Cincinnati, Ohio, a son of Abraham Allman, a native of Bavaria, Germany, who came to America in 1848 and settled in Cincinnati, where he built up an extensive business as a contractor, making a specialty of stonemason's work. This worthy citizen died in 1891. His wife, Philipine (Becker), was also a native of Germany. They had five children: Abraham, deceased; Jacob, a hat salesman, residing in Cincinnati; Charles, deceased; William, our subject; and Theodora, deceased.

Our subject was educated in Cincinnati, and on leaving school learned the iron molder's trade, which he followed for a number of years in the principal cities west of the Alleghanies, in both the North and South, and in 1888 he came to this section, locating in Bridgeport. For some time he followed his trade there, but on August 24, 1894, he engaged in the grocery and liquor business at the corner of Bunnell and Williston streets. The enterprise met with success, and on April 6, 1897, he removed to his present place at No. 412 Stratford avenue, where he conducts a general country store with a growing custom. Politically, Mr. Allman is an indpendent, and socially he is identified with various organizations including the I. O. O. F., Penquonock Lodge No. 4; the Improved Order Knights of Pythias; and the Iron Molders Union of North America, in which he still pays dues as an honorary member. In 1888 he married Miss Emma R. Candisky, a native of New Haven, Conn., and whose father was born in Saxony, Germany.

MATTHEW HENRY GRIFFIN, one of Danbury's able and successful business men, is a member of the well-known firm of H. McLachlan & Co., hat manufacturers, who have achieved the notable feat of increasing their trade largely during the past few years of panic and business uncertainty.

Like many of the substantial citizens, Mr. Griffin is of Irish blood, his father, Michael J. Griffin, and grandfather, Matthew Griffin, having been born in the Emerald Isle, the former in about 1834. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Ann Keating, was born in Ireland about 1835, the daughter of Daniel and Ann Keating. Both parents are now living in New Haven, Conn., where the father is engaged in the hatter's trade. Of their twelve children the following named survive: Michael E., Josephine, Maggie, Ellen, Annie and Matthew Henry.

Matthew H. Griffin was born March 31, 1856, at New Milford, Conn., and his education was obtained in the schools of Danbury and Orange, N. J. At the age of thirteen he left school and began to work in a hat factory at Orange, where he remained five years, acquiring a thorough knowledge of the business. In 1875 he returned to Danbury, and after spending some time in the employ of the Tweedy Manufacturing Company he worked as opportunity offered in that city and in Orange, N. J., Brooklyn, N. Y., Norwalk, Conn., and Middletown, N. Y. During this time he held the position of foreman with three

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different firms—T. Brothwell & Co. and Byron Dexter, of Danbury, and Fuller Bros., of Middletown. In January, 1892, he formed a partnership with Henry McLachlan and Philip Simon under the firm name of H. McLachlan & Co., and began the manufacture of hats in the rough. At first they employed about twenty hands, but the business has steadily increased until their regular force now consists of sixty men and two girls.

On April 29, 1885, Mr. Griffin married Miss Emily C. Doyle, daughter of James and Catherine (Boden) Doyle, and one daughter, Emma May, has blessed their union. They have a comfortable home on Hull Hill, Danbury. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin take an active part in the social and philanthropical movements in the Roman Catholic Church at Danbury, of which both are members. Mr. Griffin is also identified with the order of Foresters of America. As a citizen he takes keen interest in all public affairs.

HENRY McLACHLAN. This enterprising young Scotchman is numbered among the leading business men of Danbury, the firm of H. McLachlan & Co. being prominent in the hat industry, for which that town is noted. They make a specialty of manufacturing soft and stiff fur felt hats in the rough, and since they began operations their output has increased from twenty-four dozen per day to one hundred dozen, their orders coming in steadily despite the general depression in business. They now employ an average of seventy-five hands, and occupy a main building 125 feet long and three stories high; another, 35x42 feet, of three stories; a third, 60 feet long and one story in height, and three smaller buildings.

Mr. McLachlan was born July 10, 1868, at Glasgow, Scotland, where his ancestors had long resided. His grandfather, John McLachlan, and father, of the same name, were both born there, the latter in 1830. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Annie MacDonell, was born in Scotland in 1836, the daughter of Dr. Daniel and Mary Belle (MacDonald) MacDonell, and died April 14, 1894. The father is still living and is now employed as a bookkeeper in Brooklyn, N. Y. They had seven children: John J., Daniel L., Henry, Mary, Isabella, George Augustus, and Annie.

In 1881 the entire family came to America, locating in New York City. As our subject was then in his fourteenth year, he had already acquired a fair common-school education in his native land, and he at once secured employment with a physician in New York City. About a year later he came to Danbury and began learning the hatter's trade with William Beckerle & Co., with whom he spent one year, and he then entered the factory of Nichols & Hine, where he remained five years, familiarizing himself with every detail of the business. On leaving this firm he took charge of the forming department in Byron Dexter's factory, and continued thus two years, until he formed his present partnership with Matthew H. Griffin and Philip Simon, and started in business on his own account.

Mr. McLachlan has a pleasant home at No. 11 Bates Place, Danbury. He was married June 9, 1893, to Miss Maggie Byron, daughter of John and Mary (Welsh) Byron, of Danbury, and they have two children, Lorena and Henry. Mr. McLachlan belongs to the fraternal order of the Knights of Honor, and in religious faith he and his wife are members of the Roman Catholic Church, taking a generous interest in the work of same. The complicated questions of the day receive intelligent and disinterested study from Mr. McLachlan, who is in the habit of doing his own thinking. Until recently he was a Democrat, but he now gives his influence to the party of "sound money and protection."

SELLECK Y. ST. JOHN, who is a prosperous and well-known contractor in Stamford, Fairfield county, was born September 13, 1857, in the town of Lewisboro, Westchester Co., N. Y., but he has passed the greater part of his life in Stamford.

Mr. St. John is a son of Edgar St. John, who was also a native of the town of Lewisboro, where he carried on agricultural pursuits during his active life, spending his last seven or eight years in Stamford, where he died. By trade he was a wagonmaker, and he did considerable work in that line during his earlier years. He married Deborah Sarles, daughter of William Sarles, and they became the parents of two children: Selleck Y., and Lucy (Mrs. W. T. Finney).

Selleck Y. St. John was brought up in his native place, and received such educational advantages as were offered by the district school and Bolton's Academy. After completing his literary education he came to Stamford, where he learned the carpenter's trade, serving his apprenticeship under N. W. Hoyt. He has followed his trade with yearly increasing success, and since 1891 has taken contracts on his own account, doing a good business in and around Stamford. His reputation for good work and honest dealing has been firmly established in the minds of his

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patrons, among whom are numbered some of the best people of the vicinity.

Mr. St. John's marriage to Miss Emma F. Smith, daughter of Andrew J. Smith, took place April 19, 1879, at Lewisboro, N. Y. Two children have blessed their union: Rena A. and Philip L.

RUFUS CLARK REED, of Danbury, is a member of the enterprising manufacturing firm known as the New Machine Company, and both in business and in private life he is held in high esteem for his sterling qualities of character.

Mr. Reed is a native of the Empire State, and his ancestors for several generations have resided in Putnam county. Henry Clay Reed, his father, was born there, the son of Moses Reed, and is now connected with the Borden milk factory at Brewsters. His wife, Sarah (Mead), now deceased, was a daughter of George and Sarah Mead, and was born in Putnam county. They had only two children, Rufus Clark and Chester Henry.

Rufus C. Reed was born February 15, 1859, at the old home in Putnam county and received his early education in the common schools in the town of Southeast. At the age of sixteen he began to work at the carpenter's trade, but in 1881 he became interested in the manufacture of hatters' machinery. This he continued for fifteen years, but in 1896 he formed a partnership with George A. Blackburn, Amzi L. Barnum and Sterling H. Fanton, under the firm name of The New Machine Company, and engaged in a general machine-manufacturing business. They now have an extensive trade and employ from eighteen to twenty men, notwithstanding the hard times. Mr. Reed's business interests have prevented him from taking any active part in politics, but his sympathies are with the Republican party.

Our subject has a pleasant home at No. 45 Morris street, Danbury. On February 12, 1884, he married, for his first wife, Miss Ida A. Beers, a daughter of Bradley and Cornelia (Bronson) Beers. She died September 17, 1887, leaving one daughter, Ida A., born August 29, 1887. Mr. Reed afterward married Miss Carrie C. Beers, a sister of his first wife, and by this union he has one son, Leon B.

ASHBEL E. BARTRAM. Since the seventeenth century the Bartram family have been closely identified with the interests of Fairfield county, Conn., and as an honored representative of the family in this generation we here present a brief review of the life of Ashbel E. Bartram, who was born in the town of New Milford May 23, 1843.

Marcus Bartram, the father of our subject, was a native of the town of Sherman, and a son of Noah Bartram, a farmer of New Milford, where Marcus spent his boyhood days. He married Miss Sarah Peet, a native of Litchfield, Conn., who died when Ashbel was six years old. To this worthy couple were born four children, as follows: Mary Irene, who married Aldoris Lathrop, of New Milford; Ashbel E.; Charles M., who was a member of Company I, 14th Conn. V. I., and was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville; and Sarah, deceased in childhood. The father of this family made his home in New Milford until a short time before his death, which occurred April 1, 1888. He was held in great esteem, and his taking away was severely felt among his circle of acquaintances.

Ashbel E. Bartram received his education in the town of Sherman, and when seventeen years of age went to work for Frank Bennett, in the town of New Milford, continuing there until his enlistment, on September 23, 1861, in Company I, 8th Conn. V. I. His first experience in real warfare was with Burnside in North Carolina. His regiment formed a part of the Ninth Army Corps until after the battle of Fredericksburg, when it was transferred to the Seventh Corps at Newport News under General Wool, and later it became a part of the Eighteenth Corps under Gen. B. Smith, in the Department of the James. After the battle of the Wilderness they were sent to recruit the broken Federal lines under Grant, and after Cold Harbor were sent in front of Petersburg, before Richmond. On September 29, 1864, Mr. Bartram was wounded in the attack on and capture of Chaffin's Bluff, otherwise known as Fort Harrison; he was taken to the field hospital, removed to Hampton, and finally sent to Philadelphia and from there to Whitehall Hospital, where on December 15, 1864, his leg was amputated, the operation being performed by a Doctor Bartram, whom he met again at the Centennial in Philadelphia. As his wound healed he was sent to New Haven, Conn., to the Knights Hospital at that place, being there at the time of his discharge, August 23, 1865; he served four years.

When mustered out Mr. Bartram returned to his old home at New Milford, where for a year and a half he sought to regain a portion of his wasted strength, and he then came to Bridgeport, entering the employ of the Howe Sewing Machine Company, with whom he remained two years. Next he became connected with the

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Wheeler & Wilson Company, continuing with them until, in 1880, he was appointed agent for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, of Newark, N. J. He has since branched into fire insurance and real estate, handling insurance for the Thuringia Fire Insurance Company, of Germany; Holyoke Mutual, of Salem, Mass.; Phœnix, of London; United Firemen's Insurance Company, of Philadelphia; Reliance, of Philadelphia; United States Fidelity & Guarantee Company; and Providence Mutual; he is also a Notary Public. In addition Mr. Bartram has done a large business in settling estates, as receiver, administrator and trustee, always with the most satisfactory results to his clients.

In his political faith Mr. Bartram affiliates with the Republican party, and has ever been active in advancing its interests. In 1878–79 he was councilman from the Fifth ward, and in 1879 was alderman, serving as chairman of some of the most important committees; in 1889, 1890 and 1891 he was a member of the board of assessors, and served as its president. Socially he is one of the charter members of Corinthian Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; he joined St. Luke's Lodge, Kent, Conn., in 1864, while home on a furlough, is a member of Pequonnock Lodge, I. O. O. F.; the Sea Side Club, the Roof Tree Club, and Elias Howe, Jr., Post No. 3, G. A. R., having joined that organization in 1868.

He is an active member of the Washington Park Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is president of the board of trustees. Mr. Bartram is well liked by those who know him, and his fellow-townsmen hold him in high esteem for the honorable business methods he pursues. He is faithful to his friends, and nobly bears his part to aid the advancement of the country on whose altar he has already sacrificed so much.

WILLIAM A. SMALLHORN, of New Canaan, was born and reared in that place, and is a son of J. A. Smallhorn, who is in the employ of Benedict & Co., shoe manufacturers at New Canaan. J. A. Smallhorn was born in Norwalk, Conn., where his father, a native of Ireland, settled after coming to this country. The latter was a shoemaker by trade, and was at one time engaged in the manufacture of shoes at Norwalk.

Our subject spent his boyhood attending the public schools of New Canaan, and acquired a common-school education. For the first eight years after commencing work he was employed by Burtes & Mead as clerk, and in 1890 he was appointed agent for the Adams Express Company, at New Canaan. He proved a trustworthy and capable employe, faithful in the discharge of his duty, honest and reliable. At this writing he is a member of the firm of Kincella & Smallhorn, merchants. He is a public-spirited citizen, and is held in high esteem in the place where he has always made his home. He also served as clerk of the borough of New Canaan, but he is no office seeker, and prefers to give his attention to private affairs. He was formerly secretary and treasurer of the Free Reading Room and Library at New Canaan, and is very active in the several fraternal societies to which he belongs, being a member in good standing of Wooster Lodge No. 37, I. O. O. F.; Commodore Perry Lodge No. 40, O. U. A. M.; the Heptasophs, and the Sons of Temperance. In religious connection he is a faithful member of the New Canaan Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Smallhorn was married at New Canaan to Miss Jennie E. Tuttle, daughter of A. S. Tuttle, who was formerly a well-known carpenter and builder of New Canaan, and one child has blessed this union, Hazel Agnes.

WC. PEFFERS, proprietor of livery, sales and boarding stables, Danbury, is a native of Fairfield county, having been born August 9, 1864, a son of Charles W. and Ruamah (Couch) Peffers, and a grandson of Alpheus M. Couch, with whom he made his home until entering business for himself.

Mr. Peffers attended the public school, collegiate, commercial and military institutes at New Haven, Conn., also the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. After leaving school he learned a branch of the hatting business, and was engaged at that trade and at bookkeeping until September 20, 1891, when he formed a copartnership with George F. Nash for the conducting of a livery and sales business at Danbury, under the firm name of Nash & Peffers. This copartnership continued until June 6, 1899, when Mr. Nash sold his interest to Mr. Peffers, who has since conducted the business alone.

PETER L. PERRY. When a man reaches the age of three score and ten years there can be no keener satisfaction than that given by a review of a life spent in useful labor in his appointed sphere, marked by the approval of conscience and the respect and affection of those among whom his lot has been cast. The subject of this sketch, a highly-respected resident of Bridgeport, held for many years a position of

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trust and responsibility with the Wheeler & Wilson Company, and the confidence reposed in him is conclusive evidence of his ability and trustworthiness.

Mr. Perry belongs to a well-known family, and his ancestors settled at an early date in West Woodstock, Conn. Daniel Perry, his grandfather, was born at West Woodstock, and passed his life there in agricultural pursuits. Daniel Perry (2), the father of our subject, was also a native and lifelong resident of West Woodstock, and for many years he carried on farming and operated a gristmill and sawmill. His wife, Sophia Childs, was a daughter of Elias Childs, a prominent citizen of the same locality, and their family comprised four sons: William, now a retired resident of Bridgeport, who was superintendent of the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company's plant for many years; Peter L., our subject; Byron, deceased, who was for a long time in the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company; and Elias, deceased.

Our subject was born March 9, 1823, in West Woodstock, and his education was obtained in the schools of that town. When fifteen years old he went to Manchester, Conn., being for some years employed on a farm in that vicinity, and later he spent two years at South Coventry, learning the machinist's trade. He then entered the employ of the Samuel Colts Manufacturing Company, at Hartford, Conn., where he was engaged in making firearms, and after a time he began contracting for them, remaining there altogether about eight years. On leaving this company he came to Bridgeport to take the position of assistant superintendent for the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company, with which he continued until his retirement in 1880. Politically Mr. Perry is a strong Republican, but he has never sought official honors, his business requiring close attention. He takes keen interest in all that concerns the welfare of the community, and he and his family are active workers in the Congregational Church at Bridgeport.

Mr. Perry married Miss Jessie Sheldon, daughter of Joseph and Jerusha (Pease) Sheldon, well-known residents of Hartford, her father being a rope manufacturer there. Two children were born to this union, Grace L., who is deceased; and Alice C., now the wife of Henry Setzer, of Bridgeport.

FRANCIS H. GREGORY. Especial mention should be accorded, in any list of our representative business men, to this well-known citizen of Stamford, who has made his way in life by his own ability and energy, and has won a substantial success. It is such men as Mr. Gregory who form the foundation of the prosperity of any community, and the thrift, enterprise and foresight shown by him are well worthy of emulation.

The Gregory family became identified many years ago with this county, and George Betts Gregory, our subject's father, was a native of Norwalk. In early manhood he removed to Henrietta, Monroe Co., N. Y., where he was a pioneer settler, and for some time he was engaged in farming and in the shoe business there. In 1851 he returned to Norwalk, where his death occcurred. He was highly esteemed as a citizen, and was an active member of the F. & A. M. His wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Taylor, was a daughter of Lewis Taylor, a prominent resident of Norwalk, Connecticut.

The subject of this biography was born April 18, 1831, at Henrietta, N. Y., and his early life was spent upon the old homestead there, his education being obtained in the district schools and in the academy at the village. At the age of nineteen, having contracted "the gold fever," he went to California, where he passed one year. On his return he spent a year at Norwalk, but he then went back to his native place and engaged in farming with a brother for about a year. From that time until 1858 he followed the carpenter's trade in Norwalk, and in the meantime he became interested in droving. From 1858 to 1878 he followed the latter business exclusively, making his headquarters from 1868 at Davenport Ridge, in the town of Stamford. In 1878 he removed to the city of Stamford to engage in a meat, fruit and vegetable business on Main street, and so well did he succeed in the enterprise that in 1883 he erected the Gregory block at No. 63 Main street, and established his store there, adding a stock of groceries. In April, 1892, he retired from active business, and at present he is enjoying the rewards of his past years of effort. On April 23, 1854, Mr. Gregory was married, in Norwalk, to Miss Mary E. Weed, a daughter of Isaac and Hannah M. (Waterbury) Weed, well-known residents of Darien, this county, where the Weed family were numbered among the early settlers. Mrs. Gregory was but six years of age when her mother died; her father lived to the advanced age of eighty-one. Dolly, the only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory, married James H. Mead, of Stamford, and had two sons, Percy Gregory and Mortimer Milton, who are now living with their grandparents, Mrs. Mead having departed this life October 19, 1889.

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The family is prominent in social life, and Mrs. Gregory is a member of the Congregational Church at Stamford.

JOHN H. ELWOOD, a prominent citizen of the town of Westport, is engaged in agriculture on Sherwood's Island, and his ability and scientific skill are shown in the successful management of his farm.

The Elwood family is well-known in the town of Westport, and Eleakim Elwood, our subject's grandfather, was born there October 24, 1786, while his wife, Lydia Bennett, was born September 22, 1789, in the town of Fairfield. This worthy couple reared a large family of children, among whom was a son, John B., our subject's father, who was born December 17, 1820, in the same town. John B. Elwood followed the sea in early life, but later engaged in farming in Westport. He first married Miss Margaret D. VanWagner, and (second) Miss Mary S. Banks, a native of Westport, and daughter of Alson and Lucy (Chapman) Banks. By the first marriage there were three children: Mary C., William F. and George E., and by the second there were five: John H., James F., Lewis E., Lucy B. and Minnie S.

John H. Elwood was born December 24, 1856, at Greens Farms, and as the son of a farmer he became familiar in his youth with all the details of agricultural work. After attending the common schools for some time, he took a course in the academy at Greens Farms, securing a good practical education. Politically, he is a Democrat, but he is not especially active in party work. On October 23, 1879, he married Miss Fannie L. Sherwood, and their union has been blessed with three children: Clifford Franklin, Elsie M. (deceased); and Katharine S. Soon after his marriage Mr. Elwood located upon his present farm, which is well adapted to the raising of general crops, and so far he has not specialized in his work. His family is prominent in the best social circles of his locality, and he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church at Southport.

Mrs. Elwood was born on Sherwood's Island, and is a descendant of that noted pioneer, Thomas Sherwood, who came from England in 1634, and settled upon a farm at Greenfield, this county. His son Thomas and grandson Samuel both followed farming in this county. Samuel Sherwood had a son, Daniel, who had a son Daniel (2), who had a son Daniel (3) (Mrs. Elwood's grandfather), who married Catharine Burr, and made his home upon a farm on Sherwood's Island, in Greens Farms, town of Westport. Ten children were born to them: Ebenezer; Catherine; Eunice; Daniel; Abigail, who died in infancy; Abraham; Silas B.; and the triplets, Frederick, Francis and Franklin.

Capt. Franklin Sherwood, Mrs. Elwood's father, was born November 3, 1810, and died September 9, 1888. He followed the sea for about thirty-five years. After leaving the water he settled down at the homestead on Sherwood's Island; and followed farming during the remainder of his life. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife was a devout member of the Congregational Church. He married Miss Jane Guyer, who was born at Greens Farms, September 10, 1819, and died November 11, 1882. Her father, Gershom B. Guyer, was a native of Norwalk, this county. Mrs. Elwood was the youngest in a family of four children, the others being Arthur, a farmer on the Island; Ida, who died at the age of twelve years; and Jane S., wife of L. P. Wakeman, of the town of Westport.

TRUMAN A. BANKS. The fertile lands of this section have attracted a high order of agriculturists, and the thriving towns and cities furnish an excellent home market for their varied produce. Among the well-kept farms of Middle River District, Danbury township, is that of the enterprising and successful dairyman whose history is here outlined.

Mr. Banks was born July 13, 1857, in the town of Southeast, Putnam Co., N. Y., a son of Elliot O. and Eliza J. (Mead) Banks, both of whom were natives of the Empire State and are now living in Connecticut. The father followed farming from early manhood. Our subject was the youngest of four children, the others being Thomas E.; Eliza A., and George H.

The family removed to this State before our subject's school days were ended, and he continued to attend the district schools of that day for some time after the removal. His first employment was in Hendrick Barnum's grocery at Danbury, where he remained five years, the owner in the meantime taking a brother as a partner under the firm name of Barnum & Barnum. On leaving this position Mr. Banks was employed by Hendrick Barnum in the grain business for two years, and then he returned to the store and spent three years with a new firm, Barnum & Reed. For two years following he worked for Betts & Dunway in their grocery, on the corner of Main and West streets, and then renting a stable he engaged in the livery

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business. After two years he traded for a grocery, which he conducted three months. On selling out he began to work at the hat trade, continuing at same about two years, when he took a position in Major C. Austin's grocery for a year. Another year in the hat business followed, but by that time he had decided to seek a country life, and in July, 1891, he purchased twenty-five acres of land about a mile from his present farm. Two years later he sold this and bought thirty acres about a mile and a half from Danbury, and by subsequent purchases he has increased his holdings to sixty acres. He keeps from ten to fifteen cows, and sells the milk in Danbury. While working in that city he did a profitable real-estate business, buying lots and erecting buildings for sale. One of these, a factory on Franklin street, he still owns.

Mr. Banks is a steadfast supporter of the Republican party, and is influential in local affairs, being always in favor of improvement. For five years he has been the pathmaster of his town, and for one year he worked the city roads. He married Miss Annie A. Hodge, daughter of Orson and Amy (Barnum) Hodge, well-known residents of Brewsters, New York.

THERON EUGENE PLATT. The praises of an agricultural life have been sung by poets from the remotest times, and the sentiment that prompts mankind to seek close harmony with nature seems to be universal, however the customs and acquired aptitudes of our modern civilization may tend to obscure it. The fertile fields of this section, in their romantic setting of wooded hills and sparkling waters, might well tempt any one to hope that here he could realize the picture which fancy paints of the joys of a country life. Certain it is that in our rural communities a high type of citizenship is to be found, as many of the histories of this volume will bear witness.

The subject of this biography, a prominent citizen of Newtown township, resides upon a farm which has now been in the possession of his family for several generations, and his management of the estate is an object lesson in scientific farming, while at the same time he keeps well informed upon general topics, and is a constant and intelligent reader of the best literature. A thorough student, his investigations have thrown light upon many questions of interest to all farmers, and his scholarly articles upon agricultural matters command the attention of thoughtful observers. His library, containing about a thousand volumes, is mainly devoted to science, and he has made a special study of botany, geology and chemistry. In his practical work upon his estate he has given much time to the propagation and development of the potato, that homeliest but most useful of tubers, and during one year he grew four hundred and fifty varieties for the purpose of making tests. He was probably the first to discover the cause of the potato scab, his report on the subject having been the first to be printed, and he is rightly regarded as one of the leading authorities on all matters relating to this plant, from its germination to its full development. Not being content with the ordinary means of observation, he has made extensive use of the microscope in his investigations, and for several years he has issued valuable and interesting reports of his inquiries into the "whys and wherefores," of the phenomena which comes under his notice. A man of his talents and acquirements would naturally attract a most desirable list of friends, and his includes many of the bright minds of this and other localities. For some years he has been a leading member of the State Board of Agriculture, and has served as president of the Newtown Agricultural Association since its organization.

An account of the personal and family history of Mr. Platt will doubtless be of interest to our readers. He was born May 16, 1848, in the house he now owns and occupies, and received a common-school education, two years being spent in a graded school at Redding, this county. From an early age he showed an interest in agricultural pursuits, but he has taken part in other lines of enterprise, and for years has been a director in the Newtown Savings Bank. Any movement tending to promote the best interests of his locality receives his hearty indorsement, and he is, and has been for a long time, president of the Cemetery Association, while for years he has been an active worker in the Methodist Church at Redding, serving as trustee. Politically, he is a Republican, so far as national issues are concerned, but on local questions he votes independently. On November 26, 1873, he married Miss Mary C. Russell, daughter of Bethuel Treat Russell, of Southbury, Conn., and they have one son, Philo T., born May 20, 1880. Mr. Russell died May 5, 1872, but Mrs. Russell still resides in Southbury.

This Platt family is descended from Richard Platt, of Milford, through Isaac Platt, of Huntington, Long Island, who married Elizabeth Wood, daughter of Jonas Wood, and died July 31, 1691.

Jonas Platt, a son of Isaac and Elizabeth,

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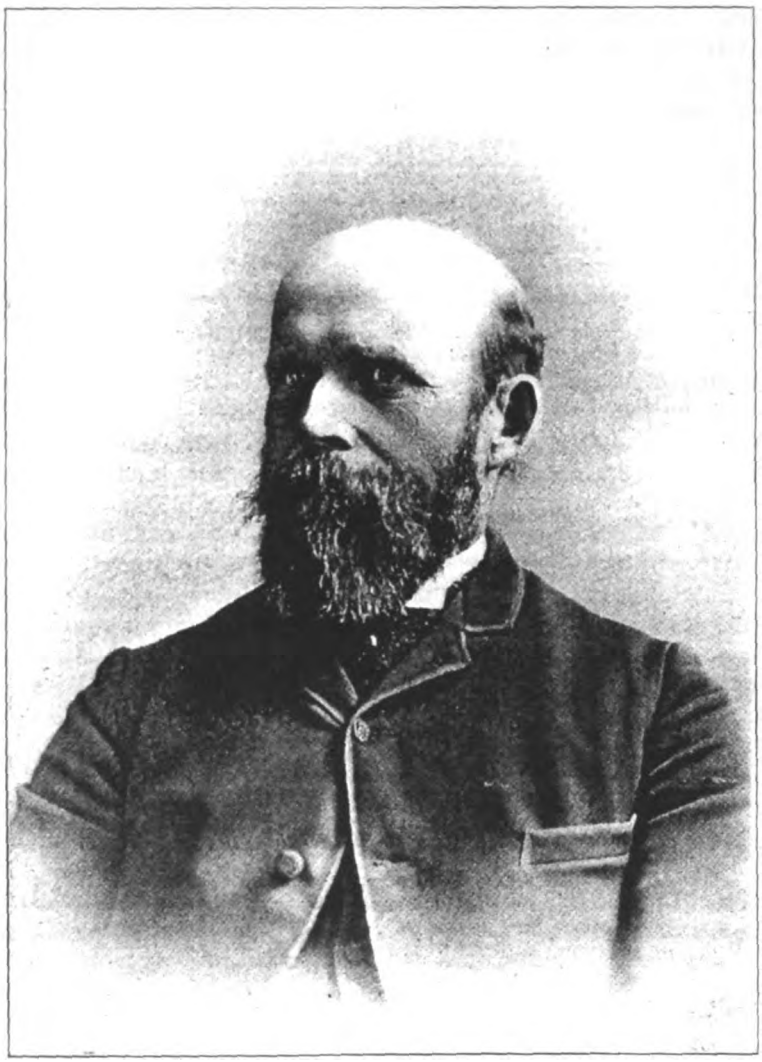

Thomas E. Platt

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was born August 10, 1667, and married Sarah Scudder.

Obadiah (1), the next in the line of descent which we are now tracing, was born about 1706, and was married August 10, 1722, to Mary Smith, who died November 16, 1771. Obadiah Platt (2) was born August 8, 1729, and died November 25, 1784, in his fifty-sixth year. He married Thankful Scudder, who was baptized May 18, 1735, and died December 19, 1816. Jarvis Platt, a son of Obadiah (2), was born September 6, 1759, and died in 1841. He was married in 1779 to Ann Nichols.

David Platt, our subject's grandfather, was born February 6, 1782, and died April 19, 1814. He was married, May 18, 1803, to Lucretia Toucey, of Newtown, and made his home at the farm now occupied by our subject.

Philo Toucey Platt, the father of our subject, was born September 3, 1811, and was married, November 24, 1841, to Jeanette E. Tuttle, of Southbury, Conn. He became a prosperous agriculturist, and his death occurred at the old homestead, March 10, 1880. His children were Johnson T. and Theron E.

The late Johnson Tuttle Platt, brother of our subject, was a leading member of the Connecticut Bar, and his brief but energetic and successful career is an honor to the family name. He was born at Newtown, January 12, 1844, and graduated from the Harvard Law School in 1865, having chosen at an early age to make the profession of law his life work. He entered upon his practice at Pittsfield, Mass., but six months afterward removed to New Haven, Conn., where he quickly won recognition as a lawyer. On the re-organization of the Yale Law School, in 1869, he was given a responsible place in the management of the institution, together with Professors Robinson and Baldwin. In 1873 he received the degree of Master of Arts from Yale College, and during his life in New Haven he held numerous positions of public trust. For several years he was a member of the Court of Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and in 1874 he was made corporation counsel, in which position he did a large amount of valuable work for the city, including the revision of the ordinances. He also held the office of registrar in bankruptcy, and for a number of years was Master of Chancery for the State of Connecticut, while for some time previous to his death he had been serving as United States Commissioner. He died January 23, 1890, at the early age of forty-six years, being cut off suddenly in the prime of life by an attack of cerebral hemorrhage. At the time he was stricken he was on his way to his class in the Law School, and becoming insensible he was taken home, where he died a few hours later. His death called forth many tributes to his noble character and high intellectual abilities and attainments. The New Haven County Bar, in minutes approved January 24, 1890, used these fitting words: "He was not only well read in the ordinary literature of his profession, but long and loving study had made him familiar with the science of jurisprudence in its widest range. His sympathies were warm and his friendships true and deep-rooted. During nearly a quarter of a century at the Bar and twenty years in the Yale Law School, he had been honorably known as a learned lawyer, an independent thinker, a public-spirited citizen, and a kind-hearted and high-minded man." As a lawyer he was able and ready, and as an instructor he was thorough, gentle, helpful and sympathetic, winning the hearts of all his students. His literary culture was extended, and he was especially fond of history and poetry. He was a good conversationalist, being noted for his ready and apt quotations as well as for his original remarks, and his sincerity and agreeable manners won him a host of friends. While in the Law School his range of subjects included, first, equity and pleadings, then "torts" and criminal law, and finally general jurisprudence and the history of law. It is to be hoped that his lectures will be published. Among the valuable articles prepared for the press by him were two entitled "The Assertion of Rights" and "The Opportunity for the Development of Jurisprudence in the United States." For about twenty years he had been gathering facts for a history of the Platt family, from which much of the data for this sketch has been drawn. A brief but admirable biographical account was written by Morris F. Tyler, Esq., of the New Haven County Bar, at the time of his death. On September 3, 1867, Professor Platt married Miss Mary Jay Pettee, of Pittsfield, Mass. They had no children.

JOHN A. WEED, a prosperous general merchant and well-known citizen of New Canaan, is a native of that place, born September 11, 1861, in what is known as White Oak Shade District. His grandfather, Carey Weed, was born in 1782, and came to this locality from Stamford at an early date, settling on a farm in in White Oak Shade District where he passed the remainder of his days. He was a shoemaker as well as a farmer, and employed a number of hands. For his first wife he married Clarissa St. John, by whom he had two children, Delia

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and William H., both of whom are now deceased. His second wife was Hannah Reed, and Andrew J., the father of our subject, was their only child. Carey Weed passed away November 9, 1842. He was a soldier in the war of 1812.

Andrew J. Weed was born August 19, 1819, in the town of New Canaan, where he spent his days. He attended the neighboring district school, and, under his father's tuition, was thoroughly inducted into the mysteries of agriculture and shoemaking, which he followed all his active life, living on the paternal homestead. On March 31, 1851, he was married, at Easton, Conn., to Betsey Banks, daughter of Medad Banks, a farmer of that town, and by this union there were five children, as follows: Clarissa, who is the wife of G. F. Johnson, of New Canaan; Mary F., Mrs. Henry E. Johnson; Henry B., who married Rosa ———, and died at the early age of twenty-eight years; John A.; and Freddie, who died in infancy. The father died in May, 1884, in White Oak Shade. He was a member of the Congregational Church at Darien.

John A. Weed was reared on the home farm, and pursued his early studies in the district school. At the age of twenty-one years he became a clerk in the employ of S. H. Raymond (who at the time carried on a grocery business in New Canaan), and remained with him five years, when he embarked in business for himself. The firm of Weed & Wassing (John A. Weed and John M. Wassing), general merchants, was formed in October, 1887, and continued until January, 1891, when Mr. Wassing withdrew. He has since lived in Stamford. Mr. Weed has conducted the business alone for the past seven years, keeping a full line of groceries, flour, feed, hay, family madicines, oils, mixed paints, crockery and hardware. He is established in the Comstock building in New Canaan, and receives a large share of the custom in the town and neighboring district. His business is constantly increasing, and he is entitled to no unimportant place among the well-to-do citizens of his town.

Mr. Weed was married, September 10, 1883, at Binghamton, N. Y., to Hattie E. Gabriel, daughter of John M. Gabriel, and they have become the parents of seven children: Harry (who died at the age of seven years, three months), Walter Gabriel (deceased in infancy), Ernest, J. Floyd, Harold, Clarence, and Nellie Frances. The family are regular attendants and supporters of the New Canaan Baptist Church, of which Mr. Weed is a prominent member, at present holding the offices of clerk, deacon and trustee in the Church. He is widely known in social circles in this part of the State, being a member of Wooster Lodge No. 37, I. O. O. F., of which he is chaplain; a charter member of Commodore Perry Council No. 44, O. U. A. M., of which he is the present treasurer; a member of the Heptasophs; the Knights of the Maccabees; the Daughters of Liberty; Friendship Division, Sons of Temperance; president of the Band of Hope, and an honorary member of the New Canaan Fire Department. He is active in promoting the interests of all these organizations, and is very popular among his fraternal associates.

ELIJAH P. BROWN. The town of Greenwich, Fairfield county, was settled at an early day by a most intelligent and enterprising class of citizens, among whom were the ancestors of our subject, now a respected resident of New Fairfield.

James Brown, our subject's great-grandfather, was born and reared in Greenwich, and was for many years engaged in mercantile business there. His wife's name is not now recalled, but it is known that they had one child, David, born in Greenwich and educated in the common schools of that locality. On reaching manhood he became interested in the manufacture of cloth, and for many years he conducted a mill for that purpose at Greenwich, employing about twenty hands. He is said to have been the first manufacturer in the United States to make blue broadcloth. It cannot now be positively stated whether he took an active part in the Revolutionary war or not. He married Miss Deborah Jessup, daughter of Jonathan Jessup, a prominent farmer of the town of Greenwich, and thirteen children were born of the union, as follows: James, David, Robert, Sarah, Deborah, Phœbe, Martha, Margaret, Eliza, Clara, Anna, William and Mary.

William Brown was born November 6, 1794, in the town of Greenwich, where he was given a good practical education in his youth. On leaving school he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed successfully throughout his active business career, many of the best residences of Greenwich being built by him. As a citizen he was held in high esteem, and he was frequently chosen to fill offices of trust and responsibility in the town. In politics he was a strong Democrat. He married Miss Sallie Betsey Penney, daughter of Robert and Abigail (Hebbard) Penney, and nine children blessed the union: Albert J. was educated in the schools of

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Greenwich, and afterward served an apprenticeship to the bricklayer's trade; this occupation led him to various places where large structures were being erected, and he met his death at Bridgeport while employed in building a hotel; he had a habit of walking in his sleep, and one night he raised a window while unconscious and fell forty feet to the ground, his injuries resulting fatally. Oliver F. attended the schools of Greenwich during his boyhood, and afterward learned the carpenter's trade in Danbury; in early manhood he went West, where he had a varied career, and in the prime of life he was killed on a railroad while in the employ of the St. Louis Transfer Company; after his removal to the West he married Miss Mary Batterton, by whom he had four children. David R. received a common-school education in the town of Greenwich, and then learned the hatter's trade, which he followed for many years; after twenty years passed as superintendent of a large hat factory belonging to George Cowperthwaite & Co., he became connected with the American Waterproof Company, at Williamsburg, N. Y.; but during the Civil war he was engaged in business in New York City as a fur broker; later he purchased an estate on Greenfield Hill, this county, and devoted his attention to farming; he married Miss Julia Donaldson and had three children. Clarissa A. William M. Darius P. (1), who died at an early age. Darius P. (2), a resident of Danbury, married Miss Mary Shut. Hibbard W. and Elijah P.

PEARCE. Ancestry of Edward H. Pearce, of New Fairfield, Conn. Contributed by Edward H. Pearce. *Alexander Beebe*, of Great Addington, England (d. 1623), and *Elizabeth*, his wife (d. 1633), had a son *John* (d. 1634), who m. Alice ——, and had a son, *John, Jr.* (b. 1600, d. May 18, 1650, while on his way to America). His will, filed in Hartford, Conn., mentions wife *Rebekah* and five sons and two daughters, among them *Samuel*, baptized in Broughton, Northampton, England, June 23, 1633 (d. in New London, Conn., 1712), m. *Mary* (b. 1640), dau. of *William* (b. 1601, d. 1662), and *Agnes* (b. 1599, d. 1662) *Keeney* or *Keney*.

Their children: Mary, b. abt. 1657, d. abt. 1686; m. abt. 1678 *Aaron Fountain;* Samuel, Jr., b. abt. 1659, m. Feb. 9, 1681–82, Elizabeth Rogers; *Susannah*, b. abt. 1661, m. abt. 1688, *Aaron Fountain;* William, b. abt. 1663, m. abt. 1698, Ruth Rogers; Agnes, b. abt. 1665, m. Dec. 3, 1685, John Daniels; Nathaniel, b. abt. 1667 [did he marry Elizabeth Wheeler July 2, 1697?]; Ann, b. abt. 1670, m. Apr. 23, 1700, Thomas Crocker; Johnathan, b. abt. 1673, m. abt. 1692 Bridget Brockway; Mercy, b. abt. 1677, m. Apr. 8, 1702, Richard Tozor; Thomas, b. abt. 1680, m. Dec. 17, 1707, Ann Hobson. *Aaron Fountain* (above mentioned), first heard of in New London, Conn., about 1680, and his second wife, *Susannah Beebe*, had a son, *Aaron, Jr.*, baptized in Fairfield, Conn., June 5, 1698, m. about 1719 *Elizabeth* ——, and had *Hannah*, b. April 2, 1729, m. at Greens Farms, Conn., Jan. 1, 1749–50; *Abel* (b. 1720), son of *David* and *Sarah* (*Meeker*) *Sherwood.*

Thomas Sherwood, of Sherwood Forest, b. in England in 1586, d. at Fairfield, Conn., 1655; came from Ipswich, England, with his wife, *Alice* ——, and children—Ann, Rose, *Thomas* and Rebecca—in the ship "Frances," of which Cutting was the master or captain; landed at Cape Cod in April, 1634.

Thomas Sherwood., Jr., b. in England 1624, d. in Fairfield, Conn., 1697, was the first miller on Mill river, Fairfield; came from Massachusetts; was in Fairfield as early as 1645; bought land in Fairfield, 1653. He m. (first) ——, dau. of Thomas and Ann —— Wheeler; m. (second) *Mary*, dau. of *Benjamin* and *Mary* —— *Turney;* m. (third) Elizabeth, widow of John Cable, Jr.; m. (fourth) *Sarah*, dau. of *Humphrey* and *Ann Hide*, and widow of *Johnathan Fanton* and Peter Coley. (I am descended from *Sarah Hide* through her first husband, *Johnathan Fanton*, on my mother's side).

Thomas Sherwood, Jr., left fourteen children —eight by his first wife and six by his second wife. Their names are Jane, Thomasine, Margerite, Sarah, Hannah, Rose, Thomas, Rebecca, Stephen, Mathew, Mary, Ruth, Abigail and *Isaac.*

Isaac Sherwood, youngest son of *Thomas, Jr.*, and *Mary* (*Turney*) *Sherwood*, m. *Elizabeth*, dau. of *John Jackson*, and had a son *David*, who m. *Sarah*, dau. of *John Meeker*, and had a son *Abel*, b. Dec. 20, 1720, d. 1761. *Abel* was a soldier in the French and Indian war, and died from a wound received in the service; entered April 12, 1761, discharged Sept. 28, 1761; Capt. Hobby, 6th Company 2nd Reg., Conn. [See pay rolls in State Capitol, Hartford.] He was a New Fairfield man, and lived in the southwestern part of the town near Corner Pond, and near the northeastern corner of the "Betty" Grant, then part of Ridgefield, but now (since 1846) part of Danbury, on what is known as the Hubbel farm, and owned at present (1897) by Nelson L. Fuller.

The children of *Abel* and *Hannah* (*Fountain*) *Sherwood* were: Abel, Jr., b. 1754 (d. Oct. 14,

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1819), Molly (or Polly), Jemimah, Hannah and Elijah. Molly m. Phineas Taylor, of Bethel, and thus became the grandmother of P. T. Barnum, the great showman. Jemimah m. Silas Taylor, a cousin of Phineas. Hannah m. Elisha Clark, of Southington, Conn., and had several children. Elijah is supposed to have died unmarried.

After the death of *Abel Sherwood*, his widow, *Hannah Fountain*, m. before Feb. 12, 1762, no doubt in New Fairfield, Conn., Elisha, Jr. (b. June 25, 1731, in Sandwich, Cape Cod), son of Elisha, Sr., and grandson of John, who was the son of Ezra Perry. The children of Elisha, Jr., and Hannah (Fountain) Perry were: Amy or Ruhamah (b. in New Fairfield, Conn., June 6, 1773), John, Cloe and Ann. Amy or Ruhamah m. about 1802, Obediah (b. abt. 1771), son of Isaac, Jr., and grandson of Isaac, Sr., Chase, and had a dau. Betsey Goldsmith, b. October, 1805, who m. June 9, 1830, Joseph, son of John Maltby. The mother of Elisha Perry, Jr., was Ann Saunders.

Abel Sherwood, Jr. (b. 1754), was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, was with Gen. Richard Montgomery's expedition against Canada, was no doubt one of his aids-de-camp, and was one of the two men who caught the General in their arms as he fell at Quebec at daybreak, Dec. 31, 1775. He was a remarkably strong man, said to be the strongest man in his regiment. He was injured by falling over a fence just south of the Wilson place (now owned by Oliver D. Taylor), and died in a few days from the effects of the injury. His wife, *Kesiah Hodge* (b. 1754), was thrown from a horse's back into the brook near what is known as the lane bridge, just west of the old Sherwood homestead, and died in a few days from the effects of the fall.

Abel Sherwood, Jr., m. 1775, *Kesiah*, dau. of *Abel* and *Rebecca* (*Trowbridge*) *Hodge*. Names and dates of birth and death of their children: Abel Montgomery, May 26, 1777, Apr. 12, 1866; Elijah Washington, Feb. 8, 1780, Sept. 26, 1865; *Rebecca*, Sept. 10, 1782, Feb. 22, 1825; Thomas Wayne, Sept. 20, 1784, Nov. 27, 1841; Noah Scuyler, Oct. 26, 1787, Oct. 8, 1873; Hannah, May 17, 1789, Feb. 5, 1875; Laura, Aug. 6, 1794, Dec. 14, 1876.

Abel Montgomery m. Betsey, dau. of Joseph, Sr., and Phebe (Pepper) Disbrow, and left children, among them Louisa, who m. Hiram Hopkins, of New Fairfield, Conn., and left only one child, Lewis LeGrand Hopkins, who became the first mayor of the city of Danbury, and is at present (1897) judge of probate for the District of Danbury.

Elijah W. m. Mary, dau. of Joseph Morgan, and removed to Schuyler county, N. Y.; Noah S. m. Rebecca, dau. of Squire Whitlock, and removed to Schuyler county, N. Y. *Rebecca* m. *Nathaniel S. Pearce;* Thomas W. m. Jerusha, dau. of Timothy and Jerusha (Barnum) Benedict; Hannah m. Habias, son of Chauncey Lacy; Laura m. Barnum, son of Abner Elwell.

Thomas Hodge, supposed to have been born in Branford, Conn., 1689, removed to New Fairfield when quite young, and became one of the first three settlers at Ball's Pond. One of the others was Allyn Ball, who came from England abt. 1692. The Indian name of Ball's Pond was Ha-lah-wah, named from a medicine man who lived on the mountain bearing that name, at the north end of the lake.

Thomas Hodge d. 1771. His wife, *Jane*, b. 1693, d. 1779. They had several children, among them Kesiah, who m. Joseph Barnum, and *Abel*, who m. *Rebecca Trowbridge*, and had children as follows: Thaddeus, Abel, Jr. (1730–1802), *Kesiah* (1754–1823), Rebecca, Anna, Phazina, Sybil, Mary, Keturah, and Thomas (1764–1832), who m. Abigail, dau. of Abner Elwell, and had fourteen children, as follows: Anna, 1785; Eber, 1787; Jabez, 1789; Lewis, 1790; Zadoc, 1792; Sabina, 1794; Abigail, 1795; Pamela, 1797; Reuben, 1799; Rebecca, 1801; Thomas K., 1803; Sally, 1805; Hiram, 1807; and Phebe, 1809.

The will of *Abel Hodge*, dated May 24, 1795, mentions four sons: Abel, Thomas, Thaddeus and Daniel; also six daughters: Rebecca (wife to Benajah Beardsley), *Kesiah* (wife to *Abel Sherwood*), Anna (late the wife of Elijah Sperry), Mary (wife to Squire Whitlock), Sybil (wife to Timothy Driskill), and Forasina (wife to William Bruster).

Benjamin Stevens, who settled in Danbury, Conn., some time before 1715, and built the first house at Mill Plain, had previously lived in Darien, Conn., and Bedford, Westchester Co., N. Y. He had a son, *Nathaniel*, who d. in 1743. In the will of *Nathaniel Stevens*, dated February 1, 1743, he mentions wife *Ruth* and sons—Nathaniel, *Nathan*, Abraham, Timothy, John and Ezra, daughter Hannah and granddaughter Elizabeth Stevens. His seoond son, *Nathan*, had a dau. *Phebe*, who married

David Pearce, who was a soldier and commissary in the Revolutionary war, and after our French allies arrived, was detailed as commissary and conductor of the supply train under LaFayette in his marches and campaigns from New York to Yorktown, at the capture of Lord Cornwallis. At the close of the war he returned to his family, and resided in.

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Danbury, and followed farming during the rest of his life. He lived in what is known as Danbury Boggs. His house stood on the ground now occupied by the barn of Benjamin Roberts, and opposite the residence of Mrs. Gilbert. He was a very pious and exemplary man, much respected, and for many years was deacon of the First Baptist Church, at King Street. His grave can be found in the cemetery near that church.

The children of *Deacon David* and *Phebe (Stevens) Pearce* were: Aaron (1762–1788), Joshua (1765–1820), David, Jr. (1774–1840), Phebe (1775–1793), *Nathaniel Stevens* (1781–1822), Caleb (1788–1846), Tamar and Elizabeth. Of these, Aaron and Phebe died unmarried. Joshua m. Lanis Lindley, and had Lewis, Hart, Mathew L. (perhaps more). Caleb m. Kesiah Benedict, and had Elizabeth, David (1), Jerusha, David (2), Phebe, Hosea Otis, Achsah, Lurana Ann, Rachel B., an infant son, and Harriet B. Of these, Elizabeth m. Richard Rockwell; David (2) m. Caroline Sellick; Hosea Otis m. Nancy Stone; Achsah m. Reuben Johnson; Lurana Ann m. Hiram Pulling; Harriet B. m. John M. Signor, of Bethel. David Pearce, Jr. (1774) m. Lucy, dau. of Timothy Benedict. Tamar married Elijah Benedict. Elizabeth m. Silas Abbott.

Nathaniel Stevens Pearce (b. 1781) m. *Rebecca* (b. 1782) dau. of *Abel* (b. 1754) and *Kesiah* (b. 1754) *(Hodge) Sherwood*. Their children were: *Alvah Sherwood* (b. 1803, d. 1875), Ambrose Bryant (1805–1879), Harrison (1813–1816), and Mary (1820–1821).

Alvah S. Pearce m. (first) Jan. 20, 1825, *Amy*, dau. of *Ebenezer* (b. 1772) and *Betsey (Nash) Barnum*, and had *Amzi Harrison*, b. Sept. 27, 1828, still living, and Betsey Lavenda, b. Sept. 24, 1832, d. July 4, 1870. *Alvah S. Pearce* married (second) Sept. 26, 1838, Ann, daughter of *Thaddeus* (b. 1778) and Abigail (Stevens) Barnum, and had Josephine (b. 1840, d. 1869), Thaddeus Wayne (b. 1843, d. 1856), Valeria (b. 1845, still living), Alvah S. Jr. (b. 1855, still living), and Elmer Elsworth (b. 1862, d. 1897).

Amzi H. Pearce (b. 1828), m. Dec. 2, 1849, *Frances Jane* (b. 1828), dau. of *Ira* and *Betsey (Bradley) Barnum*, and they have Benjamin Franklin (b. 1854), and EDWARD HOWES, b. May 25, 1862, the contributor of this article.

B. Franklin Pearce m. Harriet Ida, dau. of Warren and Delia (Cree) Gay, of Southeast, N. Y., and they have one child, Hortense Octavia, b. July 19, 1876, she being the thirteenth in descent from Alexander Beebe.

Betsey L. Pearce m. Hendrick, son of Towner (b. 1803) and Ann (Hendricks) Barnum, and left Harvey Towner (1865), Flora Lavenda (1867), and James Howard (1870).

Josephine Pearce m. John Hull, son of John and Mary (Nichols) Fanton, and left Anna, the wife of George W. Sayers, of Danbury, Conn., and Mary Elizabeth, still unmarried.

Valeria Pearce m. Oliver Dawson, son of Ezra and Betsey (Banks) Taylor, and has Josephine (widow of Samuel T. Penney), Grace and Oliver P. still unmarried.

Alvah S. Pearce, Jr., m. Harriet Elizabeth, dau. of James and Sarah (Haviland) Partrick, and has Valeria Christina and Leon, both unmarried (1897).

Elmer E. Pearce m. Carrie Jane, dau. of John J. and Clarinda (Wildman) Durga, and left Anna Clarinda.

Ambrose B. Pearce (b. 1805) m. Eveline, daughter of Thaddeus and Abigail (Stevens) Barnum, and had Harriet Ann, Mary Jane, David, Ira B., George N., and Philo S. Ira B. and Philo S. are all that have descendants living.

The name Barnum was originally Barnham, meaning "field of the barn," and our first Barnum ancestor was *Thomas Barnham*, who afterward spelled his name Barnam, and, still later in life, Barnum. Born in England about 1625, d. in Danbury, Conn., December 26, 1695, the first of the original eight settlers that died. He is supposed to have come from Danebury, England. We know nothing of his parentage, but suppose he was the son of Sir Richard Barnham, a member of Parliament. The family of Barnham was of good repute and high standing, some of them being members of Parliament, sheriffs, etc.

Thomas Barnum, undoubtedly the ancestor of all the Barnums in America, came to this country when quite young, and the first place where he is known to have settled is Springfield, Mass. (then known as Agawam), abt. 1640. Springfield was for a while claimed to be under the jurisdiction of the Connecticut Colony. About 1643 he came to Fairfield, Conn., and removed to Norwalk about 1660, where he was appointed tything man in 1661. He was m. twice, but nothing is known of his first wife. His second wife was *Sarah*, widow of John Hurd, of Stratford, who after his death returned to Stratfield in Stratford, where she died in 1718, aged seventy-six years.

Thomas Barnum had five sons and five daughters. The names of sons in order of their ages were Thomas, *Francis*, Richard, John and Ebenezer. One of his daughters was Hannah; names of others unknown. The dates of birth

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can only be given of four of his children. Thomas, b. July 9, 1663; John, Feb. 24, 1667; Hannah, Oct. 29, 1680; Ebenezer, May 29, 1682.

When Danbury was settled in 1684, *Thomas Barnum*, who had adopted that way of spelling in Norwalk, removed to Danbury and became one of the eight families that settled that town. They settled at the lower or south end of what is now Main street. *Thomas Barnum* lived a few doors north of what is now South street. Two of his sons, Richard and *Francis*, afterward represented Danbury in the Colonial Legislature.

The second son of *Thomas Barnum*, whose name was *Francis*, m. *Mary* ——, and had six sons and one daughter. Sons were Isaac, David, Samuel, Thomas, *Nathan* and Abel. Abel was the last grandson of the first *Thomas*, and d. in New Fairfield May 26, 1799, aged eighty-two years. His wife Ruth d. October 31, 1788, aged seventy-two years.

Francis Barnum divided property by deed among six sons, Sept. 4, 1736, and d. between then and May 20, 1741. *Nathan*, fifth son of *Francis*, m. *Rebecca Lockwood*, of Norwalk. He and his brother Abel removed to New Fairfield in 1742. *Nathan* had two or more sons. Nathan, Jr., who was a Tory, m. Mary Wheeler, of New Fairfield (after the war he settled in Canada), and *David Barnum*, born in Danbury, March 20, 1733, d. in New Fairfield, Jan. 28, 1822.

David Barnum, fourth in descent from the first *Thomas Barnham*, m. July 13, 1756, for his first wife, Anna, dau. of Samuel Towner, of the upper or north seven miles or Society of New Fairfield (incorporated as the town of Sherman 1802). Names and dates of birth and death of their children: Nathan, Mar. 28, 1757, Sept. 13, 1758; David, Jr., Aug. 9, 1758, Dec. 31, 1793; Rebecca, Nov. 3, 1760, Oct. 20, 1817; Amy, Oct. 21, 1762, Dec. 7, 1793; Diantha, Sept. 11, 1764, Mar. 24, 1834.

David Barnum m. for his second wife, *Jemimah*, dau. of *Capt. Ebenezer* and *Mehitable (Peck) Stevens* and widow of Serajah Beardsley. Names and dates of birth and death of their children: Serajah Beardsley, Nov. 30, 1769, Feb. 16, 1831; Samuel Towner, Nov. 18, 1770, Jan. 15, 1859; *Ebenezer*, Oct. 31, 1772, Oct. 4, 1846; Jemimah, May 12, 1775, May 8, 1873; *Thaddeus*, Feb. 8, 1778, Aug. 13, 1825. *Mehitable (Peck) Stevens* was a dau. of *Benjamin Peck* and granddaughter of *Henry Peck*, who settled in New Haven as one of the first settlers in 1638.

The children of *Capt. Ebenezer* and *Mehitabel (Peck) Stevens* were Ebenezer, Daniel, Hezekiah, Joseph, Mabel (wife of William Porter), Mary (wife of Anthony Wanzer), *Jemimah* (widow of Serajah Beardsley, and later the wife of *David Barnum*), and Esther (wife of Alexander Fairchild). *Capt. Ebenezer Stevens*, in his old age m. a widow named Esther (do not know her maiden or widow name).

David Barnum (b. 1733) was something of a wit and poet. He said of his four sons by his last wife:

> One was a captain [Serajah B.],
> And one a "Squire." [Samuel T.],
> One was a fool [*Ebenezer*],
> And the other a liar. [*Thaddeus.*]

The second child of *David Barnum* (David, Jr.) m. Ann, dau. of Isaac Hawley, and has Silas, Enoch, Ethiel, Ebenezer and David H. The third child (Rebecca L.) m. Henry Disbrow, and had four sons (do not know their names). The fourth child (Amy) m. John Hendricks, Jr. The fifth child (Diantha) m. Gideon Hubbel, and had no children. Capt. Serajah B. Barnum m. Rachel Stevens and d. without children.

Samuel T. Barnum, familiarly known as "Squire" Towner, was justice of the peace and town clerk many years, and represented New Fairfield in the State Legislature eleven terms. He m. Alice, dau. of *Captain Eliakim* and *Anna (Whitlock) Nash*, and had two children: David and Betsey (twins), b. April 27, 1794. David became a prominent physician of New Fairfield, and m. Lucenia, dau. of David and Susannah (Nash) Lane, and had three children: Stansbury Lane Barnum, late of Chappaqua, N. Y.; Samuel Alonzo, of Danbury, Conn.; and Susan Alice, late of New Fairfield. Betsey Barnum m. Colonel Amzi, son of Rev. Medad and Rachel (Baldwin) Rogers, and had David B., Samuel T., Theodore D., Elizabeth A., Emily, Harriet and Rachel.

Edward Nash, an early settler of Norwalk, had a son *John*, supposed to have been the first white child born at Norwalk, who m. *Mary Burly*, and had a son *John, Jr.*, b. at Norwalk, Dec. 25, 1688, who m. *Abigail*, dau. of *Ebenezer Blakely*, of New Haven, and had a son *Ebenezer*, who had a son *Capt. Eliakim Nash*, b. at Wilton, Conn., who m. *Anna Whitlock*, and had Eliakim, Jr., James, Abel, Alice and *Betsey*.

Ebenezer Barnum (b. 1772) m. Betsey, dau. of *Capt. Eliakim Nash*, and had *Amy* (b. May 10, 1801, d. May 14, 1838), Towner (1803, 1875), Amasa (1807, 1889), Homer B. (1809, 1864), Horace (1811, 1872), Eliakim N. Harvey and Ebenezer, Jr. *Ebenezer Barnum* (1772) m. (second) Rebecca, dau. of Rev. Uriah Mead, and had George, John and Luther M. *Amy Barnum* (b. 1801) m. *Alvah S. Pearce. Thaddeus Barnum*

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(b. 1778) m. (first) *Anna*, dau. of *Dimon* and *Charity Wheeler Bradley*, and had Dimon B., *Ira* and Willis. *Thaddeus Barnum* m. (second) Abigail Stevens, and had Evaline, Azor, Ann, David S. and Harriet. *Ira Barnum* (b. 1803) m. *Betsey*, dau. of *Eli* and *Hannah* (*Fanton*) *Bradley*, and had one child, *Frances Jane*, who m. *Amzi H.*, son of *Alvah S.* and *Amy* (*Barnum*) *Pearce*. *Dimon Bradley*, formerly of Redding, Conn., b. Apr. 14, 1753, d. November 17, 1785, m. *Charity*, dau. of *Enoch* and *Elizabeth Wheeler*, and had *Anna*, who m. *Thaddeus Barnum*, and Huldah, who d. unmarried.

John Lacey, one of the early settlers of Stratfield Parish (now Bridgeport), had a son *Edward*, who m.——*Jackson*, and had a son *Edward, Jr.*, who m. *Abigail Gregory*, and was one of the first settlers of New Fairfield. They had a dau., *Abigail Lacey*, who m. *Samuel Wheeler*, and had Jedediah, *Enoch*, Edward, Samuel, Jr., and Anna (who m. James Pardee).

Enoch Wheeler (b. 1740, d. 1811) m. *Elizabeth*, and had Huldah (who m. Daniel Stevens) and *Charity* (who m. *Dimon Bradley*), James, Nehemiah, and Elizabeth (who m. James Hendricks).

Johnathan Fanton m. *Sarah*, widow of Peter Coley, and dau. of *Humphrey* and *Ann Hide*, and had a son *John*, baptized in Fairfield, Conn., October 10, 1708, who m. October 28, 1732, *Mary Rowland*, and had *Johnathan*, b. at Greenfield Hill, Conn., November 14, 1738, d. Nov. 25, 1810, m. *Betsey*———, and had Abel, Mary, Rowland, Levi, Johnathan, Jr., Simeon, and Betsey and *Hannah* (twins), born February 17, 1784. *Hannah* died February 23, 1824.

Eliphalet Bradley (b. 1761, d. 1813) m. *Eunice*, and had *Eli* (b. 1786, d. 1826,) Alba (1789–1829), Tolman (1797–1843), Morris S. (1799–1872), Sally (1794–1868). *Eli* m. *Hannah Fanton*, and had *Betsey* (b. 1809, d. 1866), Minerva, Eliphalet H., Johnathan H., Leander and Lorenzo Dow. *Betsey Bradley* (b. 1809) m. *Ira*, son of *Thaddeus Barnum* (1778), and had *Frances Jane*, who m. *Amzi H. Pearce*, and have B. Franklin and EDWARD HOWES PEARCE.

[Having spent considerable time in tracing my ancestry, and being desirous that the data I have thus far obtained shall be perpetuated for the benefit of generations to come to whom it may be of interest, I contribute this article not as an Autobiography but on account of the Genealogical records it contains.

I also wish to acknowledge my gratitude and extend my thanks to many who have assisted me in this work, especially my old and esteemed friends and kinsman, Theodore D. Rogers, of Norwalk, William A. Eardley-Thomas, editor of the Genealogical department of the "Connecticut Quarterly," Judge Lewis L. Hopkins, of Danbury, and many others.—E. H. P.

ALVAH S. PEARCE. Alvah Sherwood Pearce was born May 9, 1803, on the north side of Clapboard Ridge, about a quarter of a mile southeast of the First Baptist Church at King Street, Danbury, Conn., in a house that stood, until 1893, on the ground now occupied by a barn on the farm owned at present (1897) by John Fry.

Mr. Pearce was a self-educated man, having attended the district school only a few months. When about nine years old he lived with his uncle, Caleb Pearce, for a while. When about eighteen years of age he went to sea, and made one voyage to the West Indies. While on the way home the ship went to pieces in a storm off the Barnegat coast, in which the entire crew came near losing their lives. This experience ended his career as a sailor.

In 1819, his father, Nathaniel S. Pearce, purchased the old Hodge homestead on the west side of Ball's Pond in New Fairfield; Conn., of Daniel Hodge, whose grandfather, Thomas Hodge, settled there as one of the first settlers about 1710. (Daniel Hodge was an uncle of A. S. Pearce's mother). Here his father, Nathaniel S., died in 1822. After the death of his mother in 1825, he came into possession of the farm, and soon after started a country store, doing quite an extensive business until his death in 1875. For many years he ran a market wagon to Peekskill-on-the-Hudson, a distance of twenty-eight miles, taking sumac, grain, calves, poultry, eggs, butter, etc., to the sloop, and shipping them to New York City, and bringing back molasses, rum, salt, dry goods, etc. About 1830 he started a comb shop, employing five or six hands, and continued in the business about ten years. For over twenty years he followed the business of cattle drover in company with Col. Amzi Rogers, handling from one to four droves of from one to four hundred head each every year, often going far into the Canadas, when it took four weeks to drive the cattle home. He acted as surveyor when the line between Danbury and New Fairfield was run about 1836, assisted by the venerable Thomas Hoyt, who is still (1897) living at King Street, aged ninety-one years.

Alvah S. Pearce was a very public-spirited man, noted for sound judgment and strict integrity, and was appraiser on and administrator of a

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great many estates. For several years he was a director of the National Pahquioque Bank of Danbury, and at his death was a director of the Danbury National Bank. He was very instrumental in having a post office established at Ball's Pond, and was postmaster from the establishment of the office (his commission is dated March 12, 1851) until his death, when his son, Amzi H., was appointed, and held the office until it was discontinued, November 15, 1893. In politics he was a Whig until the formation of the Republican party, when he became a stanch Republican. He served as justice of the peace for many years, and held several town offices. His family record will be found in the Ancestry of Edward H. Pearce, immediately preceding.

CAPTAIN FREDERICK J. BRECKBILL is one of the leaders among the younger business men of Bridgeport, and his successful career shows that he possesses the acumen and enterprise which characterize the typical American. He comes of good German stock, his great-grandfather, who settled in Lebanon county, Penn., 1742, having been born in the Fatherland.

Frederick J. Breckbill, our subject's grandfather, was born and reared in Lebanon county, Penn., but made his home in later life upon a farm near Shelby, Richland Co., Ohio. He married a Miss Fletcher, a descendant of the Mr. Fletcher who was associated with Rev. John Wesley in founding the Methodist Episcopal Church. Six children were born of this union: Bina, a resident of Columbus Grove, Ohio; John; William; Jonathan Z.; H. T., a physician, at Columbus Grove, Ohio; and Alice.

Capt. Jonathan Z. Breckbill, the father of our subject, was born at Shelby, Ohio, in 1844, and grew to manhood upon the old homestead, his early education being obtained in the district schools of the locality. In 1861 he enlisted in Company I, 32nd O. V. I., and after serving throughout the war he returned to Shelby. Farm life being uncongenial, he took a course in the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and, as he proved an able scholar, soon found employment as freight agent for the New York Central railroad at that point, later becoming the local agent for the Buckeye Mowing Machine Company. He always retained his interest in military affairs, and from 1874 to 1879 served as captain of Company A, 21st Regiment N. Y. N. G., now known as the 15th Separate Company. Socially, he was held in high esteem, and he belonged to various orders, including the Masonic Fraternity, the I. O. O. F., and the Loyal Legion. His death occurred at his home in Poughkeepsie in 1882. His wife, Emma Catherine Atkins, who died at Poughkeepsie in 1891, was a daughter of John S. Atkins, a well-known citizen of that place. Of their eight children three are now living: Frederick J., McPherson and Emma Catherine.

Our subject was born July 19, 1868, at Shelby, Ohio. His boyhood was spent chiefly at Poughkeepsie, and he was educated at Pelham Institute and Riverview Military Academy. On leaving school, in 1882, he went to Columbus Grove, Ohio, where he made his home with his uncle, Dr. H. T. Breckbill, for about two years, and after returning to Poughkeepsie he began to learn the jeweler's trade with Mr. Van Keuren, with whom he remained five years, at the end of that time going to New York City to take a position in the jewelry store of Smith & Sturges. Later he spent five years with F. L. Wilson, a jeweler at Danbury, Fairfield county, and in 1893 he opened his present store on Main street, Bridgeport. For some time he had a partner, the firm being Breckbill & Benedict, but since November 28, 1896, he has conducted the business alone. As a citizen he is public-spirited, and during his residence in Poughkeepsie he was connected with the Davy Crockett Hook & Ladder Company. He has evidently inherited the military ardor and ability of his father, and on November 24, 1891, he enlisted at Bridgeport in Company G, 4th Regiment Conn. N. G. His advancement was rapid, and in February 16, 1892, he was promoted to the post of first lieutenant, which he resigned July 12, 1893. On July 17 of that year he was appointed first lieutenant and adjutant of the First Battalion of the Fourth Regiment, and on February 8, 1897, he was made captain and adjutant of the same regiment. Socially the Captain is prominent, and he is a member of Harris Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Bridgeport; Wooster Lodge, K. P., at Danbury; Court Marion, Foresters of America; and Gilmore Council, Royal Arcanum.

BYRON DEXTER. This name stands as a synonym for dauntless courage and enterprise, and the career of the man who bears it is regarded as marvelous even among the energetic and able business men of Danbury. Five times has Mr. Dexter commenced business as a hat manufacturer, and four times has his plant and stock been destroyed by fire, entailing heavy loss; yet these disasters only temporarily hindered him, for at present he owns and operates two of the largest and best-equipped factories in Danbury.

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Mr. Dexter is a direct descendant of Dr. Henry Dexter, one of the voyagers on the "Mayflower," and can trace his own physical and mental stamina to a hardy and long-lived ancestry. His grandparents, Morris and Mary (Purdy) Dexter, attained unusual length of life, the former dying at the age of ninety-eight, and the latter when ninety-two. Leonard Dexter, father of our subject, was born April 6, 1829, in Somers, Westchester Co., N. Y., and, although a stone mason by trade, has been engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his active life. He married Miss Frances Losee, who was born March 8, 1839, at Croton Falls, Westchester Co., N. Y., a daughter of James and Rebecca (Smith) Losee, and six children graced their union: Henrietta, Byron, Ferdinand, Frances, Phœbe and Nellie. The parents are yet living, being honored citizens of Danbury, with residence at No. 40 Pleasant street, corner of Park avenue.

Leonard Dexter, during the great Civil war in this country, did credit to his ancestry by a long, active and honorable service—from 1862 to 1865, in fact, "till there was no more fighting to be done." On August 15, 1862, he entered the Union army by enlisting in Company G, Sixth N. Y. V. H. A. (known as the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth N. Y. V. I. until October 3, 1862), which was mustered in at Yonkers, N. Y., September 2, 1862; moved to Baltimore, Md., September 5, 1862. He served in the Railroad Division, Eighth Army Corps, Middle Department, until March, 1863; in the Second Brigade, First Division, Eighth Corps, Army of the Potomac, until August, 1863; in the Reserve Artillery, Army of the Potomac, until April, 1864; in the First Brigade, Artillery Reserve, Army of the Potomac, until May, 1864; in Independence Brigade, Fifth Army Corps, until May 30, 1864; in the Heavy Artillery Brigade, Third Division, Fifth Army Corps, until July 6, 1864; in the First Brigade, Hardin's Division, Twenty-second Army Corps, Defenses of Washington, D. C., until September 27, 1864; in the First Brigade, Kitching's Provisional Division, Army of the Shenandoah, until December, 1864; and in the Second Brigade, Terrero's Division, Army of the James, until August, 1865.

The following is a detailed account of Mr. Dexter's service: 1862—Duty at Baltimore, Md., until December 22; operations against Stuart, October 9–12; Companies L and M joined the regiment in December. 1863—Duty in the defenses of Harper's Ferry, W. Va., until June 29; duty at Frederick, Md., until July 9; marched to Turner's Gap, South Mountain, July 9; joined the Third Army Corps, near Jones' Cross Roads, July 10; operations near Williamsport, July 12–14; marched to Burnside's Bridge, Antietam Creek, July 15; marched to near Sandy Hook, July 16, and to near Hillsboro, July 18; marched by way of Wood Grove to Upperville, Va., July 19–20; and by way of Linden to Manassas Gap, July 23; marched near Warrenton, July 25; detached as ammunition guard, Reserve Artillery, until April, 1864; Bristoe Campaign, October 9–22; operations on Mine Run, from November 26 to December 2. 1864—Campaign from Rapidan river to Petersburg, May 14—June 16; battle of the Wilderness, May 5–7; battle of Spottsylvania, C. H., May 8–21; the Salient (Bloody Angle), May 12; battle of Harris House, May 19 (Po river); North Anna river, May 22–26; Jericho Mills, May 23; recrossed the North Anna river, at Tuarle's Mills, May 27; crossed the Pamukey river, at Hanovertown, May 28; battle of Totopotomoy, May 28–31; battles of Cold Harbor, June 1–12; Bethesda Church, June 3; flank movement on Petersburg June 12–16; siege of Petersburg and Richmond, June 16—August 13; assault on Petersburg, June 17–18; moved to Washington, D. C., August 13–14; and duty in the defenses north of the Potomac river, until September 23; battle of Cedar Creek, Va., October 19; duty in the Shenandoah Valley, until December. 1865—Siege of Petersburg and Richmond, December, 1864, to April; fall of Petersburg, April 2; duty at and in the vicinity of Petersburg until July; mustered out of the service near Washington, D. C., August 24, 1865. He was wounded at the battle of Spottsylvania, May 12, 1864, by a gunshot in the left shoulder.

Byron Dexter, the subject proper of this sketch, was born January 16, 1858, at North Salem, Westchester Co., N. Y., where he received a somewhat limited education in the district schools. When he was ten years old he went to work upon a neighboring farm on the understanding that he should receive his board and clothes, as well as three months' schooling in each year. After spending some six years in this manner he in 1874 went to Danbury, and there secured work with Bradley Keeler, a farmer in that vicinity, at $8 per month. Soon thereafter becoming acquainted with some hatters in that city, and the mention of their comparatively high wages deciding him to endeavor to better his condition if possible, he seized the first opportunity that offered, and entered a hat factory as an apprentice. So diligent was he that in a very short time he headed the list of rapid and accurate workmen. For seven years he worked at the trade, in the meantime saving most of his

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earnings, and in the spring of 1882 he began the manufacture of stiff hats in a shop on North Main street, Danbury. His start was an exceedingly modest one, but he rapidly increased the business, and had reached a highly prosperous condition when, on the morning of November 2, 1882, the entire factory with the stock was destroyed by fire. Nothing daunted, however, he at once rented a part of Lacy & Downes' factory, and continued his work, but on the night of February 1, 1883, he was again burned out. Again he lost no time in securing a new start, renting a factory on the old site, and five months later, when every department of the plant was in complete working order and running in its full capacity, the factory caught fire from an oil singer, and in fifteen minutes was burned to the ground, some of the employes narrowly escaping with their lives.

After this calamity, Mr. Dexter decided to secure a different location, and accordingly rented a factory on Center street, where for five years he enjoyed a profitable business. As it developed, however, he realized the need of larger and more convenient quarters, and on October 1, 1888, he purchased the building on Pauquique avenue formerly known as the Gardner & Dudley factory. He then prepared himself for a still further extension of business, which there was every reason to expect, but on the night of August 12, 1889, some incendiaries entered the place, and notwithstanding the fact that a watchman was on duty, they succeeded in starting a fire, and in less than two hours the building was in ruins. Three hundred and fifty employes were thus deprived of work, and Mr. Dexter sustained a loss which was admitted by the insurance adjusters to be at least thirty thousand dollars above his insurance. In the previous fires his losses had reached from two to fifteen thousand dollars above the amount of his policies. He was not the man to permit this later and larger disaster to discourage him, for in less than forty-eight hours he had given orders to clear away the debris and prepare for the erection of a new building. By October 1, 1889, he had the finest factory in the city all ready for business, and for the past eight years he has conducted a large and constantly growing trade there. The fire-fiend has since left him unmolested, and his most serious misfortune was the loss of $5,700 on the first bill of goods shipped from the new factory twenty-five days after its opening. The consignee of this large order never paid for it, and under all circumstances the loss was a severe one, and no doubt would have prostrated a man of less force of character and will. On July 6, 1896, Mr. Dexter increased the capacity of his business plant by purchasing from Sheather & Sanford, of New York City, the large building known as the John W. Green factory, and since that time both factories have been run on full time, employing from six hundred to seven hundred men and women.

It goes without saying that Mr. Dexter's keen and active mentality has had the support of sound physique. He attributes his good health to his temperate habits, which have left unimpaired the sound constitution with which nature blessed him. In all his life he has never taken a glass of intoxicating liquor of any kind, nor has he used tobacco in any form. He has made a point of laying aside each year in a savings bank the money which might have been spent by him in these indulgences, and this fund now amounts to more than nine thousand dollars.

Socially, Mr. Dexter is an active member of the National Manufacturers Association, and he is a thirty-second degree Freemason; in politics he is a Republican, and to all this it may truthfully be added that he is a generous but unostentatious friend of every good cause. In manner pleasant and genial, in disposition kindly and sympathetic, a firm and enduring friend, he is held in the highest regard by a wide circle of friends.

GEORGE MACKAY HUBBARD (deceased) was a member of one of the old families of Fairfield county, a family whose descendants have played well their part in professional and business circles, as well as in social life.

Born June 10, 1810, in Stamford, George Mackay Hubbard was a son of Dr. Nathaniel Hubbard and a grandson of Dr. Henry Hubbard, whose professional careers stand conspicuous among those of the members of the medical profession whose lives were contemporaneous with theirs. Dr. Nathaniel Hubbard practiced his profession in Carmel, N. Y., also at Greenwich, Conn., and in 1790 established himself at Hubbard's Corners, in the western part of the town of Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn. In the vigor of his manhood he was a forceful character, both mentally and physically strong, especially gifted in the sense of memory, and was noted for unusual powers of observation, which served him well in life work. He had a successful career, enjoying a large practice and ranking high in the profession. His wife, formerly Mary Mackay, to whom he was married by Rev. P. Buffet, pastor of the Church at Stamford, bore him children as follows: Archibald, born October 14, 1798;

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Henry, born August 17, 1800; Alexander, born June 3, 1804; Mary, born October 28, 1806; John W., born May 26, 1808; George Mackay, born June 10, 1810; Eleanor, born October 10, 1812 (now a resident of Harlem, N. Y.); Sarah T., born February 17, 1815 (now a resident of Ashtabula, Ohio); Cornelia, born May 16, 1817; William, born July 24, 1819; and Francis, born August 17, 1821.

George Mackay Hubbard passed his boyhood in Bangall District, in the town of Stamford, and there received his schooling. For almost half a century he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, in the district named, and then in 1851 he removed to the Lockwood homestead, where he continued the life of a farmer, meeting with the success his worthy life and industrious habits merited. He was a God-fearing and law-abiding citizen, correct in his daily walk and just and upright in all his dealings with his fellowmen. He passed away May 1, 1881, beloved and respected by the community at large.

On May 4, 1835, at Stamford, Mr. Hubbard was married to Miss Rachel June, daughter of Ezra and Sally (Hoyt) June, residents of Stamford. To this union were born children as follows: EMILY is a resident of Stamford; George William married Alice M. Girling (he died in Stamford); and Sallie married George Rosevelt, and resides at Stamford. In his political views the father of this family was first a Whig, later a Republican. The widow and children, after his death, continued to reside at the old home, where the mother passed to her rest May 5, 1898, at the age of almost eighty-two years.

B F. FOSTER, deceased. "The authentic picture of any human being's life and experience ought to possess an interest greatly beyond that of fiction, inasmuch as it has the charm of reality." So writes a well-known author, and in the various histories in this volume there will be found ample justification for his thought. The following account will be of especial interest, as our subject, a prominent resident of Bethel, was a man who made his own way in life.

Mr. Foster was born October 16, 1824, in the town of Danbury, Fairfield Co., Conn., and consequently passed the ordinary limit of man's years, yet his cheeks remained ruddy and his eyes as bright as ever, a snowy crown of hair being almost the only sign of age. He was always actively engaged in business up to the time of his decease, and his success was sufficient evidence of his sagacity and energy. The Foster family originated in England, whence our subject's grandfather, Benjamin F. Foster, for whom he was named, came at an early day and settled in Danbury, engaging in carpentering. He married Miss Susan Pickett, a native of Redding, Fairfield county, and they had four children: Alanson, our subject's father; Edward, born in 1809, who died in 1891; David, born in 1817, who died in 1896; and Mary Ann, deceased, who was born in 1828, and married Col. George S. Crofut, who died in April, 1884.

Alanson Foster was born April 16, 1803, in the town of Danbury, and after obtaining a common-school education there learned the carpenter's trade with his father, following this business successfully all his life, first in Danbury and later in the town of Redding, where he located in 1824. In politics he was a Whig, but he did not aspire to public honors. On December 17, 1823, he was married in Redding to Miss Polly Stone, who was born November 11, 1803, daughter of Levi Stone, a well-known resident of that town. She died September 23, 1868, and Mr. Foster's death occurred December 13, 1870. Both were devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and were held in high esteem among their associates. Of their four children our subject was the eldest, the others being Levi, born July 13, 1826, who died August 3, of the same year; Angeline, born September 13, 1827, now the widow of H. D. Taylor, of Bethel; and Susan, born April 21, 1837.

Mr. Foster's education was secured in the district schools of Redding, and at an early age he began learning the carpenter's trade under his father's instruction. When he was twenty years old his father gave him his time and he went to Milltown, N. Y., where he was employed during 1845, on his return home engaging at work with his father until 1857, when he removed to Weston and formed a partnership with Platt Keeler which continued about three years. In 1860 Mr. Foster located in Danbury, where he lived in the house in which he was born until the spring of 1865, when he sold out and removed to Ridgefield. In the spring of 1869 he returned to Danbury, and in 1876 he settled in Bethel, where he ever afterward resided. In August, 1875, he became a partner of Col. George S. Crofut in the coal and wood business and also in trucking, but in 1884 he sold his interest to Colonel Crofut, and from that time on engaged in trucking and dealing in wood. About seven o'clock on the morning of March 1, 1897, Mr. Foster was stricken with apoplexy, and died immediately.

On January 11, 1847, Mr. Foster was married, at Ridgefield, to Miss Mary Keeler, a daughter of Bradley Keeler. She died March 17, 1894,

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leaving the memory of a well-spent life. Their only daughter, Elthea, who died August 16, 1893, married Walter J. Beckett, and they had three children: Fred F., Charles H. and Arnold.

OWEN DALY (deceased) was for many years a prominent resident of Stamford, and by his excellent qualities of character he won in a high degree the esteem and respect of his fellow-citizens. His life was free from ambitious striving for public notice, yet in its quiet usefulness it made an impression on the community which will long remain as an inspiration to right-doing among all who knew him.

Mr. Daly was born November 28, 1848, in County Cavan, Ireland, where he spent his boyhood, his education being secured in the local schools. He became proficient as a gardener, and in early manhood emigrated to this country, where the opportunities for advancement seemed more numerous than in his native land. After spending a short time in New York City he went to Tarrytown, N. Y., and about 1869 he came to Stamford with Mr. Smith, to take charge of his estate on Washington avenue. Later he was employed by General Vinton and Charles Pitt, his skill as a gardener, combined with fine, artistic taste, winning for him a high reputation. He wisely invested his earnings in real estate in the town of Stamford, and the addition known as Dalyville, lying on East Main street, Stamford, proved a profitable enterprise. The opening of new streets in that direction stimulated the growth of the village, and he built a number of the houses on the addition, holding them for sale or rent. Mr. Daly took keen interest in public questions, and was a stanch believer in the principles of the Democratic party. He was active in religious work, being a leading member of St. John's R. C. Church at Stamford, and for many years he was connected with the Catholic Benevolent Legion.

On October 13, 1873, Mr. Daly was married, in Stamford, to Miss Margaret McMullen, and their home was brightened by seven children, as follows: Thomas F. (who married Miss Delia K. Thaney), James A., Owen, Charles, Mary C., Cornelius and Robert Emmett. Mrs. Daly, who who still resides at Stamford, enjoys the affectionate regard of a large circle of friends. Her father, the late James McMullen, who died in Stamford January 6, 1895, was a native of Ireland, whence he came to the United States in early life. For ten years he served as a soldier in the United States army, taking part in the Seminole war and the war with Mexico, and in in 1848 he located at Stamford, purchasing property on Sound View avenue, where he followed agricultural pursuits during his remaining years. He was a man of excellent character, a devout Christian, and for years he was a prominent worker in St. John's R. C. Church.

GEORGE PENOYER FOOTE. There can be no better evidence of the advancement of a people in all that tends to refine and uplift humanity than is found in the increasing consideration given to the most unfortunate classes in a community, and Danbury has given tangible proof of this spirit in the construction of a model almshouse, one of the best in the State. The building is a three-story brick, 100x200 feet, and is capable of accommodating from 150 to 160 inmates, and a farm of seventy acres affords wholesome food in abundance.

But of all the preparations made for the care of such an institution the task of securing able supervision is the most important, and this need has been well met in this instance by the appointment of Mr. G. P. Foote, who, with his talented wife, has been in charge since June, 1896. The history of both is here given, and will prove of more than ordinary interest.

Mr. Foote was born January 27, 1844, at Brookfield, in this county, where his family has resided for several generations. The late Abel Foote, our subject's father, who was born at Brookfield, July 19, 1817, was a hat stiffener by occupation. He died January 6, 1891; his wife, Abbie (Atkins), a native of Danbury, born June 6, 1824, is still living, at the age of seventy-three. They had children, as follows: Robert, deceased; George P., our subject; Alfred, Julia A., Rivington, and Andrew H., all now deceased; Edward O., of Danbury; Susan I., of Danbury; Charles R., of Danbury; Eveline R., of Danbury; Howard, deceased; and two others who died in infancy.

The boyhood of our subject was spent in Brookfield and Danbury, and his education was secured in the public schools of those towns. When about fifteen years old he gave up his studies to learn the hatter's trade, at which he served an apprenticeship of five years. His thorough knowledge of the business, together with his executive ability, secured him a high reputation as a worker, and for twenty-five years he was one of the most valued assistants in the factory of Henry Crofutt & Co., in Danbury, and in 1884–1885 he held the position of superintendent. In the meantime he had been taking an active part in the work of the local Demo-

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cratic organization, and in 1889 he was elected assessor. In 1890 he was chosen burgess of Danbury, then a borough, and held the office two years. The city was incorporated in 1891, and in 1892 Mr. Foote was elected a councilman from the Fourth ward for two years, during which he did effective service as a member of the committee on Public Works. At the expiration of his term he returned to his former business, and continued until June, 1896, when he was chosen by the selectmen of the town to his present post.

Among other enterprises that Mr. Foote has carried forward successfully we should mention Wooster Hose Company No. 5, of which he was the organizer and the first foreman, their building being erected under his direction. He is still connected with the company, and he also belongs to the I. O. O. F., Progressive Lodge No. 18; the Foresters of America, and the Knights of the Ancient Essenic Order, Supreme Senate. He and his wife are both members of the Church of the Disciples, of Danbury.

On July 4, 1863, the marriage of Mr. Foote and Miss Ellen M. Wildman was celebrated, and three children bless the union: Georgianna, born December 16, 1866, died February 16, 1867; Emma was married April 29, 1885, to Frederick O. Dauchy, of Danbury; and Ida W. was married June 6, 1895, to Charles A. Reed, of Bridgeport. Mrs. Foote was born September 20, 1845, at Danbury, and is a member of a well-known family. Her father, David Smith Wildman, was born June 28, 1814, and died September 23, 1854, and her mother, whose maiden name was Eunice Ambler, was born November 20, 1816, and breathed her last on February 12, 1884. At the age of twelve Mrs. Foote began to work at the hatting industry, and for thirty-three years she was employed in the establishment of Henry Crofutt & Co. Possessing a keen brain and a warm heart she was quick to note the needs of women workers, and she took an influential part in the organization, in 1884, of the first union of hat trimmers at Danbury. In 1886 she became its president, and has held the office continuously ever since, with general oversight also of of the unions at Newburg, N. Y., and New Milford, Conn. The average number of members is about 1,800. Mrs. Foote is an able and effective speaker, and during the lockout in Danbury in 1893, when nineteen shops were closed for more than three months, she made addresses daily to appreciative audiences of from 1,200 to 1,500 people. She is a member of Echo Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, I. O. O. F., and at present is Past Noble Grand. Mr. Foote is also a member of Echo Rebekah Lodge.

REV. WILLIAM MORRALL. This well-known clergyman, now the rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Bethel, has a high reputation as an efficient and faithful worker in his honored calling, and his present parish, in which there are three hundred and twenty-five communicants, has prospered notably under his care.

Mr. Morrall is a native of England, having been born in 1848, at Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, where his father, Richard Morrall, was engaged in business as an iron manufacturer. After coming to America the family resided for short periods at Boston, Mass., and Easton, Penn., finally settling at Danville, Penn. There Richard Morrall has continued his former business, and he and his wife, Sarah Allen, who is also a native of England, are highly-esteemed residents of the place. They have had nine children: Samuel, who is a farmer near Danville, Penn.; Thomas, who met a soldier's death in the Civil war; William, our subject; Richard, a resident of Danville; Joseph, deceased; George and John, both residents of Danville; Sarah and Mary.

Our subject's youth was spent at Danville, Penn., where his education was begun in the public schools. At the age of thirteen he went into his father's establishment to gain a knowledge of the iron business, and there he remained three years, during which time he assisted in the first work conducted in the Susquehanna Valley for turning iron into steel. He also mastered the details of brick manufacturing in his father's brickyard, where about twelve million brick were manufactured each year. The practical knowledge of life acquired during these experiences has been of inestimable benefit to Mr. Morrall in his later work, and it is to be regretted that all spiritual teachers do not become as thoroughly acquainted with the needs of the people. When he was twenty-one he entered the Episcopal College at Racine, Wis., graduating from that institution in 1874, after which he took a three-years' course in the General Theological Seminary at New York City, and in 1877 he was ordained a deacon. The following year he entered the priesthood and took charge of the Church at Montoursville, Penn., where he remained until 1879. In February, 1880, he went to Albion, Ill., and two years and a half later removed thence to Vincennes, Ind., to remain until the summer of 1885. He then became connected with a boarding school for boys at Little Washington, Penn., where he spent a year, and in 1886 he took charge of a parish in Elk Rapids, Mich. Two years later he went to Marshall, Mich., after about three years there coming to

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Bethel, where he was installed as rector in May, 1890. While at Marshall, Mich., Mr. Morrall united with the Masonic Fraternity, and he has attained the Knight Templar degree.

Mr. Morrall was married at Montoursville, Penn., to Miss Maggie Meckley, daughter of M. H. Meckley, a well-known citizen, and their union has been blessed with three children: Charles, Marguerite and Theodore.

HON. WILLIAM J. FINCH. The ancestors of this venerable and highly-esteemed resident of Westport came from England in Colonial times, and were among the early settlers in Connecticut. The records of the first generations are meager, but to judge from the character and ability of the descendants the stock was of the true pioneer sort, hardy, industrious and thrifty.

Ichabod Finch, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Fairfield county, and became a farmer by occupation, owning a large tract of land in the town of Wilton, where he ended his days. He married and had six children: John, a farmer, who lived and died in Wilton; Ichabod, also a farmer in Wilton, now deceased; William, our subject's father; Polly, who married a Mr. Selleck and removed to the West; Charlotte, who married Henry Hoyt, a farmer, and another daughter, who married Gersham Smith. The family has been identified with the Episcopal Church from early times, and our subject's grandparents were leading members of the congregation in Wilton.

William Finch was born in Wilton, and followed farming there for many years, his death occurring at the homestead. In politics he was a Democrat, but he did not take an active share in party work. His wife, Betsey (Hoyt), was a daughter of Stephen Hoyt, a prominent agriculturist of Norwalk. Our subject was the eldest of a family of four children born to this worthy couple, the others being Nelson, who is deceased; Alcea, wife of Charles Gregory, a farmer in Wilton; and Jane, who married Chauncey Foot, a shoemaker of the same town, who is now deceased.

Judge Finch was born December 10, 1820, at the old homestead in the town of Wilton, and his education was obtained chiefly in the common schools of the neighborhood. At the age of seventeen he left school and began to learn a trade, but as the work was not congenial he gave it up. In 1838 he removed to Westport and engaged in the manufacture of shirts, and later he became interested in farming at his present homestead near Westport village. During the sixty years of his residence in the town he has wielded great influence in local affairs, and he is justly regarded as one of the leading Democrats of the section. He was town clerk for fifteen years, first selectman for twenty-one years, trial justice for more than thirty years, and also served many terms as assessor and grand juror. In 1856 he represented his town in the General Assembly, then sitting in New Haven, and in 1857 he attended the session at Hartford, his work during both years being of value to his constitutents and the public at large.

The Judge married Miss Jane A. Martin, daughter of David Martin, of New York City, who was of English extraction; she died in June, 1887. Of their three children two are now living: Cornelius, deceased, carried on an extensive business as a shirt manufacturer in Jamesburg, Danbury, this county, and New York City; William J. is a traveling salesman for a New York firm of shirt manufacturers; Jane A. married William T. Wood, of Westport, the owner of a planing-mill and manufacturer of sash, blinds and other building materials. The family is prominent socially. For more than half a century the Judge has been a member of the Masonic Fraternity, having united with Temple Lodge, F. & A. M., about 1848. He attends the Episcopal Church, and his sympathy can always be relied upon in support of a worthy cause.

JOHN WALSH, formerly a representative in the State Legislature from the town of Bridgeport, is an enterprising and successful business man, and also holds an influential position in public life, having frequently been chosen to important offices by his fellow citizens.

Born in Bridgeport August 31, 1856, Mr. Walsh is of Irish descent in both paternal and maternal lines. His grandfather Walsh was a miller in Kings County, Ireland, and Peter Walsh, his father, was born about 1824 and reared in that locality; he came to America in about 1842, settling in Bridgeport, where he was employed for about twenty-five years by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Company, acting as section boss over a gang of men. He laid out many of the railroad tracks in Bridgeport. Peter Walsh died in 1874. His wife, Ann (Malone), who died in 1883, was born in about 1829 in Ireland, and was a daughter of Francis Malone. They had seven children: James, who died at the age of twenty-eight years, was educated for the priesthood in Mt. St. Marys, Md., and in Allegany, N. Y., and

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was formerly a priest in the diocese of Scranton, Penn.; Mary J., now Mrs. James Stapleton, of Bridgeport, was organist at St. Mary's Catholic Church for twenty years, and has been succeeded by her daughter Margaret; John is the subject of these lines; Marcella, deceased, was formerly engaged in dressmaking at Bridgeport; Miss Anna is a dressmaker; Peter is a partner in our subject's business; Rose is principal of the Summerfield graded school, in Bridgeport. Peter Walsh was a man well equipped mentally, and gave to each of his children a good education. He was naturally of a quiet, retiring disposition.

Our subject was educated in the public schools of Bridgeport, and at the age of seventeen began clerking in a grocery store there. Four years in this position gave him practical knowledge of the business, and he opened a grocery and meat market at No. 28 Reilly street, in East Bridgeport, which he conducted successfully for several years. He then purchased a liquor business, weich he added to his former trade, continuing thus about fifteen years, and in 1888 he bought the "Washington Park Hotel," where he now runs the bar, the other departments of the establishment being in the hands of his father-in-law, John Walsh. Politically he is a Democrat, and his activity in partisan work has made him one of the leaders in the local organization. He has served as a delegate in State and town conventions, and in 1881-82-83 was a member of the city council, during his service in that incumbency acting as chairman of the sewer committee, and also of some of the special committees. In 1889 he was elected alderman from the Sixth ward, for one year, and in 1892 he represented his town in the State Legislature, while there serving on the committee on Cities and Boroughs and also on the committee on Restoration of Franchises.

In 1883 Mr. Walsh married Miss Adelia Walsh, daughter of John Walsh, a native of Ireland, and eight children have been born to this union, two of whom are still living, Anna and John. The family is identified with the Catholic Church, and Mr. Walsh is a member of various fraternal organizations, including the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He has been quite successful in his business, and is one of the pushing, hustling men of the city.

REV. T. J. COLEMAN, pastor of St. Thomas' Roman Catholic Church at Fairfield, enjoys an enviable popularity among all classes and creeds, by virtue of his education, his piety and his cheerful sociability.

Father Coleman comes of Irish parentage, is one of eight children, and was born, in 1853, at Brooklyn, N. Y., where he was reared, and where he received his primary education. Later he attended Manhattan College, and was ordained in June, 1876, at Allegany, N. Y., after taking the full theological course. As a boy he was always studious, and his progress at school was much above the average—in fact his entire education was completed when he was less than twenty-three years of age.

For three months after his ordination he was located at Stamford, Conn., as assistant to the present Rt. Rev. Bishop of Hartford, going thence to Norwich, where he did duty for upward of two years. In January, 1879, he was transferred to the Sacred Heart parish, New Haven, and remained there until his appointment to Fairfield, in 1883, where he has since diligently labored in the Master's vineyard. He is active and zealous in all his undertakings, is fond of out-door healthy exercise, and by his urbanity and liberal-mindedness has surrounded himself with hosts of friends, not alone in his own Church, but among all denominations. A brief review of St. Thomas' Church will be of interest to the reader, and the following is taken from a local paper:

"Previous to 1852 mass was never celebrated in Fairfield; in that year, however, Father Synnott began to come out regularly from the city, saying the first mass in the house of John McKenna. He officiated occasionally in the parlor of Mrs. Sarah M. Jarvis, a notable convert of that generation, who had been received into the Church in 1842. Father Synnott built St. Thomas' church in 1853; this was a frame building, with a seating capacity of 300. For twenty-three years Fairfield was held as a mission of St. James', Bridgeport, or its development, St. Augustine's. The first resident pastor of Fairfield was Rev. Martin Lawlor, who assumed charge in January, 1876, and who remained nine months, meanwhile attending Westport every Sunday, and buying the land on which the church now stands in that town. The next pastor was Rev. John Quinn, whose stay here was inconsiderable, and who was succeeded, in December, 1876, by Rev. Thomas Mullen. Father Mullen died here suddenly of heart disease in July, 1877, and was followed in the pastorate by Rev. William Harty, now of New Britain, who stayed here until March, 1878, meanwhile liquidating the parish debt. In April, 1878, Rev. Philip McCabe took charge, remaining until September, 1879, when he was succeeded by Rev. D. J. Cremin. Soon after com-

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ing to Fairfield, Father Cremin moved the church to a new lot quite a distance away, and put a basement under it. He also enlarged and frescoed the church, bought a house that stood beside it, and made this building, after considerable alterations, a convent and parochial school. In 1882 he brought the Sisters of Mercy and opened the school. He was promoted to the pastorate of the Sacred Heart parish, Bridgeport, November 18, 1883, and was succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. Thomas J. Coleman.

"Immediately after his advent to this parish, Father Coleman built a rectory between the church and his rented residence, and when he had finished it there was no debt. The school established by Father Cremin he kept up to a worthy standard, often at the sacrifice of his own personal resources. St. Thomas' church is a five-bay brick building of the Romanesque order, its facade being well ornamented by three towers, the central one serving as the support of a tall conical spire. The facings and foundations are of brown stone, as are also the cappings that give variety to the buttress work. It is a thoroughly well-built edifice, both outside and inside.

"St. Thomas Aquinas' Church seats 650 people, is exceptionally devotional, and for appearance would do credit to many a city parish, though its total cost was only $22,000. To-day, with less than 600 souls in the parish, the total debt is below $4,000; and this is a showing which reflects well the energy of the pastor, the generosity of the parishioners, and the unity that binds together the priest and his people."

On the night of January 19, 1892, a fire broke out in the church and, within an hour, church, convent, and parochial residence, the well-earned fruition of years of labor, were burned to the ground. Five days had not passed, however, before a hall was built and ready for Church services; and this hall is now used for entertainments. Immediately after the fire, the excitement attending which had seriously impaired his health, Father Coleman went to live in the old rented house, and in 1893 he built the present handsome rectory, which was ready for occupancy at the end of that year. He broke ground for a new church in June, 1894. The corner-stone was laid by Bishop Tierney on the 4th of July of that year, and the dedication took place on the following Thanksgiving Day, November 27. Thus, in an incredibly short time, the parochial property of St. Thomas' parish was more beautiful than ever. Moreover, Father Coleman had, before rebuilding, added quite a piece to the cemetery at an expense of twelve hundred dollars.

WILLIAM MEACHEN, JR., proprietor of a well-kept, productive market garden in the town of Stratford, is a native of Paterson, N. J., born October 10, 1851, a son of William Meachen, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere.

Up to the age of nine years our subject remained in his native State, attending school there for some time. In 1861 he accompanied the family to Stratford, Conn., where he took a three-years' course at Strong's Commercial Military Institute, at the end of that time embarking in his present business on his nine-acre farm, and has met with well-merited success in his enterprise.

On June 26, 1875, Mr. Meachen was married to Miss Nellie Jelliff, who was born in Bridgeport, Conn., a daughter of Burr Jelliff, a carpenter by trade, and one child, Emma A., brightens the home.

In addition to his market-garden interests, Mr. Meachen is agent for the National Fertilizer Company. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious faith he and his amiable wife are Methodists. They rank among the progressive, enterprising and public-spirited citizens of the community, and those who know them best are numbered among their warmest friends.

ALBERT EAMES (deceased) was for thirty years a leading citizen of Bridgeport, and his name is permanently associated with the development and improvement of that charming city. As a business man his integrity and honesty were proverbial, while his kindly heart manifested itself in spite of a somewhat abrupt manner and won for him universal esteem, his circle of friends embracing all the prominent people of the locality. During his long residence in Bridgeport he took special interest in the improvement of the parks to which he was a constant visitor, and for more than twenty years he served as park commissioner. Sea Side Park, next to which he built his home, was his pride and delight, and at the time of his death Beardsley Park, in the northern part of the city, had been nearly completed under his observation. His ideal citizenship included a wise participation in local affairs, and he was regarded as one of the valued counselors of the Republican organization in his section. At various times he served the city as councilman, alderman, selectman, also as member of the street, bridge and park commission, and in all of these positions he displayed rare sagacity and judgment, ripe experience and unswerving faithfulness to public interests.

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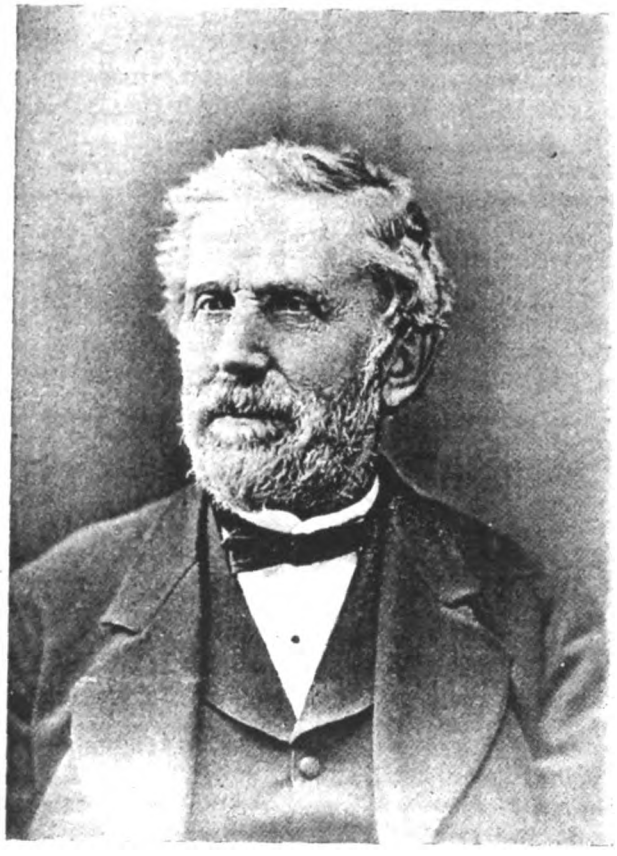

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Mr. Eames inherited his sterling qualities of character from an excellent ancestry, being descended from good Colonial stock. The first ancestor of whom we have a definite account was Thomas Eames, who was born about 1618, probably in England, and came to America as early as 1634. In 1637 he was in Dedham, Mass., and in 1640 he was in Medford, Mass., where he owned a large tract of land, obtained from the Indians. He served as a soldier in the Pequot war, and in 1675, during King Philip's war, his house was burned and his wife and nine children killed by the Indians while he was in Boston purchasing ammunition.

Nathaniel Eames (1), born December 30, 1668, at Framingham, Mass., was captured by the Indians at the time of the massacre referred to, but his life was spared. He died January 1, 1746, and his wife Ann died March 12, 1743. They had seven children: Lydia, Rebecca, Sarah, Nathaniel, Ann, William and Daniel.

Nathaniel Eames (2), our subject's great-grandfather, was born at Framingham, April 18, 1703, and although he was past three-score and ten at the breaking out of the Revolutionary war he served as "minute man", at Concord and Lexington. He died May 13, 1796; his wife, Rachel (Lovell), of Medfield, Mass., was born September 2, 1710, and died October 19, 1788. Their children were: Benjamin, Nathaniel, William, Ann, Nathaniel, Alex, Benjamin and Rachel.

Nathaniel Eames (3), the grandfather of our subject, was born at Framingham, September 11, 1747, and died September 8, 1820. He served by the side of his aged father at Concord and Lexington in the battles which have made those places sacred in American history. He married Catherine Rice, who was born at Framingham, September 5, 1751, the daugher of Jonathan Rice, and died May 30, 1833. They had ten children: Anna, Alex, Zedekiah, Abel, Rachel, Stephen, Lovell, Zedekiah, Patty and Jonathan.

Lovell Eames, our subject's father, was born February 7, 1785, at Framingham, where he made his permanent home, his death occurring there December 4, 1865. He was a man of means, and for some years he conducted a blacksmith shop in the village. On April 5, 1810, he married Lucy Eames, who was born March 16, 1789, and died July 11, 1870. She was also a descendant of Thomas Eames, the pioneer, the line of descent being traced through John (a son of Thomas), Henry (1), Henry (2), and Henry (3), her father, who was a "minute man" at Lexington and Concord, and served throughout the Revolutionary war. To Lovell and Lucy Eames six children were born, of whom our subject was the eldest. Horace, born February 25, 1813, died May 17, 1878; Susan, born February 25, 1817, died December 24, 1870; Ann M., born February 20, 1820, Elizabeth S., born June 30, 1822, and Olivia A., born June 19, 1824, are all living in South Framingham, Massachusetts.

Albert Eames was born March 9, 1811, at the old home in South Framingham, and at the age of twenty-one he was apprenticed to Silas Allen, the gunmaker at Springfield, Mass., whose shop was the nucleus from which sprang the present Springfield Armory. After learning his trade he traveled through the South and West, working in the government mints both at Savannah and New Orleans, making the trip between those cities with a horse and buggy which he purchased, and sold after arriving at his destination. Later he went up the Mississippi river as far as the present site of St. Paul, traveling in the boats which carried up provisions and returning with lumber, and were propelled in a primitive fashion by poling along the shallows. Among his early acquaintances were many whose names have since become famous in the manufacture of firearms, and after his decease autograph letters were found among his effects from Colonel Colt, the Remingtons, Horace Smith and the Wessons. One of these men, who afterward became a millionaire, says in a letter that "he has a good job this winter and is getting $2.00 a day and roast beef." In 1846 he went to Ilion, N. Y., with the Remington Bros., and assisted in filling a contract with the government for breech-loading carbines for the navy. In the manufacture of this arm the system of finishing the parts to gauge and afterwards assembling them by different workmen was employed under his direction; this was probably the beginning of that system, which has now become almost universal. On returning to Springfield he organized the American Machine Works, and engaged in the manufacture of cotton presses and heavy machinery, but this business was destroyed by the Civil war, their assets being mostly in the South. In 1856 he went to Bridgeport to do some work for the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co., manufacturers of sewing machines, with whom he remained thirty years, first as a maker of machinery and tools and afterward as a contractor. At his death, which occurred December 14, 1889, he was president of the Bridgeport Horse Railroad Co. He never took an active part in any Bridgeport society, but was a charter member of Hampden Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Springfield, and retained his affiliation with that lodge until his death. In 1844 he married Miss Harriett Avery Ferre, by whom he had the fol-

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lowing children: Martha, who married Franklin MacGrath, of Bridgeport, and died July 16, 1898; Mary, who died when about one year old; Susan M., wife of Erva B. Silliman, of Bridgeport; Horace Lovell, formerly a contractor for the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co., who died August 13, 1895; Albert Hyde, who died at the age of three years; Miss Harriet L., a resident of Bridgeport; and GEORGE MANSON, a prominent business man of Bridgeport, now holding the position of general superintendent for the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co.

Mrs. Harriet A. (Ferre) Eames, who died September 3, 1889, was a native of Munson, Mass., born March 26, 1819. She belonged to a well-known New England family, and was a descendant of Charles Ferre and his wife Sarah (Hermon). (Charles Ferre, "Early settler," "Springfield," "1662." "Colonial grant land"). John Ferre (1), son of Charles, had a son John (2) who married Martha Mill. To this union there was born a son John (3) August 15, 1687. John Ferre (3) had a son John (4) who married Mary Sweetman. Their son John (5) married Sarah Terry, and had a son Solomon, Mrs. Eames' grandfather, a Revolutionary soldier, who was born in Springfield, Mass., September 26, 1752, and died February 8, 1835. His wife, Rhoda, daughter of Robert Sanderson, of Springfield, was born June 14, 1757, and died October 19, 1830. Horace Ferre, the father of Mrs. Eames, was born at Springfield, May 11, 1790, and died November 26, 1865. He married Harriet Avery, who was born in Stafford, Conn., October 27, 1793, and died October 25, 1876. Their children were: Giddings H., born August 23, 1817, died September 25, 1830; Harriet A. married Albert Eames; Horace, born October 24, 1820, settled in California; Henry P., born September 14, 1822, died June 2, 1891; Henrietta G., born October 4, 1824; Giddings H. (2), born February 24, 1834, who settled in California, and Helen, born April 9, 1840, died in childhood.

THE CABOT FAMILY. Modern research has traced the numerous branches of the Cabot family back to one stem, which has flourished in the Island of Jersey since the time when the memory of man runneth not to the contrary; and to-day there are two parishes still inhabited almost exclusively by Cabots. The coat of arms of the Jersey family is perfectly defined and well known, and consists of a shield of gold surmounted by an armored helmet. The crest is an "escallop or" and the motto—"*Semper cor Caput Cabot.*" The device is three fishes, or, in the Jersey phrase, three "Chabots;" and by this charge upon the coat of arms, the origin of those who bore the name in other countries can be determined. The fishes are found crossed with the Rohan arms, when one of that great family married a Chabot of Poitou, and one of the most distinguished branches of the same family is that of Rohan-Chabot. The coat of arms and motto of John Cabot, as borne by the French descendants of the discoverer, are identical with those of the Jersey family.

With this explanation as to the name, the history of the New England family can be sketched from the certain testimony of legal records and family papers. Sometime in the latter half of the seventeenth century François Cabot, of St. Trinity, Island of Jersey, a wealthy land owner, married Suzanne Gruchy, of the same family as the Marshal Grouchy, one of Napoleon Bonaparte's trusted officers. In 1677 a son was baptized George in the St. Helier church, and the records show that three years later another son received the name of Jean. There was also an older son named François, and about 1699 the Registry of the deeds at St. Helier bears witness that the three sons just named sold a large amount of real estate, and soon afterward emigrated to Massachusetts.

John Cabot, the youngest of the three emigrant brothers, came to Salem in 1700, and made a fortunate marriage, his wife, Anna Orne, being a member of one of the prominent Essex county families of the earliest English emigration. He prospered greatly, became an eminent merchant, and built himself what was considered for many years afterward one of the handsomest houses in Salem. He had nine children, among whom was a daughter, Margaret, who married Benjamin Gerrish, afterward Royal Governor of the Bermudas. Through the youngest son, Joseph, was continued the line of descent in which we are now interested.

Joseph Cabot entered into business with his father and was equally prosperous. He remained in Salem and married Elizabeth Higginson, a direct decendant in the fifth generation from Francis Higginson, the first minister of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Nine sons and two daughters were born to this marriage, and of these sons, four, namely George and Samuel, Andrew and Francis, were especially prominent in their day. Hon. George Cabot served as United States Senator from Massachusetts from 1791–'96 and in 1798 declined the Secretaryship of the Navy. He was chosen president of the Hartford Convention, and held numerous other

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positions of honor and trust [See "Life and Letters of George Cabot", by Henry Cabot Lodge, published by Little, Brown & Co., of Boston. Mass.]. During the Revolution the brothers were associated in business, and they fitted out many privateers that preyed upon English commerce with great prejudice to the enemy and their country. One of George Cabot's ships, the "Cicero", was commanded by Capt. Hugh Hill, a man of great daring, and well known at that time. Andrew Cabot's ship, "Defiance", also a privateer, was destroyed in the ill-starred Penobscot expedition of 1799. The younger members of the family served their country in other ways. Francis was in Colonel Pickering's regiment on his Rhode Island expedition, and subsequently in Washington's army. Chastellux' "Travels in North America," translated from the French, has a note upon the family as follows: "The town of Beverly, Mass., began to flourish greatly toward the conclusion of the war, by the extraordinary spirit of enterprise and great success of the Messrs. Cabot, gentlemen of strong understandings, and the most liberal minds, well adapted to the most enlarged commercial undertakings, and the business of government. Two of their privateers had the good fortune to capture in the European seas, a few weeks previous to the peace, several West Indiamen, to the value of at least a hundred thousand pounds sterling." Yet even the profitable patriotism of the privateer was not always unattended with sacrifices and misfortunes. Col. John Trumbull in his "reminiscences" [page 84] says that he took passage at Bilbao for Beverly in 1781 in the "Cicero", a fine letter-of-marque ship of twenty guns, and one hundred and twenty men—Captain Hill, belonging to the house of Cabot. When Colonel Trumbull joined the ship she had with her a British Lisbon packet, sixteen guns, which she had just taken as a prize. On his arrival at Beverly, Colonel Trumbull saw lying in the harbor eleven privateers, all finer than the "Cicero," and all belonging to the Cabots. The following year, the same writer speaks of being in Beverly again, and adds that not one of the privateers was to be seen in the harbor. All had been lost, and the Cabots did not have a single letter-of-marque ship afloat.

Hon. Samuel Cabot, who was for many years a leading citizen of Boston, was active in political affairs, and in June of 1798 was in London as agent of the American Commission under the Jay Treaty. He married Miss Sarah Barrett, a direct descendant of Lieut. William Barrett, an officer in the Colonial army in King Philip's war, under Capt. Joseph Sill. Lieutenant Barrett located at Cambridge, Mass., June 10, 1656, purchasing a house and land from William French, and became influential in local politics, serving as selectman in 1671 and 1681.

V. Stephen Cabot, son of Samuel and Sarah (Barrett) Cabot, was a successful merchant, and for many years represented the firm of Lee, Cabot & Co., in Port au Prince, Island of St. Thomas. He was married there in 1820 to Zamie Paul.

VI. Joseph Clark Cabot, son of Stephen and Zamie (Paul) Cabot, was born March 9, 1822, at Port au Prince, and died June 7, 1895, at Bristol, R. I. He followed mercantile pursuits throughout his active life, chiefly in St. Louis, Mo., where he was identified for some time with the firm of Wales, Cabot & Co., wholesale grocers, and later with Chase & Cabot, wholesale dry goods merchants. The public spirit, so characteristic of the family, was not lacking in him, and during the Civil war he served on the staff of Gov. Hamilton Gamble, of Missouri, with the rank of major. On February 20, 1851, he was married at St. Louis, Mo., to Miss Catharine Hyde Wales, daughter of Orin Wales and Mary Tiffany. She was born September 25, 1831, at Wales, Mass., and for the past fifteen years has resided at Stamford, this county. She is a direct descendant of William Hyde, who located at Hartford, Conn., in 1636, and was one of the leading men of the colony, being frequently elected to the office of selectman. His name appears on the old monument at Hartford as one of the original settlers, and he and his son Samuel are prominently mentioned in the various histories of the early days in that locality. Mrs. Cabot is of the seventh generation in descent from Lieut. Lion Gardiner, an officer in the Pequot war, who settled in Saybrook, Conn., in 1635, having come from England in the "Bachelor," a ship of only twenty-five tons. His wife, Mary, was a daughter of Derrick Willemson, of Woerden, Holland. In the direct paternal line Mrs. Cabot traces her descent from Deacon Nathaniel Wales, son of one of the first English settlers in America, who with his brother John sought freedom from the religious persecutions of their native land, and became members of the Plymouth Colony.

Mrs. Cabot's great-great-uncle, Nathaniel Wales, Jr., was a local judge, a member of the Governor's Council of Safety, and a talented and influential citizen of Windham, Conn. He was an ardent patriot, very active in town affairs, and generally presided at important town meetings held during the Revolution. At the commencement of the war there was no p[illegible]r

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manufactory in Connecticut. Nathaniel Wales, Jr., in company with Col. Jedediah Elderkin, made a successful effort to supply this great want. At a special meeting of the Legislature in December, 1775, it was enacted "That a bounty or premium of thirty pounds should be paid out of the Treasury to the person who should erect the first powder-mill in the colony, and manufacture 500 pounds of good merchantable gunpowder."

At the same session, December 17, 1775, liberty was given to Jedediah Elderkin and Nathaniel Wales, Jr., to erect a powder-mill in Windham, pursuant to the Act of the Assembly. The place chosen for the site of their mill was at Willimantic, then a cluster of some half a dozen houses—with a grist and sawmill. The eastern portion of the linen company's thread mill now occupies its site. The work of erecting the mill was pushed with vigor, and completed early in the spring of 1776. At the May session of the Legislature, 1776, Elderkin and Wales were allowed thirty pounds "for 1,000 pounds of powder previously manufactured by them." The powder made here greatly aided the Colonists in their struggle for independence.

Mrs. Cabot's maternal uncle, Bela Tiffany, was a noted raconteur and wit, and several of his stories have become American classics, thanks to the genius of Nathaniel Hawthorne. The great novelist in "Twice Told Tales" gives due credit to Mr. Tiffany as narrator of the following legends of the Province House: "Howe's Masquerade," "Edward Randolph's Portrait," and "Lady Eleanor's Mantle." In 1894 Mrs. Cabot purchased the Social Club house, No. 41 Greyrock Place, and converted it into her private residence.

Of the four children of Joseph Clark and Catherine Wales Cabot all are now living, three of them being residents of Stamford, Connecticut.

I. Harry Hyde, born May 11, 1852, in St. Louis, Mo., pursued a course of study at Washington University in his native city. In 1867 he spent seven months in Europe, and visited the Great Exposition held in Paris at that time. In 1871 he entered the sophomore class of Yale University. Upon his return to St. Louis he entered the wholesale dry-goods house of Chase & Cabot, where he remained nine years. During that time he became interested in gas and water companies, and was one of the builders and owners of the Hannibal Water Company.

In 1882 he married Alice Purnell Holmes, of St. Louis, and in the fall of that year went to the Pacific coast, spending six months in travel, and visiting the ranches of friends. He returned to St. Louis in 1883, and was occupied with corporations and real-estate business. In 1886 his wife died, leaving two children: Isabel, born July 2, 1884, and Samuel Hyde, born July 29, 1886.

In 1887 he removed to the East, and resided two years in Stamford, Conn. In 1890 he married Elizabeth Byron Diman, daughter of the late Governor Byron Diman, of Rhode Island. He spent, with his wife, three months in Bermuda, and then became a resident of Bristol, R. I., occupying the home of Governor Byron Diman, which was built in 1807. By his second marriage there are no children.

In 1893 he was one of the organizers of the Naval Reserve, and became quartermaster of the first boat's crew of the Naval Reserve Torpedo Company of Bristol, which was the first company formed in the State of Rhode Island, and one of the first in the United States.

At the breaking out of the Spanish war, in April, 1898, he was appointed, by Governor Elisha Dyer, recruiting officer, with the rank of first lieutenant, and served two terms of duty in the city of Providence, recruiting the first Rhode Island Regiment United States Volunteers, two Batteries of Artillery and a Hospital Corps. For services as recruiting officer he was given a commission as first lieutenant in the Rhode Island militia. His children, Isabel and Samuel Hyde, are "children of the American Revolution."

II. Dexter Wales, born September 1, 1853, in St. Louis, Mo., began his education at the Washington University in his native city, and afterward graduated at the Moravian Military Academy at Nazareth, Penn. Returning to St. Louis in 1873, he entered the wholesale dry-goods house of Chase & Cabot, and from there went, in 1881, to the wholesale dry-goods house of Crow, Hargadine & Co., where he remained four years. During the great strike of the engineers on the Iron Mountain railroad he enlisted as a volunteer in the State service, and was under arms during the entire period under Captain Ellerbe of the regular army. Owing to his previous military training his captain pronounced him the best drilled man of his company. He assisted in guarding the county jail and police courts, and was afterward ordered, with his company, to Carondelet to protect the property of the Iron Mountain railroad against a threatened attack of the coal miners of Illinois. In 1885 he came to Stamford, where he entered the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company. He is still a resident of that city, and is unmarried.

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III. Arthur Winslow, born August 22, 1859, in New York City, resided with his parents in St. Louis until his tenth year, commencing his education at the Washington University. He then came to New York with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Hyde, and entered the Murray Hill School. In 1875 and 1876 he spent nine months abroad. He fitted for college in Stamford under an Oxford graduate, and entered Columbia College in 1877, where he became a member of the "Peithologian Society." He graduated in June, 1881, ranking, after the honor men, first in his class. During this period he did considerable literary work, collaborating the novel "Two Gentlemen of Gotham." In 1882 he entered the dry-goods commission firm of Ammidown Lane & Co., of New York, and afterward became secretary and treasurer of a large publishing house, with which he remained connected for three years. He has since had charge of several estates, which he has managed with ability and success. Mr. Cabot is an active yachtsman, having cruised from Maine to the Chesapeake, and having owned the following yachts: "Madcap," "Kathleen," "Kelpie" and "Consuelo." He is a member of the New York Club and the Riverside Yacht Club, and was the founder and organizer, also first captain, of the Hillandale Golf Club of Stamford, Conn. Upon the death of his uncle and aunt, in 1891, he removed to Stamford, and resided with his parents at No. 18 Clinton avenue until the removal of their residence to Greyrock Place. He is unmarried.

IV. Katherine Queen Cabot was born in Saint Louis, Mo., December 26, 1869. In 1875 she went to Europe, and traveled one year in England, France, Switzerland and Italy. She came east in 1881 with her parents, and attended Mesdemoiselles Charbonnier's school in New York, in which city she resided with her aunt, Mrs. Samuel T. Hyde. In 1882 she moved to Stamford, Conn., and for six years was a pupil at Miss Catherine Aiken's school. In 1896 she visited the historic homes of James river, and was received on terms of charming intimacy by the Harrisons of Brandon, the Drewrys of Westover, and the Carters of Shirley. A clever article entitled "The Month of Roses on James River," was published shortly after her return. She belongs to the local society of King's Daughters, in which she does active and effective service as secretary. By virtue of her distinguished ancestry she is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and in 1898 was elected registrar of the Stamford Chapter. She is also eligible in three lines for Colonial Dames.

THE STRATFORD JOHNSONS. The founder of the State of Connecticut, as to its boundaries, was Sir Richard Nichols, the first English Governor of New York; of its constitution, Thomas Hooker, who was the first to announce the principles of Democracy in the United States. The Burrs, Goulds and Andrew Ward also stand forth with Governor Eaton as great names in the initial era of this conservative old Commonwealth. At a somewhat subsequent period, four eminent Colonial families—the Wolcotts, Griswolds, Trumbulls and the Stratford Johnsons—were powerful factors in shaping the destinies of the formative epochs of Connecticut history. The Wolcotts furnished to the Commonwealth a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and several governors; the Trumbulls, more governors; the Stratford Johnson family connection, nine distinguished college presidents, besides a statesman and ecclesiastic of international repute. The fame of the Griswolds is heightened by the fact that the family connection included sixteen governors and forty-three chief justices.

The Stratford Johnsons—a family which performed as important services in statesmanship and the cause of education for New York as Connecticut—are descended from the Johnsons, who founded Uppingham College, England, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. The College, its façade quartered with the Johnson coat of arms, is still flourishing, and when the late Dr. Woolsey Johnson, of New York and Stratford, Conn., visited it a few years ago, the students were granted a half-holiday in his honor. Of the half-a-dozen or more old court families of Connecticut, none has shared its honors and prestige more equally with New York than the Stratford Johnsons. Some of its members were born in New York, the family having frequently in its history interchanged residence between New York City and Stratford, although an ancestral country house has always been maintained by them on the homestead property in Connecticut.

The Stratford Johnsons, as such, date from the Rev. Dr. Samuel Johnson, the first president of Columbia College, New York, who was born at Guilford, Conn., in 1696, removing early in life to Stratford. The Ven. Archdeacon Johnson, of the borough of Richmond, New York City; the Rev. Prof. Johnson, of Berkeley Divinity School, Connecticut; William Samuel Johnson, Esq., of Mamaroneck, N. Y.; the Rev. James LeBaron Johnson, of Grace Church, New York City; and Mrs. S. E. Johnson Hudson, of New York and Stratford, are lineal descendants of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Johnson, of Stratford,

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the first president of King's (now Columbia) College, and also in a double line from Jonathan Edwards.

Stratford-on-the-Sound, one of the loveliest villages of Connecticut, retains many of those attractive characteristics which it possessed when the Rev. Dr. Samuel Johnson first went there to add to it the lustre of his greatness. It was colonized in the reign of Charles I by a company of English planters, led by a Church of England clergyman. Among the Colonial proprietors were John Welles, the son of Governor Thomas Welles; Sergeant Francis Nichols, of London, who had been one of the famous horse guards of Charles I; and William Beardsley, from Stratford-on-Avon, who named the town after his birthplace. The Stratford and Fairfield planters, who held extensive landed possessions, were singled out from the various colonies of the State for their gentle blood and superior refinement. Stratford village was laid out in wide avenues, the main one at a width of more than one hundred feet, and at a central and commanding point the Rev. Dr. Samuel Johnson many years later fixed his abode. In 1725 he married a lady of wealth and high position—Mrs. Charity Nicoll, widow of Benjamin Nicoll, Esq., of the Nicoll Patent, Long Island, and daughter of Col. Richard Floyd, of Brookhaven, Long Island. The Long Island Floyds originally came from New Castle on the Delaware, in Wales. Mrs. Samuel Johnson was, on her mother's side of the house, a Woodhull, her mother being the daughter of an English gentleman who was first cousin to Lord Carew, father of the Bishop of Durham, whose niece was mother of the Earl of Waldegrave. At the recent Columbia College celebration on Morningside Heights, the new site of that institution in New York City, no other historic character played such a prominent part in the reminiscences of that notable day as that of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Johnson, its first president. Doctor Johnson, who had acted as the first tutor of Yale College, was called to be the first president of Columbia College, entering upon his duties in July, 1754. Doctor Johnson, by his character and talents, also made for himself a permanent place in American ecclesiastical history, besides enjoying high repute in the mother country. For awhile he stood alone as the only Episcopal clergyman in the State of Connecticut, and his influence was virtually equal to that of a Lord Bishop. The intimate friend of Bishop Berkeley, he was himself the author of a number of philosophical works, one of which was dedicated to Bishop Berkeley, and printed by Benjamin Franklin. Doctor Johnson's correspondence with Bishop Berkeley is still preserved among the collections of keepsakes at Johnson homestead, Stratford, Connecticut.

The Rev. Dr. Johnson's son, William Samuel Johnson, LL. D., second president of Columbia College, a statesman of great ability and renown, was chosen to represent Connecticut at the first Colonial Congress held in New York City, and drew up the remonstrance to the King. Later on he was deputy to England as the agent of the Connecticut Colony. An interesting paper made up of extracts from his diary was read not long ago, before the Colonial Dames of the State of New York, by the great-granddaughter of the famous statesman, Mrs. S. E. Johnson Hudson, of New York and Stratford, the present occupant of the Johnson homestead, Stratford, as a summer residence. William Samuel Johnson during his residence in England was on intimate terms with Dr. Samuel Johnson, the lexicographer, who presented him with an autograph copy of the dictionary, which is still preserved along with several letters from George Washington to William Samuel Johnson at the Stratford homestead.

William Samuel Johnson's son, Judge Samuel William Johnson, married Susan Edwards, the daughter of Hon. Pierrepont Edwards. By this union the Stratford Johnsons of the present day are descended in a double line from Jonathan Edwards. Among the other distinguished college presidents besides the two Johnson presidents of Columbia College, and Jonathan Edwards of Princeton, were Rev. Aaron Burr, Woolsey and Dwight of Yale, and Gilman of the Johns Hopkins University, who married Miss Woolsey, of New Haven, a sister of "Susan Coolidge," and niece of the late William Samuel Johnson, of Stratford. The New York connections of the Johnsons include the Van Rensselaers, Verplancks and Lawrences and Ex-Governor Hoadley.

The old Johnson homestead at Stratford fell by right of inheritance to the late William Samuel Johnson, who, after his retirement from an honorable legal career in New York City, maintained the establishment with all the quiet dignity of an English country gentleman. He married Miss Woolsey, a sister of President Woolsey, of Yale College. William Samuel Johnson's mother, the daughter of the Hon. Pierrepont Edwards, was always termed, by the townspeople of Stratford, "Lady Johnson." Archdeacon Johnson, of Staten Island, who married a Miss Lanier of excellent family, was a son of Edwards Johnson, of West Stratford, the brother of William Samuel Johnson. The chil-

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dren of Archdeacon Johnson are Philip Johnson, M. D., the Rev. James Le Baron Johnson, of New York City, and Anne Charity Johnson. The Rev. James Le Baron Johnson married, April 26, 1899, Mabel Van Rensselaer, daughter of the late Alexander Van Rensselaer, of New York City, and sister of Mrs. Edmund L. Baylies.

The Johnson homestead at Stratford, although of ample size, is severely plain in exterior, but its interior is singularly dignified and impressive throughout. The antique hall, hung with stags' horns, opens on one side into a drawing-room terminating in a Colonial apse, and filled with rare old family furniture, several pieces of it imported from France in the seventeenth century. The library, the most impressive room of the manse, with its doorway surmounted by ancient replicas of the Johnson, Pierrepont and Edwards coats of arms, numbers ten thousand volumes, the entire collection of books handed down from the Rev. Dr. Samuel Johnson, the first president of Columbia College, and his illustrious son, the Hon. William Samuel Johnson, who rendered important services preparatory to the framing of the Constitution of the United States. The later generations of the Stratford Johnsons through maternal lineage come down in direct line from Thomas Hooker, the founder of the constitution of Connecticut, after which that of the United States was modeled.

The dining room, at the right of the library of Johnson Homestead, contains one of the choicest and most extensive collections of old family portraits to be found in any house in the State of Connecticut; rising tier upon tier, they include a portrait of Jonathan Edwards, painted by Vandyke, and one of Samuel Johnson the lexicographer, done after the style of Sir Joshua Reynolds. As evinced by their ancestral portraits and by the personality of a number of living representations of the family, the Stratford Johnsons are a remarkably handsome clan.

The present head of the family, William Samuel Johnson, the son of the late Gen. Samuel William Johnson, and nephew of the late William Samuel Johnson, of Stratford, and who is to inherit Johnson Homestead, lives at Mamaroneck, N. Y., the homestead being occupied as a summer residence by his aunt, Mrs. S. E. Johnson Hudson, the widow of William Hudson, of New York, a member of a highly connected English family in whose honor Hudson Bay was named. Born in New York City, *distingue* in personal appearance, and named after her grandmother, Mrs. Samuel William Johnson (*née* Pierrepont), who was popularly known as "Lady Johnson," Mrs. S. E. Johnson Hudson fulfills one's ideal of a grande dame. She has spent much time abroad, is an accomplished linguist, and the regent for the State of Connecticut of the Ladies' National Mount Vernon Association, secretary of the same, a Colonial Dame of the State of New York, a prominent member of the Ladies' New York Club, and was one of the founders of the Daughters of the Cincinnati. [Contributed by Rev. C. W. de Lyon Nichols.]

LEWIS RAYMOND, for many years a prominent and successful real-estate operator in Norwalk and South Norwalk, with residence at the family homestead in Wilton, Fairfield county, was born July 21, 1807, in Wilton, Conn. After leaving school he was engaged in teaching, and was a successful teacher for several terms in his native town.

On March 12, 1834, Mr. Raymond married Miss Catherine Meeker, who was born December 9, 1811, a daughter of Hill and Charity (Sherwood) Meeker, of Greenfield Hill, Fairfield county. The children of this marriage were as follows: Hannah M. died young; Charles is also deceased; Lewis H. is still on the homestead; Hannah is now the widow of Charles A. Ambler, and Elizabeth is the youngest. The parents always attended the Congregational Church, and were liberal contributors to that organization. In politics Mr. Raymond was first a strong Whig, later an equally ardent Republican, but was no aspirant for official honors. He passed from earth November 20, 1881. In a large measure he was a self-made man, and by sound sense and good business judgment accumulated considerable property. He always took a keen interest in the home farm, Jesse B., his brother, conducting it, however.

Platt Raymond, father of Lewis, was born December 3, 1774, at the old family home at Norwalk, Conn., which stood in what is now known as Raymond street. In the town of Norwalk he followed agricultural pursuits all his life, in 1802 leading, and in 1803 buying his father's farm, in Wilton, known as Buckingham Ridge, the same that afterward by inheritance came into the possession of his four children, Jesse B., Alfred, Mehitable and Lewis —spoken of farther on. Platt Raymond married Hannah S. Benedict, who was born in January, 1779, and the names and dates of birth of their children are as follows: Jesse B., April 17, 1799, died August 8, 1872; Alfred, January 27, 1802, died October 20, 1828; Mehitabel, October 25, 1804, died March 29, 1888; and Lewis (subject proper of

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this sketch), July 21, 1807, died November 20, 1881. Of these, Lewis was the only one to marry. Platt Raymond and his wife were consistent members of the Congregational Church at Wilton, and there are still standing, in rear of the parsonage, trees planted there with his own hands.

Josiah Raymond, father of Platt, and grandfather of Lewis Raymond, was born in 1737 in Norwalk, Conn. On November 5, 1765, he married Polly Merwine, by whom he had a numerous family, Platt being the eighth child. Josiah was a lifelong farmer in the town of Norwalk, and was the owner of slaves, the marriage settlement of his wife, Polly (Merwine), being "fifteen slaves". During the Revolutionary war he served as a soldier in Captain Gregory's company Connecticut Militia, and was honorably discharged at the close of his term of his enlistment, but again joined the corps.

REV. WELLESLEY WELLINGTON BOWDISH, D. D. "All lives that are in the best sense worth living are so by virtue of being true to their own polarity. There is undoubtedly a certain line of life, a certain definite, however dimly defined, path predestined for each, and that achievement which we are accustomed to call success is simply the result of the vision that sees and the energy that follows the hidden but divine leading." So writes one of the most thoughtful litterateurs of our time, voicing a truth for the multitude which the world's greatest workers long ago perceived for themselves. In the history of the honored pastor of Danbury Methodist Episcopal Church we find revealed this dominating faith in the ideal, this zealous obedience, and note that it is not the accustomed forms of usefulness that have been most widely effective, but rather those in which he has sought by new methods to meet the ever-changing needs of his work.

It is natural that we should desire some knowledge of the personality of those who gain our esteem, and the following brief account of the Doctor's life will serve to introduce the better-known record of his career as a minister. To begin with, he has an excellent heredity, being a descendant of the famous old New England navigator, Nathaniel Bowditch, as the name was originally spelled. A genealogy compiled by a member of the Boston branch of the family reveals many of the race who have won distinction in various walks of life, notably in the ministry. The Doctor's father, Rev. William S. Bowdish, was an honored member of the Black River Conference, of which he was secretary for some time. His ability caused him to be appointed to the most important Churches in the Conference, and for years he served as presiding elder. His mother was the daughter of Samuel W. Stanton, who was a cousin of the late Secretary of War Stanton. Of their family, six sons and two daughters grew to maturity, and five of the sons became ministers in the Methodist Episcopal Church. But two are now living besides our subject: Rev. Arvine Clarke Bowdish, D. D., pastor of the Church at City Island, New York City, and Rev. Edward Somerville Bowdish, located in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dr. W. W. Bowdish was born at Fulton, Oswego Co., N. Y., his father being pastor of the Church there at that time. His education was begun in a public school, but later he attended the seminaries at Cooperstown, Fort Plain, and Cazenovia, N. Y., and then securing a State certificate from the authorities at Albany he began to teach in order to obtain the funds necessary for a course in the Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Conn. While a student at that institution he joined the New York East Conference. He preached considerably while in college, regularly taking charge of a congregation and overseeing the work of building a new church in Kensington, Conn., the cornerstone of which bears the date 1865, the year of his graduation. His Alma Mater bestowed upon him the degrees, of A. B. and A. M., and in 1882 he received that of D. D. from the Iowa Wesleyan University. Bishop Edmund S. James ordained him as a deacon and elder, and October 21, 1868, at New Haven, Conn., he pronounced the words which united our subject in the bonds of matrimony with Miss Jennie Elizabeth Camppell, of Quebec, Canada. One child was born to this marriage, Jennie (Camppell) Bowdish, who was a student in the American Conservatory of Music, in New York City, till the close of the college year in May, 1898. She was married October 26, 1899, in the Embury Memorial Methodist Church, to Charles R. Gay, manager of the New York office of the Manufacturers Fire Insurance Company. An adopted daughter is married to William H. Ziegler, of the firm of Barbour & Ziegler, wholesale coal merchants in New York.

Ministerial work has not circumscribed his sympathies, and Dr. Bowdish takes keen interest in all phases of life. As a citizen he upholds strongly the principles of the Republican party, and he belongs to various fraternal societies: The I. O. O. F., Noseehogan Lodge, at Waterbury, Conn.; the Masonic Veterans of Brooklyn,

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N. Y.; the F. & A. M., St. John's Lodge, No. 2, Middletown, Conn., and the K. T., Washington Commandery, No. 1, at Hartford, from which he took a dimit to Clinton Commandery, Brooklyn, N. Y., ex-Governor Seymour having been the one to dub him Sir Knight.

The list of pastorates filled by Dr. Bowdish constitutes in itself an honorable record of work done. Early in his career he had charge of three churches in the Borough of Brooklyn, N. Y., the Warren Street, Carroll Park, and First Place Church, and in the last named he served for two full pastorates. He then went to Washington Park Methodist Episcopal Church, Bridgeport, Conn., and later to First Church, Waterbury, where the growth of the congregation was so sufficiently increased that he was urged to build a second church, now known as St. Paul's. In the Borough of Manhattan, in Greater New York City, he was pastor of Trinity, Cornell Memorial, and the old John Street Churches, and then, returning to Brooklyn, he took charge of Embury Memorial, Decatur Street, and Lewis Avenue Church. At the latter church there was built during the Doctor's stay a new edifice, which is one of the finest in that celebrated "City of Churches." From this charge he came in 1896, to the Danbury church, the largest Protestant church now in Connecticut, where his labors have borne fruit in awakened zeal and interest. Plain and practical, popular as a teacher of spiritual truth, his sermons yet show the tenderness and sympathy of the ideal pastor who has learned the needs of his people in their own homes. Rich and poor find in him a genuine friend, and this quality more than any other has made his intellectual gifts effective. Revivals have usually continued throughout his pastorates with undiminished interest, multitudes of souls having been won to a better life. In fact, it is in the strictly religious lines of work that he has always been the most aggressive, although he has been eminently successful as a manager of the material interests of the Churches which he has served, building new edifices, and raising the debts on old ones, and caring for the varied benevolent enterprises as well as for current expenses. To quote the words of one who knew him well: "He is a genial gentleman, and a true friend. The more men of this all-round fidelity we have in the ministry the sooner will this sin-cursed world be won back to the Father."

As an instance of the originality and forceful character which have distinguished him we need only mention the inauguration of the inter-denominational services at John St. Church, Methodist Episcopal, in the Borough of Manhattan of Greater New York, which gained a national reputation and influence, and did much to aid the advance of practical catholicity of spirit among all Christians. The old church had lost much of its former usefulness through the removal of the residence portion of the city to up-town districts, and a serious problem confronted Dr. Bowdish when he began his work there. Old methods, such as he had followed successfully elsewhere, would not meet the peculiar needs of this historic Church, and he bravely launched into new lines, by which he developed and maintained a healthy, active Church life. The formerly-deplored encroachment of business blocks was turned to glorious advantage by the establishment of noonday prayer meetings for business men with results that none but the Recording Angel can know. Of the inter-denominational sermons, which were sustained through the three years of his pastorate, we will let the Doctor himself speak, copying from some remarks made by him at the Inter-denominational Jubilee Service held at the old John St. Methodist Episcopal Church, Monday afternoon, February 2, 1891. "I want to say that the first conception of these services ran along somewhat on the line of the Evangelical Alliance that calls us together once a year for prayer. One night after a very hard day's work I was unable to sleep, and was praying earnestly that God might show me something to do by which all business men might have the week of prayer in this part the city. It occurred to me that when I had been pastor of Churches up-town, the meetings were attended mostly by ladies. Why was it? It was because the men were down in this part of the city, and I said, 'if I can get one or two ministers of different denominations to come here and supply the pulpit, and lead in the services, we can have a week of prayer in lower New York.' But the topics and the leaders came up to my mind so quickly that I said, 'I think we might have a month of Evangelistical services here,' and the name 'Inter-denominational' being suggested, I filled it up in that way. Do you know that when we went to these dear ministers and asked them if they would take part in the first services, there was not one person who was not able to say yes. And so, during the entire three years, these services have been going on, and I have had some of the dearest fellowships I have ever known among the ministers of the different denominations in this and adjoining cities. I am glad that the trustees and the official board of this Church have seconded me in this effort. We are all glad that Old John St. Church with

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the memory of 125 years back of us, with prayer during all this time going up from the consecrated spot, is here holding her place among the business men of this city, and is to-day employed in some of the noblest work of her history. I shall feel a little lonesome possibly when these services close. God bless the dear ministers and laymen who have shared in these services during the past three years. I thank you for the resolutions you have passed. I am very much obliged to you for this expression of your regard."

Notwithstanding his arduous duties as pastor, Dr. Bowdish has found, or made, time to prepare several books for the press, including two volumes entitled "Inter-Denominational Sermons Delivered in the Old John Street Methodist Episcopal Church of Manhattan, Greater New York City." The first, published in 1890, contained 243 pages, and the second, in 1891, was still larger, 325 pages being required to preserve in this lasting form the inspiring words of those who helped in this memorable enterprise. It is the hope of all that this honored minister of the Lord Jesus Christ has many years of added usefulness before him, and the State will be glad to preserve his name among the excellent pastors of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ISAAC B. HALL is a leading agriculturist of the town of Sherman, and is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens, who have more than once called upon him to fill the offices of responsibility and trust in the community.

Mr. Hall comes of excellent ancestry, and in the early days the family was identified with the town of Trumbull, this county, his grandfather, Daniel Hall, having been there born and reared to the occupation of farming, which he followed throughout his life. He and his wife Jemima had six children: Alben; Lansing; Zalmon, who married Miss Malinda Bennett; Benjamin; Tabitha, wife of Curtis Edwards, and Mabel, wife of Hall Beardsley.

Alben Hall, our subject's father, was born October 20, 1798, in the town of Trumbull, where he received his earlier education. During his boyhood he spent a year on a coasting vessel, and afterward was apprenticed to a cloth manufacturer, with whom he learned the business of wool carding. He then established himself in that line of business, but after a short time he sold out, and for awhile was employed in teaching school, after which he engaged in general farming. In politics he was a stanch Democrat, and he took much interest in local affairs, holding various minor offices. His first wife, Hulda (Taylor), lived only eleven weeks after their marriage. She was born August 1, 1802, the daughter of Hiram Taylor, of Hucklebury Hill, in the town of Brookfield, this county, and was one of ten children, all of whom became a credit to their parents. Mr. Hall formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Miss Lola Turner, daughter of Enoch and Sylvia (Webb) Turner, of New Haven, Conn. She was a lady of marked mental ability, and for twenty-five years previous to her marriage she taught school. Her disposition was unusually bright and cheerful, and she won the love of all who knew her. She was a devout member of the Methodist Church at Sherman. She died at the homestead at an extremely advanced age, her faculties being clear to the last, however. Her father, who was but a boy of fourteen when the Revolutionary war broke out, served through that struggle; later he followed the mason's trade for some time, and his last years were spent in farming near Sherman. Alben and Lola Hall had two children, our subject being the younger. Phœbe A., born May 28, 1838, was educated in the town of Sherman, and for a few years previous to her death, which occurred when she was twenty-two years old, she was successfully engaged in teaching.

Isaac B. Hall was born August 22, 1839, in the town of Newtown, this county, where his education was begun in the common schools. Later he pursued his studies in a select school in Sherman under the instruction of C. B. Andrews, afterward governor of this State and now chief justice of the State Supreme Court. On leaving school Mr. Hall engaged in farming, which he has ever since followed in connection with butchering. He takes an active part in local affairs in the town of Sherman, being one of the leading Democrats of the locality, and he has held numerous offices, including those of assessor, member of the board of relief, and justice of the peace, and for many years he was a member of the school board. On November 9, 1869, he married Miss Abbie J. Wanzer, by whom he has had three children: Lottie P., born September 9, 1870; Emma L., born November 24, 1872, and Charles H., born December 9, 1875, and died July 25, 1876.

Mrs. Hall was born in the town of New Fairfield, this county, and was educated in the common schools. The Wanzer family dates back to Colonial times, having been first represented in this country by four brothers, Isaac, Jacob, Abraham and Cheshire, who came from

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Hessen-Cassel, Germany, in the latter part of the seventeenth century. Abraham settled in Connecticut, and Isaac and Jacob on Long Island; Cheshire's location is not known, all trace of him having been lost. Abraham Wanzer married Abigail Husted, a lady of English descent, and had two sons, Moses and Anthony. Moses married Elizapeth Knapp, who was also of English blood, and they had a numerous family of children, the names with dates of birth being as follows: Abraham, 12 mo., 16, 1748; Nicholas, 10 mo., 22, 1751; Gewiab, 12 mo., 5, 1753; Moses, 5 mo., 11, 1755; Ebenezer (1), 2 mo., 10, 1757, who died 1 mo., 16, 1758; Abigail, 9 mo., 6, 1758; Ebenezer (2), 6 mo., 3, 1760; Husted, 2 mo., 3, 1762; Elizabeth, 6 mo., 17, 1764; John, 7 mo., 13, 1766, and Anna, 1 mo., 9, 1771. Of these, John Wanzer, Mrs. Hall's grandfather, who was born in the town of New Fairfield, became a successful farmer of the same locality. He married Miss Grace Swords, daughter of Francis Dawson Swords, who is mentioned more fully below. The children of this union were Abraham, born 4 mo., 22, 1793; Isaac, 11 mo., 26, 1795; Jacob, 4 mo., 3, 1798; Ithamer, 9 mo., 13, 1800; Abigail, 9 mo., 5, 1802; Amittia, 8 mo., 1, 1805; Elizabeth, 8 mo., 26, 1807; John J., 12 mo., 13, 1809; Francis D. S., 6 mo., 2, 1812; Abbie J., 1 mo., 16, 1815, and Willis H., 8 mo., 20, 1818. Mrs. Hall's father, Francis D. S. Wanzer, was born and reared in the town of New Fairfield, where he was educated in the common schools, and later engaged in farming. In politics he was a Democrat, and he did much for the support of the party in his neighborhood, serving at times in town offices. He was a "birth-right Quaker." On November 14, 1838, he married Lucia S. Osborn, and had nine children, whose names with dates of birth are here given: H. A., April 13, 1840; S. F., October 13, 1841; M. E., February 22, 1843; A. J., August 5, 1844; R. D., November 21, 1846; F. P., June 10, 1850; T. G., December 17, 1852; G. T., September 18, 1854; C. E., October 22, 1856. All of this family are, at this writing, living, except Sarah F., who died February 22, 184–. The father passed away February 17, 1875, the mother on May 24, 1882.

Lucia S. Osborn was born March 7, 1818, the daughter of Stephen Osborn, of New Milford. He was born November 4, 1781, and was married November 2, 1815, to Thalia Leach Dayton, a widow with one son, F. C. Dayton, born May 26, 1813. She was born September 1, 1791, and died April 12, 1860. Their children were Sarah M., born September 12, 1816; Lucia S., Mrs. Hall's mother; Charlotte E., born November 3, 1819, died March 4, 1821; C. H., born September 10, 1821; Charles H., born July 26, 1823; Phœbe C., born April 12, 1825, died July 12, 1826; M. A., born May 31, 1827, died May 5, 1898; and Susan P., born December 30, 1830, who is still living.

Francis Dawson Swords, Mrs. Hall's ancestor, came from Canada about 1750, and located in Greenfield, Conn. He served in the French and Indian wars of his time. His education was unusually good for those days, and for some time he taught school. He always wore buckled shoes, which had been in fashion in his youth and early manhood, believing it to be beneath him to begin in later years "to fasten his shoes with strings." By his second wife, Amittia (Graves), of Boston, a lady of English parentage, he had the following children: Francis, born 7 mo., 17, 1763; Elizabeth, 9 mo., 16, 1766; Libbeus, 1 mo., 21, 1769; Lovia, 11 mo., 17, 1770; Hector, 3 mo., 5, 1772; and Grace, 9 mo., 11, 1774. Of these, Francis died at Craler Ferry in July, 1778, and Hector at Calcutta in 1793.

LEVI FRANKLIN SHERWOOD, one of Southport's able and enterprising merchants, is one whose history bears witness to a high ideal of citizenship. A successful business man, a progressive and public-spirited citizen, his example is worthy of emulation.

Mr. Sherwood was born February 28, 1839, at Greenfield Hill, Fairfield Co., Conn., a son of Eli Sherwood and a grandson of Hezekiah Sherwood, a farmer of Greenfield Hill, who was twice married and had a large family of children, Eli being the eldest son by the first wife. Grandfather Sherwood was a jovial friend and a man of excellent heart, in his later years being a great friend of the young folks, for whom he always had a pleasant and merry word. He was born April 28, 1777, and died May 8, 1851; his first wife, Mabel (Banks), was born October 31, 1781, and died May 20, 1805. They sleep their last sleep in Greenfield Hill cemetery.

Eli Sherwood, the father of our subject, was born May 26, 1801, at Greenfield Hill, Fairfield county, and received such education as was within reach of the farmer boy of his time. In early manhood he married Miss Anna Caroline Banks, a native of Greenfield Hill, and daughter of Jonathan Banks, Jr., and Abigail (Wakeman), the former of whom was born March 24, 1783, and died October 19, 1820, from the result of an accident; the mother was born November 27, 1786,

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and died October 20, 1841. A brief record of the children born to Eli and Anna C. (Banks) Sherwood is as follows: (1) Augustus J. (deceased) was for many years a school teacher, was a widely-known man and a well-to-do citizen; he was a prominent Democrat, and represented his district in the State Legislature. (2) Erastus B. was a merchant at Rockville Center, L. I. (3) Levi Franklin is the next in order of birth. (4) Mary A. married Henry Lockwood, and died at Greenfield Hill. (5) Anna A., the youngest, died unmarried. Eli Sherwood was a lifelong farmer in the vicinity of Greenfield Hill, and met with an average degree of success in his occupation. He was a Democrat, but not active in politics, merely recording his vote regularly. He was above the average in height, strong and wiry, always industrious and full of energy until within a short time of his death, and during his busy lifetime did a vast amount of work. He and his wife were consistent members of the Greenfield Congregational Church. He passed from earth at the age of seventy-nine, Mrs. Sherwood when seventy-five years old; their names are recorded in Oaklawn cemetery.

Levi F. Sherwood secured a liberal education at the village schools, and supplemented same with an attendance of one year and six months at Easton Academy, laying aside his school books at the age of sixteen, up to which time he had aided, as best he could, in the farm work. He then went to Saugatuck, Fairfield county, and for over two years clerked in the dry-goods and grocery store of A. L. Winton, the first year on a salary of $50 and board, and the second year receiving $100 and a present of a silver watch as a token of appreciation, which he now prizes highly. This was the commencement of a remarkably successful mercantile career. From Saugatuck he removed to Lyons Plain, Conn., and clerked in a store there, but not long, and we next find him "on the road." For nine years he traveled throughout Long Island, part of the time selling his own goods, part of the time representing others. By perseverance, industry and thrift he succeeded in amassing some means, and in 1866 he came to Southport, becoming a partner in a general store business with his cousin, Simon Banks, the style of the firm being Banks & Sherwood. In connection with their store they ran a market boat weekly to and from New York, and also dealt in coal and wood. At the end of four years Mr. Sherwood sold out his interest to Mr. Banks, and shortly afterward he purchased the hardware business of the heirs of David Bradley, at that time carried on in Mr. Sherwood's present store. Mr. Bradley had also been postmaster of the village, and Mr. Sherwood was appointed his successor in that incumbency, serving fifteen consecutive years, until Cleveland's first administration. By the gradual introduction of groceries, grain, flour and feed, our subject expanded the business, in course of time abandoning the hardware branch, and confining the trade entirely to the lines above mentioned—as it stands at present, the most extensive one in Southport.

On September 26, 1866, Mr. Sherwood was married, in Easton, to Miss Esther Wheeler, a very estimable and worthy young lady, who was born November 22, 1845, a daughter of John and Malvina (Smith) Wheeler, and children as follows have been born to them: Royal Wheeler, who is a traveling salesman; Lillian Esther, who died when four years old; and Annie Wheeler, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood are members of the Congregational Church at Southport, with which they united in November, 1870, Mr. Sherwood being deacon in same, a member of the executive board and also superintendent of the Sunday-school for a number of years. A Republican in politics, he takes an active interest in the affairs of the party. He is a zealous official of the Southport Savings Bank, and, taken all in all, he stands to-day as one of Southport's most useful, most enterprising and most loyal citizens, having no superior. Purely self-made, he has, by indefatigable energy, consummate business tact, and honest and fair dealings in all his transactions, accumulated a nice property, and reached the enviable position he how holds in society. He has many sterling characteristics, but the most noted is his integrity, for his word can always be depended upon—his inheritance, he claims, being the training of Christian parents.

HON. HENRY BERND, of Danbury, is one of the most distinguished citizens of the county, his successful business career and his long and faithful service in various offices of public trust giving him a wide reputation. His popularity among his fellow townsmen is shown by the political honors gained through their constant support, and his ability and fidelity have justified their confidence. As one of the substantial business men remarked to the writer—"All through his public career you cannot point to a dishonest act."

Senator Bernd is a member of an old Pensylvania family, and his grandfather, George Bernd, was born in the city of Philadelphia. The late Peter Bernd, the Senator's father, was a native

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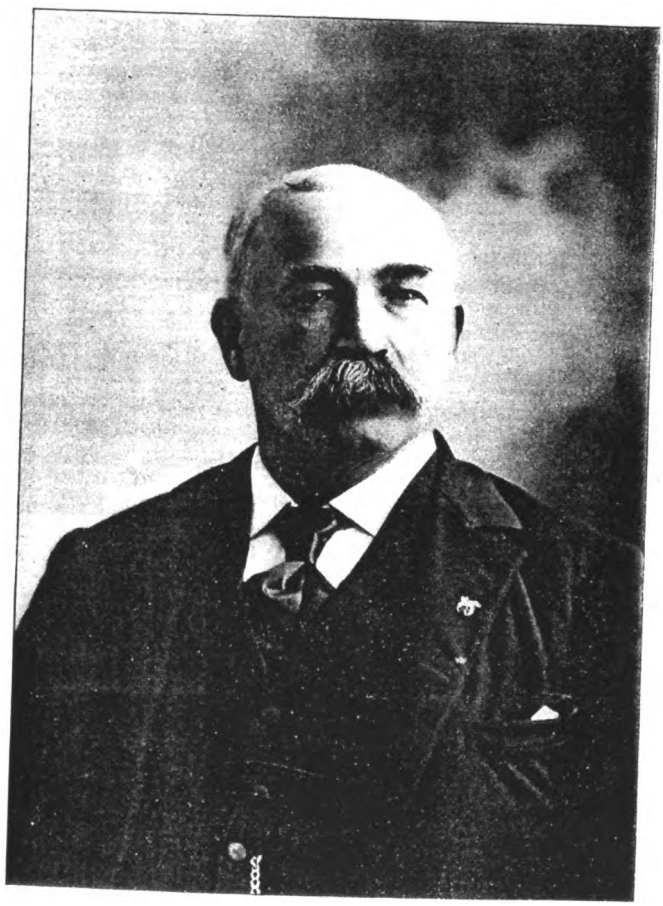

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of Montgomery county, Penn. born June 13, 1801. In 1836 he settled at Upper Milford, in the same State, and remained until 1855, when he made his permanent home at Allentown, Penn. He died there from paralysis on March 11, 1882, aged eighty years, eight months and twenty-eight days. He was greatly esteemed by all who knew him, his sterling qualities of character being revealed in all the varied walks of life. Intelligent, industrious and thrifty, he left an unblemished reputation as a citizen, while in the closer relations of social and domestic life he was always kind, loving and considerate, his constant aim being to leave no Christian duty undone. His beloved wife, whose maiden name was Christiania Hoffman, passed to the unseen life some years before him, and a tasteful monument over her grave at Allentown bears this inscription:

OUR MOTHER.
CHRISTIANIA H.
WIFE OF
PETER BERND.
BORN IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA.
MAY 28, 1795.
DIED
AUGUST 20, 1873,
AGED 80 YEARS, 2 MONTHS, AND 22 DAYS.
"DEAREST MOTHER, THY CARES AND TROUBLES ARE O'ER, THY ONLY ENEMY IS CONQUERED."

This worthy couple reared a family of nine children: John, a resident of Emans, Penn.; William, of Michigan; Jesse, of Reading, Penn., Peter, Jeremiah and Henry, all residing in Danbury, Conn.; Lovina, wife of William Osmun, of Allentown, Penn.; Christiania, wife of William Bortz, of Americus, Kans.; and Elizabeth, who married Enoch Wetzell, of Lehigh county, Penn., but now a resident of West Point, Nebraska.

Hon. Henry Bernd was born at the old home in Allentown, January 15, 1837, and received his education in the common schools of that city. At an early age he learned the cigar maker's trade, completing his apprenticeship when only fifteen years old, and for some time he worked at this business in different places in Pennsylvania. In April, 1856, he located at Danbury, where he was employed at his trade for about two years, but in October, 1858, when but twenty-one years of age, he began manufacturing cigars on his own account, establishing a wholesale and retail business. His capital amounted to $120, but his fund of energy and shrewd judgment made good the lack of money, and on January 1, 1885, he retired from the business with a handsome competence. He has been and is identified with various important enterprises, and at the organization of the Electric Light Company of Danbury, which has since been merged with the Danbury Gas Company, he was chosen its first president. He is a director in the Danbury and Bethel Electric Railroad Company, and for many years past has held the same relation to the Danbury Gas Company.

On May 28, 1863, Mr. Bernd married Miss Clarissa J. Leibensperger, daughter of David and Polly (Smith) Liebensperger, of Allentown, Penn., and they have four children: Arthur E., Idella May, Jennie C. and Cora B. Mr. and Mrs. Bernd are members of the Lutheran Church at Allentown, Penn., but they attend the First Congregational Church at Danbury. Their pleasant home, at No. 13 Delay street, is a center of hospitality, and Mr. Bernd is an active member of various social orders, including the "Town Club," of Danbury; Union Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 28, R. A. M.; Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., and the Mystic Shrine.

In recent years Mr. Bernd has given much of his time to public affairs, and the characteristics which brought him success in the commercial world in the face of heavy odds have told equally well in his service to his fellowmen. Always a leader in anything in which he chooses to interest himself, he has, since entering the arena of politics, been one of the foremost members of the Republican party in the State, and his conscientious adherence to duty, his faithfulness to promises, and, above all, his good sense and judgment, have won him an unusually high place in the esteem and confidence of the public. Though the honors of which he has proved himself so deserving have no doubt been gratifying, they have never to Mr. Bernd been of greater importance than his own self-respect, which is ever, in his opinion, as important and difficult to gain and retain as the more ostentatious homage of the public. His indomitability, developed in years of struggle for pre-eminence in business circles, has shown itself on more than one occasion in his career as an official, and, as will be seen in the record of his services for various movements for the benefit and improvement of the community in general, he labors persistently until he carries his point, and by his coolness and systematic methods overcomes obstacle after obstacle until his object is attained. He is self-reliant in everything he undertakes, a deep thinker, and with a mind as liberal and lofty as it is ambitious, a wide-reaching spirit of enterprise, refined tastes and sympathies that give

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him touch with all classes, he has made a record as a public worker, not only in his own locality, but all over the State, of which he may justly be proud. And yet in all this Mr. Bernd has only shown himself, as he is, a man public-spirited and aspiring for the good of his fellow-men, with a fine sense of duty, and capable in its performance.

In 1884 Mr. Bernd became prominent in municipal life, being elected a member of the board of burgesses of Danbury, then a borough, and this office he held for two years. On October 1, 1885, he was chosen third selectman, and in the following year he was made first selectman. In October, 1887, he was again elected as the third member of the board of selectmen, and from October, 1888, to 1893, when he did not run for the office, he served continuously as first selectman. In 1885 the town debt was $75,000, but during Mr. Bernd's service as selectman this was entirely wiped out, the auditor's report for September 28, 1892, showing a surplus of $8,984.69. During this time the rate of taxation was lowered from ten mills to five mills. In 1894 Mr. Bernd was again elected first selectman, and during that term the new almshouse was completed. In 1896 he was made the nominee of his party for the same position, against his will, but he was not elected.

In November, 1894, Mr. Bernd was elected to the State Senate from the Fifteenth Senatorial District, by a majority of 436, and for two years he took a prominent part in the work of that body, serving on the committee on Humane Institutions and the Putnam Memorial committee. One of his greatest achievements was the securing of an increase in the annual appropriation for the Danbury Hospital. The *Evening News*, of Danbury, says under date of June 13, 1895: "In the Senate yesterday, the petition concerning the annual appropriation to the Danbury Hospital was taken up. Senator Bernd had made a strong effort in behalf of the petition, but had been handicapped by the action of the committee on Appropriations, which had reported unanimously against the measure. Yesterday, however, the tide turned and much of the opposition was silenced. Senator Bernd made a stirring speech, and was ably seconded by several other senators. At last the petition was withdrawn, and a resolution was offered providing that the annual appropriation to the hospital be $5,000. The resolution was submitted to a vote and passed unanimously.

"The speech of Senator Bernd is said to have been one of the best delivered in the Senate during the present session. It was enthusiastically applauded, and after the Senate had adjourned Senator Bernd was the recipient of many congratulations. A part of the speech is printed below:

MR. PRESIDENT:—I regret exceedingly that I am compelled to take the floor in behalf of a measure that should have received the unanimous approbation of the committee on appropriations and which should receive the hearty support of every member of this body. It is not my desire to make a long speech at this time, but I feel it to be my duty to lay before you a few pertinent facts, and ask you to consider them from the standpoint of charity and humanity. One of the noblest institutions in this grand old commonwealth, Mr. President and gentlemen of the Senate, is the Danbury Hospital.

That Hospital, last year, received patients from twenty-four towns. One hundred and twenty-two patients were received and cared for during the year. Of those, the great majority were charity patients. A very large proportion were emergency cases, the patients being victims of railway and other accidents. The field covered by the Danbury Hospital is larger than that covered by any other hospital in the State of Connecticut. We are situated in the northwestern part of the State and draw patients from the section that includes the whole of Litchfield and the larger part of Fairfield counties.

Mr. President, the managers of the Danbury Hospital ask that the appropriation granted by the State be increased from $3,000 to $5,000 per year; not for the purpose of extending its already great and important work, but to enable it to continue its existence. The sum that has been received from the State has been insufficient to pay the running expenses of the hospital, and the citizens have been called upon time and again to make up the deficiencies. The churches have aided to the best of their ability, but they were able to do but little. The total amount received from the churches last year was only $81.50, and the subscriptions from individuals were proportionately small.

Poverty, Mr. President, has increased the number of charity patients at the hospital, and has almost wiped out the class of paying patients. The managers have repeatedly been obliged to put their hands in their pockets to enable the hospital to continue its work. They are no longer able to contribute so generously, and are compelled to ask that the State come to their assistance. They do not ask any more than is given to every other institution of its kind in the State. I desire to call your attention to the fact that every other general hospital in this State receives from the State $5,000 per year. Most of them have large endowment funds also. The Danbury Hospital is a comparatively new institution and struggling hard for an existence. Shall it be said that this General Assembly allowed the doors of this noble institution to be closed and its suffering inmates to be turned out into the world for the sake of saving a few dollars that they may be spent for far less worthy causes? I say reverently, God forbid such economy! The Danbury Hospital needs money; not at some future time when there is less need for rigid economy, but it needs it *now—to-day*.

Mr. President, your committee on humane institutions visited this hospital recently, and made a thorough investigation of its work and all that appertains to it. That committee unanimously recommended the increase of appropriation asked for. They did not make that report without knowing full well that every dollar of the appropriation was needed, and would be carefully and judiciously expended.

Mr. President, I appeal to this Senate to grant this additional appropriation. I appeal for charity's sake and for God's sake that the State of Connecticut intercede to save the Danbury Hospital from having its doors closed and its keys handed over to the keeping of its creditors. It is not much to ask—only $2,000. It is only what you are giving every general hospital in the State. If we are to economize, Mr. President, let us not do so at the cost of human agony. Human forms mangled by the ruthless hand of accident, forms wasted by sickness, are dependent upon the generosity of the people for comfort and proper care. Eyes made tear-

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ful by distress are looking piteously toward you, gentlemen of the Senate, and voices made tremulous by affliction and pain are lifted in a fervent appeal that they may be accorded the slight boon it is within your power to grant.

Mr. President, and gentlemen of the Senate, before closing I desire to call your attention to the case of a very poor man who was supposed to be critically ill. A consultation of physicians decided that by an operation there was one chance in a hundred of saving his life. He was taken to the Danbury Hospital, and the operation was performed. In a few weeks he began to recover, and to-day is well and strong. That man, Mr. President, has a wife and seven little children depending on him for support. I tremble to think of their pitiable condition if the husband and father had died. It is because we had the Danbury Hospital and the operation was performed that he is alive to-day. There is a still more harrowing case there now. A three-years-old child has a disease that has almost destroyed its eyes. The physicians said that in order to save it from total blindness it must be sent to the hospital where it would receive care and treatment that would be impossible at its home. The little one was taken to the hospital, and is well on the road to recovery. But it requires the almost constant attention of a trained nurse. Every fifteen minutes, day and night, for many weeks, that poor little sufferer has been taken on the lap of a trained nurse who has bathed its fevered head, and washed its almost sightless eyes until recovery is assured.

Mr. President and Senators, I ask if the restoration of sight to that one helpless babe is not worth many times more than the entire cost of the hospital? Suppose that child was yours or mine, Mr. President or gentlemen of the Senate, would we not feel that it was the duty of the State to save it, whatever the cost might be? If there had been no hospital at Danbury, that poor babe would have been condemned to a life of blindness and perhaps would have been a charge on the State for its whole life.

These are but two cases out of a very large number. It is needless to say more. I leave it with this body to decide whether Danbury shall lose its hospital so that this General Assembly shall acquire a reputation for economy.

COMMENTS ON SENATOR BERND'S SPEECH. "Adverse report by the appropriations committee on increasing the annual appropriation to the Danbury Hospital from $3,000 to $5,000. Senator Bernd advocated the increase in an interesting speech. Senator Chandler also spoke in its favor. Senator Marigold gave a helping word, as did Senators Warner, Webster, Fuller and Douglass. The report of the committees was rejected and the resolution passed. Senator Bernd was congratulated on his victory."—Hartford *Times*.

"The Senate overturned the appropriations committee to-day by voting to give $2,000 additional annually to the Danbury Hospital. Senator Bernd, of Danbury, made the fight for the appropriation. While he was discussing the measure one of the messengers put a glass of water on his desk. 'I don't take water, bring me a beer,' said the Senator, and the remark caused an uproar in the chamber."—New Haven *Register*.

"Bernd, of Danbury, won a decisive victory over the appropriations committee by getting the Senate to vote $2,000 for the Danbury Hospital. The committee had reported against the appropriation. Mr. Converse, of Stafford, felt so badly over the Senate's action that he engaged Bernd in a wordy squabble during recess. He threatened to kill the measure in the House, but as Bernd has many friends in that body the young Stafford gentleman may not be able to carry out his threat."—Bridgeport *Farmer*.

"The unfavorable reports of the committee on appropriations on the appropriation of $5,000 for the Danbury Hospital caused considerable debate. Senator Bernd, of Danbury, made a long speech advocating the extra appropriation. He showed that the hospital was of direct benefit to the whole western section of the State, and he told of the good work it had done. He advocated the appropriation very strongly. Senators Chandler, Marigold, Coffey, Douglas and Warner supported Senator Bernd's appeal. Senator Bernd carried his point, and the appropriation was made. Shortly after one o'clock the Senate took a recess till two o'clock."

The Meriden *Republican* said: "Senator Bernd, of Danbury, made the hit of the session in the Senate to-day. The court of appeals had reported unfavorably on his bill to increase the annual appropriation of $3,000 to the Danbury Hospital to $5,000. His committee (humane institutions) had previously reported in favor of the appropriation. He started in to carry the appropriation through, and by appealing to the Senate for 'humanity's, for charity's, for God's sake', to pass the appropriation, succeeded."

New Haven *Journal and Courier* said: "In the Senate this afternoon, Senator Bernd, of Danbury, won a notable victory in the face of an adverse report from the committee on appropriations. The bill appropriates $5,000 for the Danbury Hospital, and Senator Bernd made a telling speech in its favor, and the bill was passed without opposition. After the vote the Senator was warmly congratulated upon his success."

HENRY BURR CURTISS, a military veteran, has been a resident of Bridgeport for a number of years, and his sterling qualities of character have won for him the friendship and esteem of the people of that pleasant city.

Mr. Curtiss belongs to one of our oldest families, and is a direct descendant in the eighth generation from William Curtiss (1), an Englishman, who came to America in 1632, and located at Roxbury, Mass., his wife and five children joining him there in the spring of 1634. As a more complete account of the family is given elsewhere, we will briefly trace the line of descent to our subject, which includes William (2),

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a pioneer settler at Stratford, who died December 21, 1702; Zachariah (November 14, 1659, June —, 1748), who married Hannah Porter; Zachariah (2), who died June 12, 1748; Mitchell, who was married February 11, 1753, to Phœbe Peet; Daniel Mitchell, born January 5, 1755, who married Hepsey Burr; and Ira Curtiss, our subject's father (December 8, 1800—June 21, 1849), who married Mrs. Sally (Bradley) Burrit, of Stratford, and always made his home at the old farm near Nichols.

Our subject was born September 29, 1840, at the old homestead near Nichols, and his education was mainly obtained in the schools of that village. In his youth he served an apprenticeship in the carriage shops of Nichols Brothers, giving especial attention to the making of carriage bodies; but when the Civil war broke out he decided to offer his services to the government. On July 22, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, 5th C. V. I., for the term of three years, during which he saw much severe fighting. On August 9, 1862, he was wounded at Cedar Mountain, Va., but after five months confinement in a hospital he returned to his regiment, with which he remained until mustered out July 22, 1864, at Chattanooga, Tenn. On his return home he engaged in general mercantile business in Nichols, continuing successfully for thirteen years, but since 1885 he has resided in Bridgeport in his pleasant home at No. 348 Noble avenue. He is a member of Elias Howe, Jr., Post No. 3, G. A. R., at that place, and is also an active worker in the Masonic Fraternity, belonging to St. John's Lodge No. 8, F. & A. M., at Stratford, and the Chapter, Council and Commandery at Bridgeport.

On October 18, 1866, Mr. Curtiss married Mrs. Ellen J. Dewhurst, who passed to the unseen life January 19, 1870. On November 12, 1871, he formed a second union, this time with Miss Anna A. Marshall, who died August 7, 1878. He has had five children. The two by the first marriage are: (1) Anna Sarah, born February 3, 1868, and (2) George, born January 11, 1870. By the second union there were three children: (3) Charles Turney, born October 7, 1872, who was married June 5, 1895, to Miss Mary A. B. Nordahy, and has one son, Charles Henry, born March 14, 1896; (4) Caroline Esther, born August 4, 1874; and (5) Augusta M., born July 29, 1878.

ABRAHAM TRAVIS CLASON, M. D. (deceased). For more than a quarter of a century this gifted practitioner ranked among the foremost members of the medical profession in this section, his pre-eminent ability and skill in surgery being recognized not only in his chosen home, Danbury, but throughout this and adjacent counties in Connecticut and New York; and in fact on more than one occasion he was called to New York City to assist in some critical case wherein his special knowledge was desired. It has been said that "the boy is father to the man," and in boyhood Dr. Clason displayed in a marked degree the natural aptitude for the noble calling in which he afterward became distinguished. That this ability was inherited there can be no doubt, as his father, Solomon Clason, was a leading physician in West Chester, N. Y. One day, when our subject was but ten years old, he was playing snowball with some schoolmates, and to add zest to the sport they "loaded" the balls, each being molded around a stone. The missiles were decidedly dangerous, and before long one of the boys received a bad scalp wound three or four inches long, and down to the bone. As Dr. Solomon Clason was away from home at the time the little ten-year-old offered to dress the wound, and so well did he perform the task that when the father returned and the sufferer was brought to him for inspection he declared that he himself could have done no better. Other cases requiring prompt surgical attention were treated by him from time to time with complete success, and while a mere boy he became known as the "Professor."

Dr. Clason was a native of the Empire State, having first seen the light at Peekskill-on-the-Hudson March 22, 1840. His grandparents, Solomon and Ruth (Smith) Clason, resided at Stamford, Conn. where Dr. Solomon Clason, our subject's father, was born in April, 1792. The latter passed his youth at Stamford, attending the public schools and afterward the academy, from which he was graduated. When only eighteen years old he became a teacher in the academy, and while thus engaged he began the study of medicine with Dr. Hubbard, of the same city. After teaching several years he went to Fishkill, New York, and continued his studies under the direction of Dr. White, and later he entered the Medical Department of the University of New York, where Dr. North, Dr. Kissam, Dr. Watt and other physicians of note were then teaching. On graduating, in 1828, he located at Peekskill, and there he established a large and lucrative practice on general lines. His death occurred at Stormville, Dutchess county, N. Y. on May 18, 1864, when he was in his seventy-second year. He married Mary

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Lyon, who was born July 6, 1795, in Bedford, N. Y. and died December 8, 1858. She was a granddaughter of Major Samuel Lyon and daughter of John and Sarah (Smith) Lyon. Major Lyon was an officer in the Revolutionary army and an intimate friend of General Washington and Governor John Jay. During the latter's absence in Europe on diplomatic business Major Lyon took charge of his estate at Bedford, Westchester county, New York, purchasing an adjoining place where he afterward continued to reside. Thomas Lyon was a large land-holder, owning three thousand acres in one tract, and the Byram tract of eight miles on the Sound, while disposing of much more, he retained and divided between his descendants, on which some of them still reside.

Our subject was the youngest in a family of three children, none of whom ever married and all are now deceased: Sarah Lyon Clason was born in Bedford, N. Y., May 28, 1830, and died suddenly May 21, 1898; John Addison, born April 6, 1833, in Bedford, N. Y., died at Mullen, Hooker Co., Neb., October 12, 1894.

Dr. Clason's education was begun under private tutors, and he entered Peekskill Academy, where he studied for several years. His father was his preceptor in medicine, and after a preliminary course of reading he pursued his professional studies in the Medical Department of the University of New York, the same institution which his father had attended. In 1865 he completed the regular course and received his degree, but he spent one year in the hospitals of New York and Brooklyn, taking special work, for which he was awarded an extra diploma. As the Civil war was in progress during his attendance at college, he had unusual opportunities for practical work in surgery The old St. Thomas Hospital in Central Park was devoted to the wounded soldiers who were constantly being sent north from the battlefield, and operations were frequent. The university was permitted to send four undergraduates to visit the hospital and assist the surgeons as might be required, and our subject was one of the fortunate ones chosen by the professors to this coveted post. In 1867 Dr. Clason opened his office in Danbury, where he remained in active practice until his death, which occurred June 16, 1896. He passed away at the comparatively early age of fifty-six.

So thoroughly absorbed was Dr. Clason in his professional labors, and in the research necessary to keep abreast of scientific advance in all branches of his calling, that he would never consent to take public office of any kind, believing that an undivided allegiance was due to his chosen work. His sympathies were always on the side of progress, and he took an intelligent interest in the great issues of the time, his political affiliations being with the Republican party.

Dr. Clason, on his mother's side, was a direct descendant of Sir John DeLyon, first Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorn; Viscount Lyon, Baron Glammis, Tannadyce Reidlaw, and Stradichte, who married Lady Jane Stuart, daughter of Robert the Second, through Thomas Lyon, a landholder in Fairfield and Westchester counties, residing at Greenwich, Conn. The following is a description of the crest, which can be found in "Fairbank's Crests of Great Britain and Ireland." Within two branches of laurel a lady to the girdle vested in Dexter, the Royal Thistle, all proper, in allusion to the alliance of Sir John DeLyon with Lady Jane, daughter of Robert the Second.—Motto: "*In te Domine speravi*" ("In Thee, O, Lord! have I placed my hope."). —Crest: Plate 2, Crest 10, branches same plate, Crest 11—Thistle Plate 36, Crest 6. [The Coat of Arms will be found in "Burke's Peerage."]

JOHN DAVENPORT is the senior partner of the Davenport & Tracey Co., of Stamford, Conn., who are to-day known as the largest producers of piano plates in the world, and also as extensive manufacturers of piano hardware. They have established a reputation for first-class work, wherever their wares have been introduced, and attained a business standing unsurpassed by any in their line and equalled by few.

This house was established in 1868, the first factory being located on the corner of Third avenue and Fifty-seventh street, New York City, whence, in the fall of 1872, the plant was removed to Jersey City. The company was incorporated in 1876, and continued operations in Jersey City, until 1887, when they settled on the present site in Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn. A new foundry and other buildings were erected, and they directed their attention especially to the manufacture of piano plates, also turning out all varieties of piano hardware. The capital stock is all owned now by John Davenport and Daniel F. Tracey, who have made good use of the unusual excellent facilities at their disposal of increasing their patronage and acquiring a name second to none in their line. With generous means at their command, and a solid backing of sound, practical knowledge of all the requirements necessary to produce the finest grade of piano plates gained in sixteen years of experience, success came to them immediately, and

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the growth of their business was nothing short of phenomenal. Success is such a convenient term, and so commonly used, that it scarcely expresses the situation here; but some idea of what this one firm has accomplished may be gained from the simple statement that while in 1884 they sold 275 plates, their custom so increased that in 1891 they made the enormous quantity of 23,400 plates, and filled a corresponding large demand for their piano hardware. Such rapid and steady development does not follow every business venture, even under the most favorable circumstances, and it is only giving "honor to whom honor is due" to say that the advancement of this firm is the natural outcome only when such qualities of sagacity, enterprise and sound judgment as are found in the heads of this house are combined with ample financial resources, which though necessary in any undertaking of such magnitude, are not sufficient in themselves to guarantee success.

John Davenport is a native of the town of Stamford, born August 28, 1840, and traces his descent in America through a line of patriotic and distinguished ancestors to one of the oldest settlers of New England. Following the lineage still farther back, we find that he is of the twenty-third generation in direct line from (1) Ormus De Daveneporte, who was born in the year 1086, and assumed the local name in the county of Chester, England. He was a witness of the charter of enfranchisement of Gilbert Venables in the time of William II or Henry I of England. (2) Richard de Davenport, born in 1136, was chief forester of Leek and Macclesfield. He married Amabilia, daughter of Gilbert Venables, baron of Kinderton. (3) Thomas de Davenport lived during the reign of King Henry II. (4) Richard de Davenport was granted by Randle de Blundleville, Earl of Chester, acquittance from suit in the Shire and Hundred Court for himself and heirs—1206-1226. (5)Vivian de Davenport was granted the grand sergeancy of the forests of Leek and Macclesfield—1209-1226. He married Beatrix Ellen, daughter of Bertrand de Hulme. (6) Roger of Davenport married Mary, daughter of Robert Salemon. (7) Sir Thomas of Davenport died in 1320. His first wife was Agnes, daughter of Sir Thomas de Macclesfield, and his second was Roesia, daughter of Ralph de Vernon. (8) Thomas Davenport married Elizabeth ———. (9) Sir John Davenport married Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Legh. (10) Nicholas Davenport married Ellen, widow of Edward. (11) Christopher Davenport, of Woodford, married Alice, daughter of Hugh Arderm, in 1415. (12) John Davenport, of Woodford, married Alice Prestwick, who died in 1447. (13) Nicholas Davenport, of Woodford, died prior to February 9, 1522. He married Margaret Savage. (14) Christopher Davenport married Emma, daughter of John Blunt. (15) Edward Davenport was city chamberlain in 1534, sheriff in 1540, and mayor of Coventry in 1550. He married a daughter of John Hanford.

(16) Henry Davenport was mayor of Coventry in 1613, church warden of St. Michael's in 1642. For his first wife he married Winifred Barnabit; his second was Elizabeth———. (17) Rev. John Davenport was born in Coventry, county of Warwick, and was baptized April 9, 1597, in the Church of the Holy Trinity. On June 26, 1637, he arrived at Boston in the "Hestor," and settled in New Haven in April, 1638, on December 9, following, being installed as pastor of the First Church. He married Elizabeth Wooley, and they died March 15, 1669, and September, 1676, respectively. (18) John Davenport, born in 1635, in London, England, came to New Haven in 1639, and in 1666 removed to Boston, where he was engaged in mercantile business and served as register of probate in 1675-76. He died in the year last named. He married Abigail, daughter of Abraham Pierson. (19) Rev. John Davenport was born in the city of Boston, was baptized in 1668, and was ordained at Stamford in 1694. He died February 5, 1731. By his first wife, Martha Gould Selleck, he had six children, and he married for his second wife Elizabeth Morris Maltby, whose son Abraham was the great-grandfather of the gentleman whose name opens this sketch.

(20) Hon. Abraham Davenport was born at Stamford in 1715, and graduated from Yale University in 1732. He was first married on November 16, 1750, to Elizabeth Huntington, and after her death, which occurred in 1773, he wedded Mrs. Martha Fitch. Abram Davenport, better known as Colonel Davenport, was one of the foremost men in public life in his day. He became judge, and in his later life was a member of the Senate, during which time he distinguished himself by at least one act of courage which has been immortalized by one of New England's poets, John G. Whittier. On the memorable "dark day" of May 17, 1780, when in his place in the Senate chamber, he declined to exhibit any fear or join in the general excitement which prevaled among his terror-stricken co-legislators. To a proposition to adjourn he replied: "I am against adjournment. The Day of Judgment is either approaching or it is not. If it is not, there is no cause for adjournment; if it is, I choose to

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be found doing my duty. I wish therefore that candles may be brought." When the story of Sir Philip Sidney is told as an illustration of sublime self-abnegation, and his generosity to a poor suffering soldier as stronger than the pangs of a mortal wound, this story of Abraham Davenport may well be told as a companion piece, illustrating for all time the simple but lofty principle that the post of duty is the best place to live and the best place to die at. As Whittier's fine poem expresses it, in the concluding lines:

> And there he stands in memory to this day,
> Erect, self-poised, a rugged face half-seen
> Against the background of unnatural dark,
> A witness to the ages as they pass
> That simple duty has no place for fear.

(21) Hon. John Davenport (Major Davenport), was born in 1752, and married Mary, daughter of Rev. George N. Wells, who was born in 1780, and died in 1847. He died in 1830. They had six children, viz.: Elizabeth, John Alfred, Mary Wells, Theodosia, Deacon Theodore and Rebecca. Major Davenport was a member of Congress from 1799 to 1817, and was a prominent man in his day in Connecticut. In 1824 he received as his guest at the Davenport homestead, in Main street, Stamford, that distinguished Frenchman and friend of Washington, General La Fayette, who was on his way to Boston. The patriotic people of Stamford gave him a hearty ovation, and hundreds of them called at the Davenport "mansion" to pay their respects to the honored visitor.

(22) Deacon Theodore Davenport, born January 26, 1792, married Harriet Grant Cheesebrough in 1833. They became the parents of eight children: Deacon Theodore, Jr.; Mary C. (who was the wife of G. A. Carter, Sr.); Robert C.; John; James B.; Richard; Helen M. (who married Hon. Samuel Fessenden), and Sophia. The father passed away September 9, 1884. (23) John Davenport was married in 1872 to Miss Helen D. Gautier, and they have one child, Harriet Cheesebrough, born August 14, 1883.

NATHANIEL BETTS FERRIS is one of the most highly respected residents of the city of Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., and belongs to a family which has long been one of the best and most favorably known in Greenwich township, this county. Is a direct descendant of Jeffrey Ferris, and, on his mother's side, of John Betts, an early settler of Norwalk, Connecticut.

Samuel Ferris, great-grandfather of our subject, was born in the year 1706. His family consisted of eight children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Japhat, May 2, 1731; Samuel, February 18, 1733; Joseph, March 29, 1735; Geduthan, February 22, 1737; Ann, January, 1739; Stephen, December 27, 1740; Mary, February 28, 1743; and Nathaniel, March 27, 1746. The youngest of this family, who was the grandfather of Nathaniel B. Ferris, was a native of Greenwich township. He was the father of six children, born as follows: Ann, July 7, 1785; John, March 27, 1787; Elizabeth, March 24, 1789; George, March 4, 1791; Esther, October 12, 1792; Gideon, January 13, 1795.

Gideon Ferris was born and reared in the town of Greenwich, and received his education there. He married Caroline Betts, daughter of Frederick Betts and Hannah (Sackett), sister of Joseph Sackett, and their union was blessed with four children: Frederick Alonzo, who lived in Dewitt, N. Y., near Syracuse; Caroline Elizabeth, the wife of Charles Hendrie; Gideon Clinton, of Dewitt, N. Y.; and Nathaniel Betts. The father was a lifelong agriculturist, cultivating his large farm in Greenwich, which was situated between the Mianus river and Greenwich cove. He was a public-spirited citizen, and served his township faithfully as selectman and assessor. From 1857 he gave his political support to the Republican party, and he was an Episcopalian in religious faith. His death occurred October 15, 1875, in Stamford.

Nathaniel Betts Ferris, youngest in the family of Gideon and Caroline (Betts) Ferris, was born October 31, 1839, in Greenwich, on the paternal farm, where he passed all his early life. His education was acquired in the local public schools and Greenwich Academy, and he lived at home until 1870, when he located on a place in Prospect street, just north of Enos. B. Lockwood's, whereon he made his home for about seven years, during which time he gave his attention to private affairs, and acted as administrator of various estates. Meanwhile the home farm had been sold to a New York man, and returned to the possession of the Ferris family through foreclosures of mortgage, and in 1878 our subject returned to it, and resided there until his removal, in 1890, to Stamford, where he has since lived. Mr. Ferris has an enviable standing among his fellowmen of that city, and is regarded as one of the substantial, progressive men of the community where he has his home.

Mr. Ferris was married October 12, 1864, in Greenwich, to Miss Louisa Keeler, daughter of William and Mary Keeler, of that town, and they have reared a family of eight children, namely: Louis F., William I., Harry

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T., Alonzo K., Theodore E., Elmer C., Laura C., and Ralph B. Of these, Louis F. is with the Broadway National Bank, New York City. William is with the L. E. Waterman Pen Company, in New York. H. T. is in a law office at No. 30 Williams street, New York City. Alonzo K. is connected with brokerage on the New York Stock Exchange. Theodore E. is now manager marine department of Joseph Thomas & Sons, Baltimore, Md. Mr. Ferris has been prominent in religious circles as an earnest member of the Congregational Church, in which society, during his residence in Greenwich, he was a zealous worker. For twenty years he was clerk of the First Congregational Church at South Beach, and of the Church society. For twenty-one years he was superintendent of the Sunday-school.

FERRIS FAMILY. (I) Jeffrey Ferris is by record first located in Boston, Mass., was made freeman there in 1635. He came with the first settlers, and is on the list of those who paid for the survey and received ten acres at the first assignment of land. He moved to Wethersfield; sold his lot in Wethersfield of forty-five acres to John Deming. He came with the first colony from Wethersfield, and in 1656 is one of the eleven Greenwich men who petitioned to be accepted under the New Haven jurisdiction.

The first purchase of land made by Robert Feaks and Daniel Patricke from four Indian chiefs included what is now the town of Greenwich. At the bottom of the deed making this conveyance is written: "Keofferam hath sould all his right in the above lot to Jeffere Ferris." This deed is dated 18th July, 1640, and is with the town records at Greenwich. It proves conclusively that Jeffrey Ferris was one of the original purchasers and owners of land which now forms the town of Greenwich. The old homestead is still in the family, and now occupied by one of the seventh generation. He was married three times. His first wife died May 31, 1658. He then married Susannah Lockwood, widow of Robert Lockwood. She died December 23, 1660. His third wife was Juda Bowers, who survived him. His children were: James, Peter, Joseph, John and Mary.

(II) James married Mary ———; Peter m. Elizabeth Reynolds, July 5, 1664; Joseph m. Ruth Knapp, Oct. 20, 1657; John m. (first) Mary ———, (second) Grace ———. His only daughter, Mary (or Marah), married her step-brother, Johnathan Lockwood. The death of Jeffrey Ferris occurred in the year 1666. His will and inventory of his estate are found on probate records at Fairfield, Conn. The will is dated Jan. 6, 1664. The inventory was made on the 25-26-27 days Nov., 1666, showing him to be the owner of a large land interest, and personal property of a very miscellaneous character. His son James, born about the year 1636, seems to have inherited the greater portion of his father's estate. It is said that he was not married till quite late in life, probably at about the age of sixty. His will and the inventory of his estate are also on the probate records at Fairfield, Conn., and show that his ownership of land extended on both sides of the Myannos river to the Byram river on the west, and from the L. I. Sound on the south to Pound Ridge on the north, or the present N. Y. State line. The inventory describes twenty-one separate parcels of land. (II) James, son of Jeffrey, died November 6, 1726. His children were: James, b. Dec. 12, 1699, m. Mary ———; Nathaniel, b. Mch. 31, 1702, m. Keziah ———; (III) Samuel, b. Sep. 2, 1706, m. Ann Lockwood; Mary, b. Oct. 28, 1708, m. Gershom Lockwood; Hannah, b. Aug. 17, 1710, m. John Mead.

(III) Samuel, third son of James, married Ann, daughter of Ann Millington, of England, and Gershom Lockwood (2). His sister Mary married Gershom, a son of Gershom and Ann Millington Lockwood. In the family there is a romantic tradition that Ann Millington, who was the daughter of Lord Millington, escaped to this country in search of her lover. That at various times she received goods and treasures from her father. An old oak chest of quaint design and carving, in which some of the goods were sent to her, is still preserved in the family—a much-prized relic. The children of (III) Samuel and Ann Ferris were Japhat, b. May 9, 1731; Samuel, b. Feb. 18, 1733, Joseph, b. Mch. 9, 1735; Jeduthan, b. Feb. 22, 1737, m. Phebe Peck; Ann Millington, b. Jan. —, 1739, m. Daniel Whelply; Stephen, b. Dec. 27, 1740, m. Sarah Lockwood; Mary, b. Feb. 28, 1743, m. George Peck; (IV) Nathaniel, b. Mch. 27, 1746, m. Mary Johnson; Hannah, b. ———, 1751, m. Henry Warring.

(IV) Nathaniel Ferris, sixth son of Samuel Ferris, married Mary Johnson; their children were: Ann, b. July 7, 1785, m. Andrew Ferris, d. Aug. 31, 1848; John, b. Mch. 27, 1787, m. Ruth Knapp, d. Aug. 17, 1857; Elizabeth, b. Mch. 24, 1789, m. David Kimberly, d. Oct. —, 1877; George, b. Mch. 4, 1791, m. Sally Peck, d. Nov. 18, 1874; Esther, b. Oct. 12, 1792, m. Samuel Ferris, d. Mch. 11, 1881; (V) Gideon, b. Jan. 13, 1795, m. Caroline Betts, d. Oct. 15,

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75. Of these, Ann and John moved to the inity of Cincinnati, Ohio, about the year 1820, ere the family have become numerous; a portn subsequently moved to Illinois. Elizabeth oved to the city of Brooklyn, and resided there e most of her married life. She had seven ildren—two daughters still survive and reside the old home in Brooklyn. George, Esther id Gideon spent their lives in their native place, ie town of Greenwich, George living on the riginal homestead of Jeffrey Ferris. He had ight children, five of whom—David, Charles, Andrew, William and Catharine—have made heir homes in Port Chester, N. Y. Esther had welve children, who in their residences became much scattered.

(V) Gideon Ferris, sixth child of Nathaniel Ferris, married, February 14, 1825, Caroline Betts, daughter of Frederick Betts and Hannah (Sackett), a sister of Joseph Sackett. Caroline Betts was born September 4, 1797, and died March 2, 1843. Their children are: Frederick Alonzo, b. Feb. 2, 1826: Caroline Elizabeth, b. Nov. 14, 1827; Gideon Clinton, b. Sept. 9, 1829; (VI) Nathaniel Betts, b. Oct. 31, 1839. Of these, Frederick Alonzo married for his first wife, Mary Jane Lockwood, Dec. 6, 1847. She died May 3, 1858. He married for his second wife, Laura Worster Lockwood, Dec. 25, 1858. They were daughters of Charles Lockwood. Frederick A. had five children: Emma Jane, Gideon Clinton, Laura Lockwood, Mary Cordelia and Grace Lockwood, of whom, Laura Lockwood is deceased. Caroline Elizabeth married Charles Hendrie, and has resided in Stamford since about the year 1871; they had seven children, of whom, three are now living. Gideon Clinton married, April 19, 1852, Phebe Clock Selleck, daughter of Joseph Selleck; they had seven children: Joseph Selleck, Emily Frances, William Henry, Caroline Elizabeth, Frederick Alonzo, Charles Clinton and Phebe Annie, of whom, William Henry and Caroline Elizabeth are deceased. Frederick Alonzo moved to the town of DeWitt, near the city of Syracuse, N. Y., about the year 1846; he was followed by his brother Gideon Clinton about the year 1853. They owned and occupied farms adjoining each other of about 100 acres each. Phebe, wife of Gideon Clinton, died June 28, 1896. Gideon Clinton Ferris died Oct. 1, 1898.

(VI) Nathaniel Betts Ferris, youngest in the family of Gideon and Caroline (Betts) Ferris, was born in the town of Greenwich, Conn., October 31, 1839. He was married October 12, 1864, to Louisa Keeler, daughter of William H. and Mary Keeler, of the town of Greenwich. They have eight children, their names and dates of birth being: Louis Franklin, July 20, 1865; William Irving, Dec. 31, 1866; Harry Tristam, May 2, 1868; Alonzo Keeler, Dec. 1, 1870; Theodore Ernest, Aug. 17, 1872; Elmer Carroll, June 22, 1874; Laura Colborn; May 8, 1883; Ralph Betts, March 2, 1885.

[The writer of the above sketch of the Ferris family is indebted to the following authorities: Mead's "History of Greenwich;" Huntington's "History of Stamford;" Savage's "First Settlers of New England;" Harman's "Early Settlers;" Original documents at Fairfield and Greenwich; private records in the family, and to one member of the family who has spent years in patient search and investigation.—Nathaniel B. Ferris.]

DEWITT C. RUSCOE, who has for many years been one of the prominent and well-to-do business men of New Canaan, Fairfield county, was born there August 22, 1840, in Oneoke avenue. He is a son of Chauncey Ruscoe and grandson of Stephen Ruscoe, who was the first of the family to come to Fairfield county.

Stephen Ruscoe was born in Vista, town of Lewisboro, Westchester Co., N. Y., where he spent his early years, after his marriage removing to Wilton, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he passed the last forty years of his life, engaging in the manufacture of shoes, which he sold to the New York trade. He married Annie Raymond, by whom he had six children: Chauncey, Hiram who died while serving in the Civil war), Alva, Erastus, Andrus (deceased), and Julia (deceased). The Ruscoe family is well known in Lewisboro, Westchester county, where several generations have been born. The great-great-grandfather of our subject, John Ruscoe, was a resident of that town, and his son James was born in Vista. The latter married Annie Hoyt, and lived to the ripe old age of ninety-three years. He was a farmer and cooper by occupation.

Chauncey Ruscoe was, like his father, a native of Vista, N. Y., where he was reared and educated. He followed in the footsteps of his father, who taught him shoemaking, at which he worked until about fifty years of age, from that time until the close of his life engaging in farming. He also built stone walls. Mr. Ruscoe married Eliza Jane Hoyt, daughter of Jesse Hoyt, of Vista, N. Y., and their family consisted of nine children, as follows: DeWitt C., whose name introduces this sketch; Gertrude R., widow of Samuel Brooks, who has two children—Frank

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and Gertrude; Sands R., who married Millie Burr, and makes his home in New Canaan (he served in the Civil war); Sarah E., deceased wife of Enoch Benedict (she was the mother of two children—Maud and one that died in infancy); Emma Louisa (deceased), who married John Bunting, and had one child—Alice; Samuel I., who married Eliza Burton, and has four children—William, Edna, Lawrence and Bessie; Mary, who was first married to Isaac McGowan (by whom she had one child—Ernest) and is now the wife of Rev. David DeForest, a M. E. minister at Elwood, L. I.; Annie (Mrs. Vincent L. Bossa), who has three children—Harry Evelyn and Howard; and Stephen, of New Canaan, who married Carrie Hyatt, and has three children—Ernest, Florence and an infant daughter. The father died at the age of seventy-five years, the mother at the age of sixty-four; both were members of the Methodist Protestant Church. Mr. Ruscoe was captain of a military company during his earlier years.

DeWitt C. Ruscoe received his literary education at Vista, N. Y., and learned shoemaking there with Oscar Arnold, following that trade until the Civil war broke out. On August 11, 1862, he enlisted in the army, joining Company H, 17th Conn. V. I., and was mustered into the U. S. service at Bridgeport on August 28. He was in several engagements, taking an active part in the battle of Chancellorsville, May 1, 2, 3, 1863, on the second day of which fight he was wounded, which necessitated his remaining in hospital until the 6th of June, when he returned to his command. On June 12, they started for Gettysburg, Penn., and our subject went into the battle at that place, where he was captured on the first day of the engagement and sent to Libby Prison, in which he was confined and at Belle Isle until August 25, following, when he was exchanged. For the next three months he was in Parole Camp at Annapolis, finally, in December, 1863, rejoining his regiment at Folly Island, S. C. On January 1, 1864, he was sent to hospital at Buford, S. C., but in returning to duty he was taken ill again, this time more severely than before, and in October he was sent to David's Island, N. Y. In the middle of November he again joined his command at Hilton Head, S. C., where he was on duty with the provost marshal for about a month, on the first of January, 1865, going to St. Augustine, Fla., Jacksonville and Tallahassee where he remained until the close of the war. He was mustered out July 19, 1865, at Hilton Head, S. C., and returned to his home at Vista, N. Y., where on April 1, 1867, he embarked in the butcher business. This he continued until 1868, in that year removing to Wilton, Conn., where he carried on a butcher business for about two years, on November 26, 1869, settling in his present home in New Cannan, where he also engaged in the meat business. At first he sold meat from a wagon which he drove through the town, and in the spring of 1872 he built the market now carried on by Crissey & Brinckerhoff, where he was in business until 1875. Since that time he has worked a little at butchering, having taken charge of Crissey's market for six years, but he has not engaged in it to any extent. In 1876 he traveled through the West, States of Illinois and Iowa, and has since made several similar trips to South Dakota. For the past six years he has conducted an ice business, which has proved very profitable, and he has now two summer houses at Hickory Bluff, in the town of Norwalk, Conn., adjoining Bell Island on the Sound. He has not been particularly active as a public man except in a commercial way, and he is no office seeker, though he filled the position of first door-keeper of the Connecticut State Senate in 1888–1889, and is again (1898–99) filling that incumbency. Socially, he is quite prominent, especially in G. A. R. circles, being past commander of S. P. Ferris Post No. 61 and a member of the O. U. A. M.

On October 15, 1867, Mr. Ruscoe was married, at High Ridge, Conn., to Phœbe Jane Provost, daughter of Thomas and Almira Provost, and four children have been born to them, namely: Hattie L., Nellie A., Floyd T. and Lewis DeWitt. Hattie L. is the wife of William H. Bertine, of New Canaan; Nellie A. is a stenographer in the employ of the National Wall Paper Company, New York City, having charge of the office. Floyd T. died in infancy.

GEORGE HEATH TILLEY, for some years a resident of Darien, is well known in business circles as the Secretary and Treasurer of the Southern Express Company.

Mr. Tilley was born in England in 1841, and after receiving a common-school education, followed by a short term of office experience, he came to America and located in New York City, where his abilities received quick recognition. About 1858 he became connected with the freight department of the Pennsylvania railroad, and in 1865 he went South.

In the year following, at Augusta, Ga., he became the private secretary to the president of the Southern Express Company, with which concern he has ever since been identified. In

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1868, the then secretary of the Company, Hon. R. B. Bullock, was elected Governor of Georgia, and Mr. Tilley was chosen to fill the vacancy thus created. In 1885 he was elected treasurer of the Company, and has since held both positions.

Mr. Tilley has some personal business interests in England, which require his occasional presence there. His family is prominent in the best social circles of this section, and identified with St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Noroton.

In 1867 Mr. Tilley married Miss Harriet Taylor Brown, of Jersey City, N. J., by whom he has had three children: Elizabeth Hannah, Harriet Agnes and George Dudley, the latter being now a student in King's school at Stamford, Conn. The eldest daughter was married November 5, 1892, to Frederick C. Taylor, of Stamford, a prominent member of the Fairfield County Bar, and who in 1896 was elected Probate Judge. He was re-elected in 1898.

On June 3, 1897, the second daughter was united in marriage to Walter D. Daskam, of Stamford, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Stamford Trust Company. In 1894 Mr. Daskam was elected town treasurer, and each following year has been re-elected to the same office.

THEODORE E. CLOSE, a substantial farmer and citizen residing at Round Hill, in the town of Greenwich, Fairfield county, is a descendant in both paternal and maternal lines of one of the early and prominent families of Greenwich, where their descendants have lived lives of usefulness and left their impress upon society for upwards of two centuries.

Mr. Close is of the seventh generation of the Close family who have lived in Greenwich, the line of descent being through Thomas, Joseph, Joseph (2), Odel, Tompkins, Tompkins (2).

Thomas Close, the progenitor of the Fairfield county family, came to Greenwich in 1661, and was presumably of Scotch lineage. He had four sons: Thomas, Joseph, Benjamin and John. Of these, Joseph had two sons: Joseph and Odel. The latter had eleven children, among whom was Tompkins (1), the grandfather of our subject, and the seventh child in order of birth. Tompkins Close (1) was a respected and esteemed citizen of the vicinity of Round Hill. By trade he was a blacksmith, and in his earlier life worked at the business and operated a forge. Later he owned a good farm, was industrious and frugal, and made a comfortable living for his family. In politics he was a Whig. His wife was formerly Mary Finch, and to their marriage were born children as follows: (1) Ezekiel (now deceased) was a farmer of near Round Hill; he married Althea Palmer, and their daughter Emily is the widow of Silas D. Mead, formerly of North Greenwich. (2) Gilbert (now deceased) was a farmer living near Stanwich; he was twice married, marrying two sisters, Rundle by name. (3) Odel died in youth. (4) Tompkins (2) is referred to farther on. (5) Zachariah (now deceased) was a farmer; he was first a Democrat in his political views, and served as a selectman of his town, but on the organization of the Republican party he joined it; he left one daughter, now Mrs. F. C. Potter, the wife of a Congregational minister. (6) Louisa, (8) Nancy, (9) Abigail never married. (7) Maria married Platt Brush. (10) Amanda married Jeremiah Palmer, and died in the town of North Castle, Westchester Co., N. Y. They had two daughters—Gertrude and Mary. The parents of these ten children were members of the Stanwich Congregational Church, and were buried in the cemetery of that church.

Tompkins Close (2) was born October 5, 1805, at Round Hill, and there was reared on his father's farm in a manner in keeping with the general farmer's sons. He resided at home until his marriage, December 24, 1835, to Miss Sally D. Reynolds, born April 13, 1814, a daughter of Ard Reynolds, and this union was blessed with children as follows: (1) John F., born January 19, 1839, was for many years a merchant at Round Hill, but is now a farmer. He married, December 6, 1862, Amy M. Husted, who was born June 18, 1841, near Greenwich, and died March 2, 1888; she was the daughter of Silas and Martha (Mead) Husted. John F. Close and wife had one son—Fred W., born April 24, 1865. This son married Sarah Husted, and has two children, Amy E. and Agnus H. John F. Close is a prominent citizen of Round Hill. He is an ardent supporter of the Republican party, has held many local town offices, and has several times represented the people of Fairfield county in the State Legislature. (2) Theodore E., our subject, is mentioned farther on.

After his marriage Tompkins Close (2) and his wife settled on the north end of the Close homestead, where they reared their children and continued to live during their lifetime, excepting two years spent in Stanwich. He died May 15, 1884, and she passed away January 20, 1882. Both were members of the M. E. Church, in which he was an official for years. Their remains were interred in the Reynolds family cemetery. They were good Christian people, and held

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the esteem and respect of all who knew them. He was a plain, unassuming gentlemen of intelligence and worth. Politically, he was first a Whig, then a Republicnn.

The Reynolds family into which Tompkins Close (2) married was of English origin. Mrs. Close was of the fifth generation from one Nathaniel Reynolds, a son of one of four brothers who came from England in the latter part of the seventeenth century, and settled in Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn. Nathaniel Reynolds was a farmer and owned a large tract of land near Stanwich, in the town Greenwich. He married Sarah Lockwood, and had eleven children, the eldest of whom was named Nathaniel. This Nathaniel (2), grandfather of Mrs. Close, was born September 1, 1745; he married Debora Husted, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Newman) Husted, and to them were born children as follows: Ard, Harriet, Benjamin and Husted. Of these, Ard Reynolds (father of Mrs. Close) was born March 20, 1781, about one mile south of Stanwich. He became one of the useful citizens and prominent men of the town of Greenwich. He held various town offices, among them, those of magistrate and selectman, and was known as "Squire Reynolds." In politics he was a Whig; he represented the county in the State Legislature, taking an active part in that body. On December 13, 1810, he was married to Anna Eliza Doell, a native of Germany, who came to New York when nine years of age. To this union were born as follows: Elizabeth P. married Rev. Warner Hoyt, of Danbury; Sally D. (Mrs. Tompkins); Benjamin H. was killed when eight years of age; Anna Eliza; John G.; Harriet E. married Charles S. Guion, of Bedford, N. Y.; Julia H. married Rev. Senica Howland, of New York; and Maria S. The father of this family died April 26, 1857, and the mother on February 25, 1858, and both lie buried in the private cemetery on the home farm.

Theodore E. Close was born July 14, 1841, on the farm upon which he now resides. He attended the district schools of the locality, one of his first teachers being Augustus Rundle; he also attended the North Greenwich Academy, taught by Whitman Peck. His lifetime has been passed on the home farm, where he has been occupied in agricultural pursuits. On January 26, 1871, he was married to Miss Agnes C. Howland, born March 23, 1849, in Tompkins county, N. Y., a daughter of Francis and Clara (Casteline) Howland. After their marriage our subject and wife located on a part of the homestead, where he erected a house of his own. He has since added to his possessions until he owns some 170 acres of land, including the old home place. This is a finely improved and highly cultivated tract of land. Mr. Close is one of the successful agriculturists of the town, and one of its enterprising and public-spirited citizens. He is an intelligent gentleman well and favorably known throughout Fairfield county. Politically, he is a stanch Republican, but of a modest, retiring nature, one who has rather avoided than sought political preferment. Himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Middle Patent, N. Y., of which he is a trustee, and is active in Church work.

To our subject and his wife have come the following children: (1) Ralph T., born January 9, 1872, was graduated with the class of '94 from Cornell University. He is a promising young man, now holding the responsible position of superintendent of the distributing department of the Consolidated Gas Company in New York City. (2) Everett R., born September 13, 1879, is attending school at Greenwich. (3) John L., born December 10, 1881, also is in school in Greenwich.

FREDERICK SCHAVOIR, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Stamford, Fairfield county, where for a decade he has been well and favorably known to the citizens of the city and county, was born at Aix-la-Chapelle, December 11, 1859.

Doctor Schavoir received a liberal education in his native country, until eighteen years of age attending a Latin school. Later he was a pupil in a special classical school at Brussels. He attended medical lectures at the Royal University of Brussels, and also at the School of Medicine, Paris, France. Subsequently, for a period of six years, he was surgeon on board Belgian vessels. On coming to the United States in 1882 he stopped at Boston, Mass. Later he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Md., and was a graduate therefrom in 1887. For a time he served as assistant to Professor Erich, who was in charge of the Maryland Woman's Hospital. Later in the year 1887 he located in Stamford, Conn., and has ever since practiced medicine there. His liberal education, his large experience, and his studious habits have made him a factor in the medical profession in Fairfield county, where he has become well established in practice. He is a successful professional man, one well deserving of the reputation he is making for himself. He is president of the Stamford Medical Society; is lecturer on gynecology in the New York School

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of Clinical Medicine; is a non-resident fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine; assistant gynecologist of the West Side German Dispensary, New York City; also gynecologist to the Stamford Hospital. The Doctor is a member of the executive council of the American Electro-Therapeutic Association; also a member of the committee on X-Rays, American Electro-Therapeutic Association; he was health officer of Stamford during the typhoid fever epidemic of 1895, and very carefully prepared a report of the epidemic which was published in the "Medical Record," for December of that year, and in 1896 reprinted in pamphlet form under the title of "Origin and Course of the Typhoid Fever Epidemic in Stamford, 1895." Doctor Schavoir has frequently made contributions to medical papers, which have attracted attention for their conciseness and practical value. They were published in the New England and metropolitan medical journals. One of his articles, entitled "Electricity, as Applied to Medicine and Surgery," was published in the "New York Polyclinic," November 15, 1896, and has been reprinted frequently in other medical publications.

In December, 1889, Doctor Schavoir was married to Miss Eleanor James, of Decatur, Ill. The Doctor is very partial to outdoor life and athletics. He is an accomplished horseman, and a skillful fencer. In his hunting and fishing expeditions he has been exceedingly successful, and his cozy home is ornamented with a number of very fine trophies of the chase. As a member of several golf clubs he has taken part in a number of competitions, in which he has carried off a fair share of prizes.

CHARLES W. HALL, well known among the successful business men of New Canaan as a member of the firm of R. L. Hall & Bro., was born July 1, 1842, at Warren, Conn., son of Norman S. and Mary A. (Stone) Hall, and is descended from one of the earliest settlers of this State.

In the spring of 1639 Francis Hall, the first of the family in this country, arrived in New Haven. He was a son of Gilbert Hall, of England. He returned to England for his wife and family, and they settled in Fairfield, Conn., living there and at Stratford, where he died. He was an attorney. His son, Isaac Hall, was a physician. His son, John Hall, had a son Elnathan, who was one of the first settlers of New Fairfield, Conn., and died in 1770. He was an ensign, lieutenant and captain in the militia. Elnathan's son, also named Elnathan, moved to Mt. Washington, Mass., where, in 1776, Elnathan Louis Hall, the grandfather of our subject, was born. He learned the trades of tanner and shoemaker at Warren, Conn., where he followed same for many years, dying in May, 1852, at New Canaan, Conn. He married Huldah Stone, and they became the parents of eight children, namely: Norman S.; Maria (deceased), who married Seth Hickok; Herman L. (deceased); Elnathan Smith (deceased); Miranda (widow of Isaac Knapp), living at Danbury; Sarah E., wife of James W. Lockwood, of New Canaan; John N., residing in Mankato, Minn.; and Emily L., wife of H. J. Taylor, of Sharon, Connecticut.

Norman S. Hall, the eldest of this family, was born at Warren, Conn., and received his schooling there. He learned the tanner's trade under his father, with whom he and his brother, Herman L., were in partnership in Warren for many years. During the 'forties Norman Hall abandoned his trade and took to farming, which he engaged in the remainder of his life. He was married at Kent, Conn., to Mary A. Stone, who died in 1876, and he died in 1892; their children were Russell Louis, Harriet E. (Mrs. Gibson, of Washington, Conn.), Ezra S. (of Norwalk), Mary J. (Mrs. Finch, of Norwalk), Laura L. (Mrs. Benedict, of Warren, Conn.), Charles W., and Lucy Ann and Amelia S. (both deceased). This family attended the Congregational Church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Hall were members. Politically he was a Whig and Republican.

Charles W. Hall was the sixth in the family. He attended the district school at Warren during his boyhood, and afterward worked on a farm there for three years. At the age of about sixteen he came to New Canaan to learn cabinet making with his brother, Russell L., and under him served an apprenticeship of four years and three months at the trade, continuing thus until he enlisted for service in the Civil war. In August, 1862, he became a member of Company H, Seventeenth Conn. V. I., which was with the Army of the Potomac for some months. Mr. Hall was honorably discharged in 1863, and returning to New Canaan resumed work with his brother, with whom he became an equal partner, July 10, 1871, since which time the firm has been known as R. L. Hall & Bro. For the part thirty-five years he has been a professional funeral director, and in addition to being a thoroughly capable workman at his trade he is a practical embalmer, for which branch he has qualified himself by a college course in embalming. His knowledge along this and other lines has been of great service to him in his busi-

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ness, and has been no small factor in promoting the success of the firm.

Mr. Hall was married, on November 22, 1864, in New Canaan, to Miss Mary E. Sherwood, daughter of Nehemiah Sherwood, and three children have come to their union, namely: (1) Lizzie S., born October 19, 1866, died May 25, 1895; she was a teacher in the public schools for nine years. (2) Eda L. graduated from the normal school at New Britain, and is at present teaching in the Centre school, New Canaan. (3) Clifford W. was born July 8, 1880. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Hall is a prominent member and one of its active workers. He has served as trustee since 1871, and has been clerk of the board of trustees. He is the present chairman of the finance committee, and is also serving as superintendent, to which office he was first elected in 1874, holding it continuously until 1891. In 1896 he was re-elected. He has always been interested in Church work, and identified with many benevolent and religious enterprises. Fraternally, Mr. Hall is no less popular; he affiliates with the Order of United American Mechanics, the Sons of Temperance and the Order of Red Men, and is also a well-known member of S. P. Ferris Post No. 61, G. A. R., of which he has been commander. He is now serving as assistant State inspector G. A. R. posts. As a public-spirited citizen, he is always ready to give his aid and influence to projects for the promotion of the welfare of his community, and her advancement and progress.

WILLIAM EDGAR NASH, who for several years was the popular postmaster at Westport, Fairfield county, and for a lifetime engaged in mercantile lines of business in the county, where his ability and energy have made him an important factor in business and social life, has descended from one of the old and prominent families of the county.

The name Nash frequently appears in the records of the Connecticut Colonies. But to go back a few generations: Edward Nash (I) was born in 1592 in Lancaster, England, where was also born, in 1623, Edward Nash (II). John Nash (I) was born in Norwalk, Conn., late in the year 1652; and John Nash (II) was born December 25, 1688. Abraham Nash, born October 10, 1718, was married in Norwalk to Rhoda Keeler in 1738, and had eight sons. Riah Nash was born August 3, 1763.

Lewis Lynes Nash, the grandfather of our subject, was born October 24, 1784, at Ridgefield. He married Rachael Olmstead, and their son, Harry W., was the father of William Edgar Nash. The said Harry W. was born October 3, 1817, in Ridgefield, and there attended the public schools. He learned the shoemaker's trade and at the age of eighteen years came to Westport (the year in which Westport was incorporated as a town), where he followed his trade. Later he was married to Sarah Ann Gorham, a daughter of Stephen Gorham of Wilton. After their marriage the young couple settled near the Gorham homestead in Wilton, where their four children were reared, namely: Sarah E. (Mrs. Samuel M. Coley, of Westport), William Edgar (our subject), George F. (a liveryman of Danbury), and Frances (Mrs. William A. Wildman, of Danbury). The father of this family after marriage was engaged in farming throughout life. His death occurred October 26, 1895, and the mother died January 14, 1880; both in early life were identified with the M. E. Church. In his political views Mr. Nash was a Whig, then a Republican. They were good people, worthy of the respect and esteem in which they were held.

William Edgar Nash was born on the farm in the town of Wilton December 18, 1842, and passed his boyhood up to eighteen years of age in a manner in keeping with the general farmer's sons. He attended the neighborhood schools in the winter seasons, and during the summer worked on the farm. For a time he attended the Wilton Academy. As he grew older he clerked for four years in a dry-goods store in Westport, then taught school for a time in the town of Weston. Following this employment he for eight years clerked in a combination store —drugs, books, etc.—in Westport, for John W. Taylor, then for the latter's successor, Joseph T. Hull, for three years. During his clerkship for Mr. Hull he was appointed postmaster of Westport, serving as such for more than four years. During his official capacity he established his present business. He carries a full line of drugs, books, stationery, etc., and is a very obliging and courteous gentleman, which in a manner accounts for the large patronage he enjoys. He is public-spirited, and has linked his name with a number of enterprises which have materially advanced Westport. He was one of the organizers of the Westport Board of Trade, and is still identified with the same; is active in the Library Association, and is secretary and treasurer of the Willow Brook Cemetery Association. He has served as a director in and treasurer of the Street Railroad Company, and was one of the organizers of the Westport Electric Light and Water

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Company. Mr. Nash is a wide-awake man and a useful citizen. In politics he is a Republican, and in his religious faith he is identified with the M. E. Church at Westport.

On April 19, 1866, Mr. Nash was married to Miss Elizabeth Renoud, of Westport, a daughter of Allen and Eliza (Nash) Renoud, and to them have come three children, two of whom died when young; the survivor is Carrie Emma, who for about fifteen years has assisted in her father's store.

N. H. HUSTED, one of the leading agriculturists of Greenwich township, Fairfield county, is probably one of the best-known citizens of this part of the county, where his long and successful career as a public servant has given him wide acquaintance and an enviable popularity. Mr. Husted is a native of the township, born April 14, 1843, in the Round Hill District, on the farm which he now owns and occupies, and he belongs to a family whose members have been useful and honorable citizens of this community from its earliest history.

The great-grandfather of our subject, Benjamin Husted, was a farmer in Greenwich township, and lived to an advanced age. He married Sarah Newman, and they became the parents of eight children, all born in Greenwich, viz.: Benjamin, who was the father of Col. Conklin Husted, late of Stanwich; Nathaniel; Sarah, wife of Titus Reynolds; Deborah (Mrs. Nathaniel Reynolds); Martha (Mrs. James Brush); Rachel (Mrs. John Delavan); Mary, wife of Jonah Mead; and Zuba, wife of Stephen Palmer.

Nathaniel Husted, the second in the above named family, was in his day one of the most extensive farmers and landowners in the township, and he was one of its representative, progressive citizens, foremost in every movement for the general welfare and advancement, especially in the Round Hill District, where much of his property was situated. He gave each of his boys a farm, the one now owned by Mr. N. H. Husted falling to his son Samuel, from whom our subject purchased it, and he was an extensive stock dealer in the early days, driving his cattle to New York to market. In business he was shrewd and farsighted, but his transactions were all characterized by the strictest honesty and fairness, and he was highly respected by his fellow citizens for his many sterling qualities of head and heart. As a leading member and supporter of the Methodist Church at Round Hill, he was for years one of the most active workers in religious circles there, and he was a liberal contributor toward Church and benevolent enterprises all his life. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Nathaniel Husted was united in marriage with Miss Ruth Sniffin, of Port Chester (whose father at one time owned about all of what is now the site of that town), and they reared a family of seven children, namely: James, who lived on the farm which his father gave him, died without issue. Nathaniel (deceased) was an excellent agriculturist, and carried on farming at Round Hill. Samuel once owned the farm now occupied by our subject, building the dwelling-house during his residence there, and finally removed to Orleans county, N. Y., where he passed the remainder of his days, dying at Holley, that county. Benjamin was the father of N. H. Husted. Jonathan (now deceased) was a farmer at Round Hill. Rachel died when thirteen years old. Mary died unmarried at an advanced age. The father of this family passed from earth January 20, 1826, and was laid to rest in the Methodist cemetery at Round Hill.

Benjamin Husted was born June 20, 1799, at Round Hill, and, like his father, was a lifelong farmer, and a very successful one. He received his early education in the district school of Round Hill, and finished his literary training in Greenwich Academy, obtaining a good practical knowledge of the common English branches, of which he made good use during his long, active life. He was always fond of reading, and he kept himself well-informed on subjects of general interest and importance, ranking among the intelligent and substantial men of the township. He lived at home until his marriage, after which he for some years lived on another farm in Round Hill, finally settling on the place where his son N. H. resides, and on which he spent the remainder of his life. In 1835 he was married to Miss Sarah A. Knapp, of Round Hill, who was born July 13, 1807, and died November 17, 1843, the mother of three children, viz.: Sarah A., born July 23, 1836, who married John W. Palmer, and lives in Pleasantville, N. Y.; John A., born September 16, 1838, residing at Round Hill; and N. H. For his second wife Benjamin Husted wedded Miss Lecta Brown, a daughter of "Major" Brown, who died in August, 1878; she had no children. Mr. Husted departed this life in August, 1879, and his remains rest in Round Hill cemetery. In religious connection he was a devout and zealous member of the Methodist Church, in which he was an active worker, and he held the offices of trustee and steward. Politically he was a Democrat until the Civil war, when he transferred his al-

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legiance to the Republican party, but although he was deeply interested in politics he was no office-seeker, and he took little part in public affairs. As a citizen he commanded the esteem of all who knew him.

N. H. Husted was reared in the Round Hill district, where he first attended school, later becoming a student at the Quaker Ridge Academy, when Rev. Whitman Peck was at the head of that institution. He was trained to farm work on the home place, where he lived until his marriage, and as his brother and sister had both left the parental roof he brought his young wife to the homestead, where they have continued to make their home. When his father's property was divided this farm was our subject's inheritance, and he has since bought another place in the Round Hill District, being at present the most extensive agriculturist in that locality. The home place comprises ninety-six productive acres, and Mr. Husted has, with the characteristic energy and good management of the members of his family, cultivated his land most profitably, deriving a good income from his two farms. He is one of the most substantial men in the township, either from a civic or business standpoint, and no citizen has a higher reputation for public-spiritedness or genuine worth.

Mr. Husted cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, but his political sympathies have always been with the Democratic party, and he was for years one of its wheel-horses in his township. The first office he held was that of selectman, and later he served efficiently as township treasurer, after which, for three terms, 1883-84-85, he represented his district in the State Legislature, where he maintained his high standing as a zealous worker for the public good, and made a most creditable record, discharging his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. After his career in the State Assembly he served another two years as selectman; but he has since declined official honors, although he still sustains a keen interest in the success of his party, and is one of its most trusted advisors and counselors. During his active public life he made numerous acquaintances throughout the county, and he numbers his friends in both great parties by the score, a fact which was especially evident at election time, when he always received a warm support from his Republican as well as his Democratic friends.

On December 28, 1869, Mr. Husted was united in marriage with Miss Clarissa J. Raymond, of Bedford, N. Y., who was born April 24, 1842, daughter of Thomas H. and Susan F. (Haight) Raymond, who had a family of six children—three sons and three daughters—four of whom survive, viz.: Susan F., widow of James E. Worden, of North Castle township, Westchester Co., N. Y.; Clarissa J. (Mrs. Husted); Harriet E. (Mrs. John Reynolds, of Round Hill); and George J., of Bedford, N. Y. The father, who was a farmer by vocation, died at the age of sixty years; his widow still makes her home in Bedford. Mr. and Mrs. Husted are prominent members of the Methodist Church, in which he is at present serving as trustee. Fraternally he is a member of Acacia Lodge, F. & A. M., at Greenwich, and Banksville Council, Jr. O. U. A. M.

ERNEST LINWOOD STAPLES, of Shelton, Conn., was born in Monroe, Conn., September 10, 1856, the son of Charles and Rosilla Burr Staples. He was educated in the public and private schools of Monroe and Trumbull, and under the tutorship of the Rev. James E. Coley, a graduate of Trinity College, and the Rev. W. B. Curtiss and Beach Hill, graduates of Yale University.

Being of studious and thoughtful temperament, and having had excellent educational advantages, it was natural that our subject should first turn his attention to teaching as a means of livelihood, and later study a profession. He did not wander far afield, but taught in Trumbull, Monroe, Bristol, Danbury, Redding and Derby. In 1883, he began the study of law in the office of Col. S. B. Sumner, of Bridgeport, and having completed his preparatory course was admitted to the Bar of Fairfield county, in April, 1886. The same year he opened an office in Shelton, and has since continuously practiced in that place. His studies have shown his belief in the theory that a good lawyer must know much besides the law.

Though of a retiring disposition, and with no self-seeking in his nature, Mr. Staples has been corporation counsel for the borough of Shelton; attorney for the town of Huntington; prosecuting attorney in the Town Court of Huntington since its establishment, and judge of probate for the District of Huntington. Thus has been shown the confidence of his neighbors and friends in his judgment and probity, and this is a good test of character, for "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country," and if there is a community in the world which shrewdly sifts the chaff from the wheat it is a New England town. Indeed, Mr. Staples might well stand the test of the shrewdest judgment, for he is singularly highminded, and given to the things of the

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spirit, rather than to those of the flesh. Notwithstanding professional engagements, and the many small and big worries of the teasing profession of law, so devoted has he always been to the higher thought that he was admitted to the Unitarian ministry at Boston, in 1895.

Mr. Staples is highly intellectual, and has a decidedly poetic temperament. He is a successful speaker to cultivated audiences, and delivers addresses in New England under the auspices of the American Unitarian Associatian. He is the author of an epic poem entitled "A Man of Destiny," having for its subject Abraham Lincoln, which is perhaps his most important poem, though he frequently expresses himself in verse.

In appearance, Mr. Staples is attractive. He is somewhat slender though well proportioned, and as active in body as in mind. He is alert to all matters of thought, is winning in address, and makes warm friends among those who, like himself, are pursuing the higher education. He is responsive to all good things, and is tireless in attempting to develop himself and others. To this quality is due the following fact. With the Rev. Charles W. Park, formerly pastor of the Derby Congregational Church, and others he organized the Sunday Afternoon Club, now known as the Cosmian Circle of Shelton, under the auspices of which one lecture, at least, is given in each month and the Article of Union of which is as follows: "Earnestly desiring to develop in ourselves and in the world honest, reverent thought, faithfulness to our highest conception of right living, the spirit of love and service to our fellowmen, of fearless and untrammeled research for the truth in all fields of investigation, and allegiance toward all the interests of morality and religion as interpreted by the growing thought and purest lives of humanity, we join ourselves together, hoping to help one another in all good things, and to advance the cause of pure and practical religion and science in the community, basing our union upon no credal test, whatsoever, but upon the purpose herein expressed, and welcoming to our fellowship all who wish to help establish truth, righteousness and love in the world."

And in connection with the pure living and high thinking outlined in the above Article of Union comes one of the most distinctive efforts of Mr. Staples' life, and one entirely unique in his section of the country, indeed in any section as far as we know, in these days. Mr. Staples and his excellent wife, who shares his enthusiasms, determined to make a distinct attempt to set apart, each year, a certain time to getting together friends who had a message, and knew how to give it, and others who were receptive. Therefore in early September there is for three days a Symposium at the finely situated home of Mr. and Mrs. Staples—appropriately named "Summit Place"—where lectures are given, papers are read, and most animated and valuable discussions take place along the line of the higher thought of the day. With characteristic generosity, the expense of all and the entertainment of those who come from a distance are borne by Mr. Staples, with the exception of voluntary contributions. How much this is enjoyed, and how valuable it is, can be told by observing the participants. Truly they are known "by the shining of the face."

In March, 1885, Mr. Staples married, at Danbury, Conn., Esther J. Penfield, a graduate of Mt. Holyoke Seminary, class of '81, and they have one child, Gail Rosilla, born March 6, 1886.

The following are the closing lines from "A Man of Destiny:"

Farewell, oh noble son of God, farewell!
In that bright sphere where passion may not dwell,
The fleshly limitations swept away,
No taint of ill to thy true soul can come.
Pure spirit, in the realm of the Great Power,
Whose purpose through the ages slowly makes
For righteousness which thou didst truly love
Pass to the empyrean heights,—Farewell!

LEANDER J. WHEELER, a prominent agriculturist of the town of Huntington, enjoys in a high degree the esteem of his fellow citizens, and by the judicious management of his farm he shows the skill which should characterize the modern farmer.

The Wheeler family has been identified with the town of Huntington for several generations. Joseph Wheeler, the grandfather of our subject, was born in that town and passed his entire life there, following farming as an occupation. He married Salina Barrett, and had four children: Nathaniel, a farmer, who died some years ago at his home in the town of Huntington; Abbie, who married Ebenezer Wooster, a farmer at Middlebury, Conn.; Agur, our subject's father; and Mary Ann, who died when two and one-half years old.

Agur Wheeler, the father of our subject, was born in Huntington in 1804, and grew to manhood upon his father's farm. For some years he followed the trade of carpenter and joiner, but in later life he engaged in agriculture. In politics he was a Democrat, and as a citizen he was interested in all that related to the welfare of the community, being active in religious work as a member of the Episcopal Church. He married

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Miss Lavinia S. Wood, daughter of Luther Wood, a well-known tanner of Woodbury, Conn., and made his home at the farm now occupied by our subject, where he built the present dwelling house. His death occurred February 18, 1857; his wife passed away January 18, 1889. Of their seven children, the eldest, Henrietta, died when seven months old; Julia Ann married Theodore E. Beard, of Huntington; Frederick A., a druggist in New Haven, died at the age of twenty-five; Lavinia M. died in her eighteenth year; Stephen died at the age of two years; Leander J. is the subject proper of this sketch; and William L. is a machinist in Bridgeport.

L. J. Wheeler was born September 27, 1843, at the old homestead in Huntington, and has always resided there, the care of the estate having devolved upon him in early manhood. He has eighty-seven acres of excellent land which he devotes to general farming and dairying, meeting with marked success. He does not give much attention to the practical work of politics, although he is a stanch believer in the principles of the Republican party, and has always taken an intelligent interest in the questions of the day. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian, and no worthy movement fails to receive his sympathy.

In 1865, Mr. Wheeler married Miss Anna Augusta Chatfield, daughter of John E. Chatfield, a leading citizen of Huntington. Her family is one of the oldest in the town, her ancestors having come from England at an early day. Four children have blessed the union: (1) Frederick A. conducts the Walnut Grove Dairy, and has a milk route in Shelton and Derby. (2) Cora A. married Edward S. Beardsley, a farmer in the town of Monroe. (3) Edwin C. is a carpenter in Bridgeport. (4) Lelia E. died in infancy.

ARCHIBALD McNEIL, proprietor of a wholesale bituminous coal business in Bridgeport, comes of substantial Colonial ancestry. His great-grandfather, Archibald McNeil, who was a Revolutionary soldier, enlisted in the cause of the liberty-loving Colonists July 3, 1779, and served faithfully in the struggle for independence. His son, William McNeil, grandfather of our subject, was born in what is now Naugatuck, and obtained a collegiate education in Yale College, graduating in the class of 1777. He participated in the French troubles which followed the Revolution, and was aboard the privateer, "Marquis de Lafayette" (sailing out of New Haven), which was captured by the French. Mr. McNeil was taken to France and thrown into a dungeon, for w indignity his family became interested in celebrated "French Spoliation Claims."

His son, Abraham Archibald McNeil, born in 1802, in Derby, Conn. He was a st cargo, sailing out of New Haven for many y engaged in the West Indies trade. He ma Mary Ann Hults, a daughter of William H who in 1813 was lost at sea with all the cre the brig "William", sailing out of Bridge when his daughter, Mary Ann, was only years old. Abraham Archibald McNeil rem from New Haven to Bridgeport about 1 where for several years he was engaged Samuel Hodges (his wife's uncle) in the manufacturing business. He founded the sy of lighthouses at Bridgeport, and for many y until his death in 1873, continued the lighth keeper. His son, Sidney Adolphus, now that position. The family of Abraham A. Mary Ann McNeil consisted of twelve chil namely: Charles Hubbel, born December 1828; John, born October 9, 1830; Samuel iam, born March 16, 1832; Eliza Maria, January 9, 1834; Josiah Hoyt, born Febr 9, 1835; Augustus and Adolphus (twins), August 31, 1837; Mary Hoyt, born Octobe 1839; Mary Hoyt, born December 12, 1 Archibald, born July 2, 1843; Maria, born cember 25, 1845; Sarah, born August 28, 1 The mother who was born in Bridgeport in 1 died in the same city in 1893.

Archibald McNeil, the youngest son, educated in various private schools at Bri port, among others attending Sellick's sch In 1856 he was sent to the celebrated Tho school at New Haven, and four years late graduated in 1860 at the well-known Hop Grammar School, connected with Yale Col Returning to Bridgeport, he for three clerked in the ship chandlery store of his br er, Charles H. McNeil, which was opposite old depot and steamboat landing. Ther 1863 he formed a partnership with his bro Charles H., under the firm name of Mc Brothers, wholesale fruit and produce dea thus continuing in business until 1876, when McNeil removed to New York City and his brother, Charles H. engaged in the wh sale butter and cheese business, at No. 84 B street, under the style of Archibald McNe Co. In 1879 the character of the business changed to an exclusive export and im trade with Cuba, exports consisting chiefl bituminous coal, flour, potatoes and other p uce. In 1888 Mr. McNeil returned to Bri port and established an extensive wholesale

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minous coal office, a business which he has since continued. He represents in that city six large coal-producing companies, and supplies railroads, factories and dealers with fuel.

In 1881 Mr. McNeil married Jean McKenzie Clan Ranald, daughter of George J. Clan Ranald, of New York City. They have three children: Archibald, born in New York City, June 1, 1883; Kenneth Wylie, born in Bridgeport, September 14, 1885; and Roderick Clan Ranald, born in Bridgeport, March 20, 1888. Mr. McNeil and family attend the Episcopal Church. In social affairs he is a natural leader. He was one of the charter members of the old Eclectic Club, and for two years served as its president. For many years he has been a member of the Seaside Club and of the Newer Algonquin Club. Of the latter he was a charter member, and for two years was its president. From 1874 to 1877 he was commodore of the first Bridgeport Yacht Club, and was an efficient officer, on account of his good seamanship and interest in nautical affairs. He is at present one of the governors of the new Bridgeport Yacht Club, which has located its clubhouse in Black Rock Harbor, now in course of construction.

Politically Mr. McNeil is a Democrat. He has never sought official preferment, but has occasionally been drawn into the arena, and when so situated he has always proved an adept and strong foe for his opponents. In 1872 and 1873 he represented the old Second ward in the Bridgeport common council. He was nominated in 1896 as representative to the State Legislature, and although he went down with the rest of the Democratic party before the Republican landside that year, his friends had the consolation of knowing that he ran some four hundred ahead of his ticket. In the spring of 1897 he was importuned to permit his name to be used as the Democratic candidate for mayor of Bridgeport, but he declined the honor. It is needless to add that the name carries with it a weight of popularity and worth, that would make it desirable for any position of responsibility or trust.

WILLIAM HENRY ORCHARD, a leading resident of Noroton, Conn., has been for many years identified with mercantile interests in New York City. He was born in 1843, in London, England, where his father, John Orchard, was a dry-goods merchant for over fifty years. The family is an old English one, John Orchard's father being Joseph Orchard, descended from the family of Orchard Portman, Somersetshire, and his mother a daughter of Sir Richard Vivash. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Martha Lowman. On her mother's side she was a lineal descendant of Admiral Sir Francis Drake. Mr. and Mrs. John Orchard had ten children, six of whom are still living in England.

William Henry Orchard received his education in England, in the Island of Guernsey, and in Paris. In 1865 he came to the United States, locating in New York City, and engaging in the dry-goods trade. On November 14, 1872, he married Miss Harriett Arabella Sackett, and they have two children: William Henry Bell Orchard and Harriett Sackett Orchard. The family are members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Noroton, and Mr. Orchard belongs to the Masonic Fraternity, being made in St. Nicholas, No. 321, New York City, in 1871. In politics, both he and his son belong to the Democratic party.

Mrs. Orchard was born in Bridgeport, Conn., being a daughter of Capt. James Joseph Sackett and Harriett Capes Sackett, who were natives of New York City, both being born there in 1812. They were married December 26, 1836, by the Rev. James Demarest, of the Dutch Reformed Church, Williamsburg, L. I. Their children were: Edward Wetmore, Mary Wetmore, Harriett Arabella and Ellen Louisa. Mrs. Orchard is now the only one of the family living. Captain Sackett died in 1846. His ancestor, Simon Sackett, with his wife and two sons, came to this country in 1629 from the Isle of Ely, Cambridgeshire, England, and settled in Cambridge, Mass., locating in Newtown and Jamaica, L. I., in Colonial times, where they were large property holders, and held high positions in both civil and military services. He was the son of James Joseph Sackett and Ann (Blanck), and great-grandson of Dr. Joseph Sackett and Hannah Alsop, daughter of Richard Alsop, of Jamaica, L. I. Mrs. Harriett Capes Sackett, on March 22, 1855, was married to John Jay Bell, by the Rev. Mr. Meeker, of the old Dutch Reformed Church of Bushwick, Williamsburg, L. I., and came to Mr. Bell's homestead (Bell Mansion), where she died November 9, 1888. Mr. Orchard and family still continue to reside there. Her father, William Capes, was born in Boston, England, and when of age came to New York City, where he became a prominent shipbuilder. His wife, Sally (Brooks), was a great-granddaughter of Capt. Samuel Youngs, his muster role reading: "A muster Role of ye Melitia, or Military Company or Training Band of ye Society of Middlesex, under ye Command of Capt. Samuel Youngs, in ye Ninth Ridegement, in ye year of our Lord Ano. Dom. 1767, April ye 2nd."

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This document contains the names of the ancestors of many families now living in the towns of Darien, Stamford and Norwalk. He was the son of John Youngs and Ruth Elliott (married in 1690), who had a large family. He descended from the Rev. John Youngs, as history records: "Most of the first Planters were originally from Hingham, Norfolkshire, England, and came here by way of New Haven. The Rev. John Youngs, son of the Vicar of Southwold, Norfolkshire, England, who had been a preacher in England, was their leader. He organized a Church in New Haven, and they with others willing to accompany them, commenced the settlement of Southhold, L. I., in 1640, and died there February 24, 1672."

JOHN JAY BELL was a descendant of Francis Bell, an early settler of Stamford, and one of the twenty-nine to receive assignment of land in 1640. His wife, Rebecca, died there in 1684, and he survived her only six years. Their son, Jonathan, was the first white child born in the town of Stamford. John Jay Bell was born in 1816, in Sodus, Wayne Co., N. Y., and died September 8, 1893, at his homestead.

JOHN H. LIGHT, of South Norwalk, Conn., was born in Carmel, N. Y., March 27, 1855, the son of Belden and Annie Light.

Having pursued the usual course of instruction in the public schools, Mr. Light subsequently entered Chamberlain Institute, at Randolph, N. Y., from which he graduated in 1880. Afterward he taught school for several years, pursued the study of law at Norwalk, Conn., and having completed his preparatory legal studies was duly admitted to the Fairfield County Bar in September, 1883.

Mr. Light combines in his personality in an eminent degree the elements of superior manhood. He is a great soul, and has a strong mind in a sound body—a born leader of men, therefore it is not strange that in the short period of sixteen years he has come to stand among the foremost lawyers at the Fairfield County Bar, and has acquired a large and lucrative practice throughout the State.

Fitted by nature and education to fill with credit to himself and honor to his constituency any position in the gift of his fellow-men, he has with slight exception steadily refused all solicitation to political preferment, choosing rather to devote his undivided attention to the practice of his profession, and to serve his clients with a devotion worthy of their profound and grateful remembrance. So great, indeed, is the confidence of his fellow-citizens in his integrity and ability that since May, 1884, he has continuously held the office of corporation counsel for the city of South Norwalk, notwithstanding the numerous changes in the political control of the city, which have taken place during that period.

Being deeply interested in the educational welfare of the community in which he lives, Mr. Light has served for many years as acting school visitor of the town of Norwalk, and to his wise judgment is largely due the excellent condition of the schools under his supervision. In 1896 he was appointed prosecuting attorney for the criminal court of common pleas for Fairfield county, a position which he has continuously held with marked satisfaction to the Bench and Bar, and in which he has promoted the administration of justice tempered with mercy born of a kind charity that never forgets our human relationship to the most unfortunate criminal. Like Lincoln, he is a keen student of human nature, and reads the motives of men as a story in an open book, and thus wisely discriminates in the execution of his office, as public prosecutor, between the maliciously vicious criminal and the unfortunate victim of social environment.

Yet, however signal his success at the Bar, no man with the type of mind possessed by Mr. Light would be content simply to become a great lawyer. Free from the stereotyped conventionality which characterizes many a college-bred man, whose individuality was lost in the collegiate mold, Mr. Light is a profound student and a bold investigator in every field of human inquiry. While exceptionally active in the arena of the business world, and familiar with men and things, making friends by the multitude in the mart, he knows the power of silence, and in the seclusion of his own study, which contains one of the finest private libraries in the State, he has communed with the master spirits of the ages in their best moods, and fed his soul on their richest thoughts. Science, literature and art have poured their treasures into his heart and mind, while in all his acquisitions he has never forgotten that—

> Knowledge and wisdom far from being one
> Have ofttimes no connection.

With high scholarship he combines a rare type of mental discipline—being both cultured and profound. With marked originality he couples a familiar acquaintance with all the great thinkers from Plato to Spencer, and while finding inspiration in them all preserves his individuality unmarred. He voices the vision of his own spirit. Drawn toward the ministry in early life, he has often spoken from the pulpit, and

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those whose privilege it is to have heard him on such occasions can but feel that he has helped to establish in the hearts of his fellow-men the everlasting gospel of the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man. Profoundly interested in all the great problems of life, civil, social, philosophic and religious, he holds his mind receptive to all truth from every source. A devout disciple of Emerson—

> His Bible is the boundless universe,
> His pentecost the long, long age of man.

While sympathizing with every effort for the amelioration of mankind and friendly to all denominational organizations, he has often expressed to his friends the desire to bear no label, realizing that names are limitations, and the best shibboleth only a fragment of eternal truth.

Few, indeed, are the men in this age of merciless competition who can attain eminence in a profession dealing with controversies and selfish contentions of clients and lose not faith in the divinity of humanity or find opportunity to live much in thought with the poets, philosophers and reformers, whose mighty works and deeds make up the drama of a world. Such is John H. Light, and to this communion with the masters in the higher life is doubtless due his inspiration and wonderful diction which with the peculiar power (that for want of a better name we call personal magnetism) make him a fascinating orator on all occasions. As a public speaker Mr. Light is always in demand, and his addresses delivered on Memorial Day and other patriotic celebrations, together with his literary lectures, especially that on the "Women of Shakspeare," have won for him the admiration of many highly appreciative audiences. In debate he is always fair, brilliant, logical, convincing—a most formidable antagonist, the remembrance of whose victories are never clouded with the spirit of malice or revenge.

For years Mr. Light has been a prominent Republican, and one of the most gifted and popular stump speakers of the State. In 1898, in the State convention of his party, he delivered a speech, in which he nominated Hon. George E. Lounsbury for Governor, that placed its author among the foremost orators of Connecticut. The same year he was elected representative from South Norwalk to the General Assembly, where he has acquitted himself with marked ability as a statesman. He was house chairman of the committee on Incorporations, and the committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Whatever else John H. Light may be or not be, this is true—he is a thorough-going optimist. He believes in the goodness of God, in the integrity of the universe, in the divinity of man in human progress. The doctrine of total depravity, the theory of degeneration, the poetry of tears, find no welcome in his soul. His spirit stands in the sunshine, and his presence is an inspiration to the true life. With Tennyson he believes that: "Somehow good will be the final goal of ill," and if there is any one class of men and women for whom he has no special use it is the whining pessimists who are not quite sure whether to worship God or the devil.

While a member of the Congregational Church of South Norwalk, whose liberal creed is largely traceable to his influence, Mr. Light, as indicated, belongs to the Church Universal, whom no man may christen, whose membership includes all honest, loyal souls in all ages and in all lands by whatever name they may be known among men. Such a life is a perpetual encouragement to high endeavor, and forever proves the fallacy of the doctrine so common even in our own day that no man can be successful and keep his soul awake to the anthem of, "The choir invisible of the immortal dead," reading the prose of the law with eyes that behold the vision of the poet.

On August 3, 1881, Mr. Light was married at Stamford, Conn., to Ida May Lockwood, and to them have been born two sons: Jay Irving Light, who died April 3, 1896; and Freeman Light.

ZENAS M. PECK needs no introduction to the farming population of Greenwich township; in fact his reputation as a skillful and prosperous agriculturist extends all over Fairfield county. He owns and resides upon the farm in Greenwich which his grandfather purchased a century ago, and which in his father's day was awarded second prize among all the farms in Fairfield county for its fine appearance and condition.

The Peck family is an old and numerous one in the township, and our subject is a grandson of Samuel Peck, who settled on the farm soon after his marriage to Mary Mead, and became a respected well-to-do farmer. His children were Allen, who became a merchant in New York City, and died when yet a young man; Obadiah, who was long a successful merchant of New York City, and spent his last years in retirement, dying in Brooklyn; Samuel, who died young; Isaac, the father of Zenas M. Peck; Whitman, who was given superior educational advantages, and became a minister of the Congregational Church; and four daughters—Anna, Maria, Sophia and

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Jane—none of whom married. The entire family is now deceased. Mr. Peck passed away in 1842, survived many years by his wife, who lived to the advanced age of ninety-two, and they both rest in the Congregational cemetery at Greenwich.

Isaac Peck was born in 1812 on his father's farm, where he grew to manhood, commencing to learn farm work as soon as he was old enough to be of any assistance. He was educated in the common district schools. Being the only one of the sons to remain at home, he took the farm after his father's death, at which time it was somewhat "run down," and brought it to a state of the highest cultivation, taking considerable pride in doing his work in a systematic and orderly manner, and keeping everything about the place in a condition of neatness not often attempted even by good farmers. His home and property received all his attention, and well repaid him for the care he bestowed upon them, for his skill and industry brought him a comfortable income, and placed him among the most prosperous farmers of the county. As above stated, he was given second prize in a contest among the farmers of Fairfield county, and such an honor is not easily won in this section. Mr. Peck was a man of ordinary build, weighing about 150 pounds, and was quiet and reserved in his manners and habits, nevertheless making many friends in the town. He married Miss Julia Mead, who was born in 1818, daughter of Zenas Mead, and their union was blessed with two children: Sophia, who died when nineteen years of age; and Zenas M., whose name opens this sketch. The parents were both sixty-four years old at the time of their deaths, the mother living five years after the father, and both lie buried in the cemetery of the Greenwich Congregational Church, of which Mr. Peck was a member. In his early years he was a Whig in political faith, and when that party merged into the Republican faction he became a stanch member of the new organization, with which he voted the remainder of his days.

Zenas M. Peck was born August 9, 1844, on the farm which has always been his home. In boyhood he attended the district schools of Greenwich, having for his early teachers Miss Hatch, Miss Hibbard and Miss Stark, and later he entered Green Academy, then taught by Prof. Button. Mr. Peck has always been engaged at work on the homestead, first as his father's assistant, and he has proved a worthy successor to the latter, from whom he has probably inherited the love of system and neatness which has characterized their work. It is a difficult matter, among so many good agriculturists, to call any one the best, but it is certain that our subject's right to a place in the first rank of farmers in this region would not be disputed.

At the age of twenty-two Mr. Peck wedded Miss Hannah E. Husted, who was born in 1846, daughter of Augustus and Nancy E. Husted, and two children have been born to them: Frederick, who died at the age of six years; and Eliza A., who lives with her parents. The family are united with the Congregational Church at Greenwich. Mr. Peck is a Republican in politics, though, like his father, he takes little active part in public matters; his ability and worth are unquestioned, but he is afflicted with a slight defect in his hearing, from which his father also suffered, and this has caused him to stand aside more from outside affairs than he might otherwise be inclined to do. He is looked upon as one of Greenwich's most substantial, thrifty citizens, and is everywhere respected for his stability and integrity of character. Mr. Peck and his cousin, Lewis Peck, son of Obadiah Peck, are the only male descendants of Samuel Peck now living, and the name goes out with them. Lewis Peck served with the Union throughout the Civil war, and came out with the rank of major-general. His home is in Brooklyn.

WILLIAM F. BISHOP, of Norwalk, is a citizen who is held in high esteem for his many excellent qualities of character. His family has had an important place in the history of the business development of that locality, his father, the late George G. Bishop, having been the principal founder of the Union Manufacturing Company, which for many years paid more taxes than any other concern in the township. In fact, the manufacturing interests of this and other sections are very largely indebted to that far-sighted inventor, to whom genius is due the discovery of the process of making felt cloth, a process which has now been adapted to many fabrics.

The Bishop family is of English origin, but the ancestors of our subject came to this country at an early date. Benjamin Bishop, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Fairfield county, and passed his life in the town of Norwalk, where he followed the blacksmith's trade. The late George G. Bishop was born in Ridgefield, this county, in 1803, and grew to manhood there. He learned the hatter's trade during his youth, and his observations as to the processes and materials used in that business probably suggested to his thoughtful and inventive mind the possibility of making what is now known as felt cloth.

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He was unusually practical for an inventor, and as soon as his ideas had been fully developed he formed a company for the manufacture of the new product, and in 1837 it was incorporated under the name of the Union Manufacturing Company. This was the first company incorporated in this State, and the Legislature passed a special law to authorize the proceeding. From 1837 until the time of the Civil war a large and profitable business was carried on by the company, but the demand for blankets and similar woolen goods for the use of the soldiers caused many concerns to spring up in different parts of the country. As they manufactured "shoddy goods," the Union Manufacturing Company could not compete with them in prices, and as a result the latter withdrew from the competition and soon afterward engaged in the manufacture of thread goods. This was a paying business until the passage of the Wilson Tariff bill, which, while it was in force, stopped all profit in the manufacture of woolen goods, and the mills of this company with many others closed, much to the sorrow of the two hundred workmen who were formerly given constant employment. A return to the old protective tariff brought better times and the mills were reopened. After the retirement of George G. Bishop, a brother of our subject, Adolphus F. Bishop, became president of the company, and in December, 1890, our subject assumed control and in 1895 purchased the mills.

This sketch would not be complete without a reference to the high character of the late George G. Bishop, and to his enviable standing as a citizen. He was a man who always contributed freely of his time and means to any project that promised to be of benefit to the public, and he was especially active in religious work as a member of the Episcopal Church. In politics he was a Democrat, but his party allegiance did not need official honors to keep it steadfast. His death, which occurred August 10, 1888, was mourned throughout the community where he had so long been a prominent figure. His wife, who died June 6, 1850, was formerly Miss Julia A. Taylor, a daughter of Benjamin Taylor, and a member of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of this county. Seven children were born of the union, of whom our subject is now the only survivor.

W. F. Bishop was born December 4, 1844, in Norwalk, where he spent the first eighteen years of his life. In early manhood he went to New York City and became a member of the Stock Exchange, with which he has now been connected for more than a quarter of a century. In December, 1887, he returned to his native town, and he has since made his home there. He takes great interest in all that pertains to the welfare of his city and town, is a life director in the Norwalk Hospital, and a vestryman in Grace Episcopal Church. Politically he is an ardent Republican, his belief in the principle of protection being strengthened by the experiences of the company with which his family is so intimately connected. He was married in 1869 to Miss Anna Norris Smith, daughter of the late Adon Smith, of New York City; she died in 1871. In 1877 he married Miss Jennie L. Stearns, of New York, a daughter of Joseph A. Stearns and a granddaughter of Dr. John Stearns, who was the first president of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of that city. Three children—Marjorie, William F., Jr., and Grace (who died in infancy)—have blessed this marriage. Socially, Mr. Bishop and his wife are prominent, and he is a member of various fraternal orders, including the F. & A. M., and others.

FREDERICK E. SILLIMAN, a well-known contractor of Bridgeport, is senior member of the firm of Silliman & Godfrey, who are now extensively interested in the construction of Trinidad asphalt pavements, also concrete walks, drives, curbs and gutters, with offices at No. 3 Post Office Arcade. For more than a quarter of a century Mr. Silliman has been engaged in these lines of business in Bridgeport, and he is also actively associated with the various social, religious and philanthropic movements of his city.

The Silliman family originated in Italy, the name being at one time Sillimandi; but our subject's ancestors settled in Holland at an early period, and there remained some time. The first of the name in America came about 1640, and the first home of the family in this country was at Holland Heights (named after Holland whence they had come), in the town of Fairfield, about two miles from Bridgeport; but the branch to which our subject belongs removed to Easton, and has been chiefly engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Silliman is of the sixth generation in descent from Nathaniel Silliman, the line being traced through Daniel, David, David (2), and Ezra Silliman, the last named being our subject's father. Nathaniel Silliman was brother of Ebenezer Silliman, who graduated at Yale, 1727; his son, Gold Selleck Silliman, was brigadier-general in the Revolutionary war, and his son, Benjamin Silliman, was professor of chemistry in Yale, 1802.

David Silliman (2), the grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Easton, and

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followed farming there through life. He married Catherine Adams, a member of a prominent pioneer family, and a daughter of Ephraim Adams, a merchant, who was much esteemed as a citizen, and served for a number of years as justice of the peace. Four children were born to this marriage, viz.: (1) Catherine married Rev. Alva Gregory, a Baptist minister, who preached in Stepney, Conn., for a number of years; (2) Ezra was the father of our subject; (3) David, Jr. (deceased), was a farmer in Easton; and (4) Clarissa died unmarried.

Ezra Silliman, the father of our subject, was born November 29, 1798, in Easton, where he grew to manhood and engaged in farming. In 1843 he sold his property there, and bought a small farm of twenty acres at Bridgeport, now within the limits of the West side. For many years he was president of the Western Turnpike Company, and as a business man and a citizen he enjoys a high reputation, his strict honesty and uprightness winning the respect and confidence of all who knew him. In his youth he united with the Baptist Church in Easton, in which he held the office of deacon when only thirty years old, and after his removal to Bridgeport he served in a similar capacity in the Church there for forty years. Politically he was originally a Whig, later a Republican. He died April 27, 1883, leaving the memory of years of good deeds. His wife, Lucinda (Burton), who died November 7, 1881, was a daughter of Elijah Burton, and a granddaughter of Benjamin Burton, both well-known residents of the town of Trumbull. Our subject was the youngest in a family of three children, the others being: Emily, who died at the age of twelve years; and David G., who is not married and resides in Los Angeles, Cal., being extensively interested in business operations in the West. He owns a ranch of 3,000 acres in Montana, and is also active in mining, having valuable property in Alaska, California and Montana.

Frederick E. Silliman was born August 23, 1845, in Bridgeport, and was educated mainly in Golden Hill Institute, in that city, although he attended a boarding school in Winthrop, Conn., for a time. As a young man he engaged in his present line of business successfully, and five years ago took in as partner his son-in-law, H. C. Godfrey. He is a member of the Bridgeport Board of Trade, and is also prominent in local politics as a worker in the Republican organization, having served in the common council for two terms under the presidency of P. T. Barnum and William H. Wessels. His wife, whose maiden name was Mariette Sherwood, is a daughter of Alban B. Sherwood, a leading citizen of Greenfield Hill, and they have one son, Frederick R., a bright boy of twelve years. Mrs. Silliman had one daughter by a former marriage, who is now the wife of H. C. Godfrey. The family is identified with St. John's Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Silliman is a prominent member. Socially, he is affiliated with the Bridgeport Yacht Club, the Sea Side Club, the Algonquin Club, and with Hamilton Commandery, Knights Templar.

PHILANDER E. ABBOTT, a prominent resident of Bridgeport, has more than a local reputation as a business man, four stores at Danbury and Meriden, Conn., and Fitchbury and Lawrence, Mass., being conducted successfully by him at the present time. In addition to this line of enterprise he carries on an extensive business as contractor at different points, and at various times he has been connected with other business ventures, in which he has met with success.

Mr. Abbott was born October 27, 1845, in the town of Wilton, this county, and is of Welsh descent in the paternal line, his great-grandfather, James H. Abbott, having been the first of the family to come to America. Hiram Abbott, our subject's grandfather, was a farmer in New York State. Aaron S. Abbott, the father of our subject, was born and reared at Binghamton, Broome Co., N. Y., where he served an apprenticeship in shoemaking and cabinetmaking. As a young man he came to this county and located at Wilton, engaging in business as a cabinetmaker. He married Miss Augusta Holmes, daughter of Abbie and Clark Holmes, who resided upon a farm in the town of Wilton, and eight children were born to the union. Arminta married Newton Gallow, of Newburg, N. Y., and is now deceased; Oscar, who was wounded while serving as a soldier in the Civil war, causing the amputation of a leg, is now a shoemaker in Newburg, N. Y.; Harvey, a shoemaker by trade, resides in Bridgeport; Amelia married Richard Evans, of Norwalk, and both are now deceased; Philander E., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Miss Mary resides in Bridgeport; the seventh child died in infancy; Abbie is the youngest. The father of this family died in 1888, and the mother in 1889.

Our subject's education was obtained chiefly in the district schools of Wilton, but when only thirteen years old he started out to make a livelihood, finding employment with a farmer in Norwalk. At the age of sixteen he went to Winni-

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pauk, where he was employed for two years as a general helper on a farm, and later he worked for two years in the mills of Lounsbury & Bissell, of that place. During this time he met and married Miss Martha Grindrod, a native of England. She died in March, 1866, and in the same year Mr. Abbott located in Bridgeport, being employed for a short time by B. Ellis, a dealer in marble and stone. He then returned to Winnipauk and worked in the old mill for a time, and on his return to Bridgeport he again took a position with Mr. Ellis, with whom he learned the stone and marble trade. In 1878 Mr. Ellis failed, and our subject lost considerable money as a result; but having determined to engage in business on his own account he opened a retail boot and shoe store, of which he made a decided success. In April, 1895, after sixteen years in the business, he sold out and established the four stores mentioned above, conducting them as five and ten-cent stores. In 1885 he began a contracting business in laying curbings and sidewalks, excavating, digging gutters, and similar work, and has filled numerous contracts in Connecticut and Massachusetts. In all his later enterprises he has had the advantage of the advice and assistance of a most capable and energetic wife, formerly Miss Lucy Coley, to whom he was married in 1876. She was born in Newtown, this county, where her father, George S. Coley, was a well-known citizen. While Mr. Abbott was engaged in the shoe business, she devoted her attention to the work, her fine talents contributing largely to the success of the venture.

Politically Mr. Abbott is a Republican, and socially he is identified with various organizations, including the I. O. O. F., Arcanum Lodge No. 41, and the F. & A. M., Corinthian Lodge No. 104, at Bridgeport.

LEROY G. OSBORNE, a prominent resident of Georgetown, is deserving of especial mention in this volume, not only because of his high standing as a citizen, but for his honorable record as a soldier, his service in the Civil war having been terminated by a serious injury at the first battle of Winchester.

Mr. Osborne was born March 19, 1845, in the town of Weston, this county, a son of Aaron and Mary C. (Gregory) Osborne. His education was obtained in the common schools of Georgetown and Redding, and his first experience in business life was as a clerk in a drug store at Westport. After a short time in that position he went to Norwalk and spent one year, later removing to Millersburg, Ohio, where he was engaged in a general store business for a year. He then passed some time in Brooklyn, N. Y., but at the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in Company C, 67th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served as a corporal. On March 23, 1862, during the first battle of Winchester, he was severely injured in an explosion, and on August 8, 1862, he was discharged at Harrison's Landing, Va., for disability. He now receives a pension on account of his injuries. As soon as he was able to resume business he went to New York, and for a time he was employed as a clerk in various places, including Lord & Taylor's, A. T. Stewart's, the Importers and Traders Bank, and the Fourth National Bank. He also engaged in a storage business there, but after a short time gave it up and settled at Georgetown, this county. He entered the employ of E. A. Mallory & Sons, of Danbury, and on leaving them went to New York City, and traveled for a while for Smith & Palmer, and Hooper & Pryor, hat manufacturers. Later he returned to Georgetown to make his permanent home, and he is now thoroughly identified with the interests of that place. He is not especially active in politics, but is a stanch Republican in belief, and has at times served as registrar of voters. Socially, he is connected with the G. A. R., Robert Anderson Post No. 58, and with the F. & A. M., Knickerbocker Lodge No. 642, both of New York City. In 1865 he married Miss Lida Carpenter, whose family history is given below. Their only son, Harry C., born February 21, 1869, in the town of Redding, is now in the employ of the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Co. at Georgetown. He married Miss Lydia Rapson, who was born in Cheshire, Conn., September 30, 1869, a daughter of John and Priscilla Rapson. Three children have blessed this union: Caroline S., born May 10, 1889; Catherine C., August 16, 1891, and Loraine G., February 16, 1896.

On the paternal side our subject is a great-grandson of Burton Osborne, who was born in the town of Weston, this county, and after obtaining a common-school education learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed throughout his life. He and his wife, Sarah (Godfrey), reared a family of three children: Hezekiah R., our subject's grandfather; Ruth A., who married Orace Smith, and Molly Azor Batterson.

Hezekiah R. Osborne, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of the town of Redding, where he engaged in farming. He was an excellent citizen, and for many years was an active member of the Methodist Church at Georgetown.

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He married Miss Esther Olmstead, and had seven children: Laura, who married Charles Scribner; Aaron, our subject's father; Eli, who married Charlotte Belden; Horace, who never married; Ann Augusta, wife of Aaron O. Lee; Lucy, wife of Samuel Perry; and Hezekiah B., who married Dell Reynolds.

Aaron Osborne, the father of our subject, was born in the town of Redding, October 11, 1818, and died January 24, 1887. His education was acquired in the common schools of that town, and in early manhood engaged in the making of cheese cases for the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Co., with whom he worked some fifty-two years. Politically he is a firm believer in Republican principles, but he did not aspire to office; in religious faith he was a Methodist, being an active member of the Church of that denomination at Georgetown. He and his wife reared a family of four children: (1) Sarah Malvina was born in the town of Weston in 1843, and grew to womanhood in this county. She married (first) Dr. A. D. Sturges, a physician now practicing in Danbury, and (second) S. C. Parmalee, a dry-goods merchant of the same city, by whom she has had two sons, Paul and Samuel. By her first marriage she had one son, Leroy Osborne Sturges, who was born in the town of Redding, April 25, 1865, and now resides at Branchville, in the same township, where he is engaged in carpentering. Previous to entering upon that occupation he had followed farming for a time, and in his youth he was employed in several different enterprises, including the Mutual Union Telegraph & Telephone Co., of New York, the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Co., of Georgetown, where he worked one year, the Danbury Telephone Company, and the Schuyler Electric Light Company, of Danbury, with which he was connected for two years. He is a member of the Congregational Church at Georgetown, and in politics is a Republican. At times he has served on the grand jury, and he has also been constable. In 1888 he married Miss Carrie E. Fillow, who was born in the town of Redding April 21, 1866, a daughter of Aaron Fillow (a well-known carpenter of the town of Wilton), and his wife, Mariette (Gilbert). She is an excellent helpmeet, having rare business ability, and conducts an extensive trade as a dressmaker. Their only child, Mary Cordelia, was born July 13, 1889, and died November 30, 1891. Dr. Albert D. Sturges, the father of Leroy O., was born in the town of Wilton, a son of Eliphalet and Sallie A. (Davis) Sturges, who had four children: George B., Henry B., Albert D. and Addie. In early manhood he followed the butcher's trade, but became a veterinary surgeon and later a physician. After the separation from his first wife, Sarah M. Osborne, he married Miss Millie Parsons, but they have no children.

(2) Leroy Gregory, our subject, was second in the order of birth in the family of four children born to Aaron and Mary C. Osborne. (3) Henry B. was born in the town of Redding, and was a prosperous carpenter there. He died September 26, 1898. He was a member of Arch Lodge No. 39, F. & A. M., at Georgetown. He married Miss Ida St. John, who died August 23, 1895, and had two children: John G. and Lida E. (4) William Hubert, a native of the town of Redding, is in the employ of Andrews & Co., of Danbury. He married Miss Sarah Sanford, and has one daughter, Grace S. Fraternally, he is identified with the F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F.

MRS. MARY C. GREGORY OSBORNE, who is now a highly respected resident of Georgetown, was born in August, 1821, a daughter of Miles Gregory, of Danbury. Her paternal great-grandfather, Ephraim Gregory, married Esther Stevens, and had four children: Samuel, the grandfather of Mrs. Osborne; Elijah, who married Hannah Benedict; Anna, wife of Caleb Benedict, and Eliphalet, of whom no account is given.

Samuel Gregory was married to Lorana Olmstead as early, probably, as 1785 and, certainly, by 1790. They had ten children: Miles, Mrs. Osborne's father; Czar, who married Eliza Morehouse; Harry, who married Hannah Barnum; Ephraim, who was married January 4, 1815, to Rachel Stevens; Stephen O., who married Phœbe Fairchild; Esther, wife of Timothy B. Hickok; Cordelia, who married Andrew C. Hickok, and died June 7, 1885, at the age of ninety-three; Eliphalet, who married Jane Barnum; Hannah, wife of Weed St. John; and Samuel, who married (first) Joanna ——— and (second) Eliza ———.

Miles Gregory married Annis Bronson, by whom he had nine children: (1) William Augustus, born October 12, 1804, died April 21, 1891. He married Mary Ann Ketchum, and had two children—Cordelia, wife of Benjamin F. Marsh, and Edwin, who married Susan Wright. (2) Bailey died when about nineteen years old. (3) Stephen Olmstead, who died January 6, 1892, married (first) Mary Perry, and (second) Ruth Ann Olmstead, by whom he had three children—Mary Esther, wife of Dayton Truax; Cordelia, wife of Benjamin Stevens; and William Henry, who married Susan Friend Murphy. (4)

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Dennis died at the age of six years. (5) Lorana Ann, born January 7, 1816, married (first) Henry Benedict, and (second) John Greenwood. She had one son by her first marriage, Samuel Gregory, who died at the age of one year. (6) Dennis B. married Harriet Bunker. (7) Mary Cordelia (Mrs. Osborne). (8) Sarah Maria married Levi Judd, and had one son, Eugene Gregory, who married (first) Jennie Gibson, and (second) Elizabeth Butts. (9) Nancy Jane, who died May 21, 1887, at the age of sixty, married John P. Hurlbutt, and had one child, Esther Jane.

In the maternal line Mrs. Osborne is a great-granddaughter of Rev. Thaddeus Bronson, a Baptist minister, who preached in pioneer times in an old meeting house at Miry Brook, in the town of Danbury, being the first regular pastor. The Second Baptist Church of Danbury was organized through the interest awakened there, and in 1790 was admitted into the Hartford Baptist Association. Rev. Mr. Bronson remained in charge until 1793, when he removed to Schoharie, N. Y., to continue his labors. His mortal remains now rest in the cemetery at Schoharie. During the Revolutionary war he took part in the struggle for freedom, and in "Connecticut Men in the War of the Revolution" we find this record: "Thaddeus Bronson enlisted in Capt. Noble Benedict's company August 21, 1776, was discharged December 25, 1776." He and his wife, Sarah, reared a family of four children: (1) Ezra, Mrs. Osborne's grandfather, is mentioned again below. (2) Rev. Levi Bronson, a Methodist minister, lived and died at Starr's Plains, where his remains were interred; he married Abigail Knapp, daughter of Bracy and Anne Knapp, and had six children, who are indicated in the following account by letters of the alphabet: (a) Hawley married Annie Dykeman, and had three children—Daniel, who married (first) Clarissa Mills, (second) Deborah Delaven, and (third) Rachel Gade; Barlow B., who married (first) Mary J. Heick, and (second) Ann M. Smith; and Mary Ann, who married (first) Hiram K. Scott, and (second) Ira B. Manley. (b) Pamelia married Isaac Sirrine, and had three children—Abba Jane, who married Mr. Stocker; Sally, who married Mr. Gage; and Orrin, who married Melissa Morgan. (c) Thaddeus married Sally Crasy, and had eight children—William H., a physician, who married Juliette Northrup; Orin L., who married Polly Ann Wood; George T., who died unmarried; Amelia, who married Truman Judd; Clark, who married (first) Cornelia Betts, and (second) Mary Walker; Augustus, deceased; Sarah E., who married Lewis Bradley; and Mary J., who married Abel B. Betts. (d) Ora married Edwin Mills, and had two children—Mary Abigail, who married Herman Taylor, and Edwin, who married Mary Bostwick. (e) Ann married Richard Osborne, and had three children—James, who married Fanny Crosby; Caroline, who married Isaac Osborne; and Eveline, who married Seth Downs. (f) Levi, a physician, married (first) Rebecca Baxter, and (second) Mary Delia Briscoe. By the first union he had five children—Sarah Ann, who married Sylvester Gilbert; John, who married (first) Amelia Brush, and (second) Margery Albina Davis; Frank, who died at an early age; Helen and Frances Jane. By the second marriage there were three children—William, who married Janetta Hoyt; and Jennie and Jessie, who never married. (3) Lucinda Bronson, third child of Rev. Thaddeus Bronson and his wife Sarah, married Phineas Lobdell. (4) Amos went west, and but little is known of him. He married and had one daughter, Rowena.

Ezra Bronson, the grandfather of Mrs. Osborne, spent the latter portion of his life at Carmel, Putnam Co., N. Y., where he died June 5, 1840, aged seventy-five years. His wife, Anna, daughter of Bracy and Anne Knapp, died July 25, 1842, at the age of seventy-six, and both were buried in the Mill Plain Cemetery at Danbury. They had twelve children: Annis, Mrs. Osborne's mother; Hannah, who married Elbert Segar; Thomas, who married Nelly Horton; Knapp, who married Samantha Fowler; Sarah, who married Anson Batterson; Betsy, who married Cyrus Andrews; Polly, who married Thomas Andrews, a brother of Cyrus; Ezra, who married Jane Olmstead; Eli (twin of Ezra), who married Hester Ann Curry; Deborah, who never married; Hoyt, who married Sally Pettit; and Asahel, who married Philena White.

The Carpenter family, of which our subject's wife is a member, as mentioned above, has been identified with Long Island from an early date, the first ancestors coming from England. John Carpenter, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Lida M. Osborne, was born and reared at Glen Cove, L. I., and passed his life in agricultural pursuits. He married and had four children: John Wesley; Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Underhill; Latten; and Searing John, the next in the line of descent. Searing J. Carpenter was born in the town of Glen Cove, and after receiving a common-school education engaged in farming. He married Miss Sallie Hawkshurst, and had seven children, viz.: James, who married Ann E. Pearsall; John, who married Marian Cole; William B., who is mentioned again below; Eliza, wife of John Pearsall; Rozalia, wife of James Carpenter; Thomas, who

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married Mary Carpenter; and George, who is not married.

William B. Carpenter, the father of Mrs. Lida M. Osborne, was born in 1825, at the old home in Glen Cove, L. I., and was educated in the common schools of the town. He learned the carpenter's trade, but for some years of his early manhood he followed the sea. Later he was appointed on the detective force in New York City, and after a few years took a position as stage carpenter in the Metropolitan Opera House, in the same city. During the Civil war he was appointed by President Lincoln to act as a spy, and did good service in that capacity. In religious faith he was a Quaker. He married Miss Susan Hoffman, a daughter of John and Eliza Willis Hoffman, and had one child, Lida M. (now Mrs. Osborne), who was born May 16, 1848, in New York City, and obtained her education in the public schools of the metropolis.

GOULD ABIJAH SHELTON, M. D. The Shelton family originated in England, and all of that name in this country are believed to be descendants of two brothers, Daniel and Richard, who crossed the Atlantic prior to 1690. The ancestral home was at Shelton, in the County of Norfolk, England, but the branch of the family to which the two brothers belonged had been identified for some time with Deptford, Yorkshire, in which town the two brothers were born. Richard Shelton settled in Virginia, and his descendants are now numerous in the Southern States, the name having been changed, however, in some instances to Chilton.

Daniel located in Stratford, this county, at a place known as Long Hill, while he also owned large tracts of land in Stamford, Farmington, Oxford, Woodbury, Derby and Waterbury, Conn. His name appears among those of the earliest churchmen of Stratford, which then included Huntington, and next to the head of the list of those who petitioned the Bishop of London, in 1707, to aid them against some rigid Presbyterians and Independents, who had threatened serious trouble to the petitioners because of the visit to the town of Stratford of a Church missionary who had conducted service and administered the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The petition requested the Bishop to send over as a missionary "an exemplary man in conversation, fluent in preaching, and able in disputation, that he might silence the cavils of the enemy." It is also recorded that in 1722 sixteen Episcopalians, inhabitants of the town of Ripton (now Huntington), addressed a paper to the secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, asking for a pastor of their own or for stated supplies every third Sunday from the ministers settled in Stratford and New Haven. "We are emboldened to hope this" say the petitioners, "both because we design to set apart a glebe for our spiritual guide when he comes, and also because we suffer great persecution for the Church's sake from those who have the civil power here, and have made that a handle to grasp the ecclesiastical." The second signature to this document is that of Daniel Shelton, who did not live to see a Church established at Ripton, while the fifteenth name is undoubtedly that of his son, Joseph, then a young man of twenty-four. In 1709 Daniel Shelton suffered imprisonment for his devotion to the Church of England, and we take the account as given in the Documentary History of Connecticut, as follows: "They [the Independents] still persisted with vigor to continue their persecution, and seized the body of Daniel Shelton at his habitation or farm, being about eight miles distant from the town, hurrying him away toward the town in order to carry him to the county gaol. Passing by a house, he requested of them that he might go in and warm him and take some refreshments, which was granted; but they being in a hurry, bid him come along; but he desiring a little longer time, they barbarously laid violent hands upon his person and flung his body across a horse's back and called for ropes to tie him to the horse; to the truth of which several persons can give their testimony and are ready when thereunto called; and having brought him to the town they immediately seized the bodies of William Rowlinson and Archibald Dunlap, and carried them all three to the county gaol, it being the 16th day of January, 1709, and there confined them until such time as they disbursed such sums of money as the gaoler demanded of them, which money was last in the hands of the Lieutenant Governor, Nathaniel Gould, Esq., he promising them that the next General Court should hear and determine the matter, and that the money left in his hands should be disposed of as the court should order; and they were at present released, being the 17th day of the same instant."

Daniel Shelton died in January, 1728, aged about sixty years. He was married April 4, 1692, to Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Welles, of Wethersfield, Conn., and the granddaughter of Hon. Thomas Welles, one of the early governors of the Commonwealth. Nine children were born of this marriage: Elizabeth, Sarah,

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Joseph, Daniel, Thaddeus, Samuel, James, John and Josiah.

Samuel, through whom is traced the line of descent in which we are now particularly interested, married Abigail, the daughter of Philo and Mahitabel Nichols, and had fourteen children: Mary, Daniel, Samuel, Elizabeth, David, Abigail, Joseph, Andrew, Sarah, Ann, Josiah, Philo, Isaac Wells and Agur.

Daniel, the great-grandfather of the well-known physician whose name opens this sketch, married Mehitabel Shelton.

Samuel Frederick Shelton, the grandfather of our subject, married Eunice Hannah Curtiss, and had six children—two sons and four daughters.

Judson Curtiss Shelton, our subject's father, was born in Huntington, October 17, 1798.

Dr. Gould Abijah Shelton, fourth son of Judson C. and Hannah (Lewis) Shelton, was born August 19, 1841, at the old home in Huntington, and after receiving an elementary education in the common schools of that locality he entered Staples Academy at Easton, this county, to prepare for college under the instruction of H. W. Siglar, an able and popular teacher. In 1862 he matriculated at Yale College, but during his junior year he left his class in order to engage in teaching, in which he met with unusual success. Late in 1864 he accepted a position as instructor in mathematics and the languages in Mountain View Seminary, at Fishkill-on-the-Hudson, and the following year he became principal of the public school at Port Washington, Long Island. In 1866 he began his medical studies under the preceptorship of Dr. George W. Hall, of New York City, later attending three courses of lectures at the Yale Medical School, New Haven, where he received the degree of M. D. on January 14, 1869. He at once took charge of the practice of his uncle, Dr. James Hovey Shelton, who died in 1868 after nearly half a century of successful professional work in Huntington. Dr. James H. Shelton was the son and the successor of Dr. William Shelton, who was graduated from Yale College in 1788, and practiced medicine in Huntington from 1789 until his death in 1819, so that the professional mantle that fell upon the shoulders of our subject was in itself an honor. Both his predecessors were held in the highest esteem as men and physicians, and, like all of the family name, were excellent citizens in every respect. It is seldom that an unbroken succession of professional men of the same family, and characterized by such marked ability, has continued in one place for more than a century, as has been the case with this noted line of physicians in the township of Huntington. Doctor Shelton has ably upheld the prestige of his name, and by his skill and talent has added new honors to those gained by his predecessors. While his attention is mainly given to his professional labors, he takes an influential part in local affairs, especially in those that relate to the educational advancement of the locality. For many years he has been an active member of the board of school visitors; from 1870 to 1888 he was president of the board of education in the town; was a trustee of the Plumb Memorial Library (at Shelton, Conn.) fund, with Mrs. D. W. Plumb, and was engaged in the erection of the new library building, and the presentation of it to the town of Huntington.

Also prominent in political circles, he, in November, 1894, was elected to the General Assembly, in which he served with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituency, taking his seat in January, 1895, and doing notable work as chairman of the committee on Public Health during the session. From 1885 to 1888 (three terms) he was a member of the board of burgesses of Shelton, and from 1890 to 1892 (three terms) he was warden of the borough. Since 1889 he has been coroner-medical examiner of his town, and since 1886 he has served as health officer of his borough. The office of registrar of vital statistics was filled by him for several years, but long since it was merged into that of the town clerk, who now performs the duty. His other positions include those of president of the board of park commissioners at Shelton since 1893; president of the Shelton Water Company, and director of the Shelton Savings Bank, both since 1893; also secretary and director of the Silver Plate Cutlery Company, since 1894. In 1891 the honorary degree of A. M. was conferred upon him by Yale University, and in 1894 he was elected president of the Yale Medical Alumni Association. He is a member of the American Medical Association; the Connecticut Medical Society; the Fairfield County Medical Society, of which he was president in 1889, and since 1892 he has been a member of the consulting board of the Bridgeport Hospital. He is also actively interested in fraternal society work as a member of the I. O. O. F. and the F. & A. M.

On June 16, 1874, Doctor Shelton was married to Miss Emily Plumb Capel, who was born in Bridgeport, August 12, 1847, a niece of the late Hon. D. W. Plumb, of Shelton. No children blessed this union. Mrs. Shelton passed from earth November 11, 1897.

As various members of the family have won

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distinction in their respective fields of effort, it will be interesting to note the lines of descent in other branches. The eldest of the seven sons of Daniel Shelton, the famous pioneer, was Joseph, who was born June 24, 1696, and passed his life at Long Hill, where he died August 10, 1782, aged eighty-six. He married Mary, daughter of Joseph Hollister, of Glastonbury, Conn., and had four daughters and two sons. Of the latter, Joseph died at the age of fourteen, and William, who was born July 26, 1739, made his home at Long Hill, where he died January 27, 1812, at the age of seventy-three. He was married October 1, 1764, to Susannah, daughter of Thomas Strong, of Brookhaven, L. I., a descendant of Elder John Strong, of the Dorchester Colony, Elder Brewster, of the "Mayflower," and Roger Ludlow, once deputy-governor of Massachusetts. Two daughters and six sons were born of this marriage. Of the sons: Philo and Thomas died without issue. William, Jr., graduated at Yale in 1788, and became a physician in Huntington, as mentioned above; while two of his sons, William and James Hovey, also practiced medicine, the former at Stratford, and the latter in Huntington. Selah, a son of William, Sr., had eight daughters and two sons, of whom, George lived in Ohio and Missouri, and Alfred remained in Huntington, where his descendants now reside. George, a son of William, Sr., had two sons—Charles, who was for eight years a medical missionary in India, and George Wellington, who located in Birmingham, Conn. Joseph, eldest son of William, Sr., was born August 27, 1765, and died at his residence at Long Hill, September 1, 1848, aged eighty-three. He was married on November 24, 1791, to Charity, daughter of Stephen Lewis, of Stratford, three daughters and five sons being born of this union, the youngest son, Edward Nelson Shelton, who is now deceased, becoming one of the leading business men of his section in his day. To his great energy and financial aid the creation of the Ousatonic water power was due, and for him was rightly named the bustling and successful borough of Shelton.

GEORGE COMSTOCK. This gentleman is a representative of the fourth generation of the Comstock family that has been born at Wilton, Conn., Strong Comstock, the great-grand-father having been the first, and his son, Samuel, was the father of James, our subject's father. Samuel Comstock was also the father of Mrs. William E. Raymond, of New Canaan, Connecticut.

James Comstock was born and lived and died at Wilton. He was a prominent merchant at that place, having a general merchandise store, and for a number of years was postmaster at North Wilton. He married Harriet Betts, a daughter of Andrews and Mary Weed (Hoyt) Betts, of Wilton. The following children came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Comstock: (1) Strong, principal of the Balmforth avenue school at Danbury, Conn., married Martha Atwood, and has the following children: Leonard, who is a graduate of Yale College, class of 1895; Mary; Harriet, who is a graduate of Vassar College, class of 1897; Georgia; James and Alfred. Strong Comstock graduated from Yale in 1867. (2) George. (3) Andrews Betts, who died at the age of fourteen. (4) Marianna, who married John Johnson, of Boston, and has two children: Mable and Edith. (5) Isabel, who married Alfred McKee, and has two children: Sidney and Isabel; and (6) William E., of Wilton.

George Comstock was born June 19, 1847, spent his youth at Wilton, and received his education in the district schools. As soon as he was old enough he went to work on a farm, and that work and clerking in a store occupied his time until he was twenty-two years of age. He then, unlike his immediate ancestors, decided to leave his native town and seek his fortune elsewhere. Accordingly he came to Bridgeport, and engaged in the retail grocery business on East Main street for two years. His early training had been such as to give him habits of industry and economy, and his previous experience in a store had taught him the general principles of business that are not learned in the text books or in the schools, but out in the actual contact with the business world. He was quite successful, and in 1871 he engaged in the same business with Isaac W. Smith on Barnum avenue; for two years he remained here, and in 1873 he joined the firm of Morford & Trubee as traveling salesman, and in 1881 he became a partner of David Trubee & Co., extensively engaged in the wholesale grocery business.

In 1871, in Bridgeport, Mr. Comstock was married to Miss Sarah Smith, daughter of Isaac W. and Julia (Thatcher) Smith, and the following children have been born to them: Mortimer Smith, who graduated from Yale in 1895, and Andrews Betts, who is now attending Yale Law School.

Mr. Comstock is one of those public-spirited men, who cast aside their personal interests, and exert their every energy for the welfare of the community in which they live. He has repeatedly been called upon to represent his fellow townsmen in various ways. In 1886 he was a member of the common council, and at the

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present time is the very efficient president of the board of health. Socially, he is an important factor; is a member of the Sea Side Club, and on the board of governors in that club. He is a member of the New York Produce Exchange. Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Comstock are active workers in the South Congregational Church, in which he is a member of the Society's committee. In their delightfully home-like residence at No. 239 Park avenue, they delight to entertain their many friends, and the stranger here finds a welcome that proves "Hospitality, the King."

R. CHARLES TOUSEY. New England is one of the greatest manufacturing centers of the world, and on her factories necessarily does a great share of her wealth depend. These factories have been run oftentimes by several generations of one family, and this succession applies not only to owners, but also to the employes. R. Charles Tousey, whose name appears at the opening of this review, and who is one of the best known manufacturers in Trumbull, was born in the Long Hill District, July 11, 1845, a son of Wheeler P. Tousey.

The Tousey family have long been residents of Fairfield county, and have occupied prominent and representative positions. Abel Tousey, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Newtown, Conn., March 4, 1756, followed farming all his life, and died June 7, 1825. He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Esther Glover, and they were married March 2, 1780. She died August 9, 1804, leaving children whose names and dates of birth are as follows: John Glover, mentioned more fully below; Sarah Ann, November 19, 1783; Gradison Curtis, June 29, 1786; Marcia, October 4, 1789; Zerah, June 29, 1791; Philo, March 17, 1793; Minerva, January 10, 1800; and Esther Ann, December 10, 1802. On January 12, 1805, Mr. Tousey was married to Polly Blackman, and by her he had two children: Abel, born December 18, 1805, and Fanny, born March 26, 1812.

John Glover Tousey was born in Newtown, Conn., November 11, 1781, and died February 18, 1820. He engaged in farming and teaching there all his life. He married Amarillis Hubbell, and to them were born three children: David, who lived to be seventy-two years of age; Wheeler Peck; and Delia.

Wheeler Peck Tousey was born March 7, 1817. His early days were spent in Newtown, and he received such education as he could obtain in the schools of the vicinity. He learned carriage making in the Daniels Farms District, near Trumbull, and later established a factory of his own in Long Hill. For a short time he worked in Bridgeport, also passed some months in the South, and during the Civil war he farmed in Tompkins county, N. Y. He was the first man to run a sewing machine at Long Hill, and in many ways has shown his love of advanced methods of work. The present factory of R. Charles Tousey, which was erected for the manufacture of carriages for the Southern trade, was bought by W. P. Tousey about 1866, and some three years later was begun in it the manufacture of shirts and drawers. On October 10, 1842, Wheeler Peck Tousey was married to Miss Mary M. Turney, who was born June 25, 1821, a daughter of Elijah and Eunice (Thorp) Turney, both natives of the town of Fairfield. Two children graced this union: R. Charles, and Lamora, born January 24, 1850, who married Joseph Hawley. The father died April 21, 1889, and his death caused much sorrow in the community where he was widely known. His pleasant way had made him many friends, and his employes found him not only a master but a friend.

R. Charles Tousey passed his boyhood and youth in Long Hill, receiving his education in part at the district school, in part at a private boarding school in Monroe. When quite young he entered his father's factory, and thoroughly learned the art of carriage making. When his father began the manufacture of shirts and drawers he entered into partnership with him. Since the death of the latter he has conducted the business for himself, has made many improvements, and now employs about fifty hands. He has taken his father's place in the affections of the employes, and it is safe to say that there is no more popular man in the community.

On November 28, 1866, in Virgil, Cortland Co., N. Y., R. Charles Tousey was united in matrimony with Ellen E. Francis, a daughter of Richard and Caroline (Gager) Francis. Five children bless their union: (1) Rena Caroline, born October 5, 1869, was married November 12, 1889, to Harry A. House, of Bridgeport, now living at East Cowes, Isle of Wight, England. (2) Lora Alice, born June 5, 1871, was married November 23, 1892, to Dr. D. C. DeWolfe, of Bridgeport, and has had two children —Sinclair Tousey, born March 25, 1894; and Frederick L., born July 27, 1897, and died March 10, 1898. (3) Frederick Wheeler, born May 4, 1872, married Violet Beach, and lives at East Cowes, Isle of Wight, England. They have one child, Harold Francis. (4) Anna May, born February 11, 1876, died August 6, 1876.

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(5) Harry Glover, born May 16, 1877, married Susan Edith Beach, daughter of John M. Beach, of Bridgeport.

While Mr. Tousey occupies a prominent place in the financial and commercial world at Trumbull, his place in municipal affairs is no less important. He has always recognized the duty he owed to his town and State, and while he has never in any way sought office, when such positions have been offered, and even urged upon him, he has not evaded the duty. He has served his fellow townsmen as selectman and constable, and when Charles Crosby was sheriff he acted as his deputy. Fraternally, he is a thirty-second degree Freemason, member of the Mystic Shrine, Knights Templar, and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Socially, he belongs to the Algonquin Club, and takes an active part in its work. He is also the agent for the State Humane Society. Mrs. Tousey, as are her children, is a member of Grace Episcopal Church at Long Hill.

HON. BENJAMIN F. BULKLEY, ex-representative of the State Legislature from Fairfield county, Conn., ex-editor and publisher of a newspaper, and a general mechanic of Southport, is descended from an old family of Fairfield county.

The first of the family in America came from England in about the year 1620. Joseph Bulkley, the great-grandfather of our subject, a native of Fairfield, Conn., was a clock maker by trade, and many of his clocks are yet in existence. Benjamin Bulkley, the grandfather, was born and grew up in the town of Fairfield. He was a cabinet maker by trade, and followed the business throughout life. He married Rebecca Davis, born in the same town, and the union was blessed with the following named children: Francis, father of our subject, who is referred to farther on; and Mary, who married Samuel Bunnell, of the town of Westport. Benjamin Bulkley was a Republican in his political views, and in religious faith he was a Methodist, he and his wife being members of the M. E. Church. He died at Southport in 1872, and his wife in 1863.

Francis Bulkley was a native of the town of Fairfield, born in 1819. He was reared in that town, and at an early age began a sea-faring life, which he followed for a time. Later he learned the carriage-making trade, and still later followed the livery business, having started the livery in that section. He figured quite prominently in the affairs of the town, being a man of good judgment and intelligence, served as selectman, and represented the town of Fairfield in the State Legislature. In his political views he was a Democrat. In 1842 Mr. Bulkley married Miss Mary Nichols, a native of the town of Weston, and a daughter of Peter and Katie (Jennings) Nichols, the latter formerly of Easton; Peter Nichols was the son of Peter Nichols, of Easton. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bulkley settled in Southport. They had three children, namely: Benjamin F.; Katie, who married Edward Nichols, a farmer of Fairfield; and one that died in infancy. The father of these died in 1881; the mother is still living.

Benjamin F. Bulkley was born in Southport, Conn., December 6, 1846. He passed his early boyhood in his native place, and when sixteen years of age went to New York, where for five years he clerked in a notion store. He then went to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and for a year was an auctioneer, after this experience returning to Southport, Conn., and starting the Southport *Chronicle*, the first newspaper ever published there up to that time. Its life, however, was short, and on its discontinuance the editor commenced to learn the carriage maker's trade, and later the machinist's trade, becoming quite skillful as a mechanic; he now operates sawmills, and is chiefly occupied as a general mechanic. He is a man of intellect, quite practical in his ideas, and is one of the county's best citizens. In his political views he is a Democrat, and in 1889 he served the people of the town of Westport in the State Legislature. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F., and has held all of the offices in the local lodge; and of the Masonic Fraternity.

On October 28, 1868, Mr. Bulkley was married to Mary H. Jordan, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and to them were born three children: Benjamin F., Jr., Mary and Grace H. The mother of these died June 15, 1878, and on August 4, 1881, the father was married to Eva C. Nelson, a native of Swedenholdt, Sweden. To the second union has been born one child, John N.

THE LYON-SEELEYS. The Seeley family, although not numerically large, is remarkable for its succession of military men of note dating from the earliest Colonial period. Lieut. Robert Seeley, the progenitor of the Seeleys in this country, was the first marshal of New Haven, and one of the founders of that city, along with Governor Eaton and his band of coevals. Together with General Sedgwick, Robert Seeley was placed in command of the combined military forces of the State of Connecticut against a threatened invasion of the

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Dutch. Among the descendants of Robert Seeley are the late Governor Seeley, of New Jersey; ex-Congressman Seelye, of Massachusetts; President Seelye of Amherst College; Col. Aaron Platt Seeley and Calvin Seeley, of Palmyra, N. Y.; Coles and Abner Seeley, of Bridgeport, Conn.; Mrs. Carlos Warner, of Brooklyn; Hon. William E. Seeley, of Bridgeport; Herbert Barnum Seeley and Clinton Barnum Seeley, of New York and Bridgeport; Rev. C. W. de Lyon Nichols and Nathan Seeley, of New York, and several members of the Floyd-Jones family of Long Island.

Capt. Nathaniel Seeley, a distinguished Colonial hero, son of Robert Seeley, of New Haven, removed to Fairfield, Conn., where he was made a freeman in 1657. He served as lieutenant in King Philip's war in 1675, and was killed at the head of his company in the Great Swamp fight, December 19, of that year. A grant of two hundred acres of land at Fairfield was made by the Colonial government to his widow the next year, in recognition of his military services. A year prior to his death, he had been appointed by the court to lay out the boundaries between Fairfield and Norwalk.

Of the nine children of Capt. Nathaniel Seeley, Lieut. Nathaniel Seeley, following the traditions of his father and grandfather, was a Colonial military officer; he married Hannah Odell, of the family which subsequently became included among the founders of Bridgeport. Of their four children, James Seeley married a Gregory, a member of another influential pioneer family of Bridgeport. The Gregorys, who were of Boston descent, could trace their derivation a generation or two back of their Massachusetts forefathers to a noble house of England. Ensign Nathan Seeley was a son of James Seeley and Sarah Gregory.

Two sons were born to Ensign Nathan Seeley—Seth and Lieut. Nathan Seeley, of the Revolution. Lieut. Nathan Seeley was at one time placed in command of the defenses of Bridgeport, and both he and his father, Ensign Nathan Seeley, are buried in the old Stratfield cemetery at Bridgeport, near the Brooklawn Country Club. The Mary Silliman Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution is doing a noble work of restoration for this ancient and long-neglected graveyard, where lie entombed the founders of Bridgeport. Lieut. Nathan Seeley, like his grandfather, evinced a preference for the Colonial Gregory family by espousing one of its daughters. Among the lineal descendants of Lieut. Nathan Seeley, of the Revolution, and Deborah Gregory are Nathan Seeley, Herbert Barnum Seeley and Clinton Barnum Seeley, of New York; Col. Aaron Platt Seeley and Calvin Seeley, of Palmyra, N. Y.; Mrs. Carlos Warner, of Brooklyn; Mrs. Henry J. Smith *née* Seeley, and Mrs. Frank Eno, of Ansonia, Conn.; John Seeley Adams, of Syracuse, N. Y.; Clarence Monson Harkness, of Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. Lewis Bonnell Crane and Mrs. J. V. Singleton, of New York; and Mrs. George Kneeland Nichols *née* Seeley, Coles and Abner Seeley, and Mrs. Walter Nichols *née* Nichols, of Bridgeport. Lieut. Nathan Seeley invariably spelled his name Seelye, the same orthography being adhered to on his tombstone, and by his son Abner. Ex-Congressman Seelye, of Massachusetts, President Seelye, of Amherst College, and the Hon. William E. Seeley, of Bridgeport, are descendants of Seth Seeley, an uncle of Lieut. Nathan Seelye. Ex-Congressman and President Seelye's more immediate forefathers lived at Bethel, Connecticut.

Abner Seelye, a son of Lieut. Nathan Seelye and grandson of Ensign Nathan, was the founder of the branch known in Fairfield county as the Lyon-Seeleys, and married Sabria Lyon, the daughter of Zachariah Lyon, Esq., a wealthy and prominent resident of the town of Weston, Conn., leaving an only child, the Rev. Monson Seeley, who in turn inter-married with the Lyon family, his wife, Eliza Maria Platt, being a daughter of Aaron Platt and Polly Lyon. The Lyon-Seeleys are descended in a triple line from Richard Lyon the I, of Fairfield, Conn. The Platts were scions of the distinguished Colonial Platt family of Huntington, Long Island, which held a Patent of landed estates both granted and confirmed by Sir Richard Nicholls, the first English Governor of New York. Platt street, New York City, was named in honor of this family, which is at the present day connected with the Remsens and Wagstaffs, of New York and Long Island. Eliza Maria Platt and Rev. Monson Seeley were married by the Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, rector of old Christ Church, Stratford, and one of the first four Episcopal clergymen ordained in America by Bishop Seabury at his first ordination. Eliza Maria Platt and her sister, Polly Lyon Platt, were beautiful women, the latter making an international alliance by her marriage to David Griffith, Esq., a younger son of the titled Griffith family of Wales.

Abner Seelye's second wife was Lucy Osborne, of a highly connected Fairfield county, Conn., family related in its later generations to Governor Lane, of Ohio, and the noted Griswold family of Black Hall, Old Lyme, Conn. Rosalie Osborne, a relative of Mrs. Abner Seelye, and a daughter of Amos Osborne, one of the group of millionaire bankers of the Osbornes, married Albert Bierstadt, the celebrated land-

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scape painter. Rosalie Osborne Bierstadt was a famous beauty in New York, London and Paris, and moved with her talented husband in the highest court circles. The Lyon connections of the Seeleys had also formed a marital alliance with Mrs. Bierstadt's relatives, the Osbornes, in Connecticut. The Osborne-Seeleys, nearly all of whom were wealthy for their day and generation, have always been remarked for their financial sagacity, the Lyon-Seeleys for artistic tastes, handsome men and women, and fondness of display and equipage—tendencies invariably traced back to their three lines of Lyon ancestors.

Rev. Monson Seeley, of Palmyra, N. Y., born in Monroe, Conn., the only son of Abner Seelye, Esq., by his first wife, Sabria Lyon, served as a boy in the war of 1812, and two of his sons, Col. Aaron Platt Seeley and Capt. Abner Seeley, fought with honors in the late Civil war. Armina Seeley, the eldest daughter, married George Kneeland Nichols, of Nichols. Sabria Seeley, another daughter, married the Rev. Dr. John De La Mater Adams, of Syracuse, N. Y., and Calvin Seeley, the eldest son, occupies "The Pillars," the large and stately Seeley Colonial mansion at Palmyra, New York.—[C. W. DE LYON NICHOLS.]

LYMAN M. TURNEY, a prominent resident of Bridgeport, has for many years held positions of responsibility with the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co., having risen through various grades to the post of superintendent. His long term of service with this firm is in itself a testimony of his worth, while an honorable record in the United States navy during the Civil war demonstrates his patriotism.

Mr. Turney comes of good pioneer stock, his great-grandfather, Albert Turney (1), having emigrated from Scotland at an early period to make his home in the town of Easton, this county. Albert Turney (2), our subject's grandfather, was born in the town of Easton, and followed farming there throughout his later years. James M. Turney, the father of our subject, was also a native of Easton, and for many years he was engaged in mercantile business in Easton, Stepney, Redding and Bridgeport, his death occurring in the latter place in 1882. He was an exemplary citizen, and his patriotism was shown by gallant service in the Union army during the Civil war. His wife, Martha (Skelly), was born under the English flag on the Island of Corsica, in the Mediterranean Sea. Of their four children, our subject is the eldest; Lemuel E. died at the age of three years; Charles, a traveling salesman, is a resident of Chicago; and Elmer W. is in the restaurant business in New York City. The mother of these died in 1890.

Lyman M. Turney was born February 20, 1848, in the town of Easton, but a portion of his boyhood was spent in Redding and Stepney, his father's business causing the removal of the family from Easton. In 1863 he entered the United States Marine Corps, spending two years and four months on the flagship "Roanoke," on the James and Potomac rivers, and then returned to New York City, in the fall of the same year being assigned to duty as sergeant on the "Brooklyn," visiting Rio Janeiro and other points in Brazil, and spending same time on the river Platte. On September 27, 1867, he was honorably discharged after four years and four months service. Later he was offered a lieutenancy in the army, but declined the honor, and for some time he remained at his old home at Redding. In 1869 he removed to Bridgeport, where he became connected with the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co., with which he has since remained. Politically he is a Republican, but he is not inclined to seek official honors, and at one time, when elected city sheriff he did not serve. He has held the office of city treasurer, however, and at present is a member of the board of selectmen.

In 1871 Mr. Turney married Miss Lucy O. White, daughter of William H. White, of Bridgeport, and five children have blessed the union: Arthur C., Maud L., Vera M., Nina and Ruth. The family is prominent in the best social circles of the city, and Mr. Turney is identified with the I. O. O. F., the Masonic Fraternity, being a Knight Templar, the Park City Yacht Club, the G. A. R., and the Algonquin Club.

DAVID B. CAREY. There is probably no man in the city of Stamford better known throughout this section than Mr. Carey, who has been station agent at that place for almost a quarter of a century. This fact alone would be sufficient to account for his wide popularity and acquaintance, but he is also well known as an an active, public-spirited citizen, who has proved faithful to the interests of his community in the various offices which he has been chosen to fill, and discharged his duties with marked ability, uprightness and fidelity.

Mr. Carey was born December 13, 1847, in Brooklyn, N. Y., of which city his father, Giles Carey, was also a native. The latter was married in New York City to Mary Frazer Brown (who was a descendant of General Frazer of the Revolutionary war), and in 1855 they removed

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with his family to Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., where they made their permanent home. Mr. Carey was a carpenter by trade, and he followed same until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted for three years, becoming a member of Company D, 6th Conn. V. I. He was honorably discharged after two years' service on account of disability, and returned home to Stamford, as soon as he was able resuming his trade, in which he was engaged all his active life. He now lives retired at the age of seventy-three years, in Stamford, in which city his wife passed away in 1894. They were the parents of five children, namely: David Brown, Edward Brown, Ida (Mrs. F. I. Palmer), of Sound Beach; Jennie (Mrs. Frank Allen), of Stamford; and George D., who resides at Sound Beach.

David B. Carey's early childhood was spent in his native city, whence he came with his parents to Stamford in 1855. There for a time he attended the public school, the learning thus acquired being supplemented by a course in Glendenning's Academy, where he was a student for two years. During a period of four and one-half years before he entered the academy he was employed in Lockwood & Haight's drug store. Shortly after casting his first Presidential vote he was appointed recording clerk of Stamford, under Edwin Scofield, Jr., and continued in that office for two and one-half years, until, in 1871, he began his service with the Consolidated Road as clerk for George H. Hoyt. In October, 1873, he succeeded Mr. Hoyt as agent at Stamford, and he has been retained in that position ever since, a fact which in itself is ample evidence of his trustworthiness and fitness for the place. He has continued to shoulder the responsibilities of this position year after year with unabated energy and ever-increasing efficiency, and in a manner which has given unbounded satisfaction to the general public, and proved most acceptable to his employers. The ability and tact displayed in his business life would hardly fail to win public recognition, and his fellow citizens have not been slow in showing their appreciation of his value by electing him to various offices of honor and trust, in filling which he has never yet disappointed his constituency. He was a member of the board of burgesses of Stamford for four years; in 1891 was nominated on the Democratic ticket for Representative to the State Assembly; and in 1892 was elected a member of the city council. At one time he was vice-president of the Stamford Co-operative Building & Loan Association. He is an active member of the Royal Arcanum and of the Masonic Fraternity in Stamford, affiliating with Union Lodge No. 5, Rittenhouse Chapter and Washington Council.

Mr. Carey was married May 12, 1873, in New York City, to Miss Helen B. Wilson, daughter of Israel H. Wilson, of Bethel, Conn., and to this union came two children: Leon B. and Harry W. The former is engaged in the insurance business in New York City; he married Maude Brody, daughter of ex-mayor Brody, of Brooklyn, and has two children: Helen and Robert. Harry W. Carey graduated from Yale University with the class of '97, and has now entered upon a four-years' medical course in the Johns Hopkins University.

JAMES MADISON HERRING, who holds a leading place among the enterprising and prominent business men of Stamford, Conn., is a native of New York State, born September 9, 1849, in Rockland county. His ancestry for some few generations back were of New York State nativity, great-grandfather Herring having been born in New York City, and grandfather William Herring on Staten Island.

Luke Herring, father of our subject, was of New York City birth, where for a long time he followed the occupation of contractor and builder, the later years of his life, however, being passed in Rockland county, N. Y. He married a Miss Henderson, and children as follows were born to them: Mary J., Uretta, Eliza J., John H., Amy C., Catherine E., James M., William H. and Charles E. The father died August 14, 1876, the mother on February 25, 1888.

James M. Herring, whose name introduces this sketch, passed his boyhood days in the town of Haverstraw, Rockland Co., N. Y., where he attended the public schools. On laying aside his books he began learning his trade under the preceptorship of his father, after which he served a regular apprenticeship of three years, and then worked two years under instruction. At the age of twenty he commenced as a journeyman, and so continued until 1883, working in Brooklyn, N. Y., some fourteen years. In 1886 he came to Stamford, and here established himself in his present prosperous business as general contractor and builder.

On May 15, 1872, in Brooklyn, N. Y., Mr. Herring was married to Miss Elmira Johnson, of Brooklyn, and two children have blessed their union: Grace, wife of E. Jerman, of Stamford; and E. May. In religious faith the family are identified with the M. E. Church. Socially, Mr. Herring is a member of the New England Order of Protection; of the Independent Order of Im-

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proved Red Men; of Rippawan Lodge No. 24, I. O. O. F., and of the Knights of Pythias. Among the numerous buildings of various kinds put up by Mr. Herring in Stamford alone, may be mentioned seven dwellings on Pleasant street. His life has been successful, and he may well be proud of his enviable position in society, for his prosperity is the just reward of his own labors.

DAVID W. STUDWELL, a substantial citizen of Stamford, Fairfield county, where for twenty years or more he has been engaged in contracting and building, has descended from one of the pioneer families of Connecticut—a family whose history here reaches back nearly two and a half centuries. He is of the eighth generation in the line of descent from Thomas Studwell, a native of England, who came to America and settled in Greenwich, Conn., about the year 1650. [A genealogical record of the Studwell family will be found in connection with the sketch of James W. Studwell.]

David W. Studwell is a native of Rye, N. Y., born December 27, 1849. He passed his boyhood in the place of his nativity, and there attended the public schools. He learned the carpenter's trade at Rye, under the direction of his father, and after its completion he worked at the same at Rye for two years. Later he followed carpentering for years at Stamford, and in 1880 he engaged in that line of business for himself in connection with his brother, James W., under the firm name of Studwell Brothers. This firm continued until 1892, since which time our subject has been alone, conducting an extensive contracting and building business. During the past twenty years the name of Studwell has been connected with many of the substantial buildings and improvements of Stamford and in other parts of Fairfield county, where our subject is well and favorably known. As a citizen he has been enterprising and public-spirited, and lent not a little aid in measures that advanced the common welfare of Stamford. He is highly esteemed as a citizen, and popular in social circles. He is a member of the New England Order of Protection, and has served as an officer in the same

On September 26, 1877, at Otego, N. Y., Mr. Studwell was married to Miss Alveline A. French, a daughter of George Morell and Christiana (Taylor) French, and this union has been blessed with one son, Royden F., born June 9, 1881. The French family belong originally (in this country) to Massachusetts, whence Abel French, grandfather of Mrs. Studwell, moved to New York. He married Susan Bundy, a descendant of one of the "Mayflower" families, and had a family of seven children, the fifth child, George M. (father of Mrs. Studwell), being born in 1819. He married Christiana Taylor, a native of Somersetshire, England. He died April 9, 1897, she on January 19, 1893. They were the parents of two children: Susie C., now the wife of Ralph R. Guernsay, of Otego, N. Y., and Alveline A. (Mrs. David W. Studwell). The great-grandfather of Mrs. Studwell served in the Revolutionary war.

JOEL MERCHANT, one of the substantial citizens of the Pembroke District, town of Danbury, Fairfield county, was born in Fairfield county, March 25, 1846, in the town of Redding, where two generations of his family have made the name respected by their upright though unassuming lives.

Joel and Mollie (Sanford) Merchant, parents of our subject, resided there upon a farm, and his father, the late Asher Sanford Merchant, was born there May 18, 1811, and passed his life in agricultural pursuits. In 1868 he moved to Danbury, and continued to reside there until his death, which occurred August 4, 1884. Our subject's mother, Mrs. Sarah (Haviland) Merchant, who died April 11, 1898, was born in Ridgefield May 12, 1817, the daughter of Reed and Amy (Gilbert) Haviland.

Joel Merchant, whose name introduces these lines, was educated in the common schools near his home. Until 1868 he resided in his native town, and he then removed to a place adjoining his present home.

On January 28, 1891, Mr. Merchant married Miss Emma J. Sayer, daughter of James and Elizabeth J. (Reed) Sayer, of Danbury. Her mother was a daughter of David and Mary (Hoyt) Reed.

CHARLES HUBERT WARD is the surviving member of the old druggist firm of Parker & Ward—Ward R. Parker and Charles H. Ward—the longest established in their line (excepting Lockwood & Haight) in Stamford, Fairfield county. The partners came here together from New York City in 1876, and opened a drug store in Park Row, under the firm name mentioned, the establishment being removed later to the present quarters in Miller's block, Main street. Mr. Parker's decease in 1889 ended a long and harmonious business partnership and a lifelong friendship, begun when they were boys together

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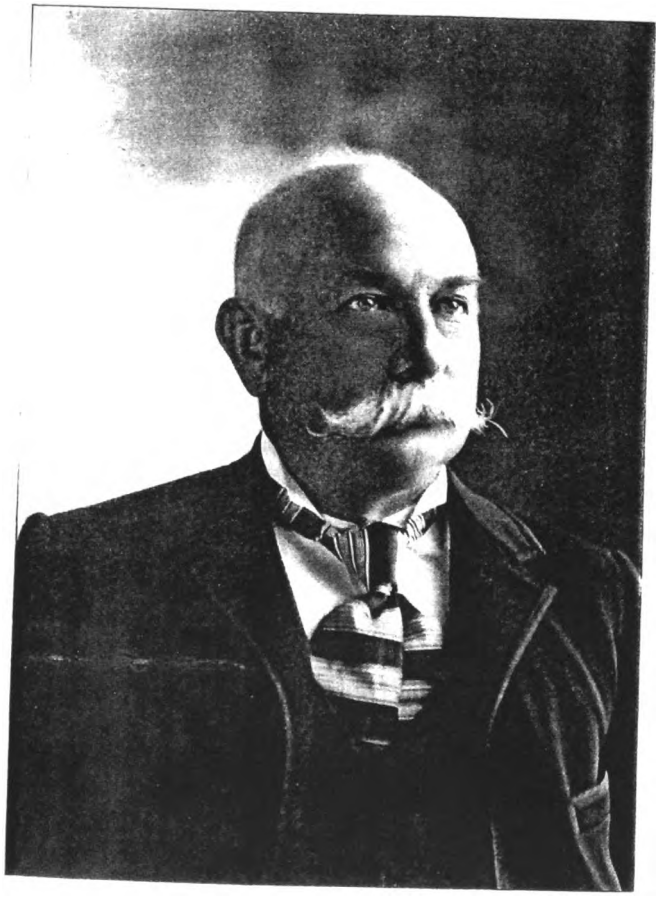

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at New Bedford, Mass., of which town both were natives.

Mr. Ward was born February 8, 1847, a son of Archibald and Elizabeth (Tobey) Ward, the former of whom was a native of New York State, but spent the greater part of his life in California, engaged in mining. Both parents died in New Bedford, Mass. Our subject received his early education at his birthplace, where he remained until seventeen years of age, at which time he went to New York City; there for four years he was connected with a tug and wrecking firm who ran a line of heavy sea-towing tugs, and he then turned his attention to the drug business, which he adopted as his life vocation. He commenced as a clerk in New York City, and passed the College of Pharmacy there, also the New York State Board of Pharmacy, after which he continued clerking in a drug store, finally becoming a clerk in New York City, for twelve years. In 1876, as above stated, he and Mr. Parker established the business in Stamford, where they at once met with most encouraging success, soon winning a place for themselves among the prominent business men and substantial citizens of the town. This store has always been well patronized, and has held its own throughout the years against all competitors. Since Mr. Parker's death his interest has been held by Mrs. Parker, who is Mr. Ward's sister.

Mr. Ward was married, October 31, 1881, in Stamford, to Miss Emily B. Bayliss, daughter of John and Eliza (Bray) Bayliss, of New York City, who are of English descent. No children have been born to this union. Mr. and Mrs. Ward reside in Broad street, in the home where they began their married life. Mrs. Ward is endowed with unusual talent as an artist, and in her home has many specimens of her handiwork, in oil and water color; her work on china is also elaborate and beautiful. In fraternal connection Mr. Ward is a member of Excelsior Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Stamford.

Ward R. Parker was reared and educated at New Bedford, Mass., and during the years of his early manhood sailed from that port in the merchant marine. Later he engaged in the tug and wrecking business, which he closed out in 1876, when he took up his residence in Stamford as a member of the firm of Parker & Ward, continuing thus until his decease in 1889. He was a highly respected man in the community, where he had made many friends both in business and social circles, and where he had acquired an enviable reputation as an honest man and a good citizen. At New Bedford he was married to Lilla E. Ward, daughter of Archibald Ward; they had no children. In social connection Mr. Parker was an active member of Union Lodge, F. & A. M., of Stamford.

JOHN F. HOLMES. The northeastern part of Ireland is inhabited by a race of people, an intermixture of the hardy "metaphysical Scot" with the wit of Ireland, and to this race of people belong many of our most honored families. Abraham Holmes, the founder of the Holmes family in America, was one of those in whose blood was an admixture of the Scotch and the Irish. He was born in 1683, came to America in 1719, and had a large tract of land in New Hampshire. Before coming to this country he had married Mary Morrison, and they had one son, John, born in 1709, who was probably an agriculturist. John Holmes married Grizel Given, who was born in 1701, and they had children as follows: Sarah, born May 11, 1735; Margaret, born October 21, 1736; Abraham, born May 18, 1738; Eloner, born June 15, 1740; Robert, born September 28, 1742; Thomas, born December 9, 1746, mentioned below; Marian, born May 8, 1749; and Martha, born November 3, 1752.

Thomas Holmes, son of John, passed his entire life as a farmer. He married Margaret Patterson, who was born November 4, 1755, and died October 19, 1838. He died April 9, 1822. Following is the record of their family of children: (1) Sarah, born December 18, 1776, died June 4, 1826, married Amos Page, who was born February 2, 1777, and died February 4, 1826. (2) John, born December 19, 1779, died September 21, 1857, married Sarah Anderson, who was born February 25, 1783, and died March 9, 1819. (3) Grizel, born June 18, 1782, died April 12, 1832, married Thomas Savory, who died December 15, 1867. (4) Peter, born October 10, 1783, died July 14, 1860, married Olive Graves, who died April 3, 1851. (5) Robert, born April 7, 1785, died July 17, 1825, married Jane Anderson, who died December 10, 1871. (6) Margaret, born February 12, 1787, died February 16, 1868, married William Boyd, who died July 17, 1841. (7) Thomas, born December 18, 1788, died July 23, 1848, married Sally Graves, who died in August, 1857. (8) Abraham, born October 13, 1791, is mentioned below. (9) James, born March 26, 1793, died March 10, 1867, married (first) Martha Baker and (second) Susannah Coleman. (10) Matthew, born October 2, 1795, died September 14, 1874, married Betsey Fitts, who was born February 3, 1796, and died January 31, 1856. (11) William, born May 24, 1797, died May 11, 1885,

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married Judith Noyes, who died October 2, 1885. (12) Jane F., born April 3, 1799, died November 1, 1872, married George A. Raymond, who was born August 25, 1785, and died in February, 1870.

Abraham Holmes, about 1823 or 1824, came to Ridgefield, Conn., from the old home in Londonderry, N. H. (a part of which is now owned by, and is the residence of, Thomas Holmes), and bought the place where Dr. Cushman now lives. This place remained in the possession of the Holmes family for over sixty years. By occupation Mr. Holmes was a tanner, and he followed this trade some forty years. He married Esther Smith, who was born February 9, 1806, and died September 6, 1887, and they had children as follows: (1) Amos, born November 20, 1828, died November 24, 1852, unmarried; he was a civil engineer on the Chicago & Rock Island railroad. (2) Patterson, born September 1, 1830, married, on July 3, 1854, Helen M. Snow, who was born March 16, 1835. He was a civil engineer, and served as county surveyor of Henry county, Ill., for sixteen years, and he was also treasurer of the same county six years. He now resides in Chicago. Children as follows were born to him and his wife: Lillian S., September 25, 1855; Ida N., April 12, 1857; Fred L., October 7, 1864 (married Lucy D. Best on September 15, 1895); Charles P., 1871 (died January 16, 1873); and Roy W., born September 18, 1875, who died September 27, 1893. (3) Margaret W., born September 1, 1834, married, on September 25, 1856, Linus O Northrop, who was born June 9, 1830, and they had children as follows: Caro H., born October 30, 1860, who married Lillie Jennings on June 4, 1885; Arthur W., born August 18, 1862, who married Annie Hammond February 4, 1891; and Horace W., born November 11, 1864, who was married January 16, 1895, to Lillie Wright, and lives in New York City. Margaret (Holmes) Northorp died August 25, 1885. (4) Sarah J., born March 16, 1840, was married on November 28, 1861, to John Dempster Nash, who was born May 25, 1838, and had children: Marion H., born November 15, 1862; Luther R., born January 22, 1871 (married Bonnibel Remington October 15, 1896), and Howard P., born February 17, 1877. (5) Mary A., born June 9, 1842, was married on June 28, 1871, to Charles D. Page, who was born May 29, 1839, and moved to New Haven. They had the following children: Abbie H., born October 19, 1872, and Fred H., born November 1, 1874. The mother died November 25, 1880. (6) A. Wilson, born March 8, 1844, married, April 7, 1869, Emma J. Hurl, who was born January 13, 1849, and they are now living in New Haven. Their children are: Walter T., born January 30, 1871; Carrie L., born May 8, 1875; Florence, born February 2, 1877. Of these, Walter T. married Lulie Kiernan April 23, 1896, and Carrie L. married, on June 10, 1896, Cyrus L. Jones. (7) Esther K., twin sister of A. Wilson, born March 8, 1844, died February 20, 1847. (8) John Franklin, born March 29, 1847, was married August 31, 1869, to Lizzie Rexford Hatch, who was born in Lewisboro, N. Y., February 6, 1850, a daughter of Orville Wells and Mary Hatch. Their children are Lena Esther, born July 4, 1874; Orville Wells, born November 8, 1877, and Irving Smith, born August 27, 1884. Abraham Holmes, the father of this numerous progeny, was a very successful business man, and spent the later years of his life managing the farm inherited by his wife. He was a Congregationalist, and very much interested in all matters pertaining to religion. His political preference was for the Republican party, and he carefully studied the political issues, becoming very well informed on all sides of a question. He died July 2, 1878.

John F. Holmes, whose name introduces this review, and whose life history is of great interest, was born March 29, 1847, in the town of Ridgefield. The district schools and the select school of William O. Seymour—the High Ridge Institute for Boys—afforded him the means for the foundation of the excellent education he has acquired since leaving the schoolroom by wide and varied reading. At the age of seventeen he saw his school days vanish, with only a bright happy memory in their place, and confronted with the sterner realities of existence he began work on the farm where he now lives. He has always followed farming as an occupation, and by a judicious use of improved machinery, scientific methods, proved efficient by their practicability, and wise management, he has become one of the important factors in the agricultural world of Fairfield county. He has become largely interested in fruit culture, peaches, pears and quinces being his specialties; he was the first in the town to foresee the advantages of this culture, and is now reaping the reward of his experiment. He is also one of the largest onion growers in the place, and the superior quality of his fruit and produce finds it a ready market in the larger cities. Mr. Holmes was one of the first board of directors of the Ridgefield Co-operative Creamery Association, and is now the honored secretary of the association, in whose work he takes great interest. In local politics he has played an influential part.

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and has long been one of the leaders of the Republican party. He served his fellow citizens as constable and grand juror, and in 1887 he was called upon to fill the more important position of member of the Legislature. He discharged the duties of this office with the same fidelity which has characterized his work in minor places, the minutest detail not failing to receive his attention. In the work of the Congregational Church he is ever one of the most active, and for twelve years has filled the office of superintendent of the Sunday-school. He belonged to the State militia for five years under Captain Scott. Few men find time to so conscientiously look after the different lines of work that fall to their lot as does Mr. Holmes. Whatever he undertakes he does well and faithfully, being sustained and cheered by the respect and esteem of all men.

Esther (Smith) Holmes, the mother of our subject, was a daughter of Amos Smith, whose grandfather, Ebenezer Smith, was one of the first settlers of Ridgefield in 1709, locating on the same property, on Main street, near the railroad station, which was owned by Amos Smith, and which has always been in the Smith family, being now owned and occupied by Miss Evalyn Smith. It is also of special interest that the above mentioned Ebenezer Smith was a grandson of John Smith, who was one of the first settlers of Milford, Conn., in 1640, and whose name is inscribed on a memorial bridge built over Indian river on the 250th anniversary of that town in 1890. John Smith, father of Amos Smith, was born June 24, 1730, and died February 28, 1779. On October 29, 1751, he was united in marriage with Clemence Mills, who was born May 18, 1733, and died March 14, 1828. In their family were children as follows: Lydia, born November 19, 1752; Abiah, December 12, 1757; John, March 15, 1759; Sarah, September 26, 1763; Phebe November 16, 1765; and Amos, mentioned below.

Amos Smith was born November 12, 1768, and died March 13, 1859. He followed the occupation of a farmer, and acquired considerable property, at the time of his death having about three hundred acres of land. On January 1, 1797, he married Sarah Keeler, who was born April 26, 1774, and died September 19, 1854. Their union was blessed with twelve children: Millicent, born November 30, 1797, died December 24, 1865; Betsey, born October 23, 1799, died August 19, 1869; John, born February 17, 1801, died August 27, 1848; Philip L., born October 2, 1802, died February 14, 1857; Stephen, born August 10, 1804, died February 26, 1879; Esther, mother of our subject; Sylvester, born November 25, 1807, died December 25, 1827; Emma, born October 6, 1809, died November 21, 1896; Amos, born October 4, 1811, died May 4, 1881; Harvey K., born March 15, 1813, died June 21, 1887; Benjamin, born February 12, 1815, died January 10, 1891, in Chicago; and Samuel, born October 18, 1816, died August 21, 1889.

DANIEL B. BRADLEY, JR., of Westport, is one of the leading citizens of that locality, and is now serving with marked ability and success as judge of probate for his district. While he is a Republican of the stanchest sort, his public spirit is recognized by the people of all parties, and few men enjoy as wide a popularity as he.

The Judge belongs to one of the oldest families of the town of Westport, and his great-grandfather, Maj. Daniel Bradley, who was a farmer in that town, was an officer in the Revolutionary army, his commission bearing the signature of General Washington. Daniel B. Bradley (1), our subject's grandfather, was born in Westport, and followed agricultural pursuits there throughout life. Daniel B. Bradley (2), our subject's father, known as Daniel B. Bradley, Sr., was born in Westport, in November, 1823, and is now living there upon his farm. He is an excellent citizen, highly respected, and in politics is a stanch Republican, while in religious faith he and his estimable wife are Congregationalists. He married Miss Sarah M. Henshaw, of Westport, daughter of Samuel Henshaw, who was a native of Fairfield. Their four children are all living, and are residents of the town of Westport. William is a farmer by occupation; Daniel B., Jr., is our subject; Emily married Robert H. Coley; and Frances A. is the wife of William F. Ellwood, a merchant of Southport village.

Judge Bradley was born April 11, 1850, at the old homestead, where his boyhood was chiefly spent. After completing the course offered in the local schools he attended the academy at Greens Farms, and Bryant & Stratton's Business College at Bridgeport, and at the age of seventeen he began teaching school. This occupation he continued successfully for six years in the town of Westport and at Hempstead, L. I., then engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at Mount Kisco, N. Y., with L. B. Gorham, under the firm name of Gorham & Bradley. After two years he sold his interest and returned to Westport, where he has ever since

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been interested in agriculture. He has always been active in local affairs, and has held numerous public offices of trust and responsibility, serving eleven years as selectman, ten years as justice of the peace, two years as president of the board of education, and for a still longer time as a member of the latter body. In October, 1896, he was elected judge of probate, and he is also identified at the present time with various movements for local improvement, having been a director in the Willow Brook Cemetery Association for ten years past. His sagacity and foresight are appreciated in business circles, and for eight years he has been a director in the First National Bank at Westport. Socially, he and his family are prominent, and he is an active member of the Masonic Fraternity, the Knights of Pythias and the Westport Grange, P. of H. In religious connection he belongs to Trinity Episcopal Church, and is a member of the vestry.

On December 29, 1875, Judge Bradley married Miss Sarah A. Coley, daughter of Lonson Coley, a well-known resident of Westport. She passed to the unseen world April 27, 1890, and in November, 1892, he married Mrs. Grace A. Weed, daughter of Floyd K. and Eleanor Hunt, of Ridgefield, this county, where her paternal ancestors settled in pioneer times. By his first marriage the Judge had two children: Herbert S. (now deceased) and Edith C.

WILLIAM RUNDLE FIELD. The Field homestead in the Mill Plain District, town of Danbury, Fairfield county, is a beautiful estate of 120 acres, lying on the line between New York and Connecticut, and it has been in the possession of the family since 17—, the well-known agriculturist whose name appears at the opening of this sketch being of the fifth generation in descent from the first purchaser. It consists partly of woodland, a number of acres being heavily timbered, but the remainder is kept in a high state of cultivation.

Mr. Field was born upon this estate November 9, 1850, and has always resided there. His education was obtained in the schools of Mill Plain, and during boyhood he also acquired a practical knowledge of farm work. On leaving school he continued to assist his father, relieving him of active care, and at his death becoming the sole owner of the place. He keeps about twenty head of cattle and horses, and is a general farmer, making no specialties in his work. While he has never had the wish to enter political life, he feels a keen interest in all questions which affect the public welfare, local or national, and his influence is given to the support of the Democratic party.

On October 21, 1874, Mr. Field married Miss Elizabeth Raymond, and one son brightens their home, Raymond T., born October 14, 1886. Mrs. Field was born December 13, 1850, the youngest of the eight children of John D. and Eliza (Raymond) Raymond, of Danbury. The others were—William (deceased March 22, 1891), who married Susan Dibble, of Bethel, and had two children—Carrie and Grace; Henry (deceased March 18, 1862), who married Sophia Smith, and has one son, Arthur; George N., who married Miss Emily Sherwood, and resides in Bridgeport; John M., who married Miss Lucy Abbott, and died in 1889 (she survives); Charles, who died in infancy; Mary Catherine, wife of James B. Wildman, of Danbury, who has two children—Chaster and Bessie; and Sarah (deceased August 11, 1887), who was the wife of George Barnum, of Danbury.

The Field family is of English descent, and a brief history of the branch to which our subject belongs will be of interest. The name has undergone some changes, being rendered Feld, Feild, or Field, by various families of Harton, Shipley, Heaton and Ardsley, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, England, and of Bayside, Flushing, N. Y. The first ancestor of whom we have an authentic mention is one William Feld of the Parish Bradford, Yorkshire, England, letters of administration having been granted on April 21, 1480, to his widow Katharine, as administratrix of his estate. [Of the second and third generations we have no record.]

IV. William Feild, of Great Horton, parish of Bradford, Yorkshire, Eng., was named in the will of his brother Thomas, and obtained a grant of land in Horton, in 1590, from John de Lacy, Lord of Horton. His will was dated March 3, 1598–99, and proved July 4, 1599; he was buried at Bradford May 23, 1599. Jenet, his wife, who was named in her husband's will, was buried in Bradford Church June 14, 1612. V. William Feild resided in Somerley, parish of Halifax, in 1591, and at North Ouram, same parish, in 1595. He was named in his brother Robert's will, and his own was dated July 15, 1619, and proved November 10, 1619. He was buried at Halifax July 24, 1619. His wife Susan, daughter of John Midgley, of North Ouram, was baptized at Halifax December 5, 15—, and was married there June 1, 1591. Her will, dated February 24, 1622–23, was proved May 14, 1623, and she was buried at Halifax, March 6, 1622–23. VI. Robert Field, born at Halifax March 9, 1605–06,

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was named in the wills of both parents. On August 23, 1638, he was at Newport, R. I., and on October 10, 1645, he was a patentee of Flushing, N. Y.; he died there in 1673 at his home in Bayside. He was married at Bradford, May 18, 1630, to his second wife, Elizabeth Taylor, and a third wife, Charity, was living at the time of his death.

VII. Anthony Field, of Flushing, was granted lands by his father by deed dated February 12, 1653. He signed public documents in 1656-57, and is named in patents of Flushing of February 16, 1665. He was dead when his son Benjamin was married in 1691. Susannah his wife, named in a letter to her daughter-in-law, Hannah Bowne, was living November 30, 1691. VIII. Benjamin Field, of Flushing, L. I., N. Y., the youngest son of Anthony, was born in 1690, and died at Flushing December 1, 1732. He is described in a record as "an ancient Friend." His third wife, whom he married at Flushing April 13, 1727, was Sarah Taylor, a widow. Her will, dated November 26, 1732, was proved March 20, 1734, and leaves her property to her grandsons, Doughty and March. IX. Joseph Field, named in the records of Flushing, was born there June 12, 1702, and was the purchaser of the present homestead. He married Mary (or Molly) Denton about 1719. Their children were: Solomon, born 1738, died 1815; Nehemiah, born February, 1740, died December 20, 1814; Joseph, who was an officer in the American army during the Revolutionary war, died unmarried; Gilbert, born 1743, died June 17, 1832; Nancy, born 1745; Comfort, born 1746, died February 24, 1829; Elnathan was the great-grandfather of our subject; Mary, born (no record); Hannah, born 1760, died February 25, 1835; Rebecca, born February 28, 1764, died January 18, 1843. X. Elnathan Field died in June or July, 1814. He married Jane Palmer, and resided at the present homestead. He had five children: Joseph, our subject's grandfather; Molly, Elias, Hepsibeth and Betsey. XI. Joseph, who was born January 30, 1779, at Ridgefield, Conn., died October 8, 1859, in Southeast. On February 11, 1801, he married Mary Rundle, who was born in New Fairfield, January 28, 1778, and died November 17, 1826. They had eleven children, whose names, with dates of birth and death are as follows: Delight, April 22, 1803—June 2, 1848; Selah, June 24, 1805—September 29, 1889; Electa, April 20, 1807—May 31, 1896; Harriet, April 10, 1809—February 20, 1812; Betsey, March 11, 1811—February 26, 1871; Isaac Thompson, December 9, 1812—March 23, 1895; George, November 4, 1814—August 16, 1837; Mary A., August 22, 1817, still living; William R., April 21, 1819—January 27, 1844, at Huntsburg, Ohio; Jane, May 29, 1821—April 23, 1882, at Catskill, N. Y.; Joseph, March 3, 1823—December 1, 1895.

XII. Isaac Thompson Field, our subject's father, was born at Madison, Madison Co., N. Y. He was a Quaker in religious faith. In early manhood he followed the hatter's trade, but after spending eleven years at that occupation he bought the old homestead from a brother-in-law and settled there, his death occurring in Danbury. On October 9, 1846, he married Miss Mary A. Brush, who died December 7, 1876. Of their four children, the eldest, John Brush, born August 11, 1847, married Miss Jane Shepard, and died in 1870, leaving no children. Mary Jane, born October 21, 1848, died January 18, 1875, unmarried. William R. was the third in the family. Lucy E., born March 12, 1853, married Byron P. Risley, of Hamilton, Madison Co., N. Y., and they have had four children—John T., Mary J. and Field A., living, and one that died in infancy.

CHARLES E. MOREHOUSE, one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of the town of Redding, represents the third generation in the family who have followed agricultural pursuits.

William Morehouse, his grandfather, was born November 12, 1786, in the town of Margall, Conn., and was there educated. Early in life he located in the town of Sharon, Litchfield Co., Conn., and for the first few nights slept under the ox-cart in which he traveled. He began the manufacture of brick there, and made the greater number that went into construction of the early houses and church buildings of that town. He erected a brick mill, and in addition to the milling business conducted a feed store and sold lumber. He was a member of the Episcopal Church of the town, held local offices, and was a man of influence in the community. In politics he was a pronounced Democrat. He married Miss Julia Stone, who was born February 27, 1754, at Margall, Conn., and died March 10, 1825. Their children were: (1) Julius, born in the town of Sharon, married Elizabeth Dennison, and figured quite conspicuously in public affairs; he was a fluent and able speaker, of Democratic views, and held various town offices. By occupation he was a miller and farmer. Their children were: Julia (Mrs. Charles Prindle), Albina (Mrs. Gerden Van Rensselaer), James, Annie, Joseph, Lilly, and Henry. (2) Chauncey

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(father of our subject), born in the town of Sharon, Litchfield Co., Conn., July 15, 1820, was educated in the local schools, then went into the milling business with his father. After a few years he sold his interest in the mill to one of his brothers, and turned his attention to farming and dealing in cattle, becoming quite an extensive speculator; also dealing largely in sheep and horses. He was a great Church man, being a member of and senior warden in the Episcopal Church of the town of Sharon. He was well read and posted in religious matters, and possessed the ability and power to make his influence in this direction felt in the community. He married Clarissa Dennison, a daughter of James and Rebecca (Couch) Dennison, the former a prominent Mason and a member of the Episcopal Church. The children born to this marriage (all born in the town of Sharon) are: William was a druggist at Southport, and died unmarried when aged twenty-two; Charles E. is mentioned farther on; Annie died unmarried; Jennie married Alanson Hallock, and had children—Chauncy, Clara, Willie, Mary and Jesse; Arthur, a farmer of the town of Sharon, married Hulda Hill, and they have one child, Stephen; Clara married Aaron Marsh, a farmer of New Milford, Conn., and has children as follows—Jennie, Sadie and Julia; and Frank is unmarried. (3) Orinda was born December 23, 1822, and married Henry Couch. (4) Jane Ann was born August 17, 1833, and married Southard Hitchcock.

Charles E. Morehouse was born in the town of Sharon, Litchfield Co., Conn., February 27, 1851. He attended the common schools and a select school of his town. His school days over, he engaged for a time in the distillery business, then turned his attention to farming and speculating in stock—cattle, sheep and horses. He owns a large farm of over three hundred acres in the town of Redding, Fairfield county, where he carries on operations quite extensively. He is a most capable business man and systematic farmer, influential in the county where he is widely known and highly esteemed. Mr. Morehouse, as was his father and grandfather before him, is a Democrat in his political views, although he does not always vote the ticket of that party, reserving the right to vote in keeping with his judgment of men best fitted for the office under the conditions that arise. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Hamilton Lodge No. 54, of Sharon.

On January 12, 1881, he was married to Miss Anna F. Wilson, and they have no children. She is the daughter of Z. Burr Wilson, and granddaughter of Burr Wilson. The latter was born in the town of Easton, received a good common-school education, and through life was engaged in agricultural pursuits. Politically he was a Republican, and was active in the public affairs of his town, holding different offices, and was a citizen of worth. He was identified with the Congregational Church. He married Polly Burr, and their children were as follows: Aaron married Angeline Winton; Harriet married Moses Ogden; Eliza is single; Sarah married William Corning; Z. Burr; and Esther married Alba Williams. Z. Burr Wilson was a native of Easton, where his birth occurred July 2, 1834. He married Amelia Ogden, a daughter of Hezekiah and Betsey (Banks) Ogden, farming people of the town of Greenfield, Fairfield county, and had children: (1) Hattie, who was deaf and dumb, married William Bunnell, and had one child—Estelle. (2) Anna F., born in the town of Easton, January 3, 1860, received a common-school education, and married Charles E. Morehouse. (3) Ella married Edward Gillette, and has three children—Clifford, Mary and Dorothy. (4) Mattie died when young. (5) Sarah married Elmer Andrews; has four children—Clarence, Mattie, William and Lillian.

James Dennison, grandfather of our subject, was born in the North of Ireland, and when a young man came to America, locating for a period in New York, where he was for a time an auctioneer in the employ of Silas Mann. He was also at one time engaged in the hotel business in the same city. He finally moved to the town of Redding, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he engaged in farming. He was active in the Masonic fraternity, being a member of the lodge in Redding town. He married Rebecca Couch, and their children were: (1) Abbie J. married Joseph Jennings, and had one child—James, who married Nettie Hubbel; he is an undertaker in Norwalk, Conn.; had no children. (2) William, a farmer, died unmarried. (3) Mary Ann also died unmarried. (4) James (a farmer) married Margaret Jackson, and had two children—James, who died when young, and Cynthia. (5) Elizabeth (mentioned before). (6) Clarissa (mentioned before).

EDWARD J. BUCKINGHAM. The Buckingham family, which is one of the oldest in Connecticut, is of Welsh origin, and the subject of this sketch, a well-known merchant of Huntington Center, is of the seventh generation in descent from Rev. Thomas Buckingham, a native of Wales, who sailed from London, Eng-

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land, in the ship "Hector," arriving in Boston June 26, 1637. He became a pioneer settler of New Milford. II. Samuel Buckingham, son of Thomas, was born in 1668. III. Samuel Buckingham, son of Samuel (II), was born in 1690, and died in Old Milford in 1745. It is certain that he had property in that town, but there is no evidence that he lived there for any length of time. IV. Enoch Buckingham, son of Samuel (III), was born December 15, 1740, and died May 12, 1814.

V. Enoch Buckingham, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Milford, Conn., April 21, 1778, and died at Huntington, Conn., July 13, 1843. He was a builder of no small repute, and some of the finest houses in the town were built by him. He enlisted from the town of Huntington in the war of 1812, and served gallantly throughout the war. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Patterson, was a native of the town of Easton, this county. They had nine children: Betsy, Maria, Mary, Joel (who was superintendent of the Norwalk Lock Company at Norwalk), Charles (a farmer in Huntington), Emily, William, and two who had died in infancy.

VI. William Buckingham, our subject's father, was born April 1, 1822, in the town of Huntington, and followed agricultural pursuits there for many years, his death occurring April 5, 1894. He was a prominent citizen, a stanch Republican in politics, and in 1881 was chosen to represent his town in the State Legislature. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian, and he and his wife were members of the Church at Huntington, Conn. He married Miss Harriet N. Shelton, a member of a prominent family of Huntington and a sister of Dr. Shelton, whose biography appears elsewhere. She is yet living. Two children were born of this union: Henry A., a farmer of the town of Huntington; and Edward J., our subject.

VII. Edward J. Buckingham was born March 12, 1852, at the old homestead in Huntington, and his youth was spent in the manner common to country lads, farm work alternating with attendance at the district school nearby. He remained at home until he was about thirty years old, when he decided to engage in mercantile business, and on December 1, 1883, he removed to Huntington Center, where he has ever since conducted a general store. The building, which is known as the "Old Post Store," is one of the oldest in the town, having been built in 1771, and he resides in a house which was built in 1772–73, in itself an interesting relic of the olden time. On November 12, 1878, Mr. Buckingham married Miss Annie B. Thorp, who was born at Flushing, L. I., where her father, Bradley Thorp, a native of Easton, this county, was engaged in the milling business. No children have blessed this union. Politically, Mr. Buckingham is a Republican, and he is influential in local affairs, being always ready to promote the best interests of the community. He is treasurer of the Village Improvement Association, which he helped to organize, and he was instrumental in incorporating the Old Cemetery Association in Huntington. Socially, he and his wife are prominent, and they are leading members of the Episcopal Church, in which he holds the office of vestryman. He also belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

WILLIAM FAIRCHILD, a leading agriculturist of Newtown, is a representative of one of the oldest families of that locality, and in the course of a long and useful life has displayed the qualities that distinguish a good citizen.

Mr. Fairchild was born October 4, 1820, on the same farm which he now owns and occupies as a homestead. He received a good education for his time, attending first the Taunton district school under the tuition of Harry Peck, and later a private school conducted by the same teacher. His early course of study has been supplemented by a wide range of reading, and he is well informed upon the various topics of the day. In his youth he and his brother, Henry, engaged in farming at the old homestead, and continued for some years, making additions from time to time until they had an extensive tract of land under cultivation. After a time they divided the farm, owing to the marriage of Henry, our subject securing the portion formerly belonging to his parents, where he now has a modern residence, replacing the one in which he first saw the light. As his industry and thrift have brought to him their due returns, he has invested in more land until he now owns about 150 acres, making one of the most desirable farms in the town. He is a judicious manager, being noted for his shrewd use of his opportunities for success, and is regarded as one of the substantial citizens of the neighborhood. Politically he has always been a Republican, but while he takes much interest in local affairs he has never been an office seeker. In religious work he is active as a member of the Congregational Church at Newtown, in which he has for some time served as deacon.

His wife, whose maiden name was Adeline Johnson, is a daughter of Charles Johnson, a well-known resident of Newtown. They had

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three children: (1) Charles Johnson, born June 18, 1852, died January 6, 1880. (2) Julia Merritt, born July 5, 1855, was married October 4, 1876, to George C. Stahl, of Toledo, Ohio. (3) William H., born August 27, 1859, became a bookkeeper in New York City; he was married January 18, 1882, to Miss Nettie A. Hartshorn, of Manchester, N. H., and died March 17, 1889.

JUDGE GEORGE GORDON McNALL is a native of New York State, having been born June 2, 1857, in the city of Utica. The McNalls were Scotch-Irish Presbyterians, who settled in Connecticut. Hollister, the historian, says that in 1727 the town of Union was settled by William McNall and, later, others of the same name immigrated, and were the original settlers of what is now the town of Scotland. In all the wars following their settlement—the Colonial wars, the Revolution and the war of 1812—they were prominent as soldiers. The grandfather of the subject of this sketch settled in Utica early in the present century. Preceding him, also from Connecticut, town of Lebanon, were the Meacham-Tilden families, then prominent as New York families, but proud of their Connecticut origin.

It is from these families that Judge McNall is descended on his mother's side. He has resided in Greenwich since he was nine years of age, and was educated in the common schools of that town. Leaving school, he was employed as a clerk in the office of the town clerk, which position he held for seven consecutive years.

In 1882 he was admitted to the Bar. In 1886 and again in 1888 he was elected Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Greenwich. His term of office expiring in 1890, he resumed the active practice of his profession. The result of the vote of the electors of Connecticut in the Presidential election of 1892 was transmitted to the Vice-President by the hand of Judge McNall. In 1893 he was appointed by the General Assembly, Deputy Judge of the Borough Court of Greenwich, and upon the decease of Judge H. W. R. Hoyt, in April, 1894, succeeded to the position of Judge, ably filling the unexpired term. In November, 1898, he was again elected Judge of Probate, being the only Democratic candidate elected in the State. His term of office will expire January 1, 1901.

Judge McNall's early experience as town clerk and Judge of Probate has made him familiar with local land titles, also the settlement of estates, and has aided him in building up a large and lucrative practice in real-estate and probate law. He rarely takes an active part in litigated cases, and never cares to make himself prominent as a public debater; but when circumstances require it, he wields a ready tongue, and his sharp repartee and mirthful wit make him a formidable antagonist. At party caucuses and town meetings he is usually moderator, and on such occasions he presides with dignity and fairness, often controlling unruly crowds by the magnetism of his voice and his telling gestures.

Since the organization of the Greenwich Water Company, in 1880, he has been its secretary, and for the past ten years he has been the attorney for the borough of Greenwich.

As a member of the Masonic Fraternity, Judge McNall has been prominent for several years, and as an officer of the Grand Lodge has frequently acted on important judicial committees. He is past master of Acacia Lodge, of Greenwich, and is a member of Rittenhouse Chapter, R. A. M., and of Washington Council, of Royal and Select Masons of Stamford. He belongs to Palestine Commandery, Knights Templar, of New York City, and also to Mecca Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is a thirty-second-degree Mason, being a member of Lafayette Consistory, A. and A. Scottish Rite, Bridgeport. In January, 1899, he was elected grand master of the State, and is now occupying that position.

For many years Judge McNall has been a member of Christ Church (Episcopal), and at the annual parish meeting in 1898 was chosen its honorary counsel.

Judge McNall has acquired by careful study a comprehensive and finished education. He has devoted much time to history, and the different religions of the various races. He is not only a frequent book-buyer, but constant reader, and in discussion of a subject readily refers from memory to the authorities.

Judge McNall was married to Mrs. Emma Frances Montells on the 24th of April, 1899.

AARON ROWLAND SMITH. Few men in Shelton have done as much for the development and improvement of that thriving borough as has the subject of this sketch. To name the enterprises with which he is and has been interested, either as promoter or manager, would be to give a list of all the important movements in that locality, and he has gained more than local reputation as a man of sound practical judgment combined with executive ability of a high order.

Mr. Smith's family is of English origin, his ancestors coming to America at an early period

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and settling in New Jersey prior to the Revolutionary war. Several members of the family took part in that struggle on the side of this country, and in every generation a patriotic spirit has been shown. Capt. Benjamin Smith, our subject's grandfather, who won his title by gallant service in the war of 1812, was a farmer in Essex county, N. J., and died there, in 1873, at the advanced age of ninety-five years.

William Allen Smith, the father of our subject, was born in Essex county, N. J., and became a successful agriculturist, owning a fine farm near Elizabethport. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian, and in politics he was for many years a Democrat, but the issues which resulted in the Civil war led him to become an ardent supporter of the Republican party. He married Miss Phœbe Hand, who was born and reared upon a farm adjoining that of his father. She was a daughter of Ira and Rhoda Hand, and her ancestors removed from Long Island to New Jersey at an early date. This worthy couple had eleven children: (1) Eveline, who died in childhood; (2) Elijah, who served in the Union army throughout the Civil war, and died in Newark, N. J., in 1890 (he became first lieutenant); (3) Edwin, a veteran of the Civil war, who resides in Newark, N. J., and was for some time engaged in the business of electro-silver plating; (4) Ira, also a veteran of the Civil war, now residing in Newark, N. J.; (5) Benjamin, also a resident of Newark, who also served in the Union army; (6) Irene, who married William Earl, a veteran of the Civil war, formerly of Newark, N. J., and now of Hartford, Conn.; (7) Myron, who died during the period of the Civil war; (8) Aaron Rowland, our subject; (9) Moses, who died in infancy (a twin of our subject); (10) Angeline, wife of Walter Kelly, of Newark, N. J.; and (11) Eveline, who died in infancy. The father of this family died in Union county, New Jersey, in 1858; the mother passed away in 1878 at Newark, New Jersey. All four of the sons, that were old enough at the time the Civil war broke out, went into the Union army from New Jersey, as privates, at the first call for volunteers, and served throughout the entire four years of the war; and when mustered out of the service at the close of the war each one had become a commissioned officer in the army, as follows: Elijah, first lieutenant; Edwin, first lieutenant; Ira, captain; and Benjamin, second lieutenant. All the sons of the family have always been stanch Republicans.

Our subject was born May 7, 1852, at Elizabethport, N. J., whence during boyhood he removed to Newark, where he received his education. On leaving school he entered the employ of Redfield & Rice, silver manufacturers, of New York City, and in 1873 he came to Shelton to take charge of the silver-plating department in the new plant of the Derby Silver Company, successors to Redfield & Rice. He held the position until 1880, and has since continued with the company as director, taking an active part at times in the management of the plant. From 1880 to 1885 he was engaged in a retail business in gents' furnishing goods in Derby, and later he became general manager of the Naugatuck Valley Steamboat Company, which ran a daily line of steamboats between New York and Shelton, and he did much to establish efficient means of transportation between those two places. With this company he remained until 1889, and in the meantime he helped to incorporate the Derby & Ansonia Electric Railroad Co., in which he became a director. Their road was the first electric line in Connecticut, and the first in any of the New England States, also the sixth in the United States, and it was the first in the world to be used for carrying freight, that having been the main purpose of its construction. In 1884 Mr. Smith assisted in the organization of the South End Land Company, of Shelton, in which he served for ten years as secretary, treasurer and general manager. He has been from the first, and is still, a director in the company. He, with two others, purchased a tract of wild land, then outside the limits of the village, and beautifully located upon a height overlooking Shelton, Derby and Ansonia, and which is now the most beautiful residental portion of the borough of Shelton, and is called "South End;" by that name it has been surveyed and located upon the new map made very recently by the State of Connecticut. They laid out streets, put in electric lights and water works, built many handsome residences, and constructed an electric railway connecting it with the older settlement, making it a most attractive suburb. During the fifteen years of its existence the company has had built upon their property an average of over eight houses each year, making a total of over one hundred and twenty-five beautiful residences up to the present time (May, 1899), and therefore making a community of over five hundred people residing in South End. At the present time the Electric railroad is being extended from South End direct to Bridgeport, which will allow the residents of Shelton and vicinity to go direct to Bridgeport, and all along the eastern side of Long Island Sound to the many beautiful summer resorts.

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Mr. Smith has been prominent in the management of the Shelton Electric railroad, the Derby Electric railroad; the Shelton Savings Bank, in which he has been a director from the beginning; and the Board of Trade of Derby, Birmingham and Shelton, which he helped to found and in which he still serves as a director. He deals extensively in real estate, and for a time was a director in the Shelton Building & Loan Association. In politics he is a strong Republican, but he does not take an active share in partisan work. He has a beautiful residence commanding a charming view of both the Naugatuck and Housatonic valleys, with both rivers in plain sight, and he and his wife are leaders in the best social circles of the locality. On January 9, 1879, he married Miss Fannie H. Seaver, only child of Charles L. and Harriet P. Seaver, prominent residents of Warsaw, N. Y. Four children have blessed this union: Leolyn S.; Harriet, who died in infancy; Charles S.; and Valina, who died in infancy.

ELBERT F. LOCKWOOD is well known in Fairfield county, Conn., and in all the district, it might be said, along Long Island Sound, where for years he has carried on a business in which several generations of his ancestors engaged. He has the largest oyster business on the Sound between Port Chester and South Norwalk, owning twelve hundred acres of oyster beds, and is one of the most successful men operating this branch of industry.

The Lockwood family of Fairfield county, Conn., are descended from Robert Lockwood, who came to America from England in 1630, when he settled in Watertown, Mass. In 1646 he came to Fairfield county, where he passed the remainder of his days, dying in 1658. Our subject is of the eighth generation, tracing his lineage from Robert (1), through Jonathan (2), still John (3), Jonathan (4), Frederick (5), Uriah (6), and Henry S. (7). Frederick Lockwood married Deborah Reynolds, and they reared a large family, of which we give a brief record: Seymour, born January 14, 1786, moved to western New York; Frederick, Jr., born February 3, 1788, died in Greenwich; Fanny, born April 13, 1790, died unmarried; Ezekiel, born June 5, 1793, became a ship carpenter, working first in Brooklyn and later moving to Cincinnati, Ohio (he passed his last years in retirement); Deborah, born July 31, 1795, married Charles Lockwood, and died in Riverside; Alfred, born August 14, 1797, died at Riverside (he married a Miss Whiting); Sally, born September 19, 1799, married John Parsons, and died in Stanwich; Luke, born September 8, 1801, died in New York (he was a cabinet maker); Lot, born September 21, 1803, died in Winsted, Conn. (he married and had four children); Uriah, born September 18, 1805, was the grandfather of Elbert Lockwood. The father of these children died February 18, 1808, the mother surviving until May, 1857.

Henry Smith Lockwood, the eldest son of Uriah Lockwood, was born April 30, 1828, at Riverside, Greenwich township, Fairfield county, Conn. He received his education in the primitive district schools of the day, attending first at Sound Beach and later at Mianus, becoming a pupil at the school of the latter place the first day it was opened; Mr. Mead was the first teacher there. Fortunately he learned readily; but even so his schooling was limited, for from the early age of eight years he found more opportunity for work than for lessons. His father being a farmer, he was required to assist in whatever way he could with the work about the home place, and was also employed from boyhood in his father's boats. He continued his studies when he could during the winter, and for parts of two winters he attended the Greenwich Academy, when Philander Button taught that institution; but when only eleven years of age he was engaged during the summer as cook on the "Griffen Tompkins," a market boat running between Mianus and New York, in which his father owned a half-interest with Sylvester Newman. Some years later the father sold out his interest in that boat, and built at Nyack the vessel "Adaline," of which he was sole owner. This he also sold, and had another built at Nyack, the sloop "Empire," which was launched in 1845, but she was never in the market trade while in Mr. Lockwood's possession. The next boat he owned was the "James K. Polk," which he ran as a freighter on the Hudson and elsewhere for three years, when he sold her and bought the sloop "General Ward," running her as a "transient boat," part of the time on the Hudson. After that he hired his boat to others.

Henry Lockwood worked for a time in the "Empire," and, with the exception of one trip to Albany on the "James K. Polk," that was the last boating he did for his father. When nineteen he took up farming at home on a small scale, and in 1848 helped drive the piles for the Terminus railroad bridge at Cos Cob, also working on the bridge itself. He was twenty-one years of age when he embarked in the oyster business on his own account, at first hiring a vessel, and later becoming the owner of the "American," the "Flora Temple," the "Sarah

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E. Lockwood" (which he had built at Glenwood, L. I.), and the "Mina A," owning the two last named at the same time. He used all three boats in his oyster business, in which he continued until his sons, Nelson U. and Elbert F., who had been in partnership with him for years, bought him out, and he has since led a retired life, making his home in Cos Cob. Mr. Lockwood is best known along the Sound as "Captain" Lockwood, and he has an extensive acquaintance throughout his locality. His success has been well merited, for although he has acquired abundant means, he has never resorted to underhanded dealings or done business on any but a solid basis, and his reputation for integrity and honesty among all who have had dealings with him is unblemished.

On December 22, 1850, Mr. Lockwood was married to Miss Sarah E. White, a native of New York City, born February 10, 1828, daughter of Jacob and Phœbe (Reynolds) White, who had four children: Sarah E., Emily A., Abel R. and Jane A. Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood located at Riverside after their marriage, afterward removing to Sound Beach, where they resided seven years, and finally, in 1863, coming to their present home in Cos Cob. They have had three sons: Nelson U. and Elbert F., who are engaged in the oyster business, and William H., born October 25, 1855, who lives in Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Lockwood is a member of the Methodist Church. The Captain is a Democrat in political faith. He is well preserved and hearty at "three-score years and ten," has an especially good memory, and is in full possession of all his faculties except his eyesight, which is not as good as he might wish.

Elbert F. Lockwood was born October 16, 1853, at Riverside, and commenced to attend school at Sound Beach, where, as above stated, the family lived for some years. He attended other district schools in his early boyhood, and finally entered Greenwich Academy, where he studied under Prof. Shepherd. He acquired a good practical education, and during the vacations and intervals between terms went on the water with his father. After leaving school he commenced work as clerk in a grocery store at East Norwalk, but he did not continue long in that business, preferring to work for his father. He and his brother at length bought out the latter, and continued the business in partnership until 1885, when Nelson sold his interest, Elbert F. becoming sole owner, and he has been alone ever since. His trade is one of the most extensive along the Sound, and he engages from six to twelve men to go over his large grounds, this number being able, with the improved machinery at their command, to accomplish an amount of work which once required many more hands. He owns the steamer "H. S. Lockwood," which he employs in his operations. Mr. Lockwood has been a prominent member of the State Oyster Growers Association ever since its organization, and he is one of the best known men in this section of the country in this connection. He has carried on business along the lines established by his father, and maintains the reputation he built up for straightforward dealing and reliable methods. As a citizen he is considered as one of the most substantial and respected men in the town, and he has many friends who esteem him highly for his genuine worth and many sterling qualities, and admire him as a worthy type of the selfmade successful man. Mr. Lockwood is a popular member of the Riverside Yacht Club, and in connection with that organization has for several years served as "measurer."

On June 8, 1892, Mr. Lockwood wedded Miss Emma E. Peck, who was born in Cos Cob, February 12, 1859, a daughter of George A. and Ann Eliza (Valentine) Peck. They have a very pleasant home in Cos Cob, which Mr. Lockwood purchased from Benjamin V. Smith. Mrs. Lockwood in religious faith is an Episcopalian. Our subject is a Democrat in politics, but takes only a voting interest, his time being too fully occupied with his business cares.

HENRY V. RIKER has, in his connection with the Citizens Savings Bank of Stamford, become widely known throughout Fairfield county and this section of Connecticut as a capable business man, honorable and reliable in all his transactions, and it is safe to say that no man holds a higher place in the esteem of his friends and fellow citizens generally.

Mr. Riker has passed nealy all of his life in Stamford, having when an infant been taken there by his parents, from New York City, where he was born March 7, 1851. His father, Gilbert K. Riker, was a native of Rhinebeck, N. Y., where his parents, who were natives of Holland, had settled at an early date. There he was reared and educated, and thence, at the age of sixteen years, he went to New York, where he began a business career both eventful and successful. He commenced as a clerk with the moderate salary of two dollars per week, and by the exercise of his natural industry and energy, coupled with perseverance and keen foresight in business matters, he rose steadily in the

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business world until, at the age of thirty-two, he found himself the largest manufacturer of window shades in New York City, with a fortune estimated at a quarter of a million dollars. With the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, however, his interests began to suffer, and by the time the struggle closed he had lost the greater part of his wealth, and, consequently decided to abandon his old line of business. He opened a factory for the manufacture of coffee mills, and also carried on a feed business, making a success of these enterprises, as he did of everything he took on hand. Mr. Riker was also very active in political circles, though he never held office, and was a warm sympathizer of the Union cause, toward which he was a liberal contributor. He married in Stamford Feb. 1, 1846, Martha M. Weed, a native of North Salem, Westchester Co., N. Y., who survives him, and in 1851 they took up their residence in Stamford, where Mr. Riker died at the age of forty-five years. He was the oldest commuter on the New Haven road. Mr. and Mrs. Riker became the parents of five children, namely: Thaddeus Weed (who is deceased); Henry V., Gilbert K., and Edward W. (all of whom make their home in Stamford); and Martha M. Weed (living in New York City).

Henry V. Riker received a good education in the public and private schools of Stamford, where his early years were spent. At the age of seventeen he went to New York City to acquire the experience necessary for practical business life, beginning as runner boy for a Wall street broker at five dollars a week. Two years later he became cashier for the firm of Smith, Gould, Martin & Co., continuing with them for three years, when his health gave way and he was obliged to return home for a year's rest and recuperation. For the year following he held a position in the First National Bank of New Canaan, Conn., after which he returned to his old employers, Smith, Gould, Martin & Co., in New York City. Six months later he again broke down in health, and again returned to his home in Stamford, where he has ever since been situated. In May, 1874, he entered the First National Bank of Stamford as bookkeeper, and remained in that institution until in February, 1883, when he became the treasurer of the Citizens Savings Bank, in which capacity he has ever since served. This simple statement of facts is sufficient proof of Mr. Riker's trustworthiness and fitness for the position, but his business associates have given further evidence of their confidence in his methods and principles by making him a director of the bank and director and treasurer of the Woodland cemetery. In 1893, when Stamford became a city, he was elected to the responsible office of treasurer of the corporation, and has been re-elected continually to the present time, a compliment which he has well deserved. Entering on the duties of the office with a ripe business experience, he has discharged them with the good judgment in financial matters for which he is justly noted, and has been as faithful and conscientious in his public duties as he is in his personal affairs.

In 1879 Mr. Riker was married, in Stamford, to Emma Waite Beals, who is a lineal descendant of John Alden, of New England historical fame, and two children have blessed their union: Henry Alden and Ralph Gilbert.

HORACE LYON. The picturesque region around Bridgeport affords many beautiful building sites, but none more attractive than that occupied by the tasteful residence of this well-known citizen. It is located on Stratfield avenue, in the thriving suburb of the same name, on a valuable farm, which, with the old Lyon homestead, has come to our subject by inheritance, as he is now the only representative of his branch of the family.

Mr. Lyon is a native of Fairfield Woods District, town of Fairfield, born February 21, 1828, and his family has long been prominent in that locality, his great-grandfather Lyon having settled there shortly after emigrating from England. In his native land he had been pressed into the army, but he escaped through a window and took ship to America. Webb Lyon, of Easton township, was one of his sons. Stephen Lyon, the grandfather of our subject, was a mason by trade and resided in Fairfield township. He married Abigail Brothwell, and of the children born to them we have mention of Samuel, David, William, Nathaniel, Eunice, John and Anson. Anson Lyon, father of Horace Lyon, was born February 7, 1795, and passed his boyhood in Fairfield. He was engaged in boot and shoe making, and, as the business was not in his day subject to competition with the factory trade in that line, he managed to acquire a goodly share of this world's wealth. He was a man of strict integrity, and although he had few opportunities in his youth stood well in the community, his excellent qualities of character winning him the respect of his associates. While he was never an office-seeker, he took much interest in the questions of his day, first as a Whig and later as a Republican. In appearance he was short and

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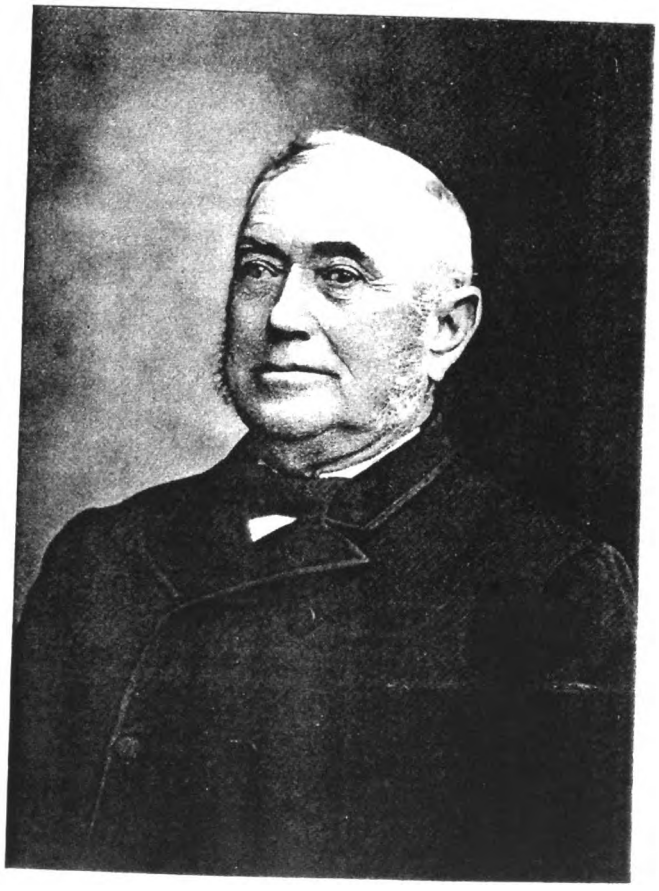

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stout, and he possessed a good constitution, living to the advanced age of eighty-three. On August 21, 1818, he married Eleanor Nichols, who was born December 12, 1800, daughter of Peter Nichols, of Easton, this county; she was a most estimable woman and a devout member of the Baptist Church. She died March 25, 1861, at the age of sixty, and the remains of both her and Mr. Lyon now rest in Mountain Grove cemetery. Our subject was the youngest of a family of four children. Bradley N., a bachelor (now deceased), was in the shoe business with his father, and left a fine property; Miss Marietta died some years ago at the home of our subject; and Harriet, who married Daniel Morehouse, died in Dutchess county, New York

Mr. Lyon was educated chiefly in the district schools near his early home, his course there being supplemented by one term in a writing school in Bridgeport conducted by Ebenezer French. He was especially apt in mathematics. During boyhood he became familiar with all the details of farm management, also of work in the shoe shop, and for a number of years he continued with his father and brother in both lines of enterprise, working hard during his early life. After the death of the others he succeeded to the ownership of the property and business, but for a number of years he has given no attention to the shoe business, and of late he has practically retired, turning the active work of managing his two farms into other hands. An honorable and upright life, marked by many kindly acts, has won him many friends and with unimpaired faculties he can look foward to many years of leisurely enjoyment of life in his charming home, where he has resided since 1868. No man in his section has taken a keener interest than he in the general welfare, yet he has never held a public office, having invariably declined to become a candidate. In early life he was a Whig, and since the organization of the Republican party he has been a steadfast supporter of its policy.

In 1856 Mr. Lyon married for his first wife Miss Catherine E. Bradley, daughter of Abraham Bradley, of Weston, this county. She died December 21, 1893, aged fifty-eight years, leaving no children, and her remains were laid to rest in Mountain Grove cemetery. On December 1, 1897, Mr. Lyon married Miss Flora E. Nichols, a daughter of Jerome and Flora E. (French) Nichols, the former of whom is a well-known citizen of Newtown. Mrs. Lyon's grandfather, Perkins French, resides in Easton. She is a member of the Baptist Church at Bridgeport, and is much esteemed among a large circle of acquaintances.

CHARLES M. BOYCE, one of the citizens of Danbury whose nativity occurred in the Empire State, was born in the town of Patterson, Putnam Co., N. Y., January 23, 1853, a son of James W. Boyce.

The Boyce family is of French descent, and representatives located in Dutchess county, N. Y., where James W. Boyce, the father of our subject, was born. He learned the carpenter's trade, and followed it in Westchester county, N. Y. As his parents were not in a position to aid him, he had to carve out his own fortune. In Patterson, Putnam Co., N. Y., he married Miss Clarissa Roberts, a daughter of Lemuel and Phœbe(Foster) Roberts,and to them three children were born; Phœbe, who died at the age of three years; James Lemuel, deceased at the age of thirty-seven; and Charles M., our subject. The father of this family was a stanch Republican in his political faith. He died June 15, 1889, only six months after the death of his noble and devoted helpmeet, who passed away January 4, 1889.

Lemuel Roberts, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a shoemaker in the town of Patterson, Putnam Co., N. Y., and he also to some extent carried on farming there. He married Phœbe Foster, and became the father of eleven children, as follows: (1) Fannie was twice wedded, first to Alfred Crosby, and at his death she married Thomas Foster, also now deceased; both were farmers of Putnam county. (2) Maria married William Richards, of the Peekskill *Messenger*, and both are deceased. (3) Laura married Crosby Foster, a farmer of the town of Southeast, Putnam county; she and her husband now rest side by side in the Old Southeast cemetery at Southeast, N. Y. (4) Willis was a merchant in Putnam county, finally going to Illinois, where he died. (5) John B. (deceased) was a partner of Willis. (6) Salina, (7) Betsey, (8) Sally, all three died single. (9) Levi was a merchant and a fire and life insurance agent. (10) Clarissa was the mother of our subject; and (11) Hannah married John Hoyt, a farmer and carpenter of Fairfield county. The Roberts family are of old Puritan stock, the founder of the family in America having come over in the "Mayflower." The spirit of independence that prompted that breaking off of home ties and taking up life in the wilderness is still a marked trait in the character of the family. John Roberts, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a soldier in the Revolution, and was starved to death in the old sugar house, in New York, that served as a prison.

Charles M. Boyce passed the first three years of his life on a farm, and was then taken by his

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parents to Milltown, Putnam county, where he grew to manhood. He attended the district schools, and supplemented the learning there acquired by attendance at the Chappaque school. On the completion of his literary education he entered his father's grist and saw mill, engaging thus for twenty years, and on April 16, 1890, he came with his family to Danbury, embarking in the trucking business.

On October 15, 1879, Mr. Boyce was united in marriage with Miss Maria B. Barry, a daughter of Henry Barry, a sketch of whom follows. To the union of our subject and wife came four bright and interesting children: Harry Milton, Willis Roberts, Christine Barry and Lemuel Huyler, all at home, except Willis R., who died April 29, 1899, of spinal meningitis. The entire family are interested in the work of the Methodist Church, to the support of which they contribute liberally. Their removal to Danbury was occasioned by the purchase by New York City of the Putnam county mill property, which was used in the construction of the Croton reservoir, that supplies New York City with water. Mr. Boyce is an active supporter of the men and measures advocated by the Republican party, but is not ambitious to enter public life as an official. He is highly respected, and is regarded as one of the firm, progressive citizens of Danbury. He was one of the charter members of the Danbury Ice Company, of which he is a director. Socially he is a member of Union Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M.

HENRY BARRY, one of the most prominent citizens of the town of Danbury, is a native of the State of New York, where, in Yates, Orleans county, he was born February 27, 1824, a son of Richard Barry.

Richard Barry, the father of our subject, was born May 12, 1785, in Montgomery county, N. Y., where his father, Benjamin Barry, was a farmer. The latter was of Irish extraction, and was one of the patriots of the Revolution; he married, and settled in Montgomery county, N. Y., reared a family of nine children, all of whom were farmers. Richard Barry passed his entire life on a farm. On attaining man's estate he married Elizabeth (Munsey), who was also born and reared in New York State. After their marriage they settled on a farm in Orleans county, N. Y., and later moved to Yates, that county. Eleven children came to bless their union: Cynthia, born in 1806, married Benjamin Bullock, a farmer of Michigan, where they both died; Benjamin and Nathaniel (twins), born in 1808, are both farmers in Orleans county, N. Y.; Ransom, born in 1811, was a resident of Yates, and died in 1852; Samuel, born in 1813, a farmer, lives in Niagara county, N. Y.; Jane, born in 1815, was twice married, first to G. D. Church, of Yates, and, on his decease, married Archibald Church, of the same place, and he is also deceased (though both husbands bore the name of Church, they were not related); George, born in 1817; Sena, born in 1819, is the widow of William Church, of Yates; Hannah, born in 1821, married Francis H. Daniels, of Orleans county, and he is now deceased; Henry, our subject; and Charles, born in 1826, is a farmer at Medina, N. Y. Richard Barry served in the war of 1812, and died in 1868, just ten years after the death of his wife. He was a Democrat in politics, and took an active part in the work of his party. The family all inclined to the faith of the Methodist Church, and were highly respected citizens. Eight members of this family are still living, the eldest being eighty-eight, and the youngest seventy-one. The New York *World*, some time since, printed a cut of the children. They have lived simple, temperate lives, and now at advanced ages are hale and hearty, keenly alive to the interests of to-day, with a happy enjoyment of the pleasures reaped by the sowing of honest, upright characters.

Henry Barry, the subject proper of this sketch, remained on the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age. His education was obtained in the district schools and at Yates Academy. On leaving the farm, he began to learn the carpenter's trade, and for eight years he followed that occupation. In 1860 he came to Danbury, and on September 5, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, 23d Regiment Conn. Vol. Inf., and the regiment was at once sent to the front. It was largely through his instrumentality that this company was raised. New Orleans proved to be the objective point for this regiment, and near that city occurred the only battle in which our subject took part. It was, however, one of the fiercest fights during the war—a hand-to-hand conflict. The regiment remained in New Orleans and its vicinity the greater part of a year. In August, 1863, at Hartford, Conn., Mr. Barry was mustered out and given his honorable discharge. In all the years of his residence in Danbury, he has followed the trade of carpentering, and many of the beautiful buildings in that city bear the marks of his superior workmanship. Among the noted buildings erected by him may be mentioned the Methodist and Baptist churches. His reputation as a builder has brought him much work outside of Danbury,

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and he has uniformly given the best of satisfaction.

Mr. Barry has been twice married, the first time, in 1853, when Miss Mary Bennett, of Danbury, became his wife. She was a daughter of Nathan Bennett, one of the prominent citizens of the town. Five children were born of this union, three of whom died in infancy; the remaining two are: Maria, the wife of Charles M. Boyce, sketch of whom precedes this, and Winfield C., traveling salesman for Larter, Elcox & Co., leading jewelers of New York. Mrs. Barry passed from earth November 5, 1882, and for his second wife Mr. Barry, on September 23, 1885, was united in marriage with Harriet A. Brockett, who was born in Woodbury, Connecticut.

The first Presidential candidate for whom Mr. Barry voted was Zachary Taylor, and until the formation of the Republican party he cast his ballot in the interest of the Whigs. He has always been interested in politics, and has frequently been the choice of his party for local office. He served as town clerk of Yates, N. Y., and since his residence in Danbury has served six years in succession on the board of burgesses, before Danbury became a city; he has also served as selectman. With other comrades of the war he takes a keen interest in the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic, and finds great pleasure in meeting with the "boys in blue" around the old "camp-fire." Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, of which he is now serving as trustee. Wherever he has lived he has been prominent in municipal affairs, his talents peculiarly fitting him for such a line of work. Of undoubted integrity, and of genial, courteous manner, Mr. Barry is passing the evening of his life in the peaceful rest that follows a work well done.

ZABAH V. HEWITT. The prosperity of our people, and even the stability of our form of government, is based upon the welfare of the great middle class, and any one who contributes in any degree toward that end is worthy of hearty commendation. The building of comfortable homes on terms within the reach of people in moderate circumstances is a branch of business which profits him who sells and him who buys, and in this line of enterprise the subject of this sketch, a well-known contractor of Bridgeport, is a leader in his locality.

Mr. Hewitt is of English ancestry in the direct paternal line, the first of the family to come to America being his great-grandfather Hewitt, who settled in the northern part of Virginia, and engaged in business as a tanner and currier. His son George, grandfather of our subject, was born in Virginia. During the Revolutionary war he was captured by the English and imprisoned in the West Indies for about nine months. After his release he joined a merchant ship, but was wrecked near Cape Sable, Nova Scotia. He there married Elizabeth Hayden, whose mother was a Mackenzie, of an old Scottish family, and she became the grandmother of our subject. George Hewitt settled at Green Harbor, Nova Scotia, and about thirty years afterward moved to St. Mary's River, where he died many years ago at the age of eighty-seven years. His wife survived him, passing away in her ninety-seventh year. He was a sea-faring man, and was senior member of the ship-building firm of Hewitt & Sons. He had four children: Zabah, who followed the sea in early life, and afterward became a miner in Nova Scotia, but is now deceased; John, our subject's father; George, who was drowned in early manhood; and Sarah Ann.

Capt. John Hewitt, the father of our subject, was born in 1819 in Nova Scotia, and died there May 7, 1896. For about thirty-five years he was a sea captain, and during much of his life he was extensively interested in mining and in the shipping business. His wife, Elizabeth (Dixon), who died in Boston in February, 1897, was a daughter of Capt. David Dixon, of Nova Scotia, whose father, Robert Dixon, was of Irish birth.

Our subject was born February 12, 1853, in Nova Scotia, and his early education was obtained there in the schools of Sherbrooke. When yet a boy he made a trip to Labrador with his father, and remained there a year and a half, hunting and trapping with the Indians in the interior. Later he went to Halifax, intending to ship on board the "Topaz" for the West Indies, but his uncle would not let him go. As the vessel stranded during that voyage and all on board perished, he had cause to congratulate himself on the failure of his plan. However, he took passage on another vessel, bound for Prince Edward Island, where his parents were then residing temporarily, and for some time he remained at home. At the age of nineteen he was employed by A. P. Mills and Mr. Gaffney, of Summerside, P. E. I., to take charge of a schooner, with instructions to proceed to St. Mary's Bay for a load of cordwood which he was to carry to Boston and sell, then on his return trip was to bring a load of merchandise. He was the youngest man that ever sailed a vessel out of the

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port of Summerside, and the able discharge of his commission reflected great credit upon him. But a "life on the ocean wave" not offering for him a congenial prospect, he in 1873 began to learn the carpenter's trade in Summerside, and after completing his apprenticeship he located at Moncton, New Brunswick, where he followed his trade for thirteen years. Since 1887 he has been in business in Bridgeport, with the exception of short residence in Florida and Brazil. While in Florida he conducted a wood-working factory for nine months, when he disposed of his interest and returned to the North. He spent fourteen months at Pernambuco, Brazil, and during that time built a sugar factory. On first coming to Bridgeport he was employed for some time as foreman by H. H. Nettleton, and in 1897 he began contracting on his own account, his reputation for ability and skill enabling him to speedily gain a large business in general lines as well as in building. In politics he is a strong Republican, but his business occupies his attention to the exclusion of party work.

In 1874 Mr. Hewitt married Miss Amanda Hillison, daughter of George Hillison, of Prince Edward Island, and member of an old English family. Nine children have blessed this union: Elizabeth (wife of Sterling R. Hamilton, of Bridgeport), Florence (deceased), George, William, Frederick, Gertrude, Beulah (deceased), Spurgeon and Mildred. The family is held in high esteem in social life, and Mr. Hewitt is a member of the I. O. O. F., having united with the order in New Brunswick.

ABRAM CURTIS LEWIS. This venerable and highly-esteemed citizen of Stratford is a representative of an old and honored family of that locality, and is descended from Benjamin Lewis (supposed to be seventh son of Edmund Lewis, and to have been born at Wallingford, Conn.), who came from Wallingford, Conn., in 1676 to make his home upon a farm in Stratford. This worthy pioneer married Hannah Curtis, daughter of Serg. John Curtis, and had eleven children: John, Mary, James, Edmund, Mary, Joseph, Martha, Hannah, Benjamin, Joseph Jones and Eunice.

II. Capt. James Lewis, our subject's great-great-grandfather, was born in 1679 and died 1766, married Hannah Judson, daughter of James Judson, and had six children: John, Mary, James, David, Abigail and Ephraim. He was a prominent citizen of Stratford in his day, being especially active in military affairs, and the following is a copy of a document which is cherished by his descendants:

Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of His Majestie's Colony of Connecticut, in New England. To James Lewiss, Gent., Greeting:—

You, being by the General Assembly of this Colony, accepted to be Captain of the Second Company or Trainband in the Town of Stratford, Reposing special Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and good Conduct, I do by Virtue of the Letters Patents from the Crown of England to this Corporation, me thereunto Enabling, Appoint and Impower you to take the said Trainband into your Care and Charge, as their Captain, Carefully and Diligently to discharge that Trust, Exercising your inferior Officers and Soldiers in the use of their Arms and Commanding them to obey you as their Captain for his Majestie's Service.

And you are to observe all such Orders and Directions as from Time to Time you shall receive, either from Me or from other your Superior Officer, pursuant to the Trust hereby Reposed in you.

Given under my hand and the Seal of this Colony, in New Haven, the 26th. Day of October. In the fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign, Lord George, King of Great Britain, &c., Annoque Domini, 1717.

(Signed) G. SALTONSTALL.

III. John Lewis, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in 1703. He married Sarah Sherman, daughter of Nathaniel Sherman, and a relative of General Sherman, and of Hon. John Sherman, the famous statesman. They had eight children: Nathan, Nathaniel Sherman, Amy, Sarah, John (1), Judson, John (2), and Stephen.

IV. Stephen Lewis, our subject's grandfather, married Jerusha Curtis, daughter of Stephen Curtis, and had the following children: Chary, who married Joseph Shelton, a farmer in the town of Huntington; Caty, who married Elisha Mills, a merchant in Huntington; Anne, and Betty, deceased, who never married; Abram C., our subject's father; and Stephen, who is a farmer in Stratford, and is married to Hannah Wheeler. The father of this family was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

V. Abram C. Lewis, our subject's father, was born December 6, 1777, and became a farmer in Stratford, where his death occurred December 9, 1845. His wife, Julianna Judson, who died May 16, 1849, was a daughter of Capt. Stiles Judson, of Stratford. They had twelve children: Sidney J., born in 1807, who followed farming in Stratford; Stephen, 1809, who settled in Elmira, N. Y., where he followed the carpenter's trade; Catherine, 1811, who married Hamilton Burton, of Stratford; Julianna, 1813, wife of William Beach, of Trumbull; Angeline, 1815, who died in childhood; George, 1816, who became a carriage trimmer by trade, and died in Bridgeport; Ellen M., 1819, wife of Samuel Hubbell, of Elmira, N. Y.; Abram C., our subject; Jane, born in 1823, who married William Curtis, a farmer; Rebecca, 1825, who died un-

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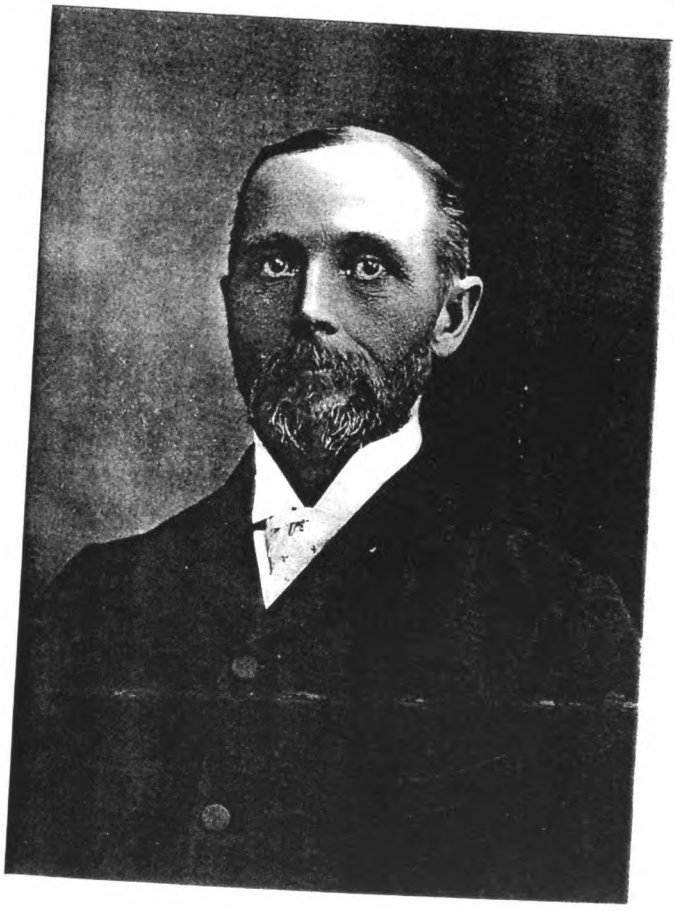

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married; and Edwin and Edward (twins), born in 1827, the former of whom died in childhood, and the latter went to California, where he followed the carriage trimmer's trade until his death.

VI. Abram C. Lewis, our subject, was born May 29, 1821, at the old homestead in Stratford, where he grew to manhood, gaining a thorough knowledge of agricultural work by assisting in the labors of the farm. For many years he has been successfully engaged in general farming, his estate comprising eighty acres of excellent land; but of late he has turned the active work of the place over to younger hands. At one time he dealt extensively in Jersey cattle, and he is a member of the American Jersey Cattle Club. Politically, he is a stanch Republican, and he has always been ready to "lend a hand" to any worthy movement in his community, contributing of his means to the work of the Congregational Church and other organizations. On October 22, 1850, he married Miss Maria Curtis, daughter of Samuel Curtis, of Huntington, and a member of a well-known family. She died April, 1891, sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends. Of their four children, the first two, Jane and Harriet (1), died in infancy. Harriet (2), born in 1853, married Dr. Benjamin F. Bronson, of Bridgeport. Samuel C., born September 7, 1855, now resides at the homestead with his father.

VII. Samuel C. Lewis is a substantial and public-spirited citizen, and quite prominent in various ways. He has held various town offices: Has served as first selectman two years, and since the expiration of his term as such, he has for the past eight years been auditor of township accounts. He was, practically, the organizer and first master of the local Grange, and for the past six years had been an officer of the State Grange. Socially, he is prominent in the ranks of the I. O. O. F., a member of the Orinoko Lodge No. 90, of Stratford, and has filled almost every chair in the lodge; has also served as district deputy grand master. He is president of the Cupheag Social Club, of Stratford. On November 5, 1881, Mr. Lewis married Miss Jennie Smith, daughter of Elbert Smith, of Stratford, and two children have been born to this union: Pauline and Florence Margery. Mr. Lewis cares for the home farm, which is one of the best in the township.

WILLIAM EZRA MALLORY, of Danbury, is a member of the well-known firm of E. A. Mallory & Sons, hat manufacturers. An extensive business experience in various lines and in different parts of the country has given him a wide acquaintance, and on the organization of the National Association of credit men at Toledo, Ohio, in June, 1896, he took a leading part and became a member of the Executive Committee. At present he is vice-president for Connecticut in that association.

Mr. Mallory was born in Danbury, Conn., March 31, 1856, a son of Ezra A. and Hannah (Mallory). His family is of English origin, the head of this branch having come to America with a brother, during Colonial times, to settle at Redding, Conn., the brother locating in one of the Southern colonies. Samuel Mallory, our subject's great-grandfather, married Hannah Hull. Their son, Ezra, the grandfather of our subject, was born at Redding in 1785, and in early manhood engaged in business as a cattle dealer and drover, but later established a hat factory at Great Plain, Conn. He died in 1845, and his wife, Eliza (Andrews), a daughter of Eden and Deborah (Knapp) Andrews, died in 1876.

Ezra A. Mallory, our subject's father, was born June 4, 1820, at Great Plain, and from the age of thirteen has been almost continuously connected with the business of hat manufacturing. The present factory is one of the largest in the city of Danbury, and even in dull times they employ about three hundred hands, the management of the enterprise showing the shrewdness and business acumen of its founder. In 1843 Mr. Mallory married Miss Hannah Mallory, daughter of William and Mary (Judd) Mallory, of Wilton, Conn., and four sons and one daughter were born of the union, three dying in infancy, the two sons still living being Charles A. and William E., who now compose the present firm, their father, Ezra A., having retired from active business in 1896.

William E. Mallory was educated in the public schools of Danbury and at Weston Military Institute, at Weston, Conn., where he was graduated in 1874. On returning home he began to work at the printer's trade in the office of the Danbury *News*, and after a year there he established a printing office of his own at Bethel. The paper, which he named the Bethel *Press*, was the second started in that town, the first being the *Herald of Freedom*, published by the great showman, P. T. Barnum. In 1877 Mr. Mallory bought out *The Danburian*, and removed his office to Danbury and for about six months conducted *The Danburian* in connection with the Bethel *Press*. He then went to Arlington, N. J., and became identified with three papers, the Arlington *Journal*, the Bloom-

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field *News* and the Montclair *Herald*. The plant being destroyed by fire about six months after locating in New Jersey, caused him to turn to another line of business in the manufacture of wire cloth, and later he built and organized the present telephone system in Danbury, there being at the time only one other in the State, that at Bridgeport, but later he sold the business to a stock company, of which Mr. Mallory became a director and secretary. In March, 1880, he went west and bought a cattle ranch at Loup City, Neb., which he conducted until the fall of 1882, when he sold out and went to Council Bluffs, Iowa, to take a place as bookkeeper for the Shugart Implement Company, one of the largest concerns of the kind in the country, remaining there nine months, when he returned to Danbury, and in 1883 entered the firm with which his father had been so long identified, the name being changed to E. A. Mallory & Sons.

In 1878 Mr. Mallory married Miss Fannie C. Raymond, daughter of George and Frederica (White) Raymond, and three children brighten their home, viz.: Belle, Florence R. and Maude Christine. The family occupy an elegant residence at No. 28 New street, opposite that of Mr. Mallory's father. In politics our subject is a steadfast Republican, but he is not an office-seeker.

EDWARD J. TUPPER, superintendent of the Lincrusta Walton Manufacturing Company, at Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., is a native of Nova Scotia, born September 19, 1853, in Milton, Queens county.

Nathan Tupper, father of Edward J., was also born in Queens county, Nova Scotia, and there spent the principal part of his life. In 1858 he located in the state of Wisconsin, but after eight years of residence there returned to his native place, and passed away at Milton in 1877. He was a carpenter by trade. His wife, Mary (Freeman), was also born in Queens county, and died there in 1881. This worthy couple were the parents of ten children, only three of whom survive, namely: Prentice and Thomas, both of whom reside in Milton, Nova Scotia; and Edward J., who was the youngest in the family. The father was a member of the Congregational Church.

Up to the age of fifteen years Edward J. Tupper lived at the place of his birth, and received his education at the common schools of the home neighborhood. On leaving school he went to Boston, Mass., where he found employment carrying bundles for a dry-goods store, at which work he was engaged for eighteen months. He now went back to Nova Scotia, and for two years clerked in the general store of his brother-in-law at Bridgewater, thence returning to Norwich, Conn., was with Hamlin Bros., from that place going to Easthampton, Conn., where he learned the business of burnishing silver-plated ware. During the next eight years he clerked in a grocery store in Hartford, Conn., finally, in 1882, settling in Stamford, which has since been his home. Here he became connected with the Lincrusta Walton Manufacturing Company, of whose factory he has been superintendent since 1885. Mr. Tupper has taken an active interest in local affairs, and has served the town in several public offices of trust. He was a member of the last borough board of Stamford, and in 1893–94, after the city was incorporated, served as member of the city council. On July 15, 1897, he was honored by Governor Cooke with appointment to the position of harbor master, the duties of which incumbency he is discharging with his customary ability and fidelity. Politically, he is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, and is one of its strongest supporters in Stamford. On April 3, 1899, he was elected mayor of the city of Stamford. He is also prominent in fraternal circles, being an active member of Puritan Lodge No. 43, I. O. O. F.; Union Lodge (of which he has been master three years), Rittenhouse Chapter, and Washington Council, F. & A. M.; and of the New England Order of Protection.

Mr. Tupper was united in marriage June 30, 1881, in Windham, Conn., to Miss Elizabeth Elliott, daughter of Warren Elliott, of Windham. They have no children.

GEORGE J. HURLBUTT, member of the firm of Hurlbutt Bros., clothiers, of Stamford, is well known throughout this section. He is a son of Warren P. Hurlbutt, who was born in the town of Darien, Fairfield Co., Conn., at No. 3 Hoyt street. The grandfather, Joel Hurlbutt, was a native of Wilton, Conn., and passed the greater part of his life in Darien.

Our subject was born April 17, 1857, in the town of Whitewater, Dubuque Co., Iowa. The family came east when he was very young, settling in Connecticut, and George passed his early years in Stamford and Winsted, this State, attending school at both places. The father was engaged in the clothing business, with which the family has been connected since 1859, and at the age of seventeen years our subject commenced clerking for him, in Winsted, where he spent four

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years learning his trade. In 1878 he located in Stamford and entered the employ of J. W. & W. P. Hurlbutt, remaining with them five years. For the following five years the firm was Hurlbutt & Weed, and Mr. Hurlbutt was with them during that period. They were succeeded by W. P. Hurlbutt & Son, who carried on the business another five years, and were succeeded in their turn by Hurlbutt & Rockwell, who also conducted the business about five years. The establishment has since been owned and managed by Hurlbutt Bros.—George J. and H. W. Hurlbutt.

George J. Hurlbutt was married April 9, 1884, in Nyack, N. Y., to Miss Emma DeClark, by whom he has had two children: Carrie G. and Ralph B. They attend the Stamford Presbyterian Church, of which he is a member; socially, he is connected with Union Lodge, F. & A. M., Puritan Lodge, I. O. O. F., the Royal Arcanum, and the New England Order of Protection.

FREDERICK H. QUINTARD. It was most fortunate for our country that there came to our shores during the formative period, when the forces were being shaped which made us a nation, so large a proportionate number of men and women of high purpose and character, who were actuated by an unquenchable love of liberty. We can scarcely overestimate the influence upon our national life of the early emigration of the Huguenots from France, who, when persecuted for their religious principles in their own land, made no compromise with conscience, but sought in the wilds of the New World the freedom denied them at home. With moral stamina equal to that of the sternest Puritan, they gave powerful re-enforcement to the best element among the colonists, and their descendants have been at all times leaders in the various lines of effort that mark a growing civilization.

The Quintard family, which has so long been prominent in this section, traces its descent from Isaac Quintard, a native of Lusignan, France, who, during the religious troubles of the latter part of the seventeenth century, escaped to England. He spent some time in the city of Bristol, and was married there, November 26, 1693, to Jeanne Fumé, a lady of French descent. In 1697 or 1698 he came to America, locating first in New York City and later in Stamford, this county, where he engaged in business as a merchant, and for many years owned and ran a line of boats. He died at Stamford in 1714, leaving an estate valued at some 2,000 pounds. Among his other bequests was one of 10 pounds for the use of the poor in the French Church of New York. He had four children: Isaac, who settled in Stamford; Abram, who died young; Peter, who is mentioned below; and Marie, who became the wife of Capt. Samuel Morin, of Stamford. On October 1, 1708, Robert Embee, of Stamford, sold a tract of land to Isaac Quintard, who at that time was a merchant of New York City.

Isaac Quintard, the eldest son, was born in Bristol, England, in 1696, and died at Stamford in 1738, aged forty-two years. In 1716 the marriage of Isaac Quintard to Hannah Knapp was recorded at Stamford.

2. Peter Quintard was born in New York City in 1699, and was married there, in 1723, to Jeanne Ballereau, daughter of Jacques and Jeanne (Odart) Ballereau. He carried on the business of gold and silver smith, removing to Norwalk in 1733 or 1734, where he continued the business for some years. His wife, Jeanne, died September 2, 1752, and is buried in St. Paul's churchyard. He died at Norwalk in the fall of 1762, leaving one son and two daughters: Peter; Marie, who married Evert Everson, of New York; and Jane, who married Henry Van Wagner, of New York.

3. Peter Quintard was a native of New York City, but removed with his father to South Norwalk about 1733, keeping a hotel there, and for a time he held the office of postmaster. During the Revolutionary war he served as a soldier in the cause of freedom. He was married twice, but the name of his first wife, the mother of our subject's great-grandfather, is not known. She had four children: James, Peter, Evert and Isaac. He married (second), May 23, 1774, Ruth Stevens, of Stamford, and had Lewis Y.; Rebecca, who married a Raymond; and Clarissa, who married Stephen Mott, of Norwalk.

4. Isaac Quintard was born in Norwalk in 1767, and made his home in that locality. He married, November 13, 1794, Elizabeth Pickett, daughter of Ezra Pickett, and had six children: Ann, who married Lewis Hendrick, of New York City; Evert, our subject's grandfather; Charles, who was a shoemaker and farmer by occupation; George, a shoemaker, who lived and died in Norwalk; Henry, a cabinetmaker, who never married; and Eliza, who also remained single.

5. Evert Quintard was born January 24, 1798, in South Norwalk. When a young man he moved to Norwalk and spent his life there, being engaged for about sixty years in the furniture business. He married Elizabeth Whitney, daughter of Timothy Whitney, of Norwalk, and had three children: William L., who followed

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the furniture business in Norwalk for many years; Francis E., our subject's father; and Mary E. (deceased), who married Bennett Lum, of Stamford.

Timothy Whitney was a Revolutionary soldier and a great-great-grandson of Henry Whitney, of Berkhampstead, England, who emigrated to this country as early as 1649, and settled in Norwalk about 1665. Henry Whitney's ancestry is authentically traced back to the time of the Norman conquest in the person of Sir Baldwin, of Whitney, in Herefordshire. He was also of direct descent from Edward I, King of England.

6. Francis E. Quintard was born in Norwalk at the old family homestead on Main street. During his youth he learned the cabinet maker's trade with his father, and carried on the manufacture and sale of furniture throughout his active life. He married (first) Miss Harriet M. Allen, who was born in Southport, this county, daughter of Increase and Sally Patchen Allen. Her father was a native of Westport, Fairfield county, and was of English descent, being of the sixth generation of the family in this country. The line of descent is traced through Gideon Allen, a native of Fairfield, Ebenezer (1), Ebenezer (2) and Joseph, to Increase Allen, father of Mrs. Quintard. She died February 25, 1853, and on November 24, 1853, Mr. Quintard married Miss Matilda Lounsbury, whose family history is given below. By the first union there were four children: Harriet F., Charles A., Homer A. and Henry F., all of whom died in infancy except Charles A., a well-known resident of Norwalk, prominently identified with various business interests. He was born in Norwalk November 7, 1848, and in 1864 became a clerk in the post office there. After a year or two in that position he spent some time with different firms in Bridgeport and Danbury, and then he took the position of confidential clerk or manager for the Simons Manufacturing Company, of Norwalk, with which he remained six years. The next six years he spent with the Union Manufacturing Company of the same place, and beginning as a bookkeeper, he later became the secretary and treasurer of the company. Since severing his connection with that corporation he has not been actively engaged in any business. He is a Republican in politics, and is a leading member of the Congregational Church at Norwalk, being especially interested in Sabbath school work. He belongs to the New York Mineralogical Club, and the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; socially, he and his family are prominent in the best circles. On June 18, 1873, he married Miss Emma Beers, daughter of Leander and Huldah Platt Beers, of Danbury, and a descendant of James Beers, who came from England at an early date, the line being traced through James (2) (also a native of England), Joseph, Joseph (2), Ephraim, David, Elijah, and Leander, the father of Mrs. C. A. Quintard. Four children were born of this union: Helen, Percy C., Fannie A. (who died November 7, 1891) and Emma T. Francis E. Quintard had two children by his second marriage, our subject being the younger. Harriet F., the elder, is now the wife of Eugene L. Boyer, of Norwalk.

Frederick Homer Quintard, the subject proper of this sketch, was born in Norwalk, January 24, 1857, and was educated in the schools of that city. On completing his course of study he spent one year with his father in the furniture business, and then became associated with his uncles, George E. and Phineas C. Lounsbury, and Joel L. Rockwell, in the manufacture of shoes; but after spending a number of years in that business he went west for his health, and on his return connected himself with the Wisner Shoe Company, of Bridgeport, Conn., as secretary and treasurer; he sold out his interest in 1893, and has since remained free from active business cares. He is a man of much intelligence, and is popular socially, being identified with various organizations, including the Sons of the American Revolution, Norwalk Historical Association, the Norwalk Club, the South Norwalk Club, the Knob Outing Club, holding the position of secretary and treasurer in both the South Norwalk Club and Knob Outing Club. Politically, he is a Republican, but he is not especially active as a partisan, and like most of the members of his family he is a Congregationalist in religion.

On November 2, 1881, Mr. Quintard married Miss Mary E. Benedict, a native of Norwalk and a lineal descendant of Thomas Benedict, who was born in 1617 in Nottinghamshire, England, and died in Norwalk in 1699. The family has been prominent in this county from the first, and many of its members have held influential positions in public life and in Church circles, as is shown by the frequency with which they were chosen to the office of deacon. The line of descent proceeds through Deacon Thomas Benedict, Deacon John (1), Deacon John (2), Deacon Nathaniel (1) (who held a commission in the Colonial army), Nathaniel (2) (who served forty-seven months during the Revolutionary war, taking part in numerous battles, including those of Danbury, Fairfield and Norwalk), Raymond, Mrs. Quintard's grandfather; and Goold Benedict, the father of Mrs. Quintard. Her mother, whose

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maiden name was Arminda Horton, was a daughter of David and Sarah Mead Horton, of Westchester county, N. Y. Mrs. Quintard is one of Norwalk's most prominent society leaders.

Our subject's mother was born April 16, 1829, at Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N. Y., and her family was one of the oldest in that locality. Tradition says that her ancestors came originally from Scotland, the first of whom we have record being Richard Lounsbury, or Lounsberry. Henry Lounsbury, a son of Richard, was born August 15, 1684, at Rye, Westchester Co., N. Y., but removed to Stamford, this county, where he spent his last years. At Stamford he married Mercy Scofield, who was born October 30, 1690, and they had nine children: Henry, Mercy, Hannah, Nathaniel, Epenetus, Rachel, Gideon, Nathan and Mary. Nathan Lounsbury, our subject's great-great-grandfather, was born at Stamford about 1723, and became a farmer and cooper by occupation. He married Elizabeth Seeley Talmadge, widow of Jonathan Talmadge, the ceremony being performed March 27, 1759. They had five children: Nathan, Enos, Phineas, Sylvanus and Elizabeth. Enos Lounsbury, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Stamford, May 31, 1763, and like his father was a farmer and cooper. On April 10, 1781, he enlisted in the Revolutionary army, from Stamford, in Captain Scofield's company, and served until the following January. He was married April 3, 1796, to Katy Waterbury, who was born in Stamford March 12, 1766, the daughter of Isaac and Thankful Scofield Waterbury. Eleven children were born of this union: Elihu, Elizabeth, Katie, Minor, Isaac, Nancy, Sally, Nathan, Elisha and Patty (twins), and Joseph. Our subject's grandfather, Nathan Lounsbury, was born in Stamford April 13, 1807, and he and his wife, Delia (Scofield), who was also a native of Stamford, reared a family of six children, our subject's mother being the eldest. (2) William, the second in order of birth, was a shoe manufacturer at Bridgeport, and his death occurred in Ridgefield, this county. (3) Sarah E. married Nelson B. Sherwood, and both are now deceased. (4) Ann Eliza is the wife of Joel L. Rockwell, a retired resident of Ridgefield. (5) George E., the present governor of Connecticut, is one of the leading Republicans of the State. He graduated from Yale College when a young man, and studied for the ministry, preaching but a short time, as his voice failed him. Changing his plans, he entered business as a shoe manufacturer. He has been in business in Norwalk for about twenty-five years, and is senior member of the well-known firm of Lounsbury, Matthewson & Co. (6) Phineas Chapman Lounsbury, the honored ex-governor, was a shoe manufacturer at Norwalk until 1880, when he entered political life. He has held various public offices, including that of representative in the State Legislature, and in 1887 and 1888 he was governor of the State. Since retiring from that position he has devoted his time to banking and other business enterprises, and for a number of years he has been president of the Merchants Exchange National Bank of New York City. During the Civil war he served as a soldier in the Union army. His winter residence is in New York City, but his summers are spent in Ridgefield, this county. In religious faith he is a Methodist, and as a private citizen his influence is given to furthering the best interests of the people.

FRANK G. BOUTON, one of Danbury's most popular residents, has had tangible proof of the esteem of his fellow citizens in his election, in March, 1895, to the office of city clerk, for the term of two years, his ability and high character making him an admirable official.

Mr. Bouton's ancestors were early settlers in Putnam county, N. Y., his grandfather, Egbert Bouton, having been a miller in the town of Southeast. Marvin J. Bouton, our subject's father, was born in that town in 1825, a son of Egbert and Polly Bouton, and on reaching manhood engaged in the miller's trade, which he followed until his death, June 22, 1878. He was a most excellent man, a life member of the American Bible Association, and for many years a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Sarah M. Barnum, was born in the town of Danbury in 1829, and is now living in Brooklyn, N. Y. This worthy couple had five children: Edgar H., Eliza E., Augustus M., Frank G. and Henry L.

Mr. Bouton, our subject, was born June 6, 1857, in Georgetown, Conn., but his boyhood was mainly spent at Danbury where he attended the public schools for some years. At the age of thirteen he was employed in the meat market of Adams Bros., at Norwalk, Conn., where he remained about three years, and he then went to Jamaica, L. I., to assist his brother Edgar in an insurance business. After two years there he became connected with B. F. Irish, of New Bedford, Mass., a photograph painter, for whom he traveled through the eastern States for several years. On leaving this employment he returned to Norwalk, where his parents then resided, and

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entered the employ of the Beatty Straw Hat Manufacturing Co., remaining one year. The business of making fur hats seeming more desirable, he engaged in that and continued about fifteen years, spending nine years with T. C. Millard & Co., of Danbury. For some time he was employed by T. Brothwell & Co., and while there was elected city clerk. At present he is the auditor for the Comes Automatic Lighter Company, of Danbury.

In 1880 Mr. Bouton married Miss Julia A. Raymond, daughter of Roswell and Harriet (Craft) Raymond, leading residents of Norwalk, her father being a prosperous agriculturist. Six children were born of this union: Ira Garfield, who died in infancy; Clarence M., Miron R., Ira R., Shirland R. and Julia E. The beloved wife and mother passed to the unseen life on March 17, 1893, the day of the birth of the youngest child. In 1898 Mr. Bouton married Mrs. Anna H. Higby, daughter of the late Dr. A. C. and Candace V. B. Booraem, of New York City.

Mr. Bouton attends the Methodist Church, and is identified with various fraternal societies, including the Imperial Order of Red Men; the Kohanza Social Club, of which he is financial secretary; and the I. O. O. F., Progressive Lodge No. 18, at Danbury. He also belongs to the local Hat Finishers Association, and has been actively interested in the work of the fire departments in various places, having been a member of the Pioneer Hook & Ladder Co., at Norwalk, the Putnam Hose Co., at South Norwalk, the De Graw Hose Co., at Jamaica L. I., and the Danbury Co., which he joined in 1890. He resigned from the last named on June 19, 1894, after nearly four years of service under both the volunteer and pay systems. In politics Mr. Bouton is a stanch Republican.

FREDERICK HOLLISTER STEVENS. The Stevens family is an old one and of English origin. Seven brothers of that name are said to have left England about the year 1638 for reasons that were disapproved by the Crown, and their property was confiscated. The amount lost was large, and several unsuccessful attempts to recover all or a portion of it have since been made. A place in London is still known as "Stevens Square."

John Stevens, of Newbury, Mass., was one of the seven brothers, and he was the grandfather of Rev. Timothy Stevens, of Glastonbury, first minister of the Church of Christ in that town. Timothy Stevens was born in Roxbury, Mass., January 28, 1666. He graduated at Harvard in 1687 and moved to Glastonbury in 1692. He was called to the Church of Christ in Glastonburg in that year, and was ordained at the completion of the church in the following year (1693). He was a man of more than ordinary ability, and was pastor in Glastonbury until 1726, when he died.

Frederick Hollister Stevens, the subject of this sketch, is a lineal descendant of Rev. Timothy Stevens. He was born in Meriden in 1856, and is the son of the late Joseph Hollister and Laura E. Post Stevens. Another ancestor of Mr. Stevens was Lieut. John Hollister, who was born in England in 1612, and came to this country in 1642. He settled finally in Glastonbury, and lived in the old Hollister homestead, which is still standing, and is the oldest frame house in Connecticut. It was occupied, until recently, by members of the Hollister family. Mr. Frederick Hollister Stevens, though born in Meriden, is thus of Glastonbury stock.

Mr. Stevens was educated in the public schools of Meriden, and moved with his family to Hartford in 1873. At the age of seventeen he entered the large wholesale and retail dry-goods house of Brown, Thompson & Co., of Hartford, as assistant cashier, and in five years worked his way to the highest position in the financial department of the business. He remained twelve years with this firm, and then entered the First National Bank of Hartford, intending to make banking his business; but in 1893 he was induced to leave Hartford and take charge of the business department of the Standard Association, becoming secretary, treasurer and manager of that corporation at that time, which position he now holds.

On October 4, 1892, Mr. Stevens married Almira Louise, eldest daughter of the late Hon. John D. Candee, of Bridgeport, and granddaughter of the Rev. Dr. S. F. Smith, author of "America."

Mr. Stevens is a veteran of Company K, First Regiment, C. N. G., of Hartford; a member of the Connecticut branch, Sons of the American Revolution; a member of the Sea Side Club, of Bridgeport; and also a number of other social and fraternal organizations.

GEORGE B. FAIRCHILD. In tracing the ancestry of this well-known citizen of Bethel we are carried back to the days of armored knights, as the family coat of arms indicates that some of its members took part in the Crusades, from 1096 to 1400 A. D.

The family originated in Scotland, where the

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name was Fairbairn, but at a very early date the direct ancestors of our subject settled in England, and the name was changed to its present form. The first of whom we have a definite record is Thomas Fairchild (1), a native of England, who came to Stratford, Conn., in 1638 or 1639, being one of the earliest settlers at that place. He probably accompanied his brother-in-law, Thomas Sherwood, and William Judson, another pioneer. Thomas Fairchild became a merchant, and was one of the leading men of the little colony, holding various important positions. In 1664 he was a justice of the peace, then a most responsible office, and at one time he was leather sealer for Fairfield county. In 1654 he was appointed, with Thomas Sherwood and the constables, to draft men for the Narragansett war. His death occurred December 14, 1670. His first wife was a daughter of Robert Seabrook and a sister of Mrs. Thomas Sherwood, Mrs. William Preston, of New Haven, and Mrs. Lieut. Thomas Wheeler, of Milford, Conn. His second wife, Catherine Craigg, of London, was a relative of Mrs. Elizabeth Whiting, of Hartford, to whom he left a legacy of two hundred pounds sterling. There were four sons by his first marriage and two by the second, and his son Thomas (2), who is the next in the line of descent which we are now tracing, was the first white child born in Stratford. Thomas Fairchild (2) was born in 1644, and from him through Josiah (3), born in 1664; Edward (4), who settled at Newtown, this county; James (5); James (6); James (7); James (8); Kiah B. (9); Burton (10); George N. (11); to George B. (12), the subject of this biography, the line of descent proceeds, covering twelve generations.

James Fairchield (8) was born in 1751, and on May 9, 1775, enlisted in the Colonial army, in Company 8, 5th Regiment, commanded by Colonel Waterbury and General Wooster. He married Mary Beers, of Newtown, this county, and his death occurred February 22, 1813. Kiah B. Fairchild (9), the great-grandfather of our subject, was a school teacher in Newtown. On June 6, 1809, he enlisted in the United States army, and during the war of 1812 he held the rank of sergeant. He died about 1868, at the age of eighty-six years. His wife, Polly (Hubbell), bore him five children: Matthew, Burton, Maria, Mary and Lucinda. Burton Fairchild (10), our subject's grandfather, was killed in 1840, at the age of thirty-two, while blasting rock. His wife was Amy Wayland, and they had three children: George Newton, who is mentioned more fully below; Robert Bruce, formerly a member of the firm of Sammis & Fairchild, clothiers, at Bridgeport, who served in the Civil war in the 23d Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, and at the time of his death, in 1878, was a colonel in the 4th Connecticut Militia; and Frank Harrison, a resident of Bridgeport. Capt. George N. Fairchild (11), our subject's father, was born in the town of Newtown, January 8, 1833, and remained there until he was about sixteen years old, making his home with his grandfather after his father's untimely death. About 1849 he ran away, shipped aboard a whaler, and spent at least seven years at sea. He then returned home, and was married at Bethel to Miss Mary Jane Sherman, by whom he had two children: George Burton, our subject; and Annie M., now Mrs. Stuart Kyle, of Bethel. In 1856, immediately after his marriage, he settled in New York City, taking a position as bookkeeper at the Sailors Home, No. 190 Cherry street, and he held similar situations with different firms in the city until his death, which occurred July 19, 1875. For some time he was captain of Company K, 71st New York Militia, and in 1862 he went with them to the seat of war, being mustered out at the close of the struggle with the rank of captain. He was a member of the G. A. R., the I. O. O. F., and the F. & A. M.

Our subject's mother, who is now a highly esteemed resident of Bethel, was the daughter of David Sherman, and granddaughter of Andrew Sherman, both natives of Newtown, where the family has long been prominent. David Sherman, who died in 1860, at the age of sixty-two, married Tamar Beebe, who also died in 1860, and had five children: Ethel, deceased; Andrew and William, who reside in Bethel; Lemuel, a resident of Woodbury, Conn.; and Mary Jane (Mrs. Fairchild).

George B. Fairchild was born July 22, 1857, in the town of Bethel, but his education was begun in the schools of New York City. At the age of ten years he returned to Bethel, where he attended the public schools for a time. In 1873 he began surveying for maps in Massachusetts, Maryland and Indiana, a business which he continued about seven years. In 1880 he took a special course in assaying at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Penn., and later in the same year he went to Ouray, Colo., where he spent two years. In 1882 he came back to Bethel, and for four years was employed in the packing department of George A. Hickok & Son. In November, 1886, he formed a partnership with Howard T. Farnam, and engaged in the manufacture of men's hats, the firm being known as Farnam & Fairchild. In 1888 they began manufacturing ladies' hats in the rough, in which they command

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a good trade, their factory on Greenwood avenue employing about fifty hands.

As a citizen Mr. Fairchild takes an intelligent interest in all progressive movements, and he is greatly respected among all classes in the community. His home in Bethel is a most attractive one, the house being an old Colonial mansion, built in 1760. On November 9, 1882, he was married to Miss Martha B. Farnam, daughter of Ethel Taylor Farnam, the well-known hatter. One child has blessed this union, Merah Somers, born November 30, 1888.

EZRA A. MALLORY, of Danbury, Fairfield county, Conn., has been connected with the business of hat manufacturing for more than sixty years, his first experience having been gained as a boy in his father's factory. In the present firm of E. A. Mallory & Sons the third generation of this noted family enters upon a promising career in the same industry, the two sons of our subject having the management, Mr. Mallory having retired in 1897.

Our subject is descended from an old English family, the first representatives in America being two brothers who crossed the ocean before the Revolution and located—one at Redding, Conn., and the other in one of the Southern colonies. He (E. A. Mallory) traces his lineage to the brother who settled at Redding. Samuel Mallory, his grandfather, married Hannah Hull, and their son Ezra, our subject's father, was born at Redding February 21, 1785, and after spending some years of his early manhood as a cattle dealer and drover, settled at Great Plain, near Danbury, and conducted a hat factory until his death in 1845. His wife, Eliza (Andrews), who was born November 28, 1788, and died July 17, 1876, was a daughter of Eden and Deborah (Knapp) Andrews. To Ezra and Eliza (Andrews) Mallory came a family of eight children, of which our subject was one.

Ezra A. Mallory was born at Danbury, in the Great Plain District. After attending the public schools for some years he was sent, at the age of ten years, to a private school or academy at Redding, of which Walker Bates was principal. At thirteen he returned to Danbury, and while attending schools in the mornings and evenings was employed for several hours each day in his father's factory in Great Plain. When sixteen years old, having left school, he began to work steadily in the shop, and after his father's death, in 1845, he continued the business without interruption for nine years. In 1854 he removed to Danbury and carried on the hat-manufacturing business, until 1862, when he formed a partnership with P. A. Sutton, under the firm name of P. A. Sutton & Co., and continued the business under that firm name with increasing success, until 1863 when Mr. Sutton withdrew, and Mr. Mallory continued alone until 1878, in that year taking his son Charles A. into the firm under the title of E. A. Mallory & Son. Five years later his other son, William E., joined the partnership, which has since continued as E. A. Mallory & Sons. They manufacture all kinds of fur felt hats, including women's wear, and employ about three hundred people at present, although the business at times requires considerable more. When Mr. Mallory started at his present location the shop was quite small, and was run by a fifty-horse-power boiler and a six-horse-power engine. Now the work requires five one-hundred-horse-power boilers and a one-hundred-and-fifty-horse-power engine, and the principal building, which is four stories high, with a frontage of 125 feet on Beaver street, has two additions, four stories in height and measuring 130x30 and 75x60 feet, respectively. Another four-story building is 200 feet long by 40 feet wide, and a sizing and coloring shop runs back 100 feet to the rear.

Immediately after the passage of the Wilson Tariff Bill, Senator Hawley of the district asked the Danbury factories to make a statement of the amount of wages paid out by them in the five years previous. The result was as follows: In 1889, $2,996,690; 1890, $3,039,196; 1891, $3,142,000; 1892, $3,225,000, and 1893, $2,261,000. An idea of the comparative volume of Mr. Mallory's business can be gained from the following statement as to his individual payroll: In 1890, $74,004; 1891, $95,455; 1892, $123,544; 1893, $102,738; 1894, $97,917, and 1895, $107,915.

In 1843 Mr. Mallory married Miss Hannah Mallory, daughter of William and Mary (Judd) Mallory, of Wilton, Conn. The two sons born of this union are now conducting the business established by their father. Charles A., born October 16, 1850, was married in 1873 to Miss Ella L. Ryder, daughter of Dr. William H. and Olivia (Frye) Ryder, and they have two children—Harry B. and Clara J.; William E., born in 1856, was married October 23, 1878, to Miss Fannie Raymond, daughter of George E. and Mary Frederica (White) Raymond, and they have three children—Belle, Florence and Christine. Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Mallory are members of the First Congregational Church, of Danbury, and for a number of years previous to 1896 he served on the society committee of that Church. The other members of the family are

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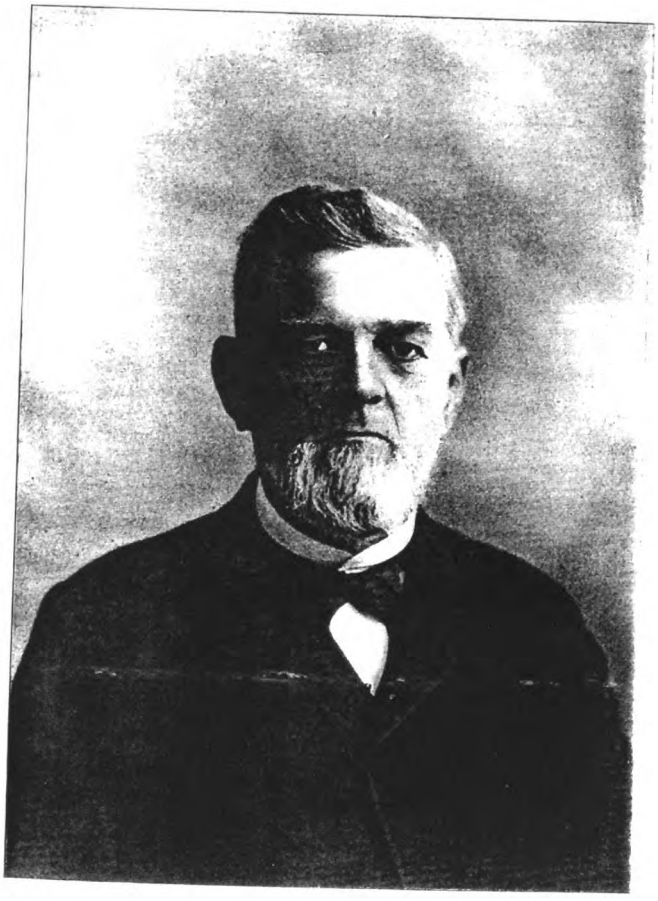

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identified with the Disciples Church, in which Mr. E. A. Mallory has for more than twenty years been one of the three elders. He has always taken active interest in local affairs, but although he is a stanch Republican he has held but one office, that of selectman, to which he was elected in 1868.

WILEY B. BLACKMAN is a leading contractor and builder at Danbury, Fairfield Co., Conn., to whose taste and skill that city is indebted for some of its handsomest residences and business blocks. His success is the more notable because he began as a carpenter, and made his way to the wider and more profitable field of work through his own efforts.

Mr. Blackman is a native of this county, and belongs to one of its pioneer families, being of the seventh generation in descent from Rev. Adam Blackman, who was born in Staffordshire, England, in 1598, and entered Christ College, Oxford, when nineteen years of age. Cotton Mather writes of him: "He was a useful preacher of the Gospel, first in Leicestershire, then in Derbyshire, England. A desirable company of the faithful followed this holy man from England," and by way of Wethersfield came to Stratford as early as 1639, making their settlement at the bend of the creek in Sandy Hollow. His home lot was on Academy Hill, and ran south to Stratford avenue. Mr. Blackman's ministry continued until his death, September 7, 1665. Of his writings only his will remains extant. From 1646 to 1648 he was a member of the Synod which drew up the Cambridge platform. In 1651, "by the town in public meeting," it was agreed that "Mr. Blackman shall have sixty-three pounds and pay part of his own rate." That was not a time of large salaries.

John Blackman, a grandson of Rev. Adam Blackman, born in the year 1685 or 1686, was one of a company—fifty-two in number—that purchased the township of Newtown of the Colonial Government, and removed there. He married Abigail Beers, and settled at the north end of the "Town Street." He died in 1756. John, first son of John and Abigail Blackman, was born in 1721, married Margerie Glover and settled in Newtown, in the vicinity of Taunton Lake. Their son, Josiah, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born there on February 22, 1751, married Clarissa Camp, and died suddenly January 10, 1803, leaving two sons and three daughters. Abner, the eldest son, was born August 12, 1788. Josiah, the second, was six years younger. Each had chosen a profession, but Abner, not willing to leave his widowed mother alone, relinquished his plans and remained with her. Josiah studied medicine with Dr. Gideon Shepard, of the same town, attended medical lectures at Yale during the winters of 1814 and 1815, and received his diploma to practice medicine, according to the custom of the time, from the Connecticut Medical Society, January 16, 1816. In April of the same year he settled in Gilbertsville, Otsego Co., N. Y., having practiced in Danbury, Conn., for a short time. In September, 1829, he moved to Binghamton, N. Y., and in July, 1836, he settled in Montrose, Penn., where he died July 25, 1875. In 1820 Dr. Blackman married Miss Emily Danielson, of Butternut, N. Y., and they had three daughters, only one of whom survives.

Abner Blackman, the grandfather of W. B. Blackman, married Miss Nancy Beers, a daughter of Philo Beers, of the township of Monroe, on January 19, 1814, remaining in his ancestral home for some years. In this old home, which is still standing, are securely imbedded several bullets, fired into it by the Tories in the war of 1812-14. Two children were born to them while here, Philo B., on January 11, 1815, and Hannah, on August 12, 1817. In the year 1818 or 1819, Abner Blackman removed with his family to Brookfield, and settled upon a farm near the Still river. Here two more children were added to their number: Levi, the father of our subject, and a daughter, Mary, who married John Campbell, a carpenter, of Newtown. Philo B., the elder son, at the age of fourteen went to what was then considered the "west," into Tompkins county, New York State, where he learned the carpenter's trade and resided with an uncle, Herman Beers. He married Miss Maria Baldwin, of Springville, N. Y., and finally, returning to Connecticut, located at Middletown, where he engaged in the manufacture of doors, sash and blinds. He now resides with his only surviving daughter at Clyde, Ohio, in his eighty-third year. Hannah, eldest daughter of Abner Blackman, born in Newtown, was married in 1841 to John L. Foote, of Brookfield. Three children were born to them, two daughters—Mrs. George W. Slade and Mrs. Theodore S. Dunning, both living in the State of Minnesota—and a son—Lewis C. Foote, who is railroad superintendent in the West.

Levi Blackman was born October 26, 1820. He became a carpenter and builder, carrying on the business in Brookfield and adjoining towns for many years. At the age of twenty he purchased a small farm, erected a house, barn and workshop with his own hands, and there made

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his home until the spring of 1871. In 1850 he married Miss Susan J. Ellwood, daughter of Joseph S. Ellwood, of the same town, and granddaughter of Stephen Ellwood, of the township of Fairfield, a soldier of the Revolutionary army. The first representatives of the Ellwood family in this country were of English birth. Two children were born to Levi and Susan J. Blackman: Evaline C., born May 18, 1855 (who died at the age of six years), and Wiley Beers.

Wiley Beers Blackman, the only son of his parents, was born May 26, 1858, in the town of Brookfield, and his earliest years were spent on a small farm on the banks of the Still river. In his childhood he manifested the liveliest interest in all kinds of machinery and building tools, and was never so happy as when, in his father's workshop, little carts, wheelbarrows, sleds and various other things were in process of construction; all were freely distributed to the children in the neighborhood. He was a great lover of books, and usually went to sleep at night with one under his pillow. His education began in the local schools, but as he was only fourteen when his parents went to Stepney he continued his studies there, giving his spare moments, when not engaged in study, usually to some artistic woodwork designed either for use or ornament, much of this work still remaining in his childhood home. On leaving school he learned the carpenter's trade with his father, and in 1878 began work as a journeyman, being employed in different places. In 1882 Mr. Blackman located at Danbury, and while following the trade gained a reputation for ability which enabled him to engage in business on his own account, in 1886, as a contractor and builder, meeting with success from the start. His activity is not confined wholly to business lines, however, as he is much interested in local affairs, and in 1885 and 1886 he served as a councilman from the Third ward of Danbury. On March 9, 1897, he was elected by the common council of the city of Danbury to fill the position of superintendent of the city water works. Politically, he is a stanch Democrat, in this respect following his father's example.

On April 3, 1882, Mr. Blackman was united in marriage with Miss Effa M. Toucey, daughter of David H. Toucey, a native of Newtown, and a well-known carpenter of Stepney, and one daughter has blessed the union, Maud T., born February 2, 1886. The Blackman family has been identified with the Episcopal faith for generations, but our subject and his wife attend the First Congregational Church of Danbury, and take a generous interest in its varied lines of work. Mr. Blackman is an active member of several fraternal orders, including the I. O. O. F. and the American Mechanics.

AMBROSE A. SHEPPARD, a prominent resident of Stratford, holds a responsible position with the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co., having charge of one of the departments in their extensive plant at Bridgeport. He is noted for his sound judgment and business ability, and during the last few years he has placed upon the market a new sub-division of Stratford, adding many tasteful homes to that pleasant village.

Mr. Sheppard was born January 8, 1859, in Kings County, Ireland, a son of Ambrose Sheppard (1), and grandson of Capt. Joseph Sheppard, an officer in the British army, who lived and died in the old country. Ambrose Sheppard (1), the father of our subject, was also a native of Kings County, Ireland, where he owned a large tract of land, being known as "Squire Sheppard." He learned the cabinet maker's trade in youth, but never followed it, and in 1866 he came to America, locating first in Naugatuck, and later in Bridgeport, this county, where he died December 25, 1896. His wife, Susan (Hall), who died many years ago, was the daughter of Capt. William Hall, of the British navy. They had ten children, of whom the following came to this country: William, John, Samuel, Martha, Mary, Harriet, Ambrose A. and Thomas.

Our subject spent the first seven years of his life in his native land, and after coming to the United States he attended school at Beacon Fall and Holyoke, Mass. On March 13, 1872, he came to Bridgeport to enter the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co., with whom he remained ten years. Having now made up his mind to prepare for the Bar, he for a time pursued a course of study in law, but ill health compelled him to relinquish his plan. For a brief period he had charge of a gang of men in the painting business; however, he afterward returned to the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co., and at present he has sole charge of the bobbin department. On September 2, 1892, he removed to Stratford, where he purchased seventeen acres of land and built a number of residences for sale, the entire tract being laid out into village lots. On January 31, 1885, he married Miss Ada A. Greenwood, a native of Glastonbury, Conn., daughter of Samuel Greenwood, who was born in Canada of French ancestry. Her mother, whose maiden name was Mary E. Squires, was an American by birth. Mr. Shep-

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pard and his wife are much esteemed socially, and he is identified with several fraternal organizations, including the Order of the Golden Cross and the I. O. O. F., Samuel Harris Lodge No. 99, at Bridgeport. He has always been a strong advocate of temperance, and is one of the leading workers in the Nonpareil Lodge of Good Templars at Bridgeport, in which he has held numerous offices. He has much ability as a speaker, and while studying law he took a prominent part in the Excelsior Lyceum, at Bridgeport, which then boasted two debating societies where young men could obtain practice in public speaking. His talents commanded the admiration of the society, and one time he served as its president. Politically, he is a Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church at Bridgeport, Connecticut.

JESSE L. WESSELS, a well-known and prominent merchant of East Port Chester, Fairfield county, where he has passed forty odd years in a successful career in business and useful citizenship, is descended from one of the old families of New York State.

Harkless Wessels, his grandfather, was of English extraction. During the war of the Revolution he was a patriot, and served all through those memorable years in the Continental army. In line of descent his son James was the father of Jesse L. Wessels, of this sketch. James was a farmer, and being an industrious man passed the winters in working at bottoming chairs and making shoes. He was frugal and economical, and became the owner of several farms. He gave the land for Church purposes, on which were built Rosedale chapel, the Methodist church and the Third Episcopal church edifices. Both Harkless and James Wessels lived in White Plains town. James married Letitia Lawrence, a native of White Plains, and a daughter of James Lawrence. The children born of this marriage were as follows: Jesse L., our subject, is mentioned farther on; William H. was a shoemaker by occupation, but in early life went to Bridgeport, and, with his brother John, carried on a very extensive wholesale fruit store, also served as selectman of the town; and John L., of Bridgeport, where he was three years mayor, also in the council. The father of these lived to be upward of seventy years of age, dying at White Plains. His wife also lived to be over seventy years, and both were buried in Union cemetery, at Rye, N. Y. Politically, the husband was a Whig. He was an honorable man, upright and honest, and was held in high regard as a citizen. The wife and mother was an unusually sweet singer.

Jesse L. Wessels, whose school days reach back nearly three-quarters of a century in the days when were in vogue the rude log school house with its slab benches and old-time stove, being the eldest child and son, did not get as great privileges as the younger children had, having to assist more in the work at home, and often away from home. At the age of sixteen years he went New York City to work for a cousin—E. P. Lawrence—who was engaged in the grocery business on the corner of Willett and Delancy streets, receiving for his first year's service $25 per year, and, for the second, $30, doing his own washing. After two years there he returned home and for a time worked for his father. He again went to New York, where he became a member of the Mechanics' Grocery Association, whose place of business was located on Seventh street between avenues C and D. This association was an Odd Fellows organization, having for its object the furnishing members of the order their supplies cheaper, yet those not members were at liberty to deal at the store. This was strictly a cash store. Young Wessels was employed at this place two years, and the store prospered under his direction as manager of the retail department. Later he went as a clerk with Garrett Brower, who was a grocer on the corner of Sixth and Avenue D, of the same city. He remained there until on March 3, 1855, when he came to East Port Chester, and here purchased two lots, paying for them $300, on one of which now stands his store building, and here he built the first store room in the town, and has from that time to this been in business on that site. He was the pioneer merchant of the town, and of course is now the oldest one. His active business career reaches back over a period of fifty odd years. He has prospered and met with success. He is a member of the Baptist Church, in which during his more active years he was a pillar, taking an active part in all its affairs. He was a deacon in the Church, and held various other offices. He was a liberal contributor toward the building of the church at Port Chester, and has ever been a contributor to its support. In former years he was identified with the I. O. O. F. Outside of his special business, that of a grocer and a coal and wood dealer, Mr. Wessels has handled a great deal of real estate. He owns much valuable real estate at East Port Chester, none of whose citizens are better or more favorably known. He is a most reliable man.

While a clerk in New York, Mr. Wessels

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married Elizabeth Green, who was from near Glenville, Fairfield county, a daughter of Reuben Green. To this marriage were born children, as follows: Martha E. and James G. are both at home; Mary I. died in infancy; and William H., whose sketch follows.

WILLIAM H. WESSELS, who at this time is one of the selectmen of the town of Greenwich, and one of the substantial business men of East Port Chester, comes from a family of merchants, and is of Revolutionary stock.

Born April 3, 1860, in the old family homestead in East Port Chester, Fairfield county, he is a son of Jesse L. Wessels, the pioneer merchant of that borough, and whose successful and honorable career and family history is given elsewhere. In his boyhood young Wessels attended the private school of Mrs. Curry, at Port Chester, N. Y., and subsequently he was a student at Greenwich Academy under Professor Webster. He seemed to be born a merchant, inheriting from his father and grandfather this trait. From his earliest recollection this vocation seemed to fascinate him, and he was found in his father's store at an early age. As he came in contact with men he seemed fitted in every way to impress himself upon them, and by his business tact and gentlemanly manner—always courteous and obliging—he from boyhood was popular. After his school days were over and he settled down to business with his father, he took an active part in the latter's business, which by his tact and enterprise was enlarged, and which is now still conducted by them under the name of his father.

In politics Mr. Wessels is a Republican, of the stanchest type. His make-up well fits him for party action, and he is active and influential in all party and public work. His popularity is second to none of the officials of Fairfield county, as evidenced by the majorities he has ever received at the polls. He is one of the youngest men to enjoy the distinction the office which he now holds gives, and which is an evidence of his judgment and ability as held by the community. He was elected to the office of selectman in October, 1894, and has since given the best of satisfaction. He is an esteemed citizen and a Christian gentleman, himself and wife being members of the Baptist and Methodist Episcopal Churches, respectively. They attend the Methodist Church. Mr. Wessels is assistant superintendent of the Sabbath-school, and has charge of the Sabbath-school choir. He is a man of undoubted integrity, of a high standard of morals, and of considerable intelligence, a good and useful citizen, and enjoys the confidence of his fellow citizens. A most capable business man, he is indispensable to his father in his advancing years and increasing business, and he now practically has the responsibility of the business. Our subject married Miss Imogene Slater, a native of Port Chester, N. Y., a daughter of William K. Slater, a farmer.

JOHN WALKER MOREHOUSE, a retired resident of Bridgeport, is connected with several of the most prominent pioneer families of Fairfield county, and in his sterling qualities of character he reflects the merits of his honored ancestry. For many years he was identified with mercantile and agricultural interests in Fairfield township, and he still owns a fine farm there in addition to valuable real estate in Bridgeport, and two charming cottages at Fairfield Beach, known as "Samp Mortar" and "Dewey." His handsome residence at No. 597 Wood avenue, Bridgeport, gives evidence of the refinement and artistic taste of its owners, and was recently completed under his personal supervision.

The Morehouse family has been chiefly interested in agricultural pursuits in the past, and our subject's great-grandfather, Isaac Morehouse, was a farmer in Fairfield township. Samuel Morehouse, the grandfather of our subject, owned and occupied the old family homestead in Fairfield township, now belonging to our subject. He died in 1856, and his remains now rest in Mountain Grove cemetery. By his first wife, a Miss Somers, he had the following children, all of whom received from him a good start in life: Aaron S., a farmer, died in Fairfield township, June 9, 1887, aged seventy-four years, and his only son, Samuel C., died August 30, 1848, having been accidentally shot. Abigail (Mrs. T. Campbell) died in Bridgeport. Susan (Mrs. Nichols) died in Hartford, Ohio. Caroline, who never married, died in Ohio. Abel S., our subject's father, was the youngest of the family.

Abel S. Morehouse was born in 1816 in Stratfield District of the town of Fairfield, and was educated in the schools of that locality. As the son of a prosperous, thrifty farmer, he was instructed during boyhood in the best methods of agricultural work, and he always followed farming as an occupation. For his first wife he married Miss Eliza C. Sherwood, who was born in October, 1824, in Easton township, this county, the daughter of David Sherwood and his wife, Caroline (Wilson), a sister of Capt. David

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Wilson, a well-known citizen in his day. After his marriage Abel Morehouse resided for a time with his wife's mother upon a farm in the Fairfield Woods District, of Fairfield township, but later he removed to Buckley's District, to a farm now owned by our subject. He was a successful farmer, and was noted as a good judge of horseflesh, his numerous trades bringing into his skillful care some of the best horses ever seen in his locality. His health was uniformly good, and he was active up to the time of the illness which caused his death in 1864 after a few days of suffering. Politically he was a Republican, but he never sought or held office, and at one time he became so disgusted over a "fist fight" at the polls between two prominent men that he did not vote for twelve years. As a citizen he was much respected for his sterling qualities of character. His first wife, our subject's mother, died November 6, 1857, and the remains of both rest in Mountain Grove Cemetery. His second wife, Fanny (Hammond), of Stratford, survived him and married Edward Osborn, of Weston. She died some years later in Stratford.

Our subject was born December 20, 1844, in the Fairfield Woods District, of the town of Fairfield, and as the only son he inherited his father's estate. With the exception of one year his home has been made upon the old farm until his removal to Bridgeport. His education was begun in the schools of the Buckley District, Daniel Meeker being his first teacher, and later he studied for two years in a school at Greenfield Hill under Prof. Park Hill. At the age of seventeen he took a position as clerk in Harvey Lyon's store in Bridgeport, located on Main street, between Wall street and Fairfield avenue. Later he was employed in the Star Arms gun shop in East Bridgeport, and in a similar shop in Yonkers, N. Y.; for some time he worked for the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co., at Bridgeport. At the death of his father he returned to the old farm and took charge of the estate, purchasing his stepmother's interest. Although but twenty years old, he proved himself a capable manager, and in addition to his agricultural interests he conducted a general store at his home for several years. Through his efforts a post office was established there, known as Samp Mortar, and he was the only postmaster ever appointed there, the service being discontinued after a few years, at his request. On April 1, 1897, he removed to his present home in Bridgeport, and except for the care of his investments he is no longer actively connected with business. Although his manner is quiet and unassuming, he is a shrewd and far-sighted man of affairs, while his integrity and uprightness are unquestioned. In politics he is a Republican; has served as assessor of Fairfield township, and for many years was a member of the local school committee. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church at Greenfield Hill, while, socially, he is identified with the I. O. O. F., Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, at Bridgeport, and Stratfield Encampment No. 23, also at Bridgeport. For several years he was a member of the order of United Friends.

On February 12, 1865, Mr. Morehouse married Miss Cornelia S. Burr, and six children have blessed the union: (1) Ida, born February 15, 1866, died July 12, 1866. (2) Oliver B., born October 30, 1867, is a skilled mechanic and now follows the carpenter's trade. (3) Emma F., born October 7, 1871, married B. F. Bulkeley, Jr., of Westport, and has three children—Clara C., May and Ruth. (4) One that died October 2, 1874, in infancy. (5) Frederick C., born May 25, 1876, and (6) Daisy C., born February 12, 1881, are at home. Mrs. Morehouse is a woman of culture and intelligence, and is related to some of the best families in the United States. Among the most cherished objects in her charming home are some family relics, including a piece of silk taken from a ball dress once worn by the wife of Thaddeus Burr. She is a native of Black Rock, Conn., born January 14, 1849, and was only seven years old when her parents removed to Fairfield Woods, where she grew to womanhood. Her father, Hon. Oliver Burr, was a son of Noah Burr and a grandson of Nehemiah Burr. He was an influential citizen in his day, and at one time represented the town of Fairfield in the State Legislature. Her mother, whose maiden name was Emily Sherwood, was a member of a well-known family, and cousin to the wife of Mark Hopkins. Mrs. Morehouse was one of five children, of whom two lived to adult age.

WILLIAM H. BUNNELL. If one who is acquainted with the ancestry of William H. Bunnell, one of the substantial and most highly esteemed citizens of Bridgeport, were asked whence he received his magnificent physique he would probably reply that it came from his mother's side of the house. His maternal grandfather, David Davis, was one of a family of nine children—seven sons and two daughters—and none of the sons were under six feet in height. Judging from the longevity of this family, Mr. Bunnell has the prospect of many years to live, for this grandfather Davis, who was a

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soldier in the Revolutionary war, and who refused a pension for his services, lived to the ripe old age of one hundred and one years.

Mr. Bunnell has devoted a large portion of his life to the superintendency of the Town poor, for he has had charge of that institution for over thirty years. When it is remembered that the appointment is a non-political one, and one based purely upon merit and efficiency, nothing further need be said in testimony of Mr. Bunnell's fidelity and ability in public service. He is now a prominent real-estate dealer, at his residence, No. 132 Seaview avenue, Bridgeport. He was born May 30, 1833, at what is known as Hull's Farms, near Greenfield, Conn., and is a son of Beale and Anna (Davis) Bunnell, the former of whom was a native of Weston, and died at the age of sixty-six years. The mother was a daughter of David and Deborah (Buckley) Davis, and her father was the eldest of nine children, the others being John, Joseph, Samuel, Ann, Jeremiah, Daniel, Doctor and Sally. To Beale and Anna Bunnell were born ten children: Samuel Gilbert, Anna D., Harriet B., Sarah H., Elizabeth B., Beale D., John W., William H. (subject of this sketch), George B. and Joseph F.

William H. Bunnell was a farmer's son, and like most sons of the soil in that early day his educational opportunities were limited. He attended the district schools, but his labor was needed on the farm and he gave it unstintedly. When nineteen years of age he started to work in the blacksmith shop of Charles Curtis, wagonmaker, at Stratford. On the morning of the Norwalk disaster on the New York & New Haven R. R., in May, 1853, he left Stratford for Bridgeport, and found work as an apprentice with Z. M. Miller in the carriage-making business, a branch office of Thompson & Wood, now Kinks & Johnson, Broad street. Two years later he worked as a journeyman for T. C. Robinson at Wolcottville, Conn. Visiting his old home, July 4, 1854, he was pursuaded by his brother to remain on the farm for a time, but late in August he went to Bridgeport and worked for several months with Smith & Barlow, two carriage-wood benders. He then assisted his brother in building a house, and in January entered the carriage shop of Thomas & Wood as one of its most skilled mechanics. In May, 1856, he returned to Smith & Barlow's shop, and remained with them until January 1, 1862. That closed his service at his trade.

On February 3, 1862, Mr. Bunnell was appointed by the board of selectmen to take charge of the Town poor, and remained four years. Mr. Bunnell then entered the real-estate and building business in partnership with his father-in-law, Edward C. Foster. In the following fall he removed to Westport, Conn., where he built a house, and for three years carried on a contracting and building business. His return to public service was accidental and unexpected. One Sunday night he received a message from the Bridgeport selectmen that the keeper of the Town Farms had died suddenly, and requested him to call the next morning. He responded and made a contract with the selectmen to take charge of the poor people of Bridgeport, and continued under the contract system fourteen years. The old town farms had been sold to P. T. Barnum, and a new farm purchased and new buildings erected on the present location in the north part of Bridgeport. At the expiration of his contract, April 1, 1884, Mr. Bunnell's services were re-engaged at a salary, and under that arrangement he remained in charge until April 1, 1896, thus closing an administrative career of over thirty years. He opened a real-estate office April 1, 1896, and has since devoted his entire time to that business.

Mr. Bunnell was married November 20, 1856, to Julia G. Foster, daughter of Edward C. and Eliza (Dobbs) Foster. To Mr. and Mrs. Bunnell nine children have been born: (1) William H. (2) Sarah J., who married Meriden Nash, son of Rev. Albert Nash of the M. E. Church; she died in 1885. (3) Edward, who died at the age of four years. (4) Julia A., who married Frank W. Hawley, and now lives in Hartford. (5) George, now assistant professor in the Scientific School at Yale College. (6) and (7) Frederick and Edward (twins), who died of cholera infantum at the age of ten months, only a week apart. (8) Mary Grace, who has just been graduated at Wesleyan University, and is teaching in the High School at Portland, Conn. (9) Frank G., a student at the Bridgeport High School. Mr. and Mrs. Bunnell are members of the Newfield M. E. Church, and Mr. Bunnell has held all the offices within the gift of that society, being at present a member of the board of trustees.

In politics Mr. Bunnell is an Independent, but though without party ties he has been frequently honored with positions of trust and responsibility, nor has he shirked any of the duties which in his estimation were due from a public-spirited citizen. In his younger days he was a member of the hook and ladder company, Reindeer hose company, Bridgeport Fire Department. In Westport he served on the school committee for five years. In West Stratford, where he now lives—that borough having been annexed to

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Bridgeport in 1889—he was justice of the peace for six years. For two years he was a member of the board of assessors, and for two years a member of the board of relief. He was also a member of the court of burgesses for two years, and warden for two years. He is a member of St. John's Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M., Jerusalem Chapter, Hamilton Commandery, Knights Templar and Mystic Shrine. He is now a member of the board of associate charities, and at the time of his retirement from the superintendency he was appointed by the board of county commissioners as one of the visitors to the Children's Home at Norwalk. Few men have had wider home interests or done more for the maintenance and advancement of home institutions at Bridgeport than William H. Bunnell.

CHARLES J. CALEY, general foreman of the lock and hardware department of Department A, Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co., Stamford, Conn., is a native of Jersey City, N. J., born March 11, 1863.

Samuel F. Caley, father of our subject, was born in London, England, and in 1859 came to the United States. He was here married to Miss Catherine Sweeney, by whom he had five children, viz.: Charles J., Samuel F., Jr. (of New Haven, Conn.), Catherine (married to Charles Yerrington, and living in Norwich), Nellie (married to Patrick Sullivan, and making her home in Norwich), and Lida (also in Norwich). Both parents are now deceased. The father was a conductor on the Norwich & Worcester railroad.

Charles J. Caley, the subject proper of this review, spent his school days in Norwich, but at the early age of ten years he entered the employ of the Norwick Lock Company, with whom he remained some twelve years. During that period he took a course at Snell's Business College, Norwich, Conn., thereby well qualifying himself for office routine work. For five years after this he was in the employ of Sargent & Co., part of the time serving as foreman of the lock department; then for three months was overseer of the novelty department, at Auburn, N. Y. Returning to New Haven, he, in 1890, formed a connection with the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co., as lock maker; in 1891 he became contractor in the knob department, in April, 1892, becoming also contractor in the bronze goods works. Still later he took contracts in the lock department and in the post office department, and at present (1898) he is general foreman of the lock and hardware departments of Department A.

At New Haven, Conn., April 14, 1887, Mr. Caley was united in marriage with Miss Marguerite Rielly, of Jersey City nativity, a daughter of John and Ellen (Little) Rielly, and three children have been born to them: Oliver, Charles and Harold S. Socially, Mr. Caley is a member of the Yale & Towne Mutual Benefit Association; is affiliated with the A. O. U. W., is a charter member and first master workman of Ponus Lodge No. 68, and was a representative to the grand lodge in 1895. At the present time he is the active past master workman, and representative to the grand lodge for 1898. In politics Mr. Caley has always held prominent place, and he was secretary of the Democratic town committee, but resigned during the Free-silver agitation. Mr. Caley and family are social, affable and genial people, whose friends are legion, all honoring and esteeming them for their many virtues and genuine worth.

AUGUST LIEBERUM. "The proper study of mankind is man," wrote the poet-essayist generations ago. To be a good student, one must profit by the studying, and there are lessons to be learned from the life of each and every man. Our form of government is peculiarly adapted to the development of the manly traits of character, and our democracy so great that "a man is a man, if he is willing to toil, and the humblest may gather the fruits of the soil." The life of a truly self-made man is an interesting one to young and old alike, but more especially to the young, for it indicates to their yet unsettled minds certain paths that can be followed, and certain success that can be won. Such a self-made man is he whose name opens this brief review. August Lieberum, one of the solid business men of Bridgeport, was born at Hessen-Cassel, Germany, December 1, 1839.

August Henry Lieberum, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born at Gottingen, Hanover, Prussia, in 1799, and died in 1884, at New Brunswick, N. J. At the age of fourteen he went to Hessen-Cassel, and was employed in a general merchandise store. At this place he was married to Miss Fridericke M. F. Happel, and to them were born eight children, of whom the following is the record: (1) Mary married William Keller, and they are now both deceased. (2) Augusta married Nicholas Usinger, and lives in Bridgeport. (3) Kate (deceased) married Andrew Usinger. (4) William is mentioned elsewhere. (5) August is our subject. (6) Henry, of Bridgeport. (7) Charles, of New Brunswick, N. J. (8) Minnie (deceased) was

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the wife of William Evers, a butcher of Bridgeport. The mother of this family passed to the unseen world in 1885, at New Brunswick, N. J., where, for some time previous to the death of her husband, they had lived in retirement.

August Lieberum spent his boyhood days at Borken, Hessen-Cassel, and in the public schools of that place received his literary training. When fourteen years of age, in company with his brother William and his sister Kate, he came to this country, and at Birmingham, Conn., learned the trade of cabinet maker, serving his apprenticeship of three years with Somers & Lewis. In 1861 he left Birmingham and settled in Bridgeport, where he worked in the Wheeler & Wilson factory until 1865; at this time he decided to enter business in connection with his brother William, and accordingly opened a store on Water street, where they carried on a line of furniture and undertaking goods under the firm name of Lieberum Bros. In this location they remained two years, and then removed to Nos. 3-5-7 State and Nos. 315 and 317 Water streets, and they remained during the long period of twenty-three years. After twenty-five years of a successful business career, the partnership was dissolved in 1890, and our subject went into the undertaking business exclusively. He located at No. 636 Main street, and there remained for one and one-half years, when he returned to State and Water streets, and has since carried on business there.

On October 15, 1863, at Bridgeport, Mr. Lieberum was united in marriage with Miss Kate Conrad, a native of Bavaria, Germany. Five children have come to bless their union, all but one of whom are living: (1) August H. died in 1884, at the age of twenty-two years; (2) Emma married William Ortlepp, an undertaker of the East side of Bridgeport, and has two children—Florence and Gertrude; (3) Mary became the wife of Augustus Maxon, of Bridgeport, and has one child—Harold; (4) Cora is at home; and (5) Arthur B., the genial and successful manager of a delicatessen store at No. 7 State street.

Socially, Mr. Lieberum is a member of Steuben Lodge No. 83, I. O. O. F., Bridgeport Encampment No. 22, I. O. O. F., and of the order of Rebekah; Knights of Pythias, Mithra Lodge No. 8; a Mason from Blue Lodge to Mystic Shrine; of the Arion Society, and the Turnverein. He is a large holder of real estate, and this has not been the result of inheritance, but rather of his own industry and business acumen. Ever awake to the best interests of his adopted town, he does his part as a loyal citizen, and contributes liberally of time and means to the advancement of all worthy enterprises. To-day he stands conspicuously as one of the representative men of Bridgeport, on whose business career, or in whose private life, there is neither blot nor blemish.

HON. GEORGE E. SOMERS. Not uncommonly at the present day, as well as during the past generations, skilled mechanics have risen by the force of their own merit and application to positions of commanding importance and influence in the manufacturing world. In this brief sketch is reported the crude life outlines of one of those men who have thus won the deserved laurel of success.

George E. Somers, vice-president of the Bridgeport Brass Company, and an official in various other industrial works, was born in Newtown, Conn., January 21, 1833, a son of Rufus and Esther (Peck) Somers. The father was born in 1800, and died in 1867; the mother was born in 1799, and died in 1884. They had a family of nine children, six of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, as follows: Emily, Henry, George E., Esther M. (who died in 1860), David and John W.

George E. Somers was educated in the common schools of Newtown, and at the age of nineteen left his native place to begin at Naugatuck his life work as a skilled mechanic and manufacturer. After two years spent in a Naugatuck machine shop, Mr. Somers worked two years at Waterbury, and was then for two years and a half with Wallace & Sons, of Ansonia, Conn. He removed to Providence, R. I., where he was employed by the Gorham Manufacturing Company, the world-renowned silversmiths, to make tools used in manufacturing silverware, an occupation requiring peculiar nicety and the utmost skill. During the Civil war he returned to Ansonia, and was engaged with Wallace & Sons in the manufacture of cartridge shells. About the close of the war Mr. Somers took charge of one of the departments of the Benedict & Burnham Manufacturing Co., at Waterbury, as master mechanic. While filling that position he made a trip to Europe, and on his return introduced seamless brass and copper tubing in this part of the country, which has since grown to wonderful proportions in the brass and copper industries of the United States.

In 1881 Mr. Somers came to Bridgeport to accept the position of superintendent of the Bridgeport Brass Company. He was also elected one of the directors of the company, and has since been closely identified with its immense

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strides toward a wider and more commanding productiveness. He is at present vice-president of the company. It employs from 750 to 800 hands, and the pay roll amounts to from $6,000 to $7,000 weekly. The works cover four and one-quarter acres of ground, and the building, which is brick, covers two acres. At this great establishment a wide variety of brass goods is manufactured, most important, perhaps, being the manufacture of brass and German silver in the sheet and coil. There is also produced here brass, copper and German silver wire and seamless tubing, lamps, burners, lamp trimmings, etc. Having always been of an inventive turn of mind, Mr. Somers has secured several valuable patents on articles of importance in his business. He is also a stockholder in the Bridgeport Crucible Company, president of the Bridgeport Electric Manufacturing Company, and a director of the Bridgeport National Bank.

Mr. Somers has never been a seeker for office, but his business capacity has a number of times been called into service in the interests of the public. While at Waterbury he served several years on the board of fire commissioners, and there contributed largely in advancing the efficiency of the department. In politics he is an earnest Republican, and has served as a delegate from Bridgeport to the State convention. He was appointed by Mayor Marigold to the local board of public works at Bridgeport, to succeed Edward R. Ives, resigned, was subsequently reappointed by Mayors Bostwick and Clark, and is a member of that board at present. In the fall of 1896 he was nominated for member of the State Legislature from Bridgeport, and was elected by a tremendous majority. He is now serving on the committee on Manufactures. In social life Mr. Somers is an active and influential Freemason. He has served in most of the offices of the Blue Lodge and Commandery, and has attained the thirty-second degree. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In November, 1858, Mr. Somers was united in marriage with Miss Sarah J. Noble, daughter of David Noble, of Southbury, Conn. She died in 1863, and in 1865 he married, for his second wife, Miss Fannie E. French, daughter of Miles and Elizabeth (Sperry) French, residents of that portion of Bethany, Conn., now part of Beacon Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Somers have one child, Jennie S., now a student in the Boxwood school at Old Lyme, Conn. They are members of the Park Street Congregational Church at Bridgeport.

If in the space of a few words the characteristics which most distinguish Mr. Somers in his business career were to be noted, it would perhaps be said that he is a quiet, cool-headed business man, who weighs well his actions and has the courage of his convictions. His ripe judgment and experience, re-enforced as they are by high conceptions and convictions of duty, mark him as an efficient and valuable factor in the current history of his native State.

CHARLES B. MARSH. "Have a purpose and then work for it" is a motto which has been fully tested in the career of this highly esteemed resident of Bridgeport. As the head of the firm of Marsh Brothers, leading contractors and builders of that city, he has earned a high reputation in business circles and won for himself a substantial success in life, all of which he attributes to his persistent following of the above precept. Marsh Brothers have an extensive contracting business, and are also large dealers in real estate, their work requiring the assistance of several clerks, and their handsomely appointed offices at Nos. 25–33 P. O. Arcade are the finest in the city, while their honorable dealings have brought them the esteem of all with whom they have come in contact.

The Marsh family is of English origin, the first of this branch to come to America being Thomas Marsh, our subject's grandfather, who crossed the ocean in 1816 with his wife, Martha Marks Marsh, and children. He was a carpenter by trade, but after a short stay in Bridgeport he settled upon a farm in the town of Easton, where he died in 1860.

James Marsh, our subject's father, was born at Trowbridge, England, in 1812, but his life was chiefly spent in Easton, where he followed farming, his death occurring in 1887. He married Miss Sarah Beardsley, a sister of Henry and George Beardsley, of Huntington, and she is still living. Our subject is the youngest in a family of four children: Lottie married Daniel Brewer, a farmer at New Milford, Conn.; Edward, born June 22, 1862, is a member of the firm of Marsh Brothers; and Anna is the wife of T. A. Burgess, a contractor and builder of Bridgeport.

Our subject was born March 13, 1867, at the old farm in Easton, where he remained through boyhood, his education being secured in the district schools of the vicinity. At the age of eighteen he went to Shelton to learn the carpenter's trade with Beardsley Brothers, and on completing an apprenticeship of three years he located at Bridgeport and engaged in business as a contractor and builder. For two years he was

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in partnership with Henry W. Beers, and since that time he has been associated with his brother, Edward H. On September 30, 1891, he married Miss Effie A. Booth, daughter of Frederick J. Booth, a prominent citizen of Easton. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh are popular in the best social circles, and are active workers in Grace M. E. Church at Bridgeport. He also belongs to the Sea Side Club, the I. O. O. F., the Masonic Lodge at Bridgeport, and other organizations. Politically, he affiliates with the Republican party.

LARSEN BROTHERS. This well-known firm of contractors, who have been conducting an extensive business at Greenwich for some years past, consists of two brothers, Niels and Lawrence Larsen, natives of Denmark, and it is doubtful if two more able and energetic young men can be found in that community.

Coming to this country perfect strangers, without friends or capital, they have made their way steadily foward in spite of all discouragements, and to-day they command a profitable business with every prospect of increased prosperity in the future. Honest and straightfoward in their dealings, they discharge every obligation faithfully, and they have already won the confidence of the community. With the first profits of their enterprise they built a pleasant home for themselves, and as time passed they invested in other property, including three residences which they rent. They are the first of their family to come to America Their parents, Capt. Christian Larsen and his wife, Ane Marie Andersen, are still living at the old home in Denmark, and the father, who was formerly a sea captain, is now engaged in farming. There were four children in the family, two sons and two daughters.

NIELS LARSEN, the elder of the two sons, was born January 18, 1868, and when only seven years old started out from the old home with his mind set on earning money enough to bring him to the United States of America, for which purpose he saved as much as possible from his meagre earnings. In 1887, having accumulated the amount necessary for passage money, he sailed from Copenhagen with his brother Lawrence, and in July of that year they landed in New York. They had but a few dollars left, and the trying time that followed while gaining a foot-hold in this new land can be better imagined than described. The first employment found by Niels was with Henry Held, of Greenwich, and although the wages were small they were a beginning of better things, as in time he managed to save enough to give him a start in business. He was steady and trustworthy, not in the least afraid of work, and he remained in Mr. Held's employ four years. In 1893 he and his brother began taking contracts for grading and excavating, and they have since devoted their attention to that line of work. In 1890 he re-visited his native land, cheering the hearts of his parents with the sight of his prosperity.

LAWRENCE LARSEN was born March 22, 1872, and in his youth he attended the free schools of his native place, receiving a good, practical education. By the time he was fifteen he managed, through industry and close economy, to secure the funds necessary to take a trip to the United States, and on his arrival he made his way to Greenwich with his brother. He was married April 1, 1894, to Miss Margaret Huggins, who was born in Ireland, a daughter of James Huggins, and came to America at the age of fifteen. Two children, Lawrence Christian and Anna N., have blessed this union. The family is identified with the Lutheran Church, of which both brothers are consistent members.

CHARLES DELAVAN WOODRUFF. This well-known resident of Bridgeport has won more than a local reputation as a manager of large enterprises, a practical knowledge of men and affairs being combined with shrewd judgment and rare executive ability. He comes of a family which has been noted in previous generations for intellectual ability.

Herman Woodruff, grandfather of our subject, was a prominent citizen of Auburn, N. Y., and James O. Woodruff, father of Charles D., was the director of the Woodruff Scientific Expedition of 1878, which was virtually a floating college, the North German Lloyd steamship "General Werder" being purchased for that purpose. It was proposed to carry a full staff of professors and scientists, and was to be commanded by officers of the U. S. Navy, Capt. (now Rear Admiral) John W. Phillips being delegated to the command of the same. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Ermina Adsit, was a native of Auburn, N. Y., and a daughter of Rev. Samuel Adsit, a Baptist minister.

Mr. Woodruff was born July 10, 1864, at Palmyra, N. Y., and his education was obtained chiefly at Highland Military Academy, Worcester, Mass., where he was graduated in 1880. He then became connected with a railroad in Ohio, and later spent some time in the silver mines of the Rocky Mountains. In 1884 he went to Baltimore, Md., to take a position as superintendent

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of the Consolidated Gas Company, and this he held until 1891 when he accepted a similar position with the Chicago Gas Light & Coke Co., Chicago, Ill. In 1893 he removed to Boston, having been appointed chief engineer of the Brookline Gas Company, of that city, but in 1895 he located in Bridgeport as superintendent of the Citizens Gas Company.

In 1895 Mr. Woodruff married Miss Martha Nichols, of Salem, Mass., and both are popular in the best social circles of Bridgeport. Mr. Woodruff is identified with various societies, including the Algonquin Club, and Bridgeport Yacht Club.

ARTHUR EDWARDS PLUM, formerly a representative in the State Legislature from the town of Trumbull, is one of the leaders in the business, political and social life of that locality, and few men of his years have achieved as wide a popularity.

Mr. Plumb comes of good old Colonial stock, his ancestors having settled in the town of Trumbull at an early period. Eli Plumb, his great-grandfather, was born November 25, 1777, and died October 14, 1865. He married Betsey Booth, and had six children: (1) Pixley J., born December 6, 1800, died July 28, 1826. He was married on May 16, 1822, to Susan Hurd, by whom he had one daughter, Delia Judson, born May 26, 1825; she was married February 12, 1850, to Charles H. Hall, and has had one child, Ella E., born February 24, 1871. (2) Birdsey B., our subject's grandfather, is mentioned below. (3) Almon E., born April 1, 1807, was married January 17, 1828, to Betsey Sterling. (4) Betsey Ann, born in 1811, died January 27, 1827. (5) Harriet A., born in 1816, was married November 10, 1835, to Benjamin Burton, and died May 27, 1854. (6) Mary Ann, born March 23, 1821, was married January 26, 1846, to Lucius C. Booth. They had one daughter, Lacira, born March 20, 1847, who married Edmond H. Hurd, and died December 11, 1872, leaving one child, Lillian Lacira, now the wife of Edward T. Hendrickson, of No. 619 Noble avenue, Bridgeport.

Birdsey B. Plumb, our subject's grandfather, was born August 8, 1804, and followed farming in Trumbull for many years, his death occurring February 12, 1891. On March 8, 1828, he married Miss Emeline Mallett, who died December 24, 1890. They had two children: Betsey Ann and Charles Elliott. The former was born December 15, 1827, and died January 17, 1864. She was married November 21, 1854, to Thomas C. Wordin, and had two children: Birdsey Plumb, born January 10, 1857, died March 8, 1875; and Elizabeth Chapelle, born January 15, 1860, who was married February 14, 1884, to Frederick J. Lockwood (now deceased).

Charles Elliott Plumb, our subject's father, was born in Trumbull, June 12, 1832, at the homestead now occupied by our subject, and died June 24, 1873. He made his home in Trumbull, and in early manhood followed farming there, but later he became a civil engineer, being connected with the United States coast survey for many years. He served as a soldier during the Civil war, in Company D, 23d Conn. V. I., and his brief career was in all respects worthy of admiration. In religious faith he was a Congregationalist, and he and his wife were active members of the Church of that denomination in Trumbull. On May 5, 1856, he married Miss Susan Ann Hall (daughter of Alanson Hall, of Chestnut Hill), who died February 11, 1895. Of their five children: (1) Willard Shelton, born July 21, 1857, was educated in the public schools of Trumbull, also in a private school conducted by Emory F. Strong, and since 1884 he has been connected with the City Savings Bank at Bridgeport; he was married November 15, 1883, to Miss Ida Grace Summers. (2) Charles Edward, born April 24, 1859, died October 29, 1863. (3) Charles Franklin, born January 19, 1865, was married November 19, 1889, to Miss Elizabeth C. Tait, and resides in Bridgeport. (4) Arthur E. is the subject proper of this sketch. (5) Howard, born January 26, 1870, died March 29 of the same year.

Our subject was born March 1, 1866, at his present homestead, and his education was chiefly obtained in the schools of that town, a course in a business college at Bridgeport giving him a technical knowledge of practical business methods. On leaving school he assisted his grandfather for some time in the management of the homestead, but in 1887 he was appointed station agent at Trumbull. This position he held until 1891, when he engaged in general mercantile business with his brother Charles F., and this enterprise has met with increasing success. From an early age he has always been prominent in the work of the Republican party in his locality. In 1895 he was appointed deputy sheriff by Sheriff Sidney E. Hawley, and he resigned the position January 5, 1897, but was again appointed late in June of the same year. In 1896 he was elected representative from Trumbull in the General Assembly, and he served one term acceptably. Socially he is identified with the Order of Red Men, and he is an active

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member of the Grange. On November 28, 1889, he married Miss Charlotte C. Bennett, who died April 25, 1894, leaving one daughter, Charlotte Bennett Plumb.

DAVID A. DE LIMA, an able and enterprising young business man of Stamford, Fairfield county, is one of the proprietors of the Puritan Poultry Farm, which was established at that place in March, 1897, and is already known as the largest farm of its kind in the United States. The buildings, which were erected at a cost of $25,000, cover five acres, and the entire plant occupies forty-five acres. The business is conducted in a scientific manner, according to modern methods, and at present produces about 21,000 broilers per month.

Mr. de Lima was born November 29, 1875, at Curacao, West Indies, but his life has been mainly spent in this country. His father, Judah de Lima, a native of Coro, Venezuela, South America, was for many years a successful commission merchant in New York City, and there our subject obtained his elementary education. Later he entered Cornell University, at Ithaca, N. Y., and completed a course in electrical engineering, graduating in the class of '96. On turning his attention to the many business openings before the young men of to-day, he decided to engage in his present enterprise, in which he is associated with a brother-in-law, Horace Clark Adams, and the venture gives promise of rewarding their energetic and well directed efforts with generous profits. Though both partners are young men, they have entered upon their chosen line of work with as thorough preparation for an undertaking of such magnitude as could be obtained before actively commencing a business which from its very size and the complicated workings of its various departments would seem to set it apart as an entirely new departure. Mr. de Lima had much experience in incubating and allied work on his father's large estate in Venezuela, and Mr. Adams has had an unusually wide experience for one of his age in feeding and caring for laying stock and young chicks, each member of the firm taking personal charge of the end of the business for which he is specially fitted. They have left no detail that would add to the completeness and efficiency of their plant unattended to, and Mr. de Lima gave evidence of his good judgment at the very outset in his choice of a site. The farm is not located in Stamford, but just over the line in another town, Newfield, and is excellently situated, the rolling land, sloping off to the southeast, giving perfect drainage and shelter from the northwest winds in winter time. The drainage on the land on which the buildings stand has been further improved by filling in from two to three feet deep with rubble stone (with which the place abounds) and gravel, which in turn is covered with loam, insuring a "bone dry" interior for all the houses. A part of the land is covered with a fine growth of timber, in which hundreds of loads of leaves for scratching material are easily gathered, and other parts have scattered trees or clusters of shrubbery and briers—an ideal place, in fact, for the purpose to which it has been adapted.

Each building, as perfect in its equipment as nineteenth-century ingenuity can make it, is a model for the special use for which it was designed, and others will be added as the increase of business or the needs suggested by that experience and the ideas which come alone after continual contact with the operations of such a venture demand. Brooder house, No. 1, 140 feet in length, is divided into pens 5 x 10 feet each, having an outside run (yard) 5 x 40 feet, and is especially novel in one feature, being provided with a hot-water heater at the east end, which will take the chill out of the whole building in cold weather; it is further equipped with sectional heaters, with lamps and hot-water pipes leading from a boiler heater, the advantage of this plan being that one or more sections may be heated as desired, or the heat in one section increased, as for newly-hatched chicks, or decreased for the older chicks. Brooder house No. 2, 180 feet long, is finished on the same plan, except that the whole structure has been underlaid with rat wire, to make it rat proof, a precaution which their experience in house No. 1 proved necessary. There are also rat-proof doors between the hovers and pens in both houses, and they are securely locked at night (thus enclosing the chickens in a locked wire cage), as are also the lamp enclosures. Messrs. de Lima & Co. have been amply repaid, however, for the seemingly expensive outlay, for they have met with rare good luck, if luck it may be called when we consider their painstaking efforts to attain perfection in all their methods, for the percentage of eggs hatched has been unusually large, and the chicks have been healthy and thriving in a most satisfactory degree.

There are two buildings for the breeding stock, one 60 feet, the other 140 feet long, divided into pens 6 1-4 x 13 feet, with outside runs 6 1-4 x 100 feet. A three-foot walk extends the entire length of the buildings at the back, the floor being concreted, and all the feeding, watering,

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cleaning, etc., is done from this walk, the attendant making the rounds every morning. Everything is thoroughly well built, of seasoned, planed lumber, and most conveniently arranged, the nest-boxes, roosts, food and water troughs, etc., being easily removed for cleaning and whitewashing when necessary—a condition which goes far toward maintaining the health and consequently the value of the stock. The floor of the pens is sandy gravel, which can be renewed with little trouble. In the rear of brooder house No. 2 is the feed, cooking and power-house, 60 x 90 feet, the second floor of which is used as a picking and feather-drying room. In one end is the large jacket kettle for cooking the feed, and along one side are capacious bins in which the various foods are stored, while on the other side are ranged the mills—a corn cracker and grinder, a shell crusher, a bone cutter, etc.—the power for running which is furnished ordinarily by a large windmill, and on days when the wind power is insufficient by a small steam-engine.

The largest building, and the center of the group, is 32 x 64 feet, two stories high, with basement incubator cellar. On the first floor are the office and "exhibition" rooms, a large and well-appointed room for the night watchman, and a large packing and shipping room. The second floor is for grain storage, and there are facilities for hoisting the bags directly from the truck below to the platform built to receive it; there is room for storing several carloads, to be drawn upon as needed. In the basement are fourteen 300-egg incubators, and one large incubator, having a capacity for 6,000 eggs, which was built after plans designed by Mr. de Lima's father, who used a similar one with excellent success. It has been carefully constructed, especially as regards heating and ventilating appliances, for these gentlemen understand well that there is as much in the care of the eggs before hatching as in the care of the chicks afterward, and every precaution is taken to provide only the most practicable and perfect apparatus for regulating temperature, moisture, etc. Other buildings, for thoroughbred breeding stock, are in process of erection, for the firm intends to make theirs an all-round poultry business, with the rearing of and dealing in fine stock a specialty. They also intend to sell a specially blended food for chicks, and another for laying stock, prepared from the formula they use, while other branches will be taken up in time. It would of course be impossible to have the entire plant, with the various ramifications of an enterprise so capable of expansion, all in operation at the start, but de Lima & Co. are losing no opportunity of establishing their business upon a basis broad as well as firm, and so far they have met with flattering success. The buildings are all substantially built with stone foundations, only the best of material entering into their construction, and everything about the place is arranged with regard for neatness and good taste, as well as utility. Besides the wind-mill above mentioned, there is another for pumping water from a large spring on the land to a tank above the plant, whence it is piped to all the buildings. Mr. de Lima is now contemplating the making of a small lake, fed by springs, from which he can cut ice, and which he will use to raise frogs for the markets. In May, 1898, an office was established in New York City, opposite the Herald building, at No. 105 W. 36th street, near Broadway, where an agent, Oscar Frankel, a member of the Stewards Association, has charge of the sales, the greater part of the product from the Puritan Poultry Farm being disposed of to clubs and hotels of greater New York. Mr. Frankel has been to them a very faithful and energetic salesman, and has disposed of the Farms' product to excellent advantage; it has gotten to be known as a general fact that he has repeatedly, in the dullest seasons of the chicken business, submitted to the firm orders that they could not fill, which demonstrates the fact that "Puritan" goods have taken a strong hold on the New York hotel trade—not so remarkable a fact in itself, perhaps, because the goods are really superior to those of the general market offerings.

Mr. de Lima was married, March 12, 1896, in New York City, to Miss Mabel A. Adams, and their union has been blessed with one son, David, born April 2, 1898.

LYFORD BROTHERS, of Bridgeport. It is believed that all persons in the United States bearing the name of Lyford are descendants of (I.) Francis Lyford, who came from England about 1650 and engaged in ship building at Boston, where he married his first wife. Later he removed to Exeter, N. H., and was married there to his second wife. He had four children by each marriage.

II. Thomas Lyford, son of Francis, was born March 25, 1672. III. John Lyford, son of Thomas, was born in 1720. IV. Thomas Lyford, son of John, was born November 12, 1768, and was married April 1, 1793, to Hannah Hall, of Northfield, N. H. V. Thomas D. Lyford, son of Thomas and Hannah Lyford, was born March 15, 1803, at Northfield, N. H., and he became a

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successful farmer at Tilton, N. H., but is now deceased. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Gilman, and whom he married March 18, 1825, was born December 18, 1802, at Northfield, N. H. They had two children: Sarah Ann Kent, born March 4, 1827, married B. C. Sargent, of Evanston, Ill.; and Joseph G., born July 8, 1830.

VI. Joseph G. Lyford, son of Thomas D. and Sarah Lyford, was born July 8, 1830, at Northfield, N. H., where he grew to manhood. He then went to Illinois to engage in the grain business, locating at Annawan, from there removing to Wilton, Iowa, later to Union, in the same State. For some years he made his home at Hebron, Neb., and he now lives in Bridgeport, Conn. While residing in Illinois he was married at Groveland, May 13, 1856, to Mary A. Shannon, who died February 7, 1864, the mother of children as follows: John T., born August 1, 1859, died April 4, 1860; and Clarence E., born June 23, 1861, died February 6, 1862. Joseph G. Lyford for his second wife was married December 17, 1866, at Tilton, N. H., to Miss Annie M. Brown, daughter of Samuel B. Brown, a well-known citizen of Northfield, N. H. She is a lady of fine mental gifts and strong character, and was elected president of the school board at Hebron, Neb., for three years. This worthy couple have four children: (1) Jay B., who is mentioned more fully farther on; (2) Laura M., who was married in November, 1897, to Fred H. Smith, of Malden, Mass., where they make their home, and they have one child—Hobart L., born October 6, 1898; (3) Fred H., who is mentioned more fully farther on; and (4) Anna Belle, who was married in October, 1898, at Bridgeport, Conn., to Leslie A. Hager, of Littleton, Mass., where they reside. Joseph G. Lyford is a man of energy and enterprise, and as a citizen is much respected. In politics he is a strong Republican, and wherever he has resided has made his influence felt in local affairs, being elected mayor of Wilton and Union, Iowa, during his residence in those cities. While at Hebron, Neb., he served as a member of the board of county commissioners.

VII. JAY B. AND FRED H. LYFORD, who are now associated in business at Bridgeport under the firm name of Lyford Brothers, are leaders among the younger business men of that thriving town. For several years they have conducted a store at No. 265 East Washington avenue, and have built up a large trade as dealers in men's clothing and furnishing goods. They were born at Wilton Junction, Muscatine Co., Iowa, Jay B. on July 23, 1871, and Fred H. on May 20, 1877, and during boyhood they accompanied their parents to Union, Iowa, and Hebron, Neb. The educational privileges afforded them by the schools of those localities were supplemented by attendance at a grammar school in West Newton, Mass., where both completed the course. At the age of sixteen Jay B. Lyford became a clerk in the clothing house of Myers & Andrews, in Boston, where he remained four years, and October 12, 1892, he located at Bridgeport, purchasing his present establishment from H. D. Pearce. He is also interested in the Atlantic Steam Laundry Company, on East Washington avenue, Bridgeport, having formed a partnership with C. K. Shelton on February 22, 1897, for conducting that business. He is a man of unusual ability, and has gained a wide reputation as the inventor of the Lyford Fender for street cars, a device which would make it impossible for any one to be drawn under the wheels of a car. On January 1, 1895, he was married at Newtonville, Mass., to Miss Gertrude M. Jones, daughter of Mrs. John Jones, of that city, and they have two children: Merna, born September 20, 1895, and Delma, born April 5, 1898.

Fred H. Lyford, who is not married, began his business career by clerking some four years for Thomas H. Dearborn & Co., of Dover, N. H., and on September 20, 1895, he came to Bridgeport and joined his brother, forming the present firm. Both brothers are prominent in social life, the elder being an active member of Samuel Harris Lodge, I. O. O. F., while Fred H. belongs to the Park City Yacht Club and the Knights of the Ancient Essenic Order, Bridgeport branch.

HARRIS L. CROFUTT, deputy sheriff of Fairfield county, is one of Danbury's leading citizens, and for more than thirty years has held some official position either in the municipality or in the county.

Mr. Crofutt's ancestors on the paternal side came from Scotland during the Colonial period, and his great-grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary army. Isaac Crofutt, our subject's grandfather, who died at Newtown, Conn., at the age of eighty-six, was a blacksmith and farmer by occupation. He had a brother who was in the service of the United States Government during the war of 1812 as captain of a sailing vessel. Luzon Crofutt, the father of our subject, was born August 14, 1800, at Newtown, this county, and from the age of fourteen was engaged in the blacksmith trade, his death occurring September 29, 1871. His wife, Calista

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(Hoyt), who was of English descent, was born in Danbury, June 2, 1801, and died November 2, 1874. Her mother when a child was one of a party of white-robed girls who strewed flowers on the bridge at Norwalk, Conn., before Gen. Washington as he rode through the town with his staff on the way from New York to Boston. Luzon and Calista Crofutt had two children, our subject being the younger, the elder child, Anna Urana, born December 31, 1823, died April 5, 1894.

H. L. Crofutt, our subject, was born December 10, 1826, at Newtown, and since 1836 has had his home in Danbury, his father having removed there at that date. He attended school until he was seventeen, at which time he began to learn the carpenter's trade. His apprenticeship ended, he worked sixteen years as a journeyman for D. & J. Stevens, but in 1861 he engaged in business on his own account as a contractor and builder, and so continued for twenty years, during which period he built many important structures, including some of the largest factories and stores in Danbury. At present he is a deputy sheriff of Fairfield county. Much of his time for years past has been given to public work. In 1881 he was appointed deputy sheriff under Sheriff Charles H. Crosby, and served the full term of three years. In 1884 the board of burgesses of Danbury appointed him chief of police, and he held that office for several years. In 1890 he was candidate for the position of high sheriff of the county, but he shared the fate of his party at the election that year. Afterward he served as constable and collector for some time, but in 1895 he was again appointed deputy sheriff by Sheriff Sidney E. Hawley, and still holds that position. In addition to his continuous service in the offices named he was for twenty-five years register of voters, and for twenty-one years was a member of the fire department, serving as assistant foreman, foreman, and assistant engineer.

As may be imagined, Mr. Crofutt has had some exciting experiences, scores of criminals of every grade having been arrested by him. Among these was James Riley, a colored man, who had murdered a Mrs. Sunderland, of Patterson, Putnam Co., N. Y., for which he was sent to Sing Sing on a life sentence. Another criminal was Samuel Pine, *alias* Riley, also a colored man, who was wanted in several States for trial on various charges. He served sixteen years and a half in the State prison at Wethersfield, Conn., and when released was re-arrested in New York State and sentenced to Sing Sing for twenty-five years for felonious assault. The most desperate character he ever arrested was Daniel Griffin, a burglar, who threatened him with a shoemaker's knife sharpened to a point from both sides. Mr. Crofutt, however, drew a revolver and forced him to deliver up the knife and deposit it in the pocket of his captor, who still keeps it as a memento. Then, handing him a pair of handcuffs, Mr. Crofutt compelled him to fasten them in place. Griffin was afterward convicted of a murder and sentenced to be hung, but died before the day set for his execution. Mr. Crofutt has witnessed four hangings, two in Connecticut and two in New York State, and in one instance helped to adjust the noose.

In politics our subject has been a Republican from the organization of that party, having voted for John C. Fremont for President. Since April, 1848, when he became legally entitled to vote, he has never missed a town, city, State or National election. He is an active worker in the I. O. O. F., being a member of Samaritan Lodge at Danbury, the Grand Lodge, and the Encampment, and for five years he served on the colonel's staff of the Patriarch Militant, a military branch of the order, with the rank of captain.

On March 25, 1849, Mr. Crofutt married Miss Hannah A. Barnum, who was born July 6, 1828, a daughter of Hiram and Marilla (Hoyt) Barnum, both of whom were descended from well-known families of this State. Of the three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Crofutt, the eldest, Edward F., born April 20, 1854, married Miss Mamie Cowle, daughter of Aiken and Esther (Couch) Cowle, and niece of the late Gen. Darius N. Couch, a graduate of West Point, who served in the Mexican war as a lieutenant, and in the Civil war as a major-general, and who died in 1892. The second son, Arthur Everett, born March 4, 1856, died September 6, of the same year. The third son, Frederick B., was born August 6, 1858, at Danbury.

SAMUEL GRUMMAN was born in South Salem, N. Y., April 13, 1781. He was a manufacturer of shoes. He married Polly Northrop, who belonged to an old Connecticut family. The record of their children is as follows: (1) Cyrus B. will be spoken of farther on in this review. (2) Jerome married Deborah Heustead, of Greenwich, Conn. (3) Mary married William Clarke, of North Salem, and lived in Bethel, Conn.; they had the following children—Levi, Jane, Samuel, Josephine, Henry, William, Jesse, George and Mary Elizabeth. (4) Elizabeth married Calvin Bartram, of Redding. (5)

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William married Mary Hard, and lived in Ridgefield and in other localities in Fairfield county; he had one son, Frederick, who died in the army. (6) Josiah married Mary Hayes, of Lewisboro, Westchester Co., N. Y.; they also lived in Ridgefield, but for more than twenty-five years made their home in South Norwalk; they had two children—Julia, who is the wife of John H. Knapp, and Samuel, who married Emma Williams, of Darien. (7) Samuel went to Bridgeport early in life, and engaged in business which he followed to the time of his death; he married Harriet Jones, of Bridgeport, Conn., and they had five children—Hellen and Harriet, who are deceased; Frank; Lillian, who is the wife of Edwin Bartrum, and Elmer Ellsworth, who married Sarah B. Burr, of Fairfield. (8) Elizabeth Jane and (9) George remained unmarried. (10) Jerome removed to Milan, Ohio, where he became a merchant, and died leaving one daughter, Ella, now the wife of Roswell Derby, of Wakeman, Ohio. The family worshiped at the Episcopal Church.

Cyrus B. Grumman was born January 11, 1808, in Ridgefield, Conn., on Silver Spring road. He married Sophia Perry, daughter of David Perry, a farmer of Ridgefield, who married Clarissa Benedict, by whom he had three children: Sophia, wife of Cyrus B. Grumman. Samuel, who married Sophia Crofutt, of Greenfield, and had two children—Caroline (Mrs. Edwin Nichols, of Westport, now residing in Ridgefield), and Col. David Perry, of the regular army, whose first wife was a Miss Proudfoot, of New York, his second wife being Miss Louisa Hoyt, of Greenwich. Nehemiah married Emeline Gould, and had four children—Clara, who was the wife of Joseph Walton, of New Jersey; Nehemiah, who married Emily Gardner, of Boston; Lavinia, who married Joseph Howland, of New York; and William, who married Mary Hayes, of Bloomfield. Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus B. Grumman had one daughter, Emma, who married John P. Mills. Cyrus B. Grumman in politics was a Democrat.

JOHN P. MILLS, a prominent and highly respected resident of Ridgefield, Conn., is a native of Ohio, having been born October 24, 1842, in Willshire, Van Wert county, a son of Halstead Coe and Mary Ann Mills. He received his literary education at the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, and followed this with a complete course in Bryant & Stratton's Business College, in Chicago, Ill., from which institution he graduated in 1863. On leaving school he came to New York City, and commenced business as clerk in a dry-goods store. After two years in this employment he engaged in the proprietary medicine business, and has continued to the present time.

Mr. Mills married Miss Emma Grumman, only child of Cyrus B. Grumman, of Ridgefield, as related in the sketch of Mr. Grumman. Mr. and Mrs. Mills are Episcopalians, members of St. Stephen's Church, of which he is senior warden. Socially, he is a member of the F. & A. M., Jerusalem Lodge No. 49, of Ridgefield, and also belongs to the Country Club.

HON. ALFRED BISHOP BEERS was born at New Rochelle, N. Y., April 23, 1845, and his ancestry may be traced back to James Beers, who resided at Gravesend, County of Kent, England. James Beers died about 1635, and his two sons, James and Anthony, soon after emigrated to America, with their uncle, Richard Beers, locating first in Watertown, Mass., and some years later removing to Fairfield, Conn. Richard Beers was for many years a member of the General Court of Massachusetts, and was a captain in the Colonial service until he was killed in the Indian wars against King Philip. Anthony Beers was lost at sea in 1676, leaving a son, Ephraim, who also had a son Ephraim. The second Ephraim had a son Daniel, born in 1745. Daniel removed to Ridgefield, Conn., and when the Revolutionary struggle came on he joined the Continental army, being one of the defenders in the attacks on Danbury and Ridgefield in 1777 by Tryon. Edmond was the son of Daniel, and had a son Jonathan, born in 1789, who lived at Vista, Westchester Co., N. Y., and died in 1868.

Alfred Beers, the father of the subject of this sketch, was the son of Jonathan Beers, and was identified with the Naugatuck railroad from 1851 to 1886. Judge Beers' mother was the daughter of Leander Bishop, of Stamford, Conn., a brother of Alfred Bishop, late of Bridgeport, who was a well-known contractor and builder of railroads. Their father was William Bishop, of Stamford, Conn., who was a descendant of John Bishop, one of the first ministers of Stamford. His grandmother was a descendant of Dr. Charles McDonald, a Scotchman by birth, who came to this country before the Revolutionary war. Upon the breaking out of hostilities he enlisted in the Continental army, and served during the entire struggle, participating in the capture of Fort Ticonderoga, and also in the battle of White Plains, N. Y., in 1776, where he distinguished himself by his bravery. After the close of the war he entered the medical profession, and prac-

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ticed successfully at Port Chester, N. Y., until his death, which occurred about the year 1842.

Alfred B. Beers removed to Bridgeport in 1851, and was educated in the public and private schools of that city. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted, on September 5, 1861, for a term of three years, in Company I, 6th Conn. V. I., and as a member of this regiment it was his lot to take part in the bombardment of Hilton Head, S. C.; battle of Pocataligo, S. C. (where he was honorably mentioned in the report of the commanding general for bravery and meritorious conduct during the engagement); in the siege of Fort Pulaski, Ga.; actions at James Island, S. C.; Morris Island; siege and assault on Fort Wagner, and siege of Charleston, S. C. He veteranized in the same regiment, was engaged in the campaign of 1864 against Richmond, Va., and took part in the siege of Petersburg, Va.; engagements at Deep Bottom, Deep Run, Chapin's Farm, and Laurel Hill, on the north side of the James river, in 1864, being wounded in the battle at Deep Run. During his second term of enlistment he was promoted from first sergeant of Company I to captain of Company B, in the same regiment. He was present at the bombardment, charge at and capture of Fort Fisher, N. C., under General Terry, in January, 1865; the capture of Wilmington, N. C., February 22, 1865; and in the advance upon Goldsboro, N. C., in March and April, 1865, receiving his discharge from the service as captain at New Haven, Conn., on August 21, 1865, when he was twenty years of age.

Mr. Beers engaged in general business and in study until 1867, when he commenced the study of the law. In 1871 he was admitted to the Fairfield County Bar, and entered into partnership in business with the late Hon. David B. Lockwood, under the name of Lockwood & Beers, the partnership continuing until January, 1897, when Judge Lockwood died. In 1872 Judge Beers was appointed clerk of the city court of the city of Bridgeport, and in 1875 assistant city attorney. In 1877 he was elected by the Legislature of the State as judge of the city court of the city of Bridgeport, to which position he was continuously re-elected at each succeeding session of the Legislature until 1893, when he declined further election. From that time he devoted himself wholly to his private practice until July, 1897, when he was appointed city attorney for the term of two years, and has recently been reappointed. For the past fourteen years he has been a member of the Soldiers Hospital Board of the State of Connecticut, and is now the chairman of its executive committee. During this period he has spent much time and energy in bringing to perfection that magnificent institution, Fitch's Home for the Soldiers, and the Connecticut Soldiers' Hospital at Noroton, Conn. His public-spiritedness has also been shown in the interest he has always taken in the Bridgeport Public Library, which he assisted in founding, and of which he is now one of the directors. He is also a director in the Standard Association, publishers of the Bridgeport *Daily Standard*; the Eaton, Cole & Burnham Co., and the Bridgeport Electric Light Company. Since the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic he has been one of its most prominent members in Connecticut; in 1870 he was Commander of Elias Howe, Jr., Post No. 3, located at Bridgeport, and in 1880–81 Commander of the Department of Connecticut. He is a member of the New York Commandery, of the Loyal Legion, the Sea Side Club, the Algonquin Club, the Republican Club, and the Masonic Fraternity. Politically, the Judge has always taken an active and prominent part in the councils of the Republican party, and has been a familiar figure at most of its State conventions during the past twenty years.

On February 29, 1872, Judge Beers was married to Miss Callie T. House, of Vineland, N. J., daughter of William House, who was a brother of Royal E. House, the inventor of the House printing telegraph system, with whom he was interested, and took part in the construction of the first telegraph line erected in this country—the line from Baltimore to Washington. Four children have been born of this marriage: Alfred B., Jr., Henry H., Ralph T., and Mary E., the daughter being now deceased.

As a judge, Alfred B. Beers discharged the duties of his office with marked fidelity, stern integrity and inflexible honesty, holding the scales of justice evenly balanced, and rendering his decisions unmoved by sympathy and unawed by clamor. As a lawyer he is devoted to his chosen profession, and brings to its practice a clear and logical mind, a retentive memory, a confidence in his cause upon its merits, and a thorough hatred of trickery and shams. He is careful in the preparation of his cases, ready in speech as an advocate, and honest in his claims for his client, and he has taken part in many of the important trials in Fairfield county and in arguments before the Supreme Court of the State. As a man he is possessed of a genial and kindly nature, is affable in intercourse with his fellows, and with a personal character above reproach he is esteemed and honored as an upright and conscientious Christian gentleman.

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S. M. BOUTON, a leading representative business man of Stamford, Conn., is prominent in Grand Army of the Republic circles, being the present commander of W. T. Minor Post, G. A. R., of Stamford.

Mr. Bouton comes of an industrious and energetic family. His grandfather, Samuel Bouton, born in South Salem, Westchester Co., N. Y., was a tanner by trade, following that occupation in Stamford, Conn. Seymour H. Bouton, son of Samuel, and the father of our subject, was also born in South Salem, and followed the trade of shoemaker in Stamford, Conn., where he married Miss Rhuey J. Ferris, of Greenwich, Conn. To them were born four children, viz.: Samuel M., John (deceased), Cornelia E., and Seymour H., Jr. (a resident of Stamford). The father died in April, 1884, the mother in 1882, and both were buried on an Easter Sunday.

Samuel M. Bouton, whose name introduces this memoir, was born November 9, 1834, in Stamford, Conn., where he attended school in the old academy that stood on the present site of the town hall. In that city he learned the business of sash and blind making, and at the time of the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion he was working at his trade in Stamford, Conn. On August 30, 1862, he enlisted as a musician in Company B, 28th Conn. V. I., and was mustered into the service November 15, 1862. For a time, until November 18, 1862, he did duty at Camp Terry, New Haven, Conn., and then joined General Banks' expeditionary corps at Camp Buckingham, Centerville, L. I., where he remained on duty November 19-29, 1862. From December 18, 1862, to May 10, 1863, he served in the District of Pensacola U. S. forces in western Florida, Department of the Gulf; on May 26, 1863, arrived at Port Hudson and was brigaded with the 4th Massachusetts, 16th New Hampshire and the 110th New York regiments, 2nd Brigade, 3d Division, 19th Army Corps, Department of the Gulf; was next brigaded with the 8th and 15th New Hampshire, the 133d and 173d New York, and the 4th Wisconsin regiments, and did duty at Port Hudson until its surrender July 8, 1863. He was mustered out August 28, 1863, at New Haven, and returned home.

Mr. Bouton has since resided continuously at Stamford, Conn., successfully engaged in the sash and blind manufacturing business, and in carpentry. For the past eight years he has also conducted a general janitor business.

Mr. Bouton has been twice married, first time September 4, 1854, at Bridgeport, Conn., to Miss Jane Kennedy, who died April 5, 1865. On June 3, 1866, he was married in Stamford, Conn., to Miss Isabella A. Buttery, of Stamford, and eight children were born of this union, four of whom are living: Jennie A., Herbert J. (married to Mary Horton), Samuel E. and Louis J. The parents are members of the Presbyterian Church of Stamford. Socially, Mr. Bouton has been affiliated with William T. Minor Post No. 85, G. A. R., of Stamford, ever since it was organized, having been one of its charter members; has been its adjutant and its chaplain, and is now its commander. On March 1, 1875, he became a member of Rippowam Lodge, I. O. O. F., has passed all the chairs therein, and in January, 1897, he was made the recipient of an elegant past grand's collar. He is also a member of the United American Mechanics, Leeds Council No. 10. In politics he casts his vote for the candidates of the Republican party, and in all respects he conscientiously performs his duties as a good citizen.

JAMES HOWLEY is one of the substantial and respected citizens of Greenwich township, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he is the owner of considerable property and the proprietor of a thriving hotel business.

Mr. Howley is a native of County Kilkenny, Ireland, born in October, 1837, a son of James and Alice (Leary) Howley, who had a family of four children, namely: Michael, who died in Milwaukee, Wis.; James; Patrick, living in Pennsylvania (he was a soldier of the Civil war); and Catharine, who is the wife of Michael Hickey, of County Kilkenny, Ireland. The family having been left penniless by the great famine of 1849, caused by the potato blight, the father in 1850 came to the United States in the hope of being able to make a comfortable home for them here, and worked as a laborer and at the shoemaker's trade for several years. In June, 1854, he sent for his three sons, who made the voyage from Liverpool to Boston in five weeks, landing without a cent to their names. The father and mother, who came to this country years after our subject, subsequently returned to their native country, where they spent their declining years, Mr. Howley dying when seventy years old, Mrs. Howley at the age of seventy-five.

James Howley had very limited opportunities for schooling in his native country, but he was eager to gain all the education he could, and for a number of years after coming to this country he attended night school, part of the time at the screw works in Glenville. His first work in the United States was for a farmer in Massachusetts.

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who paid him $5 a month, but he remained there only a short time before coming to Glenville, Conn., where he had a cousin, Michael Howley. When seventeen years old he was earning $2.50 a week, as he was strong and industrious, and could drive a team and do any kind of laboring work. Later he entered the employ of Henry Isham, working at that gentleman's country home in Glenville as general utility man for $9 per month, and he also worked for a time in the mill at Glenville, then a satinet mill. He was unfortunate, however, in this employ, as he failed to receive all the wages due him, and was finally obliged to settle for twenty-five per cent. of the amount of his claim. Following this he spent a short time in New York City with Martin Bros., grocers, at the corner of Catharine and Hamilton streets, where he earned $17 per month, and his next employment was in a brickyard near Peekskill, N. Y., where he remained several months. He now engaged as coachman for a Mr. Blackstock, but left him after a brief period of service, and commenced to work in the screw factory, where he was employed regularly some ten years, during which time, by frugality and steadiness, he managed to save enough to make a start in business on his own account. On April 9, 1865, he bought from Solomon Reynolds a small house on the site of his present hotel property, and Mrs. Howley worked and saved with him, keeping boarders until they were able to enter the business in a more auspicious manner, as the proprietors of a well-appointed hostelry. All the capital originally invested by these thrifty people was put by out of Mr. Howley's earnings of $1.50 a day, when he worked in a screw factory, after leaving which he for years carried the mail between Glenville and Port Chester, being the first regular carrier on that route. From these small beginnings he has continued to prosper and rise steadily, and to-day he ranks among the best and most reliable citizens of the town, where he is regarded as a worthy representative of the self-made, successful man. In addition to his hotel property Mr. Howley owns another valuable business place, which he rents, and a comfortable residence. He also loans money, and carries a number of mortgages.

This memoir would be incomplete without mention of Mr. Howley's faithful life partner, who has done her share in helping him on the road to prosperity. On May 22, 1859, he was married in St. Stephen's church, in Twenty-eighth street, New York City, to Miss Catharine Wall, who was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, a daughter of Thomas Wall. In 1853 the father and daughter set sail together for the United States, but during the voyage the former died and was buried at sea, leaving the girl dependent on her own resources on her arrival in the New World. She obtained employment as a domestic, and for some years previous to her marriage lived with the family of William E. Ward, at Pembermilk. The young couple commenced housekeeping in Glenville, and they have reared a large family, of which they may justly be proud. Nine children were born to them, namely: James P. is a dyer by trade; Thomas F., who lives at home, has for twelve years had charge of the Western Union Telegraph office at Glenville; John J. lives in New York and is in the city employ as an inspector of buildings; William E. is a physician in New York City; Mary lives with her parents; Kate is the wife of Lawrence Timmons, of Greenwich; Martin died when eighteen months old; Martin (2) is a tinner in Port Chester; Charles H. is a telegraph operator in the Western Union office in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Howley have brought up their children to respect the principles of honesty, integrity and industry, and to a thorough appreciation of the value of practical knowledge and usefulness, and there is no better family of boys in the township, all being steady-going and thrifty and holding good positions. The family are Catholics in religious faith, and Mr. Howley is a member of the Church committee. In politics he is a stanch Democrat.

MERLE C. COWLES. The Cowles family is among the oldest in New England, and the subject of this sketch, a prominent citizen of Bridgeport, is of the eighth generation in direct descent from John Cowles, who came from England at a very early period and, after a short residence in Massachusetts, removed in 1635 to Hartford, Conn. In 1640 he went to Farmington, Conn., and in 1663-64 he was in Hadley (now Hatfield), Mass. He carried on agricultural pursuits, and most of his descendants have been interested in that line. His wife's name is not now known, but they had a son John, through whom the line of descent of our subject is traced.

II. John Cowles, son of the pioneer, was born in 1647. III. Samuel Cowles, the next in the line of descent, was born in 1673. IV. Samuel Cowles, son of Samuel III, was born in 1706. V. Ebenezer Cowles, our subject's great-grandfather, was born in 1750. VI. Solomon Cowles, the grandfather of our subject, was born in 1779, probably in South Norfolk, Litchfield Co., Conn., and became a farmer there. He

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married Keturah Case, and had five children: Joseph, James, Loyal, William and Solomon G.

VII. Solomon G. Cowles, our subject's father, was born in 1827, in Norfolk, Conn., and for many years was engaged in farming there and in various places in New York State, Maryland and Nebraska, but is now living in retirement in the town of Stratford, this county. His wife, whose maiden name was Emily Andrews, is a native of the town of Winsted, Litchfield Co., Conn. Her family was of English or Welsh origin, and her father, Ezra Andrews, was in his day a clock peddler in Litchfield county and as far west as Ohio. Our subject is the youngest of three children, the others being Nelson E., who has been engaged in raising fruit in Florida for about nine years, and Mary E., who died in 1896, unmarried.

VIII. Merle C. Cowles was born January 1, 1861, in Franklin, Delaware Co., N. Y., where he remained until he reached the age of fourteen years, commencing his education in the local schools. His parents then removed to Bladensburg, Md., but after one year's residence there they settled at Union, Broome Co., N. Y., where they spent a number of years. While there our subject, then a lad of sixteen, found employment on a neighboring farm, where he remained a year, spending the winter season in attending school and doing "chores" for his board. For a short time he worked in a cheese factory in Union Center, and in 1879 he went to Hartford and Watertown, Conn., to visit relatives. At the last named place he was employed at farm work for a few months, and in the fall of the year he secured a position in the tube casting works of Benedict & Burnham, with whom he continued a year. On January 1, 1881, he became a clerk in Sherman Fenn's grocery in Watertown, and on leaving that situation he spent four months with the American Ring Company, of the same place. On December 1, 1881, Mr. Cowles removed to Bridgeport, entering the employ of the Bridgeport Brass Company, with which he has ever since been connected, and since 1892 he has had charge of the work of casting their seamless tubes. His sterling qualities of character have not been unnoticed by his fellow citizens, and in April, 1897, he was elected by them to the office of alderman from the Twelfth district of Bridgeport, for the term of two years. Politically, he is a stanch Republican.

On June 17, 1882, Mr. Cowles married Miss Carrie Sanford, of Waterbury, a daughter of Ruel and Nancy (Neal) Sanford, and five children have blessed the union: Alice M., Emma E., Frederick M., Louise B. and George N. The family is much esteemed socially, and Mr. Cowles is a member of the Park City Yacht Club, and is especially prominent in the Masonic Fraternity, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree. He belongs to St. John Lodge No. 3; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16; Hamilton Commandery No. 5; Pyramid Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and Lafayette Consistory, Scottish Rite Masons. He was master of St. John's Lodge in 1893, served three years as patron of Orient Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, from 1891 to 1893; Grand Lecturer of the State in 1894; Associate Grand Patron in 1895, and Grand Patron in 1896.

GEORGE W. HAYES. The introduction of railways has produced results so great that they can hardly be estimated by the people of today, and the enterprise and foresight of those who have helped in the development of rapid transportation is worthy of admiration. This well-known citizen, who is now living in retirement in Bridgeport, was for many years actively engaged in this line of enterprise, and many miles of railroad, burdened daily with the traffic of a continent, are a lasting monument to his skill and energy.

Mr. Hayes is of Irish descent in the paternal line, but the name has been identified with this county for many years, his great-grandfather, Thomas Hayes, a native of Ireland, being the first of the family to cross the Atlantic ocean. Jesse Hayes, an uncle of our subject, served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and in every generation the name has been associated with a high order of citizenship. Thomas Hayes (2), the father of our subject, was born in Hartford county, Conn., April 20, 1782, and was married in this county to Miss Sally Greene, a native of the town of Easton, Fairfield county, where her father, James Greene, was a well-known farmer. Soon after his marriage our subject's father removed to Ohio, by an overland route, but losing his money he returned to Bridgeport, where he engaged in business as a general carpenter and millwright, accumulating a handsome competence, and becoming the owner of a large amount of real estate. In politics he was a Democrat, but no office holder. He died November 28, 1849, his wife on March 16, 1843. They had a family of ten children as follows: (1) Solomon, born in 1800, was a hatter by trade, and died in Bridgeport; he married and left two sons. (2) Benjamin, born in 1802, was a carpenter and joiner in Bridgeport, and died there in 1888. (3)

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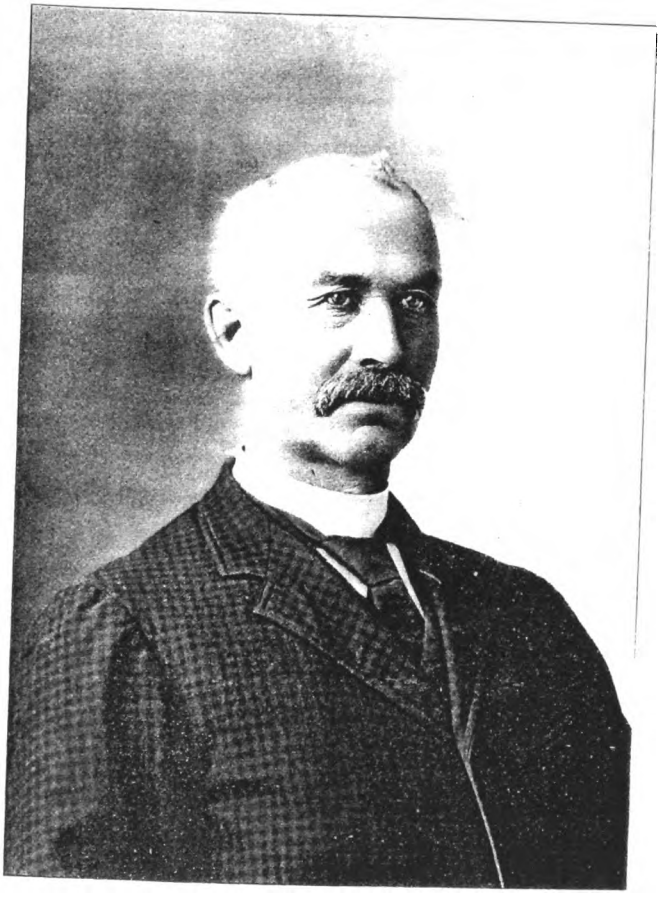

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Sally, born in 1803, married Isaac Mason, a ship joiner of Bridgeport, where she died in 1820. (4) Alonzo, born February 11, 1806, died 1880, married Lucretia Stratton, and they had ten children—Charles, Samuel, Mary Ann, Laura, Daniel, Alonzo, Minott, Sherwood, Walter, and an infant. (5) Johnson, born 1808, was a joiner and carpenter, and died in 1858; he married Eleanor Turney, daughter of Levi Turney, of Fairfield township (both now deceased), and they had six children as follows—Wesley Hayes, of Bridgeport, married Loretta Richardson, daughter of George and Loretta Richardson (the former of whom was an inventor of a safety valve), and they have three children living: Sarah A., a teacher in Bridgeport; Josephine, widow of Charles Ells, also lives in Bridgeport; George W. died in infancy; Alamanda is the deceased wife of Dr. G. L. Woods, of Springfield (there is one son by this union, Wesley E., a resident of New York); Emma H., wife of Irving C. Peck (they have one daughter, Bertha May, and make their home in Florida). (6) Mary Ann, born in 1812, died in 1825. (7) Caroline, born in 1815, died August 1, 1862, married (first) George Davis, of Bridgeport, and (second) John W. Stewart, a native of Schoharie, N. Y. (she had two children—Georgiana, wife of Col. S. B. Summer, an attorney of Bridgeport, who was a colonel in the Civil war; and Charles). (8) Almyra, born in 1817, died in 1843, married Hiram Chandler, of New York City; she had one son, Charles, who lives in New York. (9) Thomas, born in 1819, was a carpenter and joiner in Bridgeport, where he died in 1884; he married Sarah Morgan, and they had six children—Z. Frances, Sarah Elizabeth, Leroy (who was a soldier in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion, was wounded four times at the battle of Gettysburg, and died), Charlton and Horace (both also deceased), and Edward. (10) George W. (the subject proper of this sketch) is the youngest.

George W. Hayes was born December 5, 1821, in Bridgeport, Conn., and learned the carpenter's trade there. For six years he was employed on the Housatonic railroad, at the end of which time he engaged in contracting in partnership with his brother-in-law, John W. Stewart, his first venture in that line being the re-laying of iron rails on the Housatonic railroad. The work occupied his attention for two years, and later he aided in the construction of a new road from Van Deusenville to Pittsfield, Mass., and 108 miles of Harlem road, his branch of the work being the furnishing of ties, laying rails, and building bridges. In the meantime he filled several contracts for the re-laying of rails on various lines, including the road from Troy to Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and on completing the latter enterprise he built as follows: a road from Saratoga Springs to Whitehall, N. Y.; one from Whitehall to Castleton, Vt., and one from Bellows Falls to Brattleboro, Vt. Altogether he spent twenty-two years as a railroad contractor, building about 485 miles of road, and throughout this long period he maintained the partnership with Mr. Stewart.

In 1852 Mr. Hayes made his home at No. 22 Berkshire street, in East Bridgeport, then a village of less than a dozen houses, and he is now spending his well-earned leisure there. He fond of out-door sport, and is a noted hunter, often making trips with his dogs and gun in pursuit of various kinds of game. In politics he is a Democrat, and fraternally he is connected with the F. & A. M., St. John's Lodge No. 3, of Bridgeport. In 1845 he married Miss Louisa Bennett, daughter of Elias and Sally (Greene) Bennett, at one time prominent residents of the town of Easton (both are now deceased, the father having died when their daughter Louisa was two years old, the mother passing away in 1852), and three children bless this union: (1) William H., now in the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Mfg. Co., in Bridgeport; he married Harriet Keeler, daughter of Chauncey Keeler, and granddaughter of Isaac Keeler, of Fairfield county (they have four children—Frank E., William K., Harriet Louise and Grace May). (2) Franklin M., who married Maggie Waldron, and both died leaving no children. (3) George, who died when an infant.

In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hayes are members of the Methodist Church at Bridgeport.

HOWARD TAYLOR FARNAM. This young business man of Bethel is a representative of one of the oldest and most highly esteemed New England families, and on that account as well as for his own merits the following history will be read with interest. He is of the eighth generation in direct descent from John Farnam, one of the first settlers at Dorchester, Mass., and a leader in the affairs of the little colony near Massachusetts Bay. This noted pioneer was one of the seven persons who organized the Second Church at Boston, on June 1, 1650, and, as is shown by the records of that year, he was chosen deacon of the Society. He had previously been made a "freeman" of the colony, on May 13, 1640, and probably resided there many

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years, but later he left the locality owing to religious differences, his activity in building up the Baptist Church bringing him the enmity of some other members of the colony. Deacon John Farnam and his wife Elizabeth had four children: Henry, who is next in the line of descent; Jonathan, born January 16, 1638; Hannah, born November 19, 1642; and Jonna, born March 3, 1644.

(2) Henry Farnam, who was born in 1636, and died in July, 1700, became a joiner by trade, and made his home at Killingworth, Conn. He married Jonna Rutke, daughter of Thomas Rutke, and had two children: Peter and Elizabeth.

(3) Peter Farnam died February 14, 1703, leaving a large family of children as follows: Hannah, born December 8, 1686; Jonna, born December 16, 1687; Peter F., August 29, 1689; Hannah F., August 23, 1691; Nathaniel F., February 27, 1695; Josiah F., July 16, 1698; Phœbe F., October 29, 1700; John F., November 30, 1702; John G., May 30, 1710, and Lofius N., September 24, 1730.

(4) John Farnam, the next in order of descent, resided for a time at Guilford, Conn., and afterward settled in Litchfield. He was married December 30, 1725, to Hannah Crittenden, by whom he had the following children: John F., Jr., born November 24, 1726; Lucy, August 1, 1729; Ruth, September 12, 1731; Seth F., September 28, 1733; Grace, August 1, 1736; Nathan, June 19, 1738; Joseph, September 10, 1740; Benjamin, March 1, 1742; and Hannah, January 4, 1746.

(5) Seth F. Farnam, our subject's great-grandfather, was the owner of the copper mine at South Farms, Litchfield Co., Conn. He was married January 23, 1766, to Dianah Gibbs, and they had five children: Benjamin, born March 31, 1768; John, November, 1770; Joseph, July 10, 1773; Leman, May 8, 1775; and Seth, May 17, 1777.

(6) John Farnam, the grandfather of our subject, resided in Litchfield county, Conn., where he died at the age of fifty-four years. He married Hannah Taylor, and had six children, of whom the late Ethel Taylor Farnam, our subject's father, was the youngest.

(7) The late E. T. Farnam was born in Litchfield, September 13, 1817, and was but a child at the time of his father's death. After this event the family removed to Bethel, where he attended school, and at an early age he began clerking for Hiram Weed. He had his own way to make in life, but as he possessed remarkable energy and shrewdness he was fully equal to the task. In 1838 he formed a partnership with a Mr. Nichols, and engaged in the manufacture of hats, under the firm name of E. T. Farnam & Co., this being one of the first establishments of the kind in Bethel. After two years he purchased his partner's interest; for thirteen years he continued the business alone; failing health, however, compelled him to retire. In 1855 he became connected with a large wholesale hat business in Chicago, under the firm name of Benedict, Mallory & Farnam, but in 1861 he sold his interest to Keith Brothers (later Edson Keith & Co., one of the wealthiest firms in Chicago). In 1862 Mr. Farnam again engaged in the hat manufacture at Bethel, and with the exception of three years, from 1865 to 1868, he continued the business without a partner until his death, which occurred August 20, 1886. As a citizen Mr. Farnam was highly respected, and his influence was felt as a factor on the side of progress. In politics he was a stanch Republican, and in 1860 he was chosen to represent his town in the State Legislature. He also held various other offices, serving three years as county commissioner. Fraternally, he belonged to the I. O. O. F., also to Eureka Lodge No. 83, F. & A. M., at Bethel, of which he was a charter member. His manner was most pleasant and genial, and, as his extensive reading kept him well informed upon the topics of the day, he was an agreeable companion.

On January 26, 1840, Mr. Farnam was married at Bethel to Miss Mary J. Somers, daughter of Berah and Merah (Wheeler) Somers. She was born April 1, 1820, and died November 16, 1894. Nine children were born to this estimable couple, six of whom are living: (1) George W., a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y., married Miss Eleanor M. Wheelock, and had six children—Ethel (1) (deceased), Ellen, Grace, Margaret, Ethel (2) and Eleanor. (2) Le Grande S., who resides in Bethel, married Miss Mary Brockett, and had one child, Ethel T., now deceased. (3) John G., a resident of Bethel, married Miss Josephine Hubbell, now deceased. (4) Emily N. was married November 9, 1869, to Frank W. Barnum, who is mentioned more fully below. (5) Martha B. married George B. Fairchild, a partner of our subject. (6) Howard T. is the subject proper of this biography.

The Barnum family, of which the late Frank W. Barnum was a member, has been identified with this section for many years. He was of the sixth generation in direct descent from Thomas Barnum, and the line is traced through Thomas (2), who married Sarah Beardsley; Ephraim, who married Rachel Starr; Captain Ephraim, of

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Revolutionary fame, who married Mehitable ———; Peter, who was born March 7, 1784, and died August 22, 1873; and Eli Starr Barnum, who was born July 1, 1820, and married Julia Barnum, by whom he had four children, among whom was Frank W. This lamented citizen was born March 1, 1847, in Bethel, where he was reared and educated. During the Civil war he was connected with the sutler's department of Grant's army, and as a young man he clerked for some time in Danbury for Benedict & Nichols. Later he was engaged in general merchandise business in Bethel for a year, and in 1871 he opened a drug store in Danbury at the corner of Main and White streets. He died January 31, 1892, in Norwich, Conn. One child survives him, Mary Katherine.

Howard T. Farnam, our subject, was born November 22, 1863, in the town of Bethel, where he received a public-school education. At the age of fifteen he entered his father's factory to learn the hatter's trade, but in 1880 he left that work to take a position in a furniture house in New York City, where he remained four months. Later he was with a hat-jobbing house for some time, in 1883 returning to his father's factory as foreman, and this position he held until the death of the father, in 1886. Since that date the firm has been known as Farnam & Fairchild, our subject's brother-in-law being the junior partner.

On December 27, 1888, Mr. Farnam was married in Danbury to Miss Janet M. Hunter, daughter of James Hunter. Mr. Farnam is a member of various societies, including Union Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M., Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M., Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., Wooster Council No. 28, Pyramid Temple, Nobles Mystic Shrine.

MRS. MARY A. WHITE was born in the town of Wilton, February 26, 1844, received her education in the Wilton academy, under Prof. Edward Olmstead, attending that institution six years, and afterward taught a private school at Wilton, about two years. On June 22, 1869, she married Dr. Charles Belden White, who was born in New York City September 12, 1837, a son of Dr. Ambrose L. White, for thirty years a successful practitioner of New York City. The children of Dr. and Mrs. Mary A. White were as follows: Francis, born June 7, 1870, died May 24, 1878; Mary S., born August 28, 1871, died September 10, 1871; Katharine, born November 14, 1872; Edith, born March 27, 1875; Winifred, born January 18, 1877; Davenport, born May 8, 1879; Ambrose Lipscomb, born May 22, 1881, died June 18, 1898.

The following is a brief account of the ancestry of Mrs. White: Nathan Davenport, her grandfather, was born in the town of Stamford, Conn., August 8, 1768, and acquired his education in the common schools of that place. He was the proprietor of a fulling-mill at Wilton, which he conducted for many years, and he was also a farmer. He married Miss Mary Smith, a sister of Rev. Daniel Smith, and by her had the following children: George A., James S. and Mary A. Of these, George A. married Mary Sturgess; James S. married Mary Olmstead, and Mary married Matthew Smith. He had a half-sister, Clarissa Raymond, who lived to be 104 years, 8 months and 25 days old.

George A. Davenport was born in the town of Wilton, Conn., January 31, 1808, and passed his early youth in the usual employments of the farm, attending the public schools, also the academy taught by Dr. Hawley Olmstead, and early developed the characteristics that distinguished him throughout life. His legal education was obtained at Yale Law School under Prof. Samuel J. Hitchcock, of whom he ever afterward spoke as one of the greatest of teachers. Mr. Davenport was never much engaged in the trial of cases in court, though he was for a time associated as a law partner with the late Judge Butler. He preferred office practice, spending most of his time in that branch of law, more especially in drawing up wills, contracts and conveyances, and in giving legal advice. By the General Assembly he was appointed probate judge for the district of Norwalk for the years 1844–45, 1847–48 and 1850–51. The mode of appointment to this office having been changed in 1850, he was continuously elected to the same office by the people of the district, always by large majorities, and nearly always as a candidate of both political parties, until 1878, when he reached the constitutional limit of age, making in all thirty years of service in that office. After his retirement he remained at his home in Wilton, passing his time in congenial employments. At the age of eighty years we find him studying Hebrew. From the Norwalk *Gazette*, of January 8, 1878, we quote a simple passage, which speaks volumes for the memory of Judge Davenport: "Few, if any, probate districts in the country have been as highly favored with such exceptional capacity and fidelity to public trust, and we are sure that the regrets at Judge Davenport's retirement will be both universal and sincere."

For his first wife Judge Davenport married

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Miss Mary Sturgess, who was born at Wilton, April 16, 1812, a daughter of Erastus and Abigail (Sturgess) Sturgess, of Wilton, the former of whom was a farmer by occupation. The children born to this marriage were as follows: (1) Mary A., subject of this sketch, born February 26, 1844. (2) Julia, born April 16, 1847, died July 28, 1890. (3) Benjamin, born in Wilton, January 21, 1850, is a graduate of the law school of the University of Georgetown, D. C., of the class of '74, and is now practicing as an attorney and counselor at law in Minneapolis; he married Miss Mary Goodhue, of Washington, D. C., and had children—Isaac (deceased), Darlington and Julia. (4) Daniel, born in Wilton, June 13, 1852, graduated at Yale College in 1873, studied law in the office of Woodward & Perry, Norwalk, and is now an attorney at Bridgeport, Conn.; he married Mary E. Jones, October 16, 1876, and has one daughter—Beatrice. (5) Timothy, born in Wilton, Conn., February 8, 1854, graduated at Yale College in 1875, and at New Haven law school in 1877; he is practicing law in New York City, at No. 47 Cedar street; he married Miss Mary Allen, of Gloversville, N. Y., and has children —Allen and Marion. (6) Sarah, born October 31, 1856.

Dr. Charles B. White,* husband (deceased) of the subject of this sketch, was born in New York City, September 12, 1837. He graduated at the College of New York in 1854, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and received the degree of Master of Arts in 1857, from the same institution. In 1859 he was graduated from the medical department of the University of the City of New York, and then became house physician to Bellevue Hospital in 1860 and 1861. In the latter year he entered the army of the Union as assistant-surgeon, his first service being at Fortress Monroe, Va., where he remained until the Peninsular campaign, when he became field surgeon. While thus engaged, on one occasion his horse and himself were enveloped in dirt and dust thrown all over them by the explosion of a shell, and for some time it was supposed that both were killed, but fortunately both escaped uninjured. After the battle of Malvern Hill it became necessary for surgeons to remain behind the army with the wounded, and volunteers were called for. Dr. White, observing hesitancy on the part of most surgeons (which was probably caused by the fact that at that period of the war no consideration was shown to physicians), was one of the first to offer his services. As a result he was taken prisoner; but after a time he returned to the Army of the Potomac, and served in the several actions until after the battle of Fredericksburg, when he took charge of the general hospital at Pittsburg, Penn. Later he served in the Army of the West and Southwest, and was made acting medical purveyor at New Orleans, La. During the epidemic of yellow fever at Jackson Barracks he was a volunteer medical attendant.

Dr. White's conduct at Malvern Hill and at Jackson Barracks speaks volumes for his patriotism and disinterested bravery in the face of grave dangers. He subsequently served in the army at Fort Schuyler, N. Y., Camp Independence, Cal., and at Columbus, Ohio, in all of which places, as in those in which he had previously served, his skill, humanity and success were conspicuous. Columbus, Ohio, was his last post after the war, and it was here that began the development of an adeno-sarcoma in his left axilla, which finally caused his death, August 10, 1881.

*The sketch of Dr. White is taken from the "London Lancet," and by it was taken from the "New York Medical Record."

HON. WILLIAM B. HAWLEY. Few men in this section are as well and favorably known as is the subject of this biography, who has for a number of years represented the town of Sherman in the State Legislature. In all lines of public improvement he is recognized as a leader, his time and means being freely given to aid any worthy work. Religious enterprises have been especially fostered by him, but he appreciates beneficial movements of a secular nature.

Mr. Hawley comes of good Colonial stock, and his great-grandfather, Dr. Elijah Hawley, was a prosperous physician of the town of Monroe, this county. John Somers Hawley, our subject's grandfather, was born and reared in that town, receiving a common-school education, and in early manhood engaged in farming and peddling. He married Miss Rebecca Beers, of Stratford, and had three children: Sylvanus, William B. and Burton.

The late William B. Hawley, the father of our subject, was born in 1801 in the town of Monroe, in the same house which had been occupied as a residence by his father and grandfather. He learned the wagonmaker's trade, which he followed successfully during the greater portion of his life, and on removing to the town of New Fairfield he built a carriage factory, which he conducted for a number of years. In politics he was a Democrat, and he took an active part in local affairs, holding numerous town offices in New Fairfield. He married Miss Mary

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Trowbridge, daughter of John Trowbridge (a well-known farmer of New Fairfield) and his wife, Sarah (Osborn). They had four children, of whom, our subject was the youngest; Rebecca married Dr. Ruby; Lorinda is the widow of Orin Winton; and Munson married (first) Sarah McLean and (second) Caroline White.

Mr. Hawley, our subject, was born September 17, 1838, in the town of New Fairfield, and during boyhood he secured a good practical education in the local schools, although his attendance was interrupted for about two years by illness. For some time he was employed at carriage making in his father's shop, but at the age of twenty-six he purchased a store in New Fairfield from Stephen Hopkins, and this he conducted for one year. He then removed to the town of Sherman, and established a general store, which he has since carried on successfully. During the last year of his residence in New Fairfield he married his first wife, Miss Cornelia Northrop, daughter of a well-known farmer of the town of Sherman, Emory W. Northrop, and his wife Sarah M. (Osborn). In 1871, about five years after their marriage, Mrs. Hawley died, leaving no issue. Later our subject married Miss Florence Jackson, daughter of John and Jane (Jarvis) Jackson, of Sharon, Conn. Two children were born of this union: William T. and William J., one of whom died at the age of five months, and the other when a year and a half old.

In early life Mr. Hawley was a supporter of Democratic principles, but since the close of the war he has been a stanch Republican. His political career may be said to have begun when he reached his majority, as he was then elected town clerk in New Fairfield, and his popularity at that date is shown by the fact that he was kept in that position with the help of both parties, for six years, or as long as he remained in the town. In 1874 he was elected treasurer of the town of Sherman, and he has ever since held that office. In 1891 he was chosen to represent the town in the State Legislature, and so well did he fulfill his duties that he was re-elected in 1893. While he is regarded as one of the leaders of his party in the State, his influence within the limits of his own town is even more strongly felt, and he has cheerfully and faithfully borne every burden which the confidence of his fellow-townsmen has placed upon him. He is deeply interested in religious work as a member of the Congregational Church, and all important matters arising within the Society are referred to him. At present he holds the offices of deacon, clerk and treasurer, and a few years ago he started a branch mission in the town, of which he was superintendent for two years, while at all times he has been ready to contribute to the building or beautifying of church edifices.

MARSHALL BEACH, who for several years has filled the office of postmaster at Monroe, Fairfield Co., Conn., is one of the well-known prosperous business men of that place. He is a native of Connecticut, born January 6, 1853, in Cheshire, and the Beach family have been identified with this section of the State for a great many years.

Elijah Beach, the great-grandfather of the gentleman of whom we write, was a resident of Stratford, where his son James was also born. The latter married Susanna Seeley, and they reared a family of four children, as follows: Nelson died in South Carolina; Eliza B. married Israel Hotchkiss, of Cheshire; James Curtis married Eliza Hitchcock, of Waterbury, Conn., and has one son and one daughter, James, and Frances (Mrs. Sereno Smith, of Cheshire); and Marshall, the father of our subject. The father of this family was a member of the F. & A. M., and was buried with Masonic honors.

Marshall Beach, Sr., was born in the year 1814, in Trumbull, Fairfield county, where he grew to manhood. He followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather in the matter of occupation, becoming a carpenter and joiner, and was considered quite a successful man. Always active in the public life of his community, and a champion of every measure which he considered conducive to the public welfare, he had at the time of his death been put up for office by his fellow citizens, among whom he was noted for his good judgment and skill in management. In political faith he was a Democrat. On February 20, 1839, Marshall Beach, Sr., was united in marriage with Abigail A. Miles, of Cheshire, where they made their home, and he died September 15, 1852, leaving two children: Nelson, born April 6, 1842, and Marshall, born January 6, 1853. On August 11, 1862, Nelson enlisted for service in the Civil war in Company F, 17th C. V. I., under Enoch Wood, and died July 20, 1863, in hospital in Alexandria, Va. Mr. Beach was reared in the Episcopal faith, but during his later years he became a Universalist in religious belief.

Mrs. Abigail A. (Miles) Beach was a daughter of Russell and Rachel J. (Bradley) Miles, both of whom belonged to old New England families, descended from Welsh and English ancestors, respectively. Mrs. Miles was a daughter of

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Dr. Amos Bradley, of Lowell, Mass. Russell Miles conducted a country store and inn for many years on the road between Hartford and New Haven, and was one of the well-known men of his day in that region.

Marshall Beach, the subject of this sketch, grew to manhood in his native place, and since about 1888 has been engaged in mercantile business at Monroe Center, where he bought out the store of John D. Beach. The business has thrived and expanded considerably under his management, and yields him a good competence in return for the time and care he has given to it. He is essentially a self-made man, having risen to the prosperity he now enjoys by his own industry, economy and thrift, and he has the good will of all who know him, as customers, neighbors or friends. During President Cleveland's second administration Mr. Beach was appointed postmaster at Monroe, and he has held that office continuously since, discharging its duties promptly and with satisfaction to all concerned. Politically, he has been a lifelong Democrat.

Mr. Beach was married March 16, 1890, to Miss Theodosie Hubbell, daughter of Lucius Hubbell, of Huntington, Conn., and their union has been blessed with one daughter, Lucy.

FREDERICK W. WILCOXSON, a well-known citizen of Stratford, where he is both a blacksmith and farmer, is a native of that borough, born February 26, 1853, of an old and highly respected family of the locality.

Elnathan Wilcoxson, great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Stratford August 15, 1749, and was a farmer by occupation. He married Sarah Wilcoxson, who was born November 2, 1754, and by her had a family of ten children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Philo, August 19, 1775; Isaac (1), November 20, 1777; Elias, September 26, 1780; Sarah, November 5, 1782; Isaac (2) (grandfather of F. W.); Sarah, January 24, 1788; Lucy, November 25, 1790; Betsey, August 24, 1793; Elias, July 8, 1798; and Phœbe, September 4, 1803.

Isaac Wilcoxson, grandfather of our subject, was born in Stratford, August 29, 1784, and was also a farmer. He married Sarah Wheeler, the names and dates of the birth of their seven children being as follows: Elnathan W. (father of F. W.); Sarah, April 4, 1813; Samuel, September 4, 1815; Timothy, February 20, 1818; Isaac, March 25, 1820; Hannah, October 15, 1822; and Joseph, May 25, 1825. Of these, Sarah died single; Samuel was murdered in July, 1839, on the west bank of the Fox river, Wisconsin, by three Indians; Timothy was a clergyman of the Episcopal Church, and died in New Haven, Conn.; Isaac died March 13, 1838; Hannah is single; Joseph is a farmer at Kankakee, Illinois.

Elnathan W. Wilcoxson, father of our subject, was born in Stratford, June 14, 1811, and was there educated and taught the trade of carpenter, although he followed farming as his regular vocation. On April 5, 1842, he married Mary J. Wetmore, who was born August 20, 1819, in Newtown, Conn., a daughter of Ephraim and Sally Wetmore. The names and dates of birth of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilcoxson are as follows: Jane E., July 25, 1843; Lavina E., August 28, 1844; Frances A., May 19, 1847; Timothy E., May 5, 1849, and Frederick W. Of these, Jane E. married Dr. Augustus Stiles, of Hamilton, N. J., and died October 6, 1865; Lavina E. wedded Herbert Smith, a carpenter of Milford, Conn.; Frances A. married Minot A. Blakeman, of Bridgeport, and died March 30, 1883; and Timothy E. is a carpenter of Great Barrington, Mass. The mother of this family died at Boulder, Cal., April 1, 1881, the father on February 16, 1898. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious faith he and his wife were members of Church.

Frederick W. Wilcoxson, whose name appears at the opening of these lines, received his literary training at the Putney Schools, Stratford, afterward learning the trade of blacksmith in Milford, Conn., remaining there some two and one-half years. Returning then to Stratford, he opened his present blacksmith shop, where he has since conducted a prosperous trade, in connection therewith working his thirteen-acre farm in the town of Stratford.

On September 11, 1883, Mr. Wilcoxson married Miss Ida Dart, of Stratford, Conn., a daughter of Anson W. and Martha (Murry) Dart, the former of whom was a son of Nicholas J. and Louisa (Wheeler) Dart, and a grandson of Joseph Dart, all of Stratford. Mrs. Martha (Murry) Dart was a daughter of Edward Murry, of Milford, who was of Irish extraction. The Wheeler family belonged to Trumbull, Fairfield county. One child brightens the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilcoxson, Harry Anson Wilcoxson, born August 20, 1884.

Our subject in his social affiliations is a member of the Orenoque Lodge No. 90, I. O. O. F., of Stratford, and of the Grange. In politics he is a Republican, and he is numbered among the valued and useful citizens of the community in which he lives.

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CHARLES HENRY NORTHROP. Versatility does not always lead to success in life, but this well-known attorney has shown decided inclination for varied lines of effort, together with the ability and practical sagacity to produce satisfactory results in all. His success at the Bar is indicated by the large number of important cases given into his hands during his professional career, while in politics and finance he has also made an excellent reputation. At present he enjoys the unique distinction of holding three town offices, and he takes an active part in banking operations as the secretary and treasurer of the Newtown Savings Bank. The quality of thrift has always been noticeable in his character, and when he was a mere child he began earning money by picking up chestnuts, and building fires in the district school. At the age of eight years he was the proud possessor of seven dollars, which he deposited in the Newtown Bank, and he felt richer then than he has ever since.

Mr. Northrop is a member of one of the oldest families of Newtown township, his great-grandfather, Peter Northrop, his grandfather, Walter Northrop, and his father, William Nelson Northrop, having all been born in the town. He was born November 21, 1859, at the old homestead near Newtown village, which is still occupied by his father. His academic education was obtained in Newtown, and in the fall of 1877 he entered the freshman class at Yale College for the classical course; but owing to ill health he was compelled to return home before the close of the year, a certificate of honorable dismissal being given him. His plan for a collegiate education was thus frustrated, although he has found some compensation in private reading, which has often extended to 4 o'clock in the morning, when he had a tempting volume on hand. History, biography, poetry and fiction are his favorite subjects, and he has read Macaulay's works through twice. On recovering his health he began the study of law, and in June, 1880, he was graduated from the Yale Law School, where he pursued the general course. In December of the same year he went to Lincoln, Neb., to enter the firm of Courtney, Caldwell & Northrop, and a year later, when the partnership was dissolved, he returned to Newtown and engaged in practice, opening an office on Main street. While getting a foothold in his profession he boarded at home, walking two miles daily to his office. He has a host of friends, and his popularity has been shown in many ways. In 1882 he was chosen secretary of the board of school visitors, and in 1885 he was again elected, but when re-nominated in 1888 he declined. In 1887 he was chosen to the office of town clerk, and about the same time he was elected secretary of the Newtown Savings Bank, succeeding H. T. Nichols in both positions.

In the fall of the same year he resigned the office of town clerk; in 1891 he was elected town treasurer, and this position he still holds, having been re-elected six times. Since 1891 he has also been treasurer and agent for the town deposit fund, and he is now serving his second term of four years as justice of the peace, having been re-elected to that office in 1896. In addition to the duties of these positions he conducts his large legal practice, his business including many cases from adjoining counties. He is equally successful as a counselor and a trial attorney, and his unfailing tact is of service in a variety of enterprises connected with his business and official life. Politically, he has always been a Democrat, but during the campaign of 1896 he took a conservative stand.

In December, 1887, Mr. Northrop married Miss Mary Grace Hammond, third daughter of Daniel S. and Sophia Blakeslee Hammond. Three children have blessed this union: Eleanor E. Louise; Mary Grace, who died at the age of three years and four months; and Nelson William. The family is prominent socially, and Mr. Northrop is a member of the New York Reform Club, one of the most prominent sound money and social organizations of the East.

ABEL FRENCH CLARKE. This well-known resident of Newtown, has been for many years actively identified with the best interests of the locality, and while he is now living in retirement his name is associated with a long career in which keen business foresight, untiring energy, and the highest integrity were constantly displayed by him in his chosen line of effort.

Mr. Clarke has descended from a family which has long been prominent in Fairfield county. The line of his descent from James Clarke, of New Haven, Conn., the first ancestor of whom we have any record, is through James (2), James (3), Zachariah, Zachariah (2), James (4) and John. These ancestors and their families are all treated in the sketch of Robert A. Clarke, given elsewhere.

John Clarke, our subject's father, was born in Newtown, November 3, 1803, and when about twenty-one years old went to Monroe township and engaged in farming, purchasing one hundred acres of land at Monroe Center. He was a man of fine natural abilities, being noted for sound

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judgment in business; but his disposition was eminently conservative and his manner quiet and unassuming. Although he was never active in politics, he was a strong Republican in principle, and for many years he was prominent in religious work as a member of the Episcopal Church at Monroe, in which he held the office of warden. His death occurred March 19, 1878, and his wife, Sarah M. French, who was born February 3, 1812, died February 14, 1875. She was a daughter of Abel French, a wealthy farmer of Monroe township, who was engaged for many years in the manufacture of webbing, and was popularly known as Judge French, from his long and able service as a justice of the peace. Mrs. Sarah Clarke was the younger of two daughters, her elder sister, Hepsey, being the wife of Capt. John Beech, of Monroe. To John and Sarah Clarke two children were born, Julia A. and Abel F. The former, who was born in 1843, and married Cornelius Fowler, a carriage manufacturer of Trumbull township, died in 1866, leaving no issue.

Abel F. Clarke was born October 10, 1848, in the town of Monroe, and his education was begun in the district school near the old homestead. Later he attended a boy's school at Monroe Center (conducted by Dr. Gray), and also the academy at Newtown, then under the control of Professor Fuller. He nearly completed the course, but when sixteen years old he decided to leave school and take a position in the store of Glover & Warner, at Newtown, with whom he continued seven years. On January 1, 1872, he became a partner in the firm, the name being changed to Glover, Warner & Clarke. In 1882 Mr. Glover became a silent partner, and the firm name was changed to Warner & Clarke, under which the business continued until January 1, 1891, when Mr. Clarke disposed of his interest. The firm commanded a large trade, their establishment being one of the largest country stores in Fairfield county, and during the twenty-six years in which Mr. Clarke was connected with the business he gained an extensive acquaintance throughout the locality. On retiring from mercantile life Mr. Clarke engaged in an investment and insurance business, two years later giving that up altogether, having accumulated a handsome competence through his well-directed effort. At present he devotes some attention to farming, as a diversion, and his homestead in Newtown shows the results of careful management. While he has never been active as a politician, he is interested in all the questions of the day, and in politics he is a stanch Republican. His early education has been supplemented with an extensive course of reading, and he has the culture and breadth of view given by wide travel, as he has visited the principal points of interest in England and on the European continent, the Holy Land, northern Africa, and various portions of the New World.

In 1892 Mr. Clarke married Miss Florence S. Glover, daughter of Henry Beers Glover, of Newtown. She died at St. Augustine, Fla., on April 5th of that year, from typhoid fever, while they were returning from their wedding journey to Cuba. Mr. Clarke is a member of Trinity Episcopal Church at Newtown, and is prominent socially. He is associated with Hiram Lodge No. 18, F. & A. M., also with Hiram Chapter No. 1, both of Sandy Hook, in which latter he served as secretary for ten years; with Crusader Commandery No. 10, at Danbury, and Pyramid Temple No. 2, Order of the Mystic Shrine, at Bridgeport.

JAMES M. BEERS. Fairfield county is remarkably replete with native-born successful farmers, skilled artisans and tradesmen, prominent manufacturers, as well as learned professional men, and in the fore rank of the two classes first mentioned—although now retired from his trade—stands the subject of these lines.

Mr. Beers was born in the town of Weston, April 12, 1837, and received a liberal education at the district schools of the neighborhood, afterward learning the trade of mason, at which he worked the greater part of his life at various places. For some years he has devoted his time extensively to farming. During the war of the Rebellion he enlisted in Company G, 12th Conn. V. I., but after a brief service was discharged on account of disability. A Republican in politics, he has held the office of selectman several terms, also served on the board of relief and other boards. He is not a member of any Church, but he and his wife attend the services of the Northfield Church of Weston. Socially, he is a member of the Grange at Weston.

In 1859 Mr. Beers married Miss Mary J. Squires, a daughter of Aaron and Sallie H. (Bartram) Squires, a sketch of whom follows, and five children have been born to them: (1) Adaline, born July 11, 1860, married G. Trowbridge, a fireman of Bridgeport, and they have two children: Ora M. and Henry M. (2) Benjamin, a farmer, born January 8, 1862, at Redding, where he was educated, was married in his native city to Miss Annie Betts, of Wilton, and their children are—Ernest, Andrew, Frank, Alfred, Annie and Benjamin. (3)

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Howard, born in the town of Weston February 27, 1866, learned the trade of mason with his father, and has since worked at the same; he is a Republican; he married Lillie Benedict, of Weston, and they have four children—Sadie E., Charles H., Katie and Florence. (4) Bessie married H. Fluewellyn; children: Leroy V., Gladys, Lois and Mabel. (5) Theresa married Richard Schmidt; children: Carl M., R. Homer, Addie T., Annie B., Effie and Fannie.

Joseph Beers, grandfather of our subject, born in the town of Weston, was a lifelong farmer. He was an Oldtime Democrat, but cared little for political excitement. By his wife, Betsey (Morehouse), were born children as follows: Esther married a Mr. Mansfield; Lucinda married (first) a Mr. Lyon, and (second) a Mr. Dayton; Orin married Betsey Beers; Bebee married Lettie Wood; Anson, will be spoken of presently; Gideon is single; Carrity married Sanford Benedict; Lorinda is single; Ephraim married Sarah Plough; Edson married Susanna Mead; and Hannah married Sam Smith.

Anson Beers, father of our subject, was born in the town of Weston, in 1800, and, like his father, followed agricultural pursuits all his life. During the old "training days" he was a member of a militia company, and had his hand injured by the exploding of a musket. He was a Democrat in politics, and in Church matters was a Congregationalist. He was twice married, first time to Mary Ann ————, and by her had five children, as follows: Edward, married to Abigail Mead; Mary, wife of Orin Lockwood; Jenette, who married John Brown; Theressa, wife of W. J. Waldron; and Margaret, who died when young. The mother of this family dying, the father subsequently married Rachel Squires, daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Platt) Squires, formerly of Weston, Fairfield county, and children as follows were born to them: Frederick, a brief sketch of whom follows; James M., our subject; Abbie J., the wife of William Williams; William P., married to Parmelia Brown; and Samuel, who died young.

Frederick Beers, the eldest brother of our subject, was born in Weston, and followed the trade of mason until his removal to Dakota, where he now is. He enlisted, during the war of the Rebellion, in the 23d Conn. V. I., nine-months' men, and after the war he located for a time in Norwalk, Conn. In 1856 he wedded Sarah Brotherton, and they have four children: Annie, Fred, Flora and Ellen.

SAMUEL SQUIRES, grandfather of our subject's wife, was born in the town of Weston, Fairfield county, where he followed general farming. During the "training days of ye olden time" he served in the militia, and was a deeply religious man, a member of the M. E. Church of Weston. By his wife, Abigail Platt, daughter of William Platt, of Redding, he had children as follows: Polly, wedded to David Smith; Betsey, wife of David Platt; Rachel, who married Anson Beers; William, married to Jane Carpenter; Aaron, a sketch of whom follows; Eunice, married to Walter Mills; Harriet, who was three times married, first time to Walter Mead; Lydia, married to John Andrews; and Abigail, married to Sandy Aiken.

Aaron Squires, father of our subject's wife, was born in the town of Weston, April 7, 1814, and was a skilled mason all his life, working at various places, also as a contractor putting up many large buildings in different localities. Socially, he was a member of the F. & A. M. Lodge at Bethel, and of the Sons of Temperance; while all his life he was closely identified with the Methodist Church. He married Miss Sally Bertram, who was born January 20, 1818, a daughter of Isaac W. and Lydia (Platt) Bertram, and the adopted daughter of a Mr. Hamilton. Their children were all born in the town of Redding, as follows: (1) Charles E., born June 25, 1835, was a mason by trade; he married Amanda Crofut, and had children—Ella, wife of George Lockwood, and Sadie, wife of Frank Wilmot. (2) Mary J., born October 12, 1837, married the subject of this sketch. (3) Joseph M., born in March, 1840, was a mason; he married Theresa Walworth. (4) Benjamin F., born in April, 1844, was also a mason; he was twice married, first to Densilla Adams, second to Jennie Edwards, and had two children by the first wife—Fannie and Lena. Benjamin served in the Civil war, in Company A, 5th Conn. V. I. (5) Wallace, born April 10, 1846, died young. (6) Bessie M., born March 16, 1850, married David Cockrell, a foundryman, and they have two children—Eva, wife of William Vail; and Lois, wife of William White.

CHARLES H. LYON, a farmer of the town of Wilton, Conn., was born December 13, 1833. On November 27, 1879, he was married to Miss Jennie Wilson, daughter of Frank and Eliza (Haynard) Wilson, of Somers, Westchester Co., N. Y., in which place she was born December 11, 1853. By this marriage there is one child—Louisabelle, born June 28, 1892.

Hezekiah Lyon, the first American ancestor of our subject, came from Hessen-Cassel, Germany, and settled in the north of Fairfield, Conn.,

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which afterward became the parish of Weston (now town of Weston). His descendant, Hezekiah Lyon, great-grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Fairfield, Conn., and resided there during his life. On October 17, 1760, he married Rachel Dikeman, of Weston, by whom he had three children: Hezekiah, Levi, and Rachel, the last named dying in childhood. Of these, Hezekiah was baptized July 19, 1765, Rachel on March 20, 1768, and Levi on July 2, 1769. Hezekiah, at the age of sixteen, entered the Revolutionary army, and served until the close of that struggle; he died in 1852.

Levi Lyon, grandfather of our subject, was born in 1769, in Fairfield, Conn. He removed to Wilton, Conn., in 1807, and resided there till his death. On January 11, 1788, he married Miss Abigail Squires, of Weston, Conn. He died June 20, 1839, his wife, January, 1855.

Hezekiah Lyon, second son of Levi Lyon, and the father of our subject, was born in the town of Weston, February 22, 1799, removed to Wilton, Conn., in 1807, and resided there during life. On January 26, 1831, he married Miss Emily Baxter, daughter of Ezra and Mary Ann (Peck) Baxter, of Somers, Westchester county, N. Y., where Mrs. Lyon was born January 21, 1809. Ezra Baxter was a son of Thomas and Hannah (Barnum) Baxter, of Danbury, Conn.; his wife was a daughter of Enoch and Mary (Graves) Peck, of Newtown, Conn. The children born to Hezekiah and Emily Lyon were: Charles H., the subject of this sketch, and Louise L. Hezekiah Lyon died September 8, 1858, his wife on June 18, 1893.

Mrs. Louise L. (Lyon) Hoyt was born in the town of Wilton, March 8, 1835. She married, October 21, 1868, Edgar Hoyt, who was born in New York, May 22, 1822, a son of Philo and Catherine (Friedrichs) Hoyt, of New York. He served as second lieutenant in Company B, 17th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry in the Civil war. He died November 18, 1878; he and his wife had one child, Leanora Lyon, born September, 1873, and died May 3, 1876.

MICHAEL TOMNEY, one of the well-to-do respected farmers of Greenwich township, Fairfield Co., Conn., has in his industrious life shown to what a position a man may, by earnest and persistent labor, rise in this country, provided he has determination enough to keep looking cheerfully to the future in the face of discouragements, and the strength of character needed to sustain his interest in the battle of life.

Mr. Tomney was born October 10, 1831, in County Monaghan, Ireland, a son of Patrick and Mary (Hughes) Tomney, who came to America in their later years, and are buried in Greenwich township, where they died. Michael was reared to farming, and in boyhood was given but limited educational opportunities, for although his parents were in comfortable circumstances he was expected to help, and an education was not in those days considered as important as it is at the present time. However, he was blessed with a good memory and possessed considerable natural intelligence, for which he has often had cause to be thankful. When a young man he made up his mind that he would do better in the United States, and as he had not money enough of his own to bring him here his father helped him. He sailed from Liverpool in the "Star of the West," and eighteen days later sighted Long Island, landing on a Sunday morning in New York City, where he had an acquaintance living in Canal street. For a short time he was in Williamsburg, N. Y., and then returned to the city, whence he finally started for Greenwich, Conn., leaving from the old depot at Twenty-seventh street. Here he had friends also named Tomney. In Greenwich he did his first farm work in America, in the employ of "Saddler" William Mead on the place which he now owns and occupies, and he continued with Mr. Mead for eight months, subsequently working for different farmers in the township. After his marriage he rented a house and garden in Greenwich, as his means were very limited, and here he and his wife worked and saved together until they had enough money to buy property of their own. His first purchase was a small place in the district known as Dublin, in Greenwich township, but he sold that eighteen months afterward, and never lived there. He finally moved to a tract of seventeen acres bought from the estate of William Mead, which is included in his present farm, and on which he erected the first building and made all the improvements. Mr. Tomney has added to this farm from time to time, and now owns seventy-five acres of fine land, highly improved, all of the buildings on which have been put up by him.

When twenty-two years old Mr. Tomney was married, in New York City, to Miss Ellen Flannigan, who was born December 25, 1833, in County Clare, Ireland, daughter of Frank and Nora (Doyle) Flannigan, who died in their native country. She came to the United States alone, embarking at Limerick on the sailing vessel "Minerva," which was almost thirteen weeks crossing the Atlantic, and after her arrival began

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domestic work for $5 a month, out of which meager wages she saved enough in twelve months to pay her sister's passage to America; the latter is now deceased, and is buried in Greenwich. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Tomney, namely: Mary, who is the widow of John Callahan, of New York City; Peter, who died leaving three children; James, a painter of Greenwich; Annie (Mrs. Patrick O'Connor), of Greens Farms, Conn.; Katy (Mrs. Joseph Murphy), of New York City; Nora (Mrs. David Fawcett), of Greenwich township; Sarah (Mrs. James McGuire), of Port Chester, N. Y.; John, a resident of Brooklyn; and Frank, who is a farmer. The children have all been given good advantages for education, and have been brought up to be industrious and useful men and women, a credit to their parents and respected citizens of the communities in which their lots have been cast. Mr. Tomney has an enviable reputation for honesty, and by good management and hard work has succeeded in acquiring a comfortable property, which it is hoped he will be permitted to enjoy for many years. His word is as good as his bond, and he is just in all his dealings, at the same time expecting others to observe the same principles in their dealings with him. His wife has proved a valuable helpmeet, working side by side with him in the years when they were struggling to get ahead, and now that they are in prosperous circumstances she has her full share of credit and respect for the part she has taken in their success.

Mr. Tomney sympathizes heartily with the Democratic party in politics, but in voting he supports the best man regardless of party lines, being as stanch a friend of a good Republican if he considers him most deserving. He values his franchise highly. In religious faith the family are Catholics, being members of the Church of that denomination at Greenwich.

SERENO H. KING, the owner of the Valley farm and dairy in what is known as the Deerfield District, in Fairfield township, Fairfield Co., Conn., is one of the hard-working, energetic self-made men of this locality, and during his residence here he has won an honorable standing among its respected, prosperous citizens.

Mr. King is a descendant of one of the oldest families of New England, his first ancestor in this country having crossed the ocean in the "Mayflower," and the Kings have resided in Massachusetts for generations. Thomas King, the father of our subject, was a sea captain in his early days, and after abandoning the water took to farming, which he followed the remainder of his life. He married Myra Reed, and they became the parents of eight children, as follows: Thomas, a painter, who died in Chelsea, Mass.; Almira (Mrs. Henry Cushion, of Hingham, Mass.); Sarah (Mrs. Sereno Howe, of Hingham); George and James (twins), both of whom are unmarried and are engaged in farming on the old homestead at Hingham; Abby F., who became the wife of Elijah Cushion, and died at Hingham; Malinda (Mrs. William Leavitt), who died in Hingham; and Sereno H. Mr. and Mrs. King were Baptists in religious connection. He was a Republican in political sentiment, but he took no part in politics beyond voting regularly, though he was deeply interested in the success of his party. Physically Mr. King was a well-built man. He passed away in 1882; his wife died in 1880.

Sereno H. King was born August 5, 1849, at Hingham, Mass., where he received his education in the public schools. He remained at home until his marriage, which occurred when he was nineteen years old, after which he located in the town of Hingham, where he was engaged in driving the express which ran between that place and Boston. Later he entered the employ of the Hingham Cordage Company as night watchman, and for five years and eight months he never missed a night, working Sundays and all, until with other members of his family he was taken ill with diphtheria; two of his little daughters died of the disease at this time. In 1878 Mr. King removed to Milford, Conn., where for the three years following he had charge of the lands of I. A. Lee, of Philadelphia, at the end of that time going to Bridgeport, where he found employment in the wire works of R. H. Wolfe & Co., having charge of the engine room. Two years later the mills were removed from Bridgeport, and after a brief employment elsewhere Mr. King became engineer in the organ shop of Patterson & Co., subsequently working as night engineer for the Bridgeport Forge Company, from which position he was obliged to resign after a time on account of his health. Following this he was with Thomas Carroll for a brief period, engaged in the manufacture of artificial rubber, and in February, 1888, he became chief engineer for the Yost Manufacturing Company, with whom he continued until April 1, 1898, when he was succeeded by his son, who still holds the position.

In July, 1897, Mr. King removed to his present home, Valley farm, which was then known as the John Burr farm, and consists of forty-seven acres of valuable land, where he carries on general agriculture and dairying. Mr. King has

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always been a steady, reliable, determined worker, not easily discouraged, and he acquired his present desirable property by dint of economy and good management. The admirable characteristics which enabled him to purchase his farm have not deserted him since he assumed ownership, and he has succeeded in a very short time in building up a profitable business, especially in the dairy line, which under his able management bids fair to grow steadily and yield him a most comfortable income. Mr. King always earned the respect and enjoyed the fullest confidence of his employers, and now that he is able to engage in business on his own account the reputation gained in his years of employ with others has been sustained in all his dealings, and he is highly esteemed by all who come in contact with him.

Mr. King married Miss Lucy F. Lee, who is descended from an old family of English extraction, and was born at Wellfleet, Mass., a daughter of Capt. Joseph Lee, whose death is shrouded in mystery, all trace of him having been lost since the last time he went to sea. Seven children blessed this union, of whom Horace S., of Stamford, this county, is a mechanic in the employ of the Blickensderfer Typewriter Company; Fannie and Lillian died young; George is chief engineer for the Yost Manufacturing Company; Abby is the wife of William Nichols, of Deerfield; Clara and Sereno L. live at home. Mr. King is a Republican in political faith. Fraternally, he was at one time an active member of the O. U. A. M., in whose success he took a deep interest, and he declined many offers of high position in that society.

In 1864 Mr. King enlisted in the 6th Massachusetts Light Artillery, and he served with that body until the close of the Civil war. He was less than fifteen years old at the time he entered the service, and his parents supposed he was at school until they received the letter announcing his enlistment.

ELIAS H. SAMMIS has been for the past year the proprietor of what was formerly the Whitlock livery, and though his residence in New Canaan has been but a short one, he has succeeded in establishing himself in the confidence of his fellow citizens and business men, and made most encouraging progress along the road to prosperity in his particular line. He is a native of New Canaan, born May 27, 1849, and is a son of John W. and Abigail (Hawkshurst) Sammis.

John Wood Sammis was born at Huntington, Long Island, where he was reared to manhood. He learned brickmaking, and here engaged in that business for himself, at West Neck, Long Island, finally removing to Connecticut, and locating at New Canaan, where he began farming. In 1859 he settled in Ridgefield, Fairfield county, where he purchased a limekiln, and engaged in burning lime for several years, after which he resumed farming. Mr. Sammis was married, in Long Island, to Abigail Hawkshurst, and four sons and four daughters came to their union, viz.: James H., who lived in Ridgefield, but died in March, 1899; Joel, a resident of Brooklyn; J. Floyd, of East Norwalk; Elias Homer; Maria, deceased; Susan M., who died in August, 1898; Rhoda Jane, who is also deceased; and Dora, who makes her home in Norwalk.

Elias H. Sammis spent the first ten years of his life in New Canaan, where he acquired his elementary education, in 1859 removing with the family to Ridgefield, where he finished his schooling and grew to manhood. He learned the carpenter's trade, and followed same in Ridgefield until December, 1896, when he came to New Canaan and purchased the Whitlock livery, which he has since conducted. To this business he devotes all his time, giving his affairs that careful and constant attention which cannot fail in course of time to increase his trade and place him among the prosperous men of his town. His genial, obliging disposition wins friends for him wherever he goes, and New Canaan has proved no exception in this respect.

Mr. Sammis was married October 2, 1870, at Ridgefield, to Elizabeth Hoyt, by whom he had five children: Mary Jane, the wife of George Patrick, of New Canaan; Lelia (Mrs. Robert Davis), of Ridgefield; William Henry; and Arthur and Charles A., of New Canaan. For his second wife Mr. Sammis wedded, at South Norwalk, Conn., Miss Jennie B. Saunders, and to this union have also come five children: Florence Agnes, Minot Homer, Wallace Ralph, Emma Elizabeth and Clifford Edward. The family worship at the M. E. Church. Fraternally, Mr. Sammis is a member of the Red Men, belonging to the lodge of New Canaan; also member of the Golden Cross, American Mechanics and Daughters of Liberty.

SIDNEY EDWIN HAWLEY. In our republican form of government there are men who naturally and easily reach positions of responsibility and trust. The suffrages of the people may err sometimes, but the sensitive ballots of an in-

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telligent and educated race point instinctively and almost invariably to the right man for the right place. Hence honored is he who, in the face of odds, wins the hearts and appreciation of a wide constituency, and conversely happy is the people that has chosen wisely its public officials.

The gentleman whose name appears in the title of this sketch is the present High Sheriff of Fairfield county. He has won official recognition by past fidelities, and has given in return for the trust imposed in him a record of efficient and painstaking service that should permanently enthrone him in the affections of his countrymen.

Mr. Hawley was born in Brookfield, Conn., November 29, 1844, a son of Charles and Anna (Merwin) Hawley. Charles Hawley was born in Newtown in 1804, and died in 1888. He was a son of Daniel and Johanna (Seeley) Hawley, and grandson of William Hawley. His wife, Anna (Merwin), was born in Brookfield in 1817, and died in 1892. She was the daughter of Samuel Merwin. Two children were born to Charles and Anna Hawley: Charles Seeley, and Sidney E. (subject of this sketch.) By an earlier marriage the father also had two children: Wait Northrop and Hiram Daniel.

Sidney E. Hawley was reared on his father's farm, receiving his education in the common schools of Brookfield and at the academy conducted there by Rev. H. D. Noble. He adopted the vocation of his father, and for many years lived on the farm, engaging also quite largely in tobacco packing during the winter seasons. His official career, beyond the confines of his town, began with his election in 1886 as a Representative in the General Assembly of the State Legislature. He was re-elected in 1888, and was the first Republican from his district who was ever re-elected, a token of the esteem in which he was held. In 1889 he was appointed Deputy Collector of internal revenue for the Bridgeport Division, under John I. Hutchinson, Collector for the District of Connecticut, and served throughout the term of four years. Nor in this capacity was he found wanting. By his faithfulness in maintaining the laws of the United States in the matter of internal revenues he won many new friends among the law-abiding citizens of the entire county. This growing reputation and esteem proved a valuable acquisition, when in 1894 he received the nomination of his party for sheriff, his opponent for the nomination having been Emory F. Strong, former United States Marshal. The county had up to this time for many years been Democratic, the Democratic sheriff then in office having been elected by a majority of 1,918. The nomination seemed only a complimentary and empty honor. Mr. Clarkson, the former sheriff, was a candidate for re-election, but when the votes were counted Mr. Hawley led by a majority of 2,118. He assumed the duties and obligations of the office June 1, 1895, for a term of four years. Many reforms have been instituted since Mr. Hawley became sheriff. With his accustomed energy, and under the convictions of honest and fair dealing, which has characterized both his business and political life, he immediately set about to thoroughly renovate the establishments. Sheriff Hawley has charge of both the Danbury and the Bridgeport jails. Among other improvements he instituted a system of bathing, change of food and clothing and other sanitary arrangements, which count enormously for physical and moral conditions. The mortality record during his administration has been very low. The State Board of Charities, in its report for the present year, bestows generous words of praise upon Sheriff Hawley for the efficient reforms he has instituted. Another gratifying side of his work is that the reformation has been less expensive to the county than the old system.

In the fall of 1898 the high esteem and explicit confidence of the Republican party in Mr. Hawley were again demonstrated when he was unanimously renominated for the office which he had so acceptably filled. The past administration of the affairs of that office marked him as the right man for the place. The same impression prevailed among the thinking people of the county. The Democratic party realized the situation, and presented a most formidable candidate in the person of the Hon. Patrick Coughlin, of Bridgeport, a former mayor of that city. The result of the election was a flattering endorsement of Sheriff Hawley's administration, and a warm tribute to his ability and integrity. His majority over Mr. Coughlin was 3,879, nearly double the majority he received in 1894. His new term of office will be for four years, and began June 1, 1899.

Sheriff Hawley is a member of various fraternal and social organizations, including Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, I. O. O. F.; St. Peter Lodge, of New Milford, F. & A. M.; Konckapotanauh Tribe No. 30, Imp. O. R. M.; Knights of the Ancient Essenic Order; the Grange, and others. He was married in 1871 to Miss Sarah A. Roe, daughter of Harvey and Mary (Blackman) Roe. They have no children. Sheriff and Mrs. Hawley are both members of the Congregational Church of Brookfield. He is at present one of the trustees of the trust fund of that Society. He has held many positions of honor and responsibility, has frequently been requested to

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act as guardian for minor children, and on several occasions he has administered large estates that were left in trust.

SAMUEL CRISSEY, who from early manhood has been engaged in the butcher business at New Canaan, is a native of that town, born September 14, 1848. The family is an old one in New Canaan, our subject's grandfather, also named Samuel and a farmer by occupation, living in Pornes street, in that town. He was the father of six children, viz.: Samuel S.; Ebenezer, who lives in New Canaan, below the M. E. church; Cyrus, living in Pornes street; Erastus, who died in early manhood, and Emily and Polly, both deceased.

Samuel Sherman Crissey, the eldest of this family, was born in the town of New Canaan, and there attended the district school. He was reared to farm life on the paternal homestead, and conducted a one-hundred-acre farm which he owned. In his early years he also worked at shoemaking to some extent. In addition to caring for his farm he was engaged in the butcher business, first carrying meat around throughout the vicinity and finally opening a market at New Canaan, on the present site of Bates' jewelry store. He carried on this market up to the time of his death, in partnership for a time with Jones & Terrill, and later with Mr. Terrill, Mr. Jones retiring. He was a straightforward business man, thoroughly upright and honest in all his dealings, and was a most highly respected citizen of New Canaan. He married Catherine Elizabeth Lockwood, and two children—one son and one daughter—were born to them, namely: Mary Elizabeth, who is the wife of William L. Smith, of Ridgefield, Conn., and Samuel. Mrs. Crissey makes her home with her son in New Canaan. Mr. Crissey passed away in 1866 at the age of fifty-two years.

Samuel Crissey has spent his entire life in New Canaan. In his childhood he attended the district schools and from the time he began life in earnest he has worked at his present business. For a couple of years after his father's death he was engaged in farming, and then, at the age of twenty, started in the butcher business in partnership with Frank J. Smith, peddling meat in the town. This partnership lasted one year, after which Mr. Crissey carried on the business alone for three years, when he took William L. Smith as a partner. On March 1, 1876, they opened the market on Main street now conducted by our subject and C. E. Brinckerhoff, who became a partner in September, 1890. In 1878 Mr. Crissey bought out Mr. Smith's interest, and for the following three years had for a partner William E. Rich, whom he also bought out. He conducted the market on his own account from that time until he formed his present alliance with Mr. Brinckerhoff. Mr. Crissey has always been guided by those principles of honesty and integrity which characterized his father's life both in business and private matters, principles which could not fail to win for him the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

In September, 1869, Mr. Crissey was married at Pound Ridge, N. Y., to Miss Mary Elizabeth Hitt, daughter of Hiram Hitt. Seven children have come to bless their union, namely: Estelle (who married Bradford Sarles, and has one child, Helen), Clarence, Bertha, Lester, Percy, Mabel and Ethel. Mr. Crissey is a Democrat in political sentiment, and has been a lifelong supporter of the principles of that party.

BENJAMIN F. HOYT has been connected with the clothing firm of H. B. Rogers & Co. since 1880, and during that time has made his home in New Canaan, where he has become well and favorably known. He is a native of Connecticut, born May 28, 1841, in South Norwalk, and is a member of one of the oldest families of New England, the first of whom, John Hoyt, came over in the "Mayflower."

Mr. Hoyt is of the eighth generation from Simon Hoyt, who was named as being one of the first settlers of Dorchester, Mass., and in 1635 removed to Scituate, same State, then in 1639 to Windsor, Conn., and from there, in 1649, to Fairfield, Conn., finally taking up his abode in Stamford, Conn., where he passed the remainder of his days, dying September 1, 1657. He was born prior to the year 1600. From the records it appears that he was among the first settlers of no less than seven different towns in New England, in most cases being the first white settler. What an experience of pioneer life! Scarcely was he settled in one place before he gave up his home with the comforts which are so hardly and slowly acquired under such circumstances, and commenced anew the work of subduing some other portion of the wilderness. This family participated in all the hardships undergone by the early settlers of Charlestown and Dorchester, and their hardy and courageous spirit is shown in this exercise of their endurance, and the fact that at Windsor, at least, they lived away from the other settlers.

Walter Hoyt, son of Simon, was born in

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1618, and was a resident of Windsor, Conn., in 1640. He removed from that place, and was one of the first settlers of Norwalk, where he served as deputy in the general court from 1658 to 1681. He was made sergeant of a company at Norwalk in May, 1659, and was selectman there in 1672, from all of which it will be seen he was a prominent citizen, active in the affairs of the community. In the Norwalk Patent, he was fifth among the ten proprietors of the township of Norwalk in 1686, and the family had owned land there for twenty years previous to that time. Walter Hoyt died in 1698.

Zerubabel Hoyt, son of the above, was born between 1650 and 1654. He married Miss Mehitable Keeler, and lived at Norwalk, where he died between the years 1727 and 1738. In 1717 he was called "deacon." He was one of nine persons appointed by the general court to purchase of the Indians a certain tract of land lying about fourteen miles north of the northern part of the town of Norwalk.

Joseph Hoyt, son of Zerubabel, was born about 1676–78, and died either in December, 1730, or in January, 1731. He lived in Norwalk, and in February, 1699, land was granted to him situated on the east side of Five Mile river. In 1704 his father deeded him a house and lot, and other land in 1710–21–25–26. In his will his wife Sarah and seven children are named.

One of these, Moses Hoyt, was born before 1712, and married Mary Hayt. He lived in Norwalk and New Canaan parish, and it is known that land was laid out to him at Canoe Hill in 1737. On May 5, 1734, he is mentioned as owning horse cover at New Canaan church. He died in 1785.

Josiah Hoyt, the next in line of descent, was born May 17, 1736, and was baptized June 12, following. He married Elizabeth Tuttle on January 13, 1763, and they lived in Middlesex parish, Stamford, now Darien. He was a soldier in 1758 at Lake George, and on July 14, 1775, enlisted in the 4th Company, 17th Connecticut Regiment, Col. Charles Webb, receiving his discharge December 10, same year. He served along the Sound and in Gen. Sullivan's brigade on Winter Hill at the left of the besieging line. In 1776 he was lieutenant in Capt. Sergeant's company, Major Backus' light horse regiment; marshal September 7, 1776; ordered to New York same month, and discharged November 2, 1776.

Josiah Hoyt, grandfather of Benjamin F. Hoyt, was born in Norwalk, June 12, 1773, and died December 1, 1818. He was a hat manufacturer. On June 18, 1797, he wedded Mary Warren, daughter of James Warren, of Norwalk. Mr. Hoyt was originally a Baptist in religious connection, but changed to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Charles Hoyt, father of our subject, was born August 1, 1809, in the Five Mile river district, town of Norwalk, and is still living, making his home at Darien, Conn. He attended the district schools during his boyhood, and when a young man learned the shoemaker's trade at South Norwalk. There he subsequently built a shop for himself, and for some years engaged in boot and shoe making, later buying a farm at Darien which he worked for a number of years. After this he embarked in the trucking business in New York City, continuing same for fifteen years, and about 1872 returned to Darien, where he has since resided. He was married in that town to Hannah Mather, a direct descendant of Cotton Mather. Her grandfather, Moses Mather, was the first pastor of the Darien Congregational Church. During the Revolutionary war he served as a minute-man. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoyt had three children: Nancy E. (Mrs. Daniel Gleason), of Darien; Mary L., deceased wife of Henry B. Rogers; and Benjamin F. The mother passed from earth in September, 1894, at the advanced age of eighty-four years, a lifelong member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Hoyt is a member of the M. E. Church.

During the boyhood of Benjamin F. Hoyt the family lived in New York City, where he attended the public schools and the College of the City of New York. For fifteen years after completing his education he held a position in the establishment of H. B. Claflin & Co., of New York City, and in 1880, as above mentioned, he came to New Canaan to enter the employ of H. B. Rogers & Co., manufacturers of clothing. He has charge of the office branch of the business, and the mere fact of his being retained for such a period in this responsible position by a business house of such magnitude is sufficient proof of his ability and fitness for same. He is also a director of the New Canaan Savings Bank. Mr. Hoyt was married in New York City December 18, 1865, to Frances L. Case, a native of Southold, L. I., daughter of Andrew J. Case, and granddaughter of the late Col. Benjamin Case, of the war of 1812. To this union have come five children, namely: Frank Case and Andrew Ralston, both of whom are brokers on the stock exchange in New York City (Andrew married Elma Teresa Wells, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and they have one child—Elma Frances); and Agnes, Bertha and Charles Mather, all three of whom reside in New Canaan.

When the Civil war broke out Mr. Hoyt re-

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sponded to the first call for volunteers, and they were in command of the navy yard for three months, also participated in the battle of Bull Run. He belonged to the New York City Militia, and is at present a member of the veterans of the 71st Regiment, New York State Militia, in which he served seven years, and of the G. A. R. Socially, he is connected with the Sons of Temperance, Mt. Vernon Division, the Sons of the American Revolution, the New Canaan Club and the Home Market Club, a Republican organization. Religiously, Mr. Hoyt is a member of the Congregational Church at New Canaan.

RUFUS B. JENNINGS, who completed his eighth year as selectman of Fairfield township, Fairfield Co., Conn., is one of the representative well-to-do farmers of his town, and he belongs to a family whose members have for generations been highly respected citizens of this part of Connecticut.

Joshua Jennings was the first ancestor of whom we have record, and from him was descended Daniel Jennings, Jr., who was the great-great-grandfather of Rufus B. Jennings. His son Gersham was married in 1762 to Rhoda Sanford, daughter of Zachariah Sanford, and their son, also named Gersham, was born at Hoyden's Hill. The latter wedded Esther Nichols, daughter of John Nichols, and they had three sons—Sanford, Hill (of whom all trace was lost after he went west), and Ephraim (who died unmarried). The Jennings were all farmers by occupation.

Sanford Jennings, father of the gentleman whose name introduces these lines, was born March 7, 1800, in what was then Fairfield township, but is now included in the town of Easton. His parents dying when he was still in his "teens," a guardian was appointed for him, but he ran away and enlisted in the war of 1812–15 when a mere boy. On his return to Fairfield he was apprenticed to the carpenter's trade, which he learned thoroughly, though after his marriage he devoted considerable time to both farming and carpentering, having inherited enough from his father to invest in land of his own, and buying from David Nichols the farm on which he passed the remainder of his life—the nucleus of the one now occupied by his son Rufus. Physically Mr. Jennings was much larger than the average man. He died in 1845, while crossing the Gulf of Mexico on his return home from Mexico, whither he had gone to build a mill for a Mr. Sanford, and where he contracted the fever which caused his death; he was buried at sea. Sanford Jennings married Elizabeth Davis, who was born in 1807 near Greenfield Hill, and was a granddaughter of Joshua Davis, a Revolutionary soldier. Three children blessed this union, viz.: Elizabeth, who is the widow of Charles Hopkins; Sarah M., who became the wife of Jesse Atherton, and died in Bridgeport; and Rufus B. Mrs. Jennings survived her husband many years, dying in 1893 on the farm where she made her home with her son, and her remains rest in the Oaklawn cemetery. Religiously, she was a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Jennings was a Jacksonian Democrat in politics.

Rufus B. Jennings was born June 6, 1830, in the house where he still resides in Burr's District, Fairfield township, and he received his education in the local schools, among his early teachers being Horace Nichols, Aaron B. Sherwood, Alban Sherwood, Nathan Bulkeley, Abram B. Sherwood, Samuel Banks and Peter Fairweather. He has lived to witness marked improvement in the schools and methods of conducting them, and Fairfield has no more earnest supporter of education and kindred interests than Mr. Jennings. Continuing his studies, either at home or school, he was at the age of eighteen prepared to take up the teacher's profession, and he commenced by teaching in his home school for ten dollars a month, boarding himself, following this calling in all for twenty terms, one at North Bridgeport. He finally bought out his sisters' interests in the home place, and took up farming, which he has since continued with ever-increasing success, enlarging his farm, which when he took possession contained but twenty-six acres, until he now owns one hundred acres in Fairfield township and forty-five in Easton—a fine property, which he has improved and put under a good state of cultivation. Mr. Jennings derives a substantial income from his farm, and he has gained the reputation of being among the most progressive agriculturists in this section, standing high in the ranks of the intelligent, thrifty citizens of his community. In 1862 he was married to Miss Rebecca Bradley, who was born in Greenfield Hill, daughter of William H. and Harriet (Gould) Bradley, and the young couple started housekeeping on the farm, which has always been their home. They have eight children: Harriet E., the eldest, was a school teacher previous to her marriage to Mr. A. H. Pease, of Easton; William S., Frederick R., R. Bradley, Mary E., Helen E., Amelia B. and Rebecca D. live at home, Mary and Amelia being engaged in teaching. The children are all following in the footsteps of their worthy parents, taking their places as industrious and useful men

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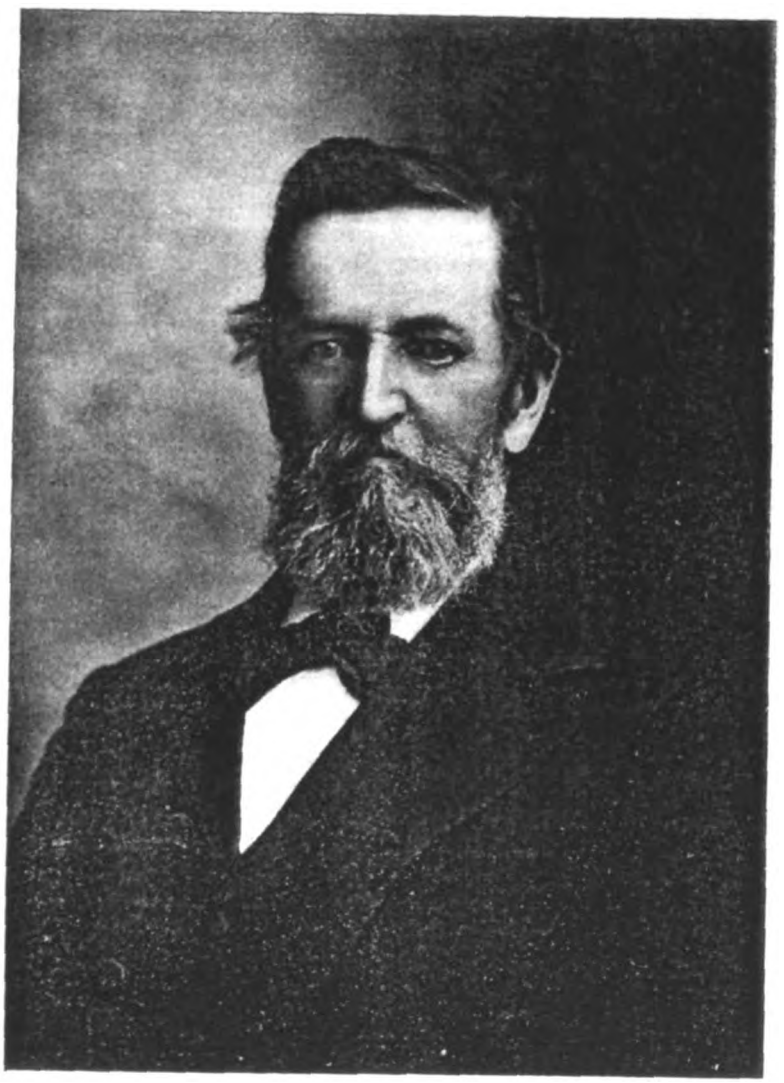

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and women, and the entire family is esteemed among a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Mrs. Jennings is a member of the Congregational Church.

Mr. Jennings cast his first vote with the Whig party, and he is now a stanch Republican and one of the leaders in local public affairs. He has served creditably as justice of the peace, constable and assessor, and as above stated has completed his eighth year as selectman, to which office he was first elected in 1889, and re-elected continuously, with the exception of one year, until he declined further preferment. In 1898 he was nominated for and elected representative to the State Legislature. No man in the township has a better claim to the term "public-spirited" than he has, and he possesses the confidence of his fellowmen to an unusual degree.

NELSON U. LOCKWOOD, who at this writing owns and cultivates a fine farm in Greenwich township, Fairfield Co., Conn., belongs to a family old and well known in that vicinity, being the eldest child of Henry S. and Sarah E. (White) Lockwood. He was born October 14, 1851, at Riverside.

The Lockwood family of Fairfield county, Conn., are descended from Robert Lockwood, who came to America from England in 1630, when he located in Watertown, Mass. In 1646 he moved to Fairfield county, and there passed the remainder of his days, dying in 1658.

Our subject is of the eighth generation, tracing his lineage from Robert (1), through Jonathan (2), still John (3), Jonathan (4), Frederick (5), Uriah (6) and Henry S. (7). Frederick Lockwood married Deborah Reynolds, and they reared a large family, of which we give a brief record: Seymour, born January 14, 1786, moved to Western New York. Frederick, Jr., born February 3, 1788, died in Greenwich. Fanny, born April 13, 1790, died unmarried. Ezekiel, born June 5, 1893, became a ship carpenter, working first in Brooklyn and later moving to Cincinnati, Ohio; he passed his last years in retirement. Deborah, born July 31, 1795, married Charles Lockwood, and died in Riverside. Alfred, born August 14, 1797, died at Riverside; he married a Miss Whiting. Sally, born September 19, 1799, married John Parsons, and died in Stanwich. Luke, born September 8, 1801, died in New York; he was a cabinet maker. Lot, born September 21, 1803, died in Winsted, Conn.; he married and had four children. Uriah, born September 18, 1805, was the grandfather of Elbert S. Lockwood. The father of these children died February 18, 1808, the mother surviving until May, 1857.

Henry Smith Lockwood, the eldest son of Uriah Lockwood, was born April 30, 1828, at Riverside, town of Greenwich, Fairfield county, Conn. He received his education in the primitive district schools of the day, attending first at Sound Beach and later at Mianus, becoming a pupil of the school at the latter place the first day it was opened. Mr. Mead was the first teacher there. Fortunately he learned readily, but even so his schooling was limited, for from the early age of eight years he found more opportunity for work than for lessons. His father being a farmer, he was required to assist in whatever way he could with the work about the home and place, and was also employed from boyhood in his father's boats. He continued his studies when he could during the winter, and for part of two winters attended the Greenwich Academy when Philander Button taught that institution, but when only eleven years of age he was engaged during the summer as cook on the "Griffen Tompkins," a market-boat running between New York and Mianus, in which his father had a half-interest with Sylvester Newman. Some years later the father sold out his interest in that boat, and had built at Nyack the vessel "Adaline," of which he was sole owner. This he also sold, and had another built at Nyack, the sloop "Empire," which was launched in 1845; but she was never in the market trade while in Mr. Lockwood's possession. The next boat he owned was the "James K. Polk," which he ran as a freighter on the Hudson and elsewhere for three years, when he sold her and bought the sloop "Gen. Ward," running her as a "transient boat," part of the time on the Hudson. After that he hired his boat to others.

Henry Lockwood worked for a time in the "Empire," and with the exception of one trip to Albany on the "James K. Polk," that was the last boating he did for his father. When nineteen years of age he took up farming at home on a small scale, and in 1848 helped to drive piles for the Terminus railroad bridge at Cos Cob, also working on the bridge itself. He was twenty-one years of age when he embarked in the oyster business on his own account, at first hiring a vessel, and later becoming the owner of the "America," the "Flora Temple," the "Sarah E. Lockwood" (which he had built at Glenwich, L. I.) and the "Mina A.," owning the two last boats at the same time. He used all these boats in his oyster business, in which he continued until his sons, Nelson U. and Elbert F. (who had been in partnership with him for years), bought

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him out, and he has since lived a retired life, making his home in Cos Cob. Mr. Lockwood is best known along the Sound as Captain Lockwood, and he has an extensive acquaintance throughout his locality. His success has been well merited, for although he has acquired abundant means he has never resorted to underhanded dealings or done business on any but a solid basis, and his reputation for integrity and honesty among all who have had dealings with him is unblemished.

On December 22, 1850, Mr. Lockwood was married to Miss Sarah E. White, a native of New York City, born February 10, 1828, a daughter of Jacob and Phœbe (Reynolds) White, who have four children, viz.: Sarah E., Emily A., Abel R. and Jane A. Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood located at Riverside after their marriage, and later moving to Sound Beach, where they resided seven years, and finally, in 1863, coming to their present home in Cos Cob. They have had three sons: Nelson U., Elbert F. (who is engaged in the oyster business), and William H., born October 25, 1855, who lives in Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Lockwood is a member of the Methodist Church. The Captain is a Democrat in political faith. He is well preserved and hearty at "three score years and ten," has a specially good memory, and is in full possession of all his faculties except his eyesight, which is somewhat impaired.

Mr. Lockwood, our subject, received his early education at Mianus, and later attended the Sound Beach school. When his parents removed from the latter place to Cos Cob he remained with his grandfather, Uriah Lockwood, for a couple of years, during which time he was engaged at farm work when not at school. His literary education was completed at Greenwich Academy, where he was a pupil for three years under Professor Shepherd. After reaching the age of fifteen our subject worked with his father in the oyster business for three years, and then for a year clerked with Charles P. Holmes, who carried on a dry-good business in Greenwich. Re-entering his father's employ, in the oyster business, he continued in the same for many years, he and his brother Elbert F. forming a partnership with their father, and later buying him out and doing business under the firm name of Lockwood Bros. In the fall of 1885, on the advice of his doctor, our subject abandoned that line, selling out to his brother, and has since given his attention to other business interests, although he still owns some oyster grounds in Long Island Sound.

Mr. Lockwood, on his retirement from the oyster trade, purchased what is known as the Nathaniel Briggs farm, a sixty-seven-acre tract lying along the road from Bedford to Mianus. He has purchased thirty-six acres more adjoining, and has made numerous improvements about the place, remodeling the buildings, etc., and by the most improved modern methods of agriculture has brought the land to a high state of cultivation. Everything pertaining to his farm and house bespeaks the intelligent care of the owner, and the property is one which any man might be proud to possess. Mr. Lockwood has by earnest labor placed himself in the comfortable circumstances he now enjoys, and, better than financial success, has gained the confidence and respect of friends and neighbors, who esteem him one of the best and most reliable citizens. No one has a better reputation for sterling honesty and integrity in all dealings, and his word is never questioned by any who know him.

In June, 1875, Mr. Lockwood was married to Miss Adeline Hopkins, a native of Morristown, N. J., and a daughter of Samuel W. and Sarah L. (Jessup) Hopkins. Two daughters have blessed their union: Grace and Sarah M., who live with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood are active and prominent members of the Stanwich Congregational Church, in which he serves as deacon and superintendent of the Sunday-school. Socially, he belongs to the Jr. O. U. A. M., holding membership in Council No. 86, at Banksville. In political belief he is a Democrat, but in voting he is independent, following the dictates of his conscience.

[Since the above was formulated, Mr. Lockwood, in April, 1898, moved from Stanwich to Cos Cob, and is now engaged in the real-estate business.]

BENNETT S. HAWLEY, a successful agriculturist, resides upon an attractive homestead of forty acres, about three miles northeast of Danbury, and for more than a quarter of a century has tested the truth of the praises bestowed upon country life by the poets and philosophers of all time.

Mr. Hawley was born January 3, 1832, in Roxbury, Litchfield Co., Conn., a son of Orin and Charlotte (Weeks) Hawley, and was reared upon a farm, his education being obtained in the district schools near his home. At eighteen he began to learn the hatter's trade at Roxbury, and in 1852 he removed to Danbury, where he followed the same occupation for a number of years. In 1865 he made his home upon a farm in that locality, although he still continued his trade; but in 1871 he removed to his present homestead, and

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has since given his attention exclusively to agricultural work. He is an excellent citizen, a Democrat in politics, and while not especially active in local affairs, he is in favor of progress in all lines.

On November 15, 1857, he married Miss Mary E. Mallory, who was born at the present homestead. She was a member of a well-known family, and her grandfather, Nathan Mallory, was a first cousin of the father of E. A. Mallory, of Danbury. Her father, John L. Mallory, who was born in Ridgefield, married Sarah Morris, a native of the town of Danbury, and daughter of Bethel Morris, a cloth manufacturer. After his marriage John Mallory located upon the farm now occupied by our subject. Mrs. Hawley was the younger of two children; the elder, Lucy J., married Daniel P. Barlow, a hatter of Danbury. Mrs. Hawley passed to the unseen life May 9, 1886, leaving the memory of a well-spent life. She was a devout member of the Disciples Church, and her character was an illustration of her faith. Three sons survive: Charles B., a hatter of Danbury, married (first) Miss Minnie Leach (deceased), and (second) Miss Lavinia McNabb; George M., a hatter by trade, married Miss Anna Stuckey, of Danbury; William M., who is not married, is at home.

The Hawley family has been prominent in this locality for many years, several of its members having attained distinction in political life. As a rule the majority in each generation have been identified with the Episcopal Church, and public spirit, sound judgment and integrity have been the family characteristics. Our subject traces his descent from Joseph Hawley, who was born in Derbyshire, England, in 1603 and crossed the ocean in 1629, landing near Boston, Mass. He afterward settled in Connecticut, and his death occurred at Stratford in 1690. He had five sons, of whom: (1) Ebenezer and (2) Joseph left no children. (3) Samuel, born in 1652, had seven children. (4) Ephraim, born in 1659, had four sons. (5) Capt. John Hawley, born in 1661, had six children.

Isaac Hawley, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Roxbury, Litchfield Co., Conn., and for several years he followed agricultural pursuits there, but later he removed to New York State to spend his remaining years. He married Elizabeth Warner, a daughter of Dr. Warner, a successful physician in Newtown, Conn., and they had six children: Orin, our subject's father; David, who died in Danbury; Stephen, a farmer in Roxbury; Eliza, who married Edmund Garlic, a farmer and tailor in Roxbury; Caroline, who married George Dean; and Nancy, who married William H. Curtis, a farmer in the town of Monroe, this county.

Orin Hawley, our subject's father, was a native of Roxbury, and resided there throughout his life, engaging first in a general mercantile business and later in the carpenter's trade. He was a Democrat in politics, but was not especially active in political affairs. He married Miss Charlotte Weeks, of Bridgeport, a lady of English descent, who died in 1874, and he survived her fifteen years. Of their thirteen children three died in infancy, and our subject is the eldest of those who lived to adult age. Caroline, the next in order of birth, married James Zarr, a farmer of Bedford Station, and died some years ago. Eliza married Mr. Gettis, of Bridgeport, and both are now deceased. Helen is the wife of David H. Briggs, of Bridgeport. David D. is a farmer in the town of Danbury. Daniel D., a twin of David, resides in Bridgeport. William (deceased) was a farmer by occupation. Henry is engaged in the livery business at Bridgeport. Charlotte married David Wanzer, a farmer of New Milford. Isabell (deceased) was formerly the wife of Austin Phelps, of Danbury.

ABRAM HEATON. Forty-one years of continuous service in a responsible position is, in itself, a sufficient evidence of ability and personal worth, and this well-known resident of Bridgeport, chief engineer and expert machinist in the Wheeler & Wilson factory, has won during this long period of faithful and efficient work the esteem and respect of all classes in the community.

Mr. Heaton comes of good Colonial stock, being descended direct from James Heaton, born in England in 1633, who married Sarah Street, and joined the New Haven Colony. He was one of the witnesses of the Dixwell Trust, and also a Deputy from New Haven to the General Court at Hartford in 1697, 1698 and 1699. His stone is still standing in the Grove Street cemetery. From him, through Seth Heaton, who was born in 1676 and married Hannah Todd; to James Heaton (2), who was born in 1722 and married to Sarah Basset; to Abraham Heaton, born in 1745, at North Haven, who married Mabel Goodyear Cooper, and removed to Litchfield county.

Levi Heaton, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Litchfield county, and passed his life there, following farming as an occupation.

Hon. Levi Heaton (2), our subject's father, was born in Litchfield county, and became a farmer near Plymouth village, where he also conducted a general store for many years. He was

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prominent in public affairs, holding many local offices, was representative in 1847 and 1848, and in 1850 he served as State Senator from the Sixteenth District. His wife, Avis (Catlin), was a native of Litchfield county, and a granddaughter of Lieut. Levi Catlin, an officer of the Revolutionary army, also a prisoner in the Wallabout hulks. Three children were born to this worthy couple: Abram, Amelia and Mary E.

Our subject was born January 9, 1834, at Plymouth, and during his youth he learned the machinist's trade there. At the age of sixteen he went to sea, but after a time he wearied of a sailor's life, and for several years was employed at the Seth Thomas Clock factories; at the New Haven Machine shops and as a locomotive engineer. In 1857 he removed to Bridgeport, and he has ever since held his present position with the Wheeler & Wilson Mfg. Company. Politically, he is a Republican, but he has not taken an active share in partisan work. He married Miss Sarah F. Burritt, daughter of Charles T. Burritt, of Newtown, and granddaughter of Joseph Burritt, a native of Stratford. Mr. Heaton and his wife are much esteemed socially, and he is a member of the Bridgeport Scientific Society, and of the Masonic Fraternity, having been for years an active worker in most of the local Masonic bodies, and was in 1880 grand master of the Connecticut Grand Council.

FREDERICK SWEET OLMSTEAD. Few men of to-day can trace their lineage farther back than can this well-known resident of Danbury, whose honorable record as a soldier and citizen has won for him the esteem of all classes in the community.

The family is of English origin, and the first of the line of whom we have a definite account was Thomas Olmstead, who was born in England about 1525. He left three sons: Thomas, James and Nicholas. II. James, the next in the line of descent, was born between 1550 and 1555, and reared a family of ten children: Richard, James, Elizabeth, Nicholas, Mary, Mabel, Elizabeth, John, Mary and Thomas. III. Richard, who was baptized in 1579, had three children: John, Rebecca and Richard. IV. Richard, born in 1607, had two children: James and John. V. John, born 1649, had nine children: John, Mary, Jane, Sarah, Rebecca, Daniel, Richard, Eunice and Deborah. VI. Daniel had eight children: Daniel, Samuel, Nathan, Ambrose, Hannah, Jonathan, Elizabeth and Ezekiel. VII. Daniel had three children: Samuel, James, Ebenezer.

VIII. Ebenezer Olmstead served in the Revolutionary army. He had three children, two, Sweet and Ebenezer, by his first wife, and one, Nathan, by his second wife, Mrs. Betsey (Sherwood) Roberts, widow of John Roberts, his former comrade in arms, who died of starvation in the old Sugar House Prison at Brooklyn, N. Y. John Roberts enlisted from the section which is now known as the town of Southeast, Putnam county, N. Y., in Capt. Joshua Barnum's company, and was captured by the British at the battle of White Plains. When, after the evacuation of New York City, his body was found with that of other prisoners left in the old Sugar house to die untended, his teeth were closed upon a brick which he had evidently gnawed in his last moments of agony. IX. Ebenezer (2), our subject's grandfather, was born at Ridgefield, Fairfield county, August 8, 1770, and died in 1838 in the town of Southeast, Putnam Co., N. Y. He married Betsey Roberts, daughter of his stepmother by her first husband, so that our subject is a direct descendant of two patriots of Revolutionary times. Five children were born of this union: Richard, Almon R., Ebenezer R. and Amzi and Alvah R., twins. X. Amzi R. Olmstead, the father of our subject, was born July 18, 1797, at the old home in the town of Southeast, and his death occurred October 14, 1866, at the age of sixty-nine years and two months. On November 6, 1834, he was married to Mrs. Hannah (Elwell) Roberts, widow of Rufus Roberts. She was a native of Patterson, Putnam Co., N. Y., born October 31, 1796, and survived him but a short time, passing away July 7, 1867, aged seventy years, eight months and seven days. Of their three children, our subject was the eldest. (2) Fernando C., born November 29, 1838, married Christina Burch, who died April 18, 1878, leaving two children—Burton, who is now in business with his father, and Henry, who is a machinist. (3) Catherine A., born September 9, 1843, was married October 6, 1882, to Rev. William B. Haight, who died at Ballston Springs, N. Y., in March of the following year; she now resides in the town of Pawling, Putnam Co., New York.

Frederick S. Olmstead was born May 12, 1836, in the same locality, with which his ancestors had been so long identified. He attended in early boyhood the "Little Red School House" near De Forests Corners, Putnam Co., N. Y., but at the age of thirteen was bound out for six years to Nathaniel Blauvelt, a carpenter and builder at New Fairfield, Conn., for whom he worked three years. On account of the death of Mrs. Blauvelt, his remaining time was sold to Floyd B. Howes, of Southeast, Putnam Co.,

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N. Y., and on completing his term he went to New York City to find employment at his trade. After a year there he went to Bethel, Conn., and remained a year when, removing to the town of Patterson, Putnam Co., N. Y., he began business on his own account. In 1859 he settled at New Fairfield, in this county, where he bought property and in a short time established a large and lucrative business.

In the meantime the war broke out, and Mr. Olmstead, with a patriotism worthy of his ancestry, enlisted, September 11, 1862, as a private in Company K, 23d Conn. V. I. This regiment was recruited in New Haven and Fairfield counties, during August and September of that year, and was mustered into the service at Camp Terry, New Haven, November 14, 1862, with Col. Charles E. L. Holmes, Lieut.-Col. Charles W. Wordin and Major David H. Miller in command. Previous to this date Mr. Olmstead had been appointed corporal, and in that rank he continued to serve until mustered out with his regiment, August 31, 1863. They left the State November 17, 1862, and joining General Banks' forces at Camp Buckingham, Long Island, were sent to the South, to assist in the operations in the Department of the Gulf. Companies B, C, D, E, F, G, and K sailed on November 30, from Brooklyn, N. Y., on the steamer "Che Kiang," for Ship Island, in Mississippi Sound, and from there moved, December 11, to New Orleans, where they were on duty at Camp Parapet until January 11, 1863, as a part of T. W. Sherman's independent command. They were then incorporated in the Second Brigade, Second Division of the Nineteenth Army Corps and, January 12, moved to Berwick Bay in support of Weitzel's Reserve. They held Brashear City during Weitzel's operations on the Teche, January 13-14, and were afterward on duty on the New Orleans and Opelousas railroad until June 1. Companies A, H and I had sailed from New York December 30, 1862, on the ship "Planter," which was wrecked on the Bahama Islands January 14, 1863. These members arrived at New Orleans March 4, and during the attack on the hospital at Berwick January 1, Companies C, G, I and K protected the working parties while the sick and government property were removed.

The regiment took part in the operations in Louisiana west of the Mississippi river until July 13, and on the 17th a detachment was sent to La Fourche Crossing to meet Gen. Dick Taylor's raiding forces. They repulsed the attack in the engagements of June 20 and 21, and on the latter date had another skirmish near Brashear City. On June 22 Corporal Olmstead was captured at that place, but was paroled June 25. On the 23rd a detachment stationed in Brashear City was attacked, and, on their surrender, were held as prisoners. The privates were all paroled July 3, but the officers were imprisoned at Tyler, Texas, until July 22, 1864. In the action on Bayou Bluff, La., June 24, 1863, Companies A, C and H took part, and later all the regiment who were not prisoners were on duty at Metaire race course, Congo square, New Orleans, and at Bonnet Carre, La., until August 7, when they started for New Haven, Conn., arriving August 28, and three days afterward all were relieved from further service.

On returning to New Fairfield Mr. Olmstead resumed his business, and in 1870 he transferred it to Danbury, where he has ever since continued, his office being located at Nos. 19-21 Crosby street. To mention the buildings which he has erected in Danbury would be to make a list of the best residences, factories, churches and business blocks in the city; among the most notable, however, are the new Episcopal church; the two blocks for V. E. Hawley on White and Main streets; the David Pierce block; all of I. W. Ives' White street, Main street and Keeler street buildings; Belden & Co.'s machine shop; the Theodore Clark box factory; the hat factories of D. E. Lowe, Nichols & Hine, Green Bros. and I. W. Ives; the Armstrong box factory, and the buildings of the T. C. Williard Company and the Rogers Silver Plate Company.

On February 17, 1856, Mr. Olmstead married Miss Mary Jane Bouton, who was born July 23, 1839, in North Salem, Westchester Co., N. Y., a daughter of John P. and Mary E. (Dickens) Bouton. Six children blessed this union: (1) Fernando Cortez, born March 9, 1858, in the town of Patterson, Putnam Co., N. Y., is now a resident of Danbury. He was married November 27, 1883, to Miss Ida Irene Lane, of Richland Center, Wis., and they have three children —Pauline, Winona and Jennie. (2) Minnie B., born July 13, 1864, in New Fairfield, was married February 21, 1889, to Harry B. Burkhart, of Chicago, and has one son, Harold, born in Chicago, April 20, 1894. (3) Wallace G., born May 27, 1868, in New Fairfield, is now the editor and part owner of the Danbury *Dispatch*. He was married October 5, 1893, to Miss Nellie Conklin, of Danbury. (4) Bertha, born March 27, 1872, in Danbury, died April 12, of the same year. (5 and 6) Frederick S., Jr., and Frank A. (twins) were born in Danbury, February 19, 1875, and the latter died on August 31, following. Frederick S. is now in partnership with his brother Wallace, and is business manager of the

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Dispatch. The family is prominent socially. Mrs. Olmstead is a member of the M. E. Church. Our subject is an active worker in various fraternal and social orders, belonging to the Improved Order of Red Men, the I. O. O. F., the G. A. R., the Sons of the American Revolution, Washington, D. C., and to the Masonic Fraternity, in which he has passed to the Egyptian Rite, and is a member of Pyramid Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Bridgeport. In February, 1898, he was appointed a member of the board of Estimate and Taxation in the city of Danbury, for a term of one year, and February 27, 1899, his services were so much appreciated that he was re-appointed for a term of two years.

In politics Mr. Olmstead is a Democrat, well known in his locality as an able and faithful worker for the party, his influence having been potent at critical times in turning threatened defeat into victory. He served six successive years as burgess of Danbury borough, to which incumbency he was first elected in 1874; for three years he served creditably as tax assessor of Danbury; was elected a member of the board of relief for four years, and was a member of the grand jury for three years. On May 14, 1889, he was honored with the appointment of superintendent of public works at Danbury on the recommendation of both Republicans and Democrats, and for five years he served in that position with marked ability and success.

HENRY DAYTON. It has been no uncommon experience in the lesser municipalities of this country for a young man, eager to enter life's battle amidst wider and more active surroundings, to leave the scenes of his quiet childhood and take up the struggle in a great city, and later, when honor, fame and wealth have attended his honest and earnest efforts, to be attracted back to the home of his boyhood, there to enjoy life in comparative and dignified ease, and to contribute from the wealth of his larger experience and ripened judgment to the betterment of his fellow men. Henry Dayton was a farmer boy of Greenwich many years ago. He is now one of its most eminent citizens. Between these two periods is an interval of time spent by him in a successful career in New York City.

Mr. Dayton was born in Greenwich September 10, 1834, son of David and Elizabeth (Brush) Dayton, and was reared on his father's farm in Stanwich, becoming thoroughly familiar with the duties of a farmer boy a half-century ago. Polly Lounsbury was one of his teachers, and one who occupied a prominent place in his esteem. He learned to write with quill pens, many of which he made, and the old school house that he attended stood near the upper end of the upper reservoir in Stanwich, and the viaduct now passes over the old play grounds.

He shared in the primitive customs of his early years; when a child, before the days of friction matches, he often went to a neighbor's house to borrow fire. In February, 1848, at the age of fourteen years, Mr. Dayton left the old homestead and went to New York City, where a cousin named Dayton was in the grain and feed business on West Houston street (then Hammersley street), and there he began as general utility boy, doing such work as he could. After serving several years there, he became associated with Wells & Christy, wholesale merchants, and later he entered the employ of J. & S. French, wholesale dealers in boots, shoes, etc. While in the employ of each of the last two named firms he spent much time on the road as a salesman, traveling from New England to the Rockies, and visiting the principal cities of the country. Over thirty years ago he became associated with the Broadway Fire Insurance Company as an inspector and surveyor, and after some years of service in that capacity he became connected with the American Fire Insurance Company, his brother George succeeding him in the Broadway Insurance Company. Mr. Dayton was with the American Fire Insurance Company a number of years, becoming the general agent, and later secretary of the company. Recently he took up the insurance business on his own account, which he now follows, with an office in New York, and his residence at Belle Haven.

Mr. Dayton was married, at Newark, N. J., to Miss Lizzie J. Davies, a native of New York City, the daughter of J. L and Ann (Rogan) Davies. Mr. and Mrs. Dayton are the parents of two children: Charles H. and Edith E., both at home; the son is a promising young man, and is now completing his preparatory course for entrance to Amherst College. Edith is attending the Greenwich high school.

Mr. Dayton cast his first vote for President, for J. C. Fremont, and has since been a most loyal supporter of the Republican party. While not a politician in the strict sense of the term, he has for many years been an earnest worker for party success. He was at one time vice-president of the Ninth Ward Republican Club of New York City. In 1873 he was appointed school trustee in the Ninth ward, and while serving in this capacity he took great interest in the

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public schools and their betterment. When he resigned, in December, 1883, contemplating a change of residence, his associates presented him with a testimonial in evidence of the high esteem in which they held him, and the valuable service he had rendered as a trustee. Mr. Dayton and his brother, George H., about this time purchased land on Field Point, Greenwich, where their elegant homes now stand. They were the pioneers (in the way of building fine homes) in that beautiful residence section on Field Point, as there were but eight houses on the Point when theirs were started, and the construction of these houses was the introduction of a modern style of architecture. Soon after he came to Greenwich Mr. Dayton became a school committeeman, and he has served in that position ever since; he was a member of the committee on the construction of the Havemeyer school building at Greenwich. His long experience as school trustee in New York, with the keen interest he has always taken, gave him unusual insight into the needs and the advantages of good schools, and the high position occupied by the Greenwich school (foremost amongst its class in the State) is to no small extent the result of the efficiency of those who manage it, and the introduction of modern methods and progressive ideas. As school committeeman (a gratuitous office) the services of Mr. Dayton have certainly been of inestimable value.

Mr. Dayton has been a member of the New England Society of New York since May 10, 1865. He is a life member of the Mechanics and Tradesmens Society of New York; a member of the Indian Harbor Yacht Club and of the Belle Haven Casino Association. He is an honorary member of the Volunteer Fire Company. In his religious affiliations he belongs to the Congregational Church and is a member of its standing committee. While living in New York City he was for twenty years superintendent of the Sabbath-school, and since uniting with the Church, when a young man, he has almost continually been identified officially with its interests, and always active in Sabbath-school work. He is at present teacher of the Bible Class in the Congregational Sabbath-school of Greenwich.

The Dayton family have been eminent in the history of Greenwich, and of the four brothers, who in their youth left that village to engage in business in New York City, Henry was the first. The rudiments of his education were gained in the common schools of Greenwich, but it has been chiefly to the close observations which he has made in his broad and extensive travels that Mr. Dayton is indebted for the education, practical though it be in its nature, which impresses the friend or stranger who meets him in social or business relations. He has also imbibed freely of the learning of books, and has ever been a student of good literature. He impresses the observer as a thorough gentleman, refined and cultured, and the observation deepens as acquaintance grows. Skilled in the details and master of the principles of an important modern vocation, honored and highly respected as a citizen of Greenwich, generous in his contributions of time and means to measures that up-lift his fellow men, Mr. Dayton in his highly successful career typifies the potentialities of American character and American manhood.

JOSEPH H. KNAPP, a prominent mason builder of Stamford, Fairfield county, has long been regarded as one of the most enterprising and public-spirited citizens of this progressive place. He is a native of the town of Stamford, born June 9, 1851, on Strawberry Hill, where his father, William Henry Knapp, carried on farming. His grandparents, Jacob and Mary (Smith) Knapp, were residents of Stillwater, Stamford township.

William Henry Knapp was born in 1806 at Stillwater, and was reared to farm life on the home place. During his boyhood he attended the Roxbury school. On December 23, 1827, he was united in marriage to Miss Delia A. Bell, who was born October 17, 1809, daughter of Frederick and Hannah (Tryon) Bell, who was of English descent. Hannah Tryon was of the family of General Tryon, the English general of Revolutionary fame. The Bell family were among the earlier settlers of Stamford. Eight children were born to William H. and Delia A. Knapp, a brief record of whom is as follows: Charles W., born January 13, 1829, married Mary E. Kee, and lives in Stamford. Sarah E., born August 25, 1831, was married November 4, 1850, to Smith Broadway. Harriet J., born October 3, 1833, was married December 22, 1852, to Ira Seymour, who died January 28, 1858; on August 31, 1860, she married, for her second husband, Charles H. Conley. John H., born June 14, 1835, died January 2, 1851. Betsey A., born June 1, 1838, was married August 5, 1863, to Francis C. Lockwood. Charlotte F., born February 10, 1840, died September 29, 1841. Ellen M., born May 6, 1847, was married October 17, 1866, to James H. Brandt. Joseph H. was born June 9, 1851. The father of this family passed away October 30, 1866. At the age of eighteen he learned the shoemaker's

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trade, after which he returned to farm life, which he followed a number of years. Leaving farming, he entered the cattle business, and during the last few years of his life was a building contractor. The Knapps are of German descent, their ancestors coming to this country from Saxe-Coburg in the seventeenth century. They are also patriots, having taken active part in all of the different wars from the Revolutionary down. Mr. Knapp was originally a Whig in political sentiment, later a Republican. Fraternally, he is a member of Rippowam Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Joseph H. Knapp passed his boyhood in the town of Stamford, where he attended the public schools and the private school kept by George B. Glendenning. At the age of seventeen he began to learn the trade of mason builder with his brother, Charles W., under whom he served a regular three-years' apprenticeship, after which he worked ten years as a journeyman in order to become thoroughly familiar with all the details of the business. In 1881 he commenced taking contracts on his own account, and he has been thus engaged ever since, at the present time doing an extensive business in Stamford and vicinity. Mr. Knapp has always borne an untarnished reputation for integrity and fairness in all his dealings, and his contracts are always filled in a reliable and workmanlike manner which never fails to give satisfaction.

Mr. Knapp's business affairs have absorbed a great deal of his time and attention, but he has nevertheless found opportunity to serve his city in various capacities, and has been honored with election to different offices by his fellow citizens, all of which he has filled with credit to himself, displaying his ability and thorough fitness for public service. He was a member of the first common council of the city of Stamford, and was chairman of the committee on health and sewage; has been town assessor; was a member of the police committee in the city, and is at present a member of the town board of relief. For seven years (from 1871 to 1878) he was a member of Company C, 4th Regiment Connecticut National Guard, and for seventeen years he played in the Stamford band, of which he served as president and secretary. Mr. Knapp has been no less active in fraternal matters, being a member of Union Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M. (which he joined in July, 1877), Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11, R. A. M., Washington Council No. 6; Puritan Lodge No. 43, I. O. O. F.; the O. U. A. M.; the Royal Arcanum, and the New England Order of Protection. In Union Lodge he held all the offices up to master, in which office he served three times; was high priest of Rittenhouse Chapter, R. A. M.; was one of the charter members of Puritan Lodge; has been deputy of his district in the O. U. A. M., and of the N. E. O. P., was formerly an officer of the Order Germania and Stamford Germania Lodge, Order of the World, and is also on associate member of Minor Post, G. A. R. Mr. Knapp is popular wherever he is known, and he has hosts of friends in Stamford, where he is highly esteemed. He is a pleasing and ready speaker, his services being in great demand at fraternal gatherings. He also takes an active part in politics (being a Republican), and during political contests his voice is frequently heard in support of his party's principles.

On November 1, 1883, Mr. Knapp was married to Emma Jessup, daughter of Paris R. Jessup, formerly of Greenwich, this county, and they have had three children, born as follows: Mabel I., March 5, 1885; Paris R. J., March 10, 1887; and Ralph E., December 17, 1893.

FRANCIS C. RAYMOND, who for over a half century has farmed the tract of land at New Canaan, most of it purchased from his father, is of the eighth generation of this branch of the Raymond family in America, where, as will be seen, they were among the earliest settlers. We here present the record of his ancestors, on this side of the water:

I. Richard Raymond, from whom our subject is descended in direct line, lived at Salem, Mass., during its early days. He was a mariner, and master of a craft of thirty-tons burden, the "Hopewell," in which he made voyages to Barbadoes, in the West Indies. On October 20, 1662, he bought a house and land at Norwalk, Conn., whither he soon removed, from that port engaging in a coast trade with Dutch and English settlers on Manhattan Island. In 1664 he settled in Saybrook, where he died in 1692 at the ripe old age of ninety years. He and his wife Judith were members of the First Church at Salem before 1636. Their family consisted of eight children: John, Bathsheba, Joshua, Lemuel, Hannah, Samuel, Richard and Daniel.

II. John Raymond was born before 1637. On December 10, 1664, at Norwalk, Conn., he married Mary, daughter of Thomas Betts, and they had three children: John, Samuel and Thomas.

III. John Raymond, born September 9, 1665, at Norwalk, Conn., died April 12, 1737. He was a prominent man there in his day, and his name is closely linked with the early history of the town. He was captain of the training band,

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an important institution at that period. By occupation he was a land surveyor. On March 7, 1690, he wedded Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel St. John, and ten children were born to them, namely: John, Mary, Elizabeth, Hannah, Lemuel, Jabez, Asael, Elijah, Sarah and Zuriel.

IV. Lemuel Raymond was born January 7, 1702, at Norwalk, Conn., and in 1730 married Sarah Squire, who was a member of the Congregational Church at New Canaan, Fairfield Co., Conn., from 1752 to 1773. They became the parents of ten children, namely: Luke, Ebenezer, Lemuel, John, Hannah, Elizabeth, Sarah, Ellen, Ruth and Helen.

V. Luke Raymond was born in 1731 in Canaan Parish, Fairfield Co., Conn., and on May 8, 1765, married Lydia Betts, by whom he had a family of eleven children: Elinor, Nathaniel, Timothy, Squire, Esther, Azor, Nathan, Nancy, Ellen, Luke and Sarah.

VI. Squire Raymond, grandfather of Francis C. Raymond, was born in 1783, and made his home in New Canaan, where he followed his trade, that of carpenter. He married Sarah Seeley, and ten children were born to them, as follows: Horatio, Edson, Elbert (who married Mary Prior), Alanson, Jane (born in 1813, died in 1830), Samuel (born July 28, 1816), Sarah (Mrs. Henry Clock), Lorette (Mrs. Elijah Hickok), Antoinette (Mrs. Wilkie Batterson), and Amanda (Mrs. Jesse Smith). The father of this family died December 13, 1850, the mother in June, 1831. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, while in politics he gave his support to the Democratic party.

VII. Horatio Raymond was born April 7, 1799, in District No. 4, town of New Canaan, where he passed his entire life. He attended the district school in his youth, and in early life his father taught him the carpenter's trade, which he followed until April, 1842, when he abandoned it to take up farming. He purchased and settled on the farm now owned and operated by his son, Francis C., and devoted the remainder of his long life to agricultural pursuits. He passed away December 16, 1871, aged seventy-two years, eight months and nine days. He was married in Stamford, Conn., to Eliza Seeley, who was born June 21, 1799, and three children blessed their union, namely: Harriet E., deceased wife of William Dauchy; and Francis Cornelius and Frances Cornelia (twins), the latter of whom is the widow of Sylvester H. Keeler, of Meriden, Ill. Mrs. Raymond was a member of the Episcopal Church. Politically, Mr. Raymond was a Republican.

VIII. Francis C. Raymond was born October 13, 1823, in the town of Darien, Fairfield Co., Conn., and was reared in New Canaan, where he received his schooling. He commenced to learn the trade of carriage trimmer, but he never finished his apprenticeship, deciding in early life that farming was to be his chosen calling. He has always lived on the home place, which has been worked under his management for the past fifty-six years with most gratifying results. The place has been well kept up and cultivated under his watchful care, a fact that is evident in the numerous improvements made by him in the passing years.

On February 22, 1846, in New Canaan, Mr. Raymond was united in marriage with Hannah M. Wood, daughter of William and Diantha (Smith) Wood, of Stanwich, Conn., who emigrated to Ohio, in which State they were pioneers. Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Raymond have had two children: Howard A. and Alice M. The son is engaged in the real-estate business in New York City. He married (for his first wife) Lizzie Silverthorn, who died leaving two children—Myrtie A., and Carrie D. (who married Edward D. Jardine; she died on Christmas Day, 1897). For his second wife he wedded Fannie A. Chapin. Alice M. Raymond is the wife of Gardiner A. Hoyt, of New Canaan. Our subject attends the Congregational Church, with which his wife has been united since 1839. Like his father, he is a Republican in political sentiment, and though no seeker after political preferment, he has held several local offices, such as constable, tax collector, etc., to the satisfaction of his fellow townsmen.

EZRA P. KNAPP. The Knapp family is one of the oldest in Fairfield county, and its members in each generation have maintained high reputations for industry, thrift, and all that constitutes good citizenship. The subject of this sketch, a highly respected citizen of Danbury, has compiled and published a genealogy of the family from which we learn that while tradition points to the Province of Saxony in Germany as their original home, the authentic history begins in the county of Sussex, England, in the fifteenth century. The name was at first spelled with but one "P" and some branches of the family still hold to that custom. In 1540 one Roger K. Knapp so distinguished himself at a tournament held at Norfolk, England, that he was specially honored by Henry V, and was granted a coat of arms, of which a full description is to be found in the College of Heraldry in London.

In 1630 three brothers, William, Nichols and

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Rogers Knapp, came to America with a large colony of well-to-do farmers under the command of Winthrope and Saltansall. William, who was born in Sussex in 1570, settled in Watertown, Mass. He had seven children: William, Mary, Elizabeth, Ann, Judith, John and James, and they located at Taunton, Roxbury, Newtown, Boston and Spencer, Mass. Roger settled in New Haven, and later at Fairfield, Conn. His will mentions his wife, Elizabeth, and six children, Josiah, Lydia, John, Nathaniel, Eliza, and Mary, who located in this county. Nicholas made his home at Watertown, Mass., for a time, but in 1644 removed to Stamford, Conn., where he died in April, 1670. His first wife, Elnor, died August 16, 1658, and in the following year he married a second wife, Unity. He had nine children, all by his first marriage. The first, Jonathan, died December 27, 1631, and in his will he mentions Timothy, Joshua, Caleb, Sarah, Ruth, Hannah, Moses and Lydia. The last two were born at Stamford, and all settled in this State, at Norwalk, Greenwich, Rye, Peekskill and Danbury. Caleb, the fourth son of Nicholas, was living in Stamford in 1670, and in his will, dated December 11, 1674, he mentions his wife, Hannah, and six children, Caleb, John, Moses, Samuel, Sarah and Hannah. Here there is a break in the records, and as a result of careful research it is believed that the branch to which our subject belongs is descended from John, the second son of Caleb and grandson of Nicholas.

Our subject's great-grandfather, John Knapp, who was probably the great-grandson of the ancestor last mentioned, was born in 1738, and in 1759 married Ruth Gregory. He died in 1810, and was buried at Danbury in a cemetery at the north end of Main street. By occupation he was a farmer and shoemaker, his homestead being located in the Pembroke District. He was an amiable, peace-loving man, and was conscientiously opposed to the measures taken by the colonists to free themselves from the English yoke. As his sentiments did not please his neighbors he was obliged to leave his home for safety, and for a time he lived in a cave on Rattle Hill mountain, near Neversink pond, his wife supplying him with food by night. He had seven children: Samuel, born about 1760, married Mary Lindsley; Elizabeth, born 1765, married Ezra Nichols; Jehue, born November 17, 1767, married Lois Wood; Ruth, born about 1770, married Joshua B. Bearss; John is mentioned more fully below; Chloe, born about 1774, married Joseph Mansfield; Levi, born May 1, 1777, married Elizabeth Hamilton.

John Knapp, the next in the line of descent, was born at the old homestead May 13, 1772. He followed farming and shoemaking, and about 1812 moved to Harpersfield, N. Y., to remain a few years, when he located permanently at Huntsburg, Ohio. His death occurred there July 11, 1850. He was married (first) in 1796 to Lucy Merwin, who died about 1827. In February, 1829, he married Albacinda Barnum, who was born May 12, 1790, in Southeast, Putnam Co., N. Y., and died October 2, 1867, in Huntsburg, Ohio. By the first marriage there were eighteen children: Betsey, born August 18, 1797, died March 17, 1862; David, born January 27, 1800, died June 13, 1873; John, of whom mention is made farther on; Nathan, born February 1, 1803, supposed to be dead; Reuben, born April 15, 1805, died February, 1827; Philo, born May 21, 1806, died September, 1824; Polly, born September 5, 1807, died July 19, 1880; Hiram, born December 28, 1808, died October 15, 1883; Levi, born May 5, 1810, died January, 1838; Pamelia, born March 18, 1812, died February 5, 1892; Ruth, born June 1, 1813, now (1897) living; a son, who was born April 17, 1814, and died the same day; Lucy, born May 4, 1815, died November 23, 1887; Susan, born March 22, 1817, now living; Ezra, born September 10, 1818, died August 4, 1819; Ezra Russell, born September 14, 1820, now living; Eliza, born July 28, 1822, now living; and Lydia, born September 8, 1826, died October 24, 1846. Four children came of the second marriage: Reuben B., born November 28, 1829, died April 16, 1865; Anna Maria, born November 15, 1831, died January 19, 1886; Lucinda A., born January 26, 1834, now living; and Laura M., born April 17, 1837, died January, 1843.

John Knapp, the father of our subject, was born November 6, 1801, in Danbury, in the part now known as Hayestown. He left Danbury with his parents in May, 1812, but returned in 1829 and remained, engaging in business as a carpenter. On December 18, 1823, he was married in Harpersfield, N.Y., to Miss Sally Hubbard, daughter of Michael and Anna (Brook) Hubbard. She was born April 10, 1804, and died November 11, 1873, four years after his own death, which occurred November 1, 1869. Their children were: Philo Asahel, born December 31, 1824; Harmon, born January 14, 1828; Anna, born March 13, 1830, died April 29, 1880; John, born February 1, 1832; Ira Stevens, born May 2, 1834; Isaac Hubbard, born December 19, 1836, died January 11, 1838; Michael Fariday, born October 29, 1838, died August 14, 1863; Isaac Hubbard, born February 26, 1841, died January 28, 1882; Ezra Peck, born February 11, 1843,

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now living; Abijah Odell, born September 16, 1844, died January 14, 1885; Sarah Elizabeth, born September 16, 1847, died January 2, 1863.

Ezra P. Knapp has resided at his native place, Danbury, all his life. He was educated in the public schools of Danbury, and at an early age began to learn the hatter's trade in the factory of E. A. Mallory & Sons, with whom he remained as a trusted employe until 1893, when he retired. He has a fine competence, a dwelling at No. 394 Main street, also owning the old Knapp homestead at No. 386 Main street, Danbury, and eight other houses which he rents, about fifteen families occupying them. He is a man of much intelligence and literary taste, and is highly esteemed for his good qualities. In politics he is a Republican, but he keeps aloof from party strife.

On March 10, 1865, Mr. Knapp was married in South Durham, N. Y., to his first wife, Miss Malinda L. Olmstead, who died March 27, 1875. On November 2, 1875, he was married in Danbury to Miss Sarah Jane Meeker, who passed to the unseen life September 9, 1891. Mr. Knapp formed a third matrimonial union on April 6, 1892, this time with Miss Lillian L. Middlebrook, of Bridgeport, this county. By this marriage there are no children. By the first marriage there were three, none of whom are living: William Olmstead, born December 8, 1866, died December 22, 1887; Clifton Levi, born November 28, 1868, died November 1, 1869; and Charles Æzra, born March 2, 1872, died September 18, 1891. By the second union there were four children: Mary Eliza, born August 13, 1876; Clarence Peck, born June 6, 1878, died September 5, 1882; Arthur Fariday, born May 15, 1880; and Sarah Louise, born October 21, 1885.

EGBERT WILLIAMS GILBERT. The beautiful city of Danbury, Conn., is indebted for many of its finest buildings to the artistic taste and practical skill of this well-known architect. There is no branch of the builder's trade with which he is not familiar, as he began as a journeyman carpenter and later carried on an extensive business as a contractor and builder until, from preparing plans for his own construction, he found his time filled with special work of the same kind for others.

Mr. Gilbert comes of good Colonial stock, but owing to the destruction of certain records by fire he cannot trace his genealogy on the paternal side farther than to his grandfather, Eliakim Gilbert, who married Elizabeth Reed, daughter of ——— Reed, a Revolutionary soldier, and for some time a captive in the notorious British prison ship in New York harbor. Daniel Reed Gilbert, our subject's father, was born September 8, 1796, in Newtown, Conn., and throughout his active life followed carpentering as an occupation, his death occurring February 7, 1878. On October 22, 1818, he married Belinda Williams, who was born in Sharon, Conn., June 11, 1797, and died February 27, 1882; she was the daughter of Waite Williams, and granddaughter of Jehiel and Anna (Edwards) Williams. Daniel and Belinda Gilbert had seven children, all of whom lived to adult age: Julia A., born August 7, 1819, married Thomas Wing, of Massachusetts, and removed to Michigan; John Reed, born March 1, 1821, married Mary J. Russ, and resides in Helena, Mont.; Amos H., born November 16, 1822, married Zada Knibloe, and while residing in Livingston county, N. Y., was killed at Nunda, March 8, 1869, by a boiler explosion; Egbert W. is mentioned more fully below; Charles H., born May 30, 1832, who married Frances Williams, and resides in Chicago, at No. 7601 Union avenue, Englewood, is now cashier of the Union Rendering Company of Chicago, a stockyards firm with offices at No. 131 Exchange Building; Mary E., born January 21, 1835, married William H. Smith, of Avon, Hartford Co., Conn.; James I., born January 31, 1840, married Julia Cotterell, and made his home at Thomaston, Conn., where he died June 28, 1875.

The subject of our sketch was born March 12, 1830, in Sharon, Conn., whence, when he was about one year old, the family removed to Amenia, Dutchess Co., N. Y., where he obtained his education in the public schools. At fourteen he began work in a clock factory at Thomaston, Conn., but after a year or two he returned to Amenia to serve an apprenticeship in the carpenter's trade under his father. In 1851 he started out to seek work as a journeyman, and for four years he worked in Falls Village, Ansonia, Bridgeport and Norwalk, Conn., spending about a year in each place. In 1855 he located permanently in Danbury, where after a couple of years he began in business for himself as a contractor and builder, and he is now the oldest in that line in the place. He soon displayed marked ability as an architect, and for thirty-five years that has been a leading feature of his work. In fact, for about eight years past he has devoted his attention almost exclusively to that line of work, his services being in constant demand.

On August 26, 1862, Mr. Gilbert enlisted as a private in Company B, 23rd Conn. V. I., under Capt. James H. Jenkins, and served until

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honorably discharged on August 31, 1863. He took part in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged during that time, winning promotion to the rank of corporal.

Mr. Gilbert has a pleasant home at No. 45 Division street, Danbury, where he also has his office. He was married July 30, 1854, to his first wife, Miss Caroline L. Burr, of Ridgefield, Conn., a daughter of David B. and Abbie (Dibble) Burr. She died April 30, 1884, at the age of fifty-one, and in March, 1887, Mr. Gilbert formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Mrs. Lucy A. Renond *née* Cole, a daughter of Samuel and Deborah (Eggleston) Cole, of the town of Southeast, Putnam Co., N. Y. In one line of ancestry she is of Huguenot blood, and traces her descent from Alexander Ressigue, an early settler at Norwalk, Conn. Mr. Gilbert has had four children, all by the first marriage: Franklin E., born December 15, 1857, died of diphtheria on May 4, 1862; Chester, born October 1, 1859, died May 7, 1862, also of diphtheria; Charles H., born September 15, 1865, resides in Newark, N. J. (he married Miss Kate McDermott, and has had three children—Charles J., born April 5, 1888; Egbert W., who died when five years old; and John, born March 18, 1891); Kate Hine, born May 12, 1868, married (first) Charles B. Comstock, who died, and she is now the wife of George E. Young, of Danbury, by whom she has had two daughters—Dorothy, born September 2, 1894, and Mary E., born December 4, 1896.

On political issues, as on other matters, Mr. Gilbert is an independent thinker, and his vote is cast for the man and measures that he deems best. He has never sought or held office as his time has been occupied by business. Fraternally, he belongs to the G. A. R., the United American Mechanics, and the Ancient Essenic Order.

FERNANDO CORTEZ OLMSTEAD, a leading contractor and builder at Danbury, enjoys an enviable reputation in business circles for ability in his chosen line of work. As the son and former partner of that veteran builder, Frederick Sweet Olmstead, he had an excellent start in business life, but his own talent has proved equal to his opportunities.

Mr. Olmstead was born March 9, 1858, in Patterson, Putnam Co., N. Y., son of F. S. and Mary Jane (Bouton) Olmstead. The Olmstead family originated in England, and has been traced, as far as 1525, to one Thomas Olmstead, form whom the line descends—through James, born about 1550; Richard, who was baptized in 1579; Richard (2), born in 1607; John, born in 1649; Daniel (1); Daniel (2); Ebenezer (1), who served in the Revolutionary army; Ebenezer (2), born August 8, 1770; Amzi R., our subject's grandfather, born July 18, 1797, and died October 14, 1866—to Frederick Sweet Olmstead, our subject's father.

Mr. Olmstead was educated partially in the public schools of Ball's Pond, New Fairfield, this county, but after the removal of the family to Danbury in 1870, he pursued his studies there for some time. In 1873 he began to learn the carpenter's trade with his father, for whom he worked seven years. He then spent one year (1880) in New York City as foreman for Edward Steadwell, and in the following year he entered into partnership with his father under the style of F. S. Olmstead & Son. In 1893 the father retired, and since that time Mr. Olmstead has conducted the business in his own name at the old location, Nos. 19 and 21 Crosby street, Danbury.

Mr. Olmstead is not less active in local affairs than in business matters. He is a stanch Democrat in politics, but has taken more interest in non-political movements than in partisan work. From 1876 until his withdrawal in 1894 he was a member of the Danbury Fire Department, and he was one of the organizers of the Padamaran Hose Company No. 3. In 1886 he was assistant chief of the department. In fraternal society work Mr. Olmstead has been unusually active and prominent. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution of the District of Columbia; a charter member of the A. U. A. M., and a member of the State Council, having passed the several chairs. For five years he was Deputy State Councillor in this order. He was the organizer of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, at Danbury, and has passed the chairs in that order. At present he is a member of grand castle of the State and supreme castle of the United States. He also belongs to all the various bodies of Odd Fellowship, viz.: subordinate lodge, encampment and canton. He was originally a member of Samaritan Lodge, I. O. O. F., but with four others withdrew and organized Progressive Lodge No. 18, I. O. O. F., of Danbury, with 210 members, the largest number of charter members of any lodge ever organized in the United States. He is a member of the Grand Lodge of the State, having been through the several chairs.

In 1883 Mr. Olmstead married Miss Ida Irene Lane, of Richland Center, Wis., a descendant of an old Quaker family and a daughter of David and Maria (Lawrence) Lane. Mr. Olmstead

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and his wife have three children: Pauline, Winona and Jennie. Mrs. Olmstead is a member of Pocahontas Lodge, Order of Red Men, and the second child, Winona, was named in this order.

SAMUEL B. MIDDLEBROOK, a prosperous farmer of Wilton, Conn., was born in that town February 24, 1828, and was there well educated in the common schools. From early boyhood he was engaged in farming, with the exception of the time he spent in California in the search for gold in 1852, making the journey thither by way of the Isthmus, during which time he had some remarkable experiences. In politics he was originally an Old-line Whig, and upon the organization of the Republican party he became identified therewith, and he still adheres thereto. As such he has held several of the local offices of his town, such as selectman, for seven years, from 1861 to 1868, and most of the other town offices.

During the war of the Rebellion he was active and earnest in the support of the government, and was instrumental in sending many soldiers to the front. He married Miss Sarah L. Lockwood, daughter of John and Mercy (Weed) Lockwood, of New Canaan, Conn. She was born June 8, 1831, and died October 4, 1878, the mother of the following children: George S., born January 3, 1857, died December 26, 1864; William L., born May 20, 1858, died December 29, 1864; John F., mentioned below; Samuel E., born April 22, 1853, died January 6, 1865; Joseph W., mentioned below; Mercy W., mentioned below and Miss Sarah L., born March 26, 1874.; Mr. Middlebrook is a man of more than ordinary mental qualities. Keen and incisive in his grasp of ideas or in the expression of a thought, he must be accounted one of the interesting characters in New England life.

John F. Middlebrook, eldest living son of the subject of this sketch, was born December 28, 1860, in the town of Wilton and educated there in the common schools, subsequently taking academic work at Professor Olmstead's school. Afterward he graduated at Columbia Law College of New York, and he is now practicing his profession in that city, and enjoying a large degree of success. He married Miss Minnie Jones, of Brooklyn, N. Y., she having been born there in 1862. Two children have graced this union: Mary Ann and George. The mother of these died, and Mr. Middlebrook has not married again.

Joseph W. Middlebrook, second eldest living son of the subject of this sketch, was born July 31, 1865, and was educated in the common schools of his native town, subsequently preparing for Yale College at Professor Olmstead's school in Wilton, afterward graduating at Yale College in 1887. Then attending Columbia Law College in New York, he graduated from that institution in 1889. He is now practicing his profession in Tarrytown, N. Y., where he was elected a director in the Tarrytown Bank. He is also a collector of collateral inheritance tax at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. He married Miss Emma Bradley, daughter of David Ogden Bradley, of Dobbs Ferry, and they have two children—Bradley and Joseph.

Mercy M. Middlebrook, eldest daughter of our subject, was born January 22, 1890, in the town of Wilton, received her early education there, later graduating from St. Margaret's Seminary at Waterbury, Conn. She married George Boyd, of the firm of Root & Boyd, insurance agents at Waterbury, Conn. Mr. Boyd is a singer of renown, and leader of the choir in his Church. He and his wife have one child, Mercy.

Sarah E. Middlebrook, youngest daughter of our subject, was educated with her sister, and has never married.

Michael Middlebrook, great-grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Fairfield, Conn., and was there educated, afterward engaging extensively in farming. He married Abiah Summers.

Summers Middlebrook, son of Michael and Abiah (Summers) Middlebrook, and grandfather of the subject proper of these lines, was born December 25, 1748, in the town of Wilton, and was there educated in the common schools. After leaving school he engaged in farming, and followed that honorable occupation all his life. He was also accustomed to do his own tanning and blacksmithing. He served his country faithfully and effectively in the Revolutionary war, being in Captain Arnold's company, and later in Captain Gilbert's company. He married Susanna Beal, who was born February 11, 1755. She was a most ardent Christian, led a devoted and blameless life, and her influence has descended to the present generation of her descendants. The children born to Summers and Susanna (Beal) Middlebrook were as follows: Matthew, born November 10, 1781, married Betsey Abbott; William, born January 23, 1784, married Betsey Denton; Abijah, born September 8, 1786, remained single (he opened the first store in Middletown, Orange Co., N. Y.); Anna, born November 21, 1788, married John Jones; George, born September 6, 1792, married Lucretia Sturgess; Jonathan, born September 17, 1794, remained

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single; and Sarah, born April 1, 1798, married William Lester.

George Middlebrook, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in the town of Wilton, and there educated in the common schools. After leaving school he adopted the occupation of farming, and during the training days was colonel of a regiment of militia. He was a man of great strength of character, and highly respected as a citizen and as a man. Politically, he was a Whig, was selectman of his town, and while not a member of any Church was yet greatly interested in the cause of religion. He married Miss Lucretia Sturgess, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Hurlbutt) Sturgess, the former of whom was a farmer of Wilton. She was born there January 24, 1801, and died June 3, 1871. The children born to them were as follows: Mary, born December 29, 1818, married William Harris; Susanna, born October 2, 1820, married Le Grand Comstock; Clarissa, born May 17, 1822, married Ebenezer Betts; Henrietta, born May 15, 1824, married William D. Gregory; Sarah A., born January 21, 1826, now the widow of W. D. Gregory, she having been his second wife; Samuel B. (our subject), born February 24, 1828; Elizabeth A., born November 21, 1831, married John Hill; Lucretia, born November 13, 1833, married A. E. Brown; Emily, born November 20, 1835, married John L. Lockwood; Gertrude, born March 4, 1837, married Dr. J. E. Turner; Helen, born June 13, 1839, is still single; Virginia S., born June 21, 1842, married a Mr. Wilkinson; and Georgia, born January 12, 1847, died when about twelve years of age.

CHARLES P. NETTLETON, president of the Shelton Tin & Plumbing Company, was born December 22, 1835, in Newtown, Zoar District, and is a son of Joseph Nettleton, who was also born in Newtown, in 1805. He is a grandson of Abner A. Nettleton, also a native of Newtown.

Abner A. Nettleton was a farmer by occupation, living on a farm of his own of considerable size located in the Zoar District, and he built the house just north of the Morris House in Zoar District. He married Lucy A. Glover, a member of the Glover family of Newtown, by whom he had one son, Joseph, and two daughters—Ann, who died when she was about two years of age, and Phœbe, who died at the age of twenty-two. Abner A. Nettleton died at the age of forty-four.

Joseph Nettleton, father of our subject, was in his time a farmer, living on the Nettleton homestead during his entire life, which, however, terminated when he was in his prime. He was uniformly successful in his undertakings, and was recognized as a man of ability and even talent. He married Phœbe Curtiss, daughter of Divine Curtiss, who was a soldier in the war of 1812. To the marriage of Divine Curtiss children were born as follows: Sophia, Hiram, Cyrenus, Alfred, Phœbe, Susan, Mary, Edwin and Edward. Joseph Nettleton died in the year 1842, he and his wife having had four children, as follows: Edgar A., deceased; Susan, who died in infancy; Charles P., the subject of this sketch; and Joseph Foster.

Charles P. Nettleton was educated in the public schools of Zoar, and had no other educational advantages in his youth; but what he there learned has been well supplemented by wide reading and extensive observation. When about fourteen years of age he left school and went to work in the comb shop of Samuel Curtiss, remaining there about two years, and then he worked at Woodbury for one summer, making thimbles. When seventeen years of age he went to Seymour and there learned his trade, that of tinsmith and plumber, with Henry Bradley, serving an apprenticeship of three years and remaining with Mr. Bradley one year longer as journeyman. Then going to Plymouth (now Thomaston), he remained there one year, and then returned to Seymour and afterward to Birmingham, in which latter place he formed a partnership with E. W. Peck, which lasted four years, and after its dissolution he worked for Mr. Peck one year. In 1874 he established a tin shop and plumbing business of his own, continuing the business for some time at his home, and in 1880 rented the James Beard store for four years, at the end of which period he removed to the opposite corner, where he remained six years, and on November 24, 1890, removed to his present location, where he has ever since carried on the business. The firm of which he is a member and of which he is president, is known as the Shelton Tin & Plumbing Company, and it commands the principal trade in this line, Mr. Nettleton being known as one of the best of plumbers and a strictly honest business man. After the town was platted Mr. Nettleton built the first house therein and moved into it. In his business he has been eminently successful, and he has always taken an active part in political and public matters. In 1862 he enlisted in Company B, First Connecticut Heavy Artillery, and with that organization served three years in the Army of the Potomac. He is a member of Kellogg Post, G. A. R., and of the Episcopal Church of Derby.

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Mr. Nettleton was married in July, 1861, to Miss Fanny A. Hallock, daughter of Israel Hallock, of Derby, Conn., and he and his wife have had seven children, four of whom grew to mature years. The names of the seven children are as follows: Charles S., a sailor, living in Rhode Island; Albert Q., living at Pleasant Prairie, Iowa; Earnest C., working with his father; Rosa and Rebecca, both deceased; Francis I., a student in the Medical Department of Yale College; and Ruth, deceased.

SIPSCO STEVENS, principal of the West Stamford school, has the distinction of being the oldest teacher in point of service, in the town of Stamford, Fairfield county, Connecticut.

The Stevens family is an old and highly respected one in this section, Daniel Stevens, who was the great-great-grandfather of Sipsco Stevens, having been an early resident of the High Ridge district, in the town of Stamford. His son, Jacob Stevens, also lived there. The latter was twice married, and by his first wife had one child, Sarah (Mrs. Hanley Walton); by his second wife, Molly (Prindle), he had six children: Enoch, Jacob, Montgomery, Molly, Olive and James. James became an extensive farmer, both in High Ridge and in Pound Ridge, Westchester county, N. Y., whither he removed. He married Lucretia Jones, and they became the parents of ten children viz.: Minor, George, James (all three deceased), Charles, Polly (Mrs. Ebenezer Hoyt, of Stamford), Sally (1) and Samuel (1) (both deceased), Aaron (of Stamford, who married Mary J. Pelham), Samuel (2) (deceased), and Sally (2) (who was first married to Henry Selleck, and later wedded William Olmstead, and lives in New York City). The father died in 1828 at the age of forty-two years.

Charles Stevens was born June 20, 1812, in Pound Ridge, N. Y., and is still living, making his home at High Ridge. During his early years he attended school at Pound Ridge, and he subsequently learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked for about twenty-five years. Then for many years he was engaged in selling glass and tinware, for a portion of the year giving his time to the cultivation of a small farm which he owned at High Ridge. For his first wife he married Nancy J. Dixon, daughter of Amos Dixon, a Revolutionary pensioner, who served under Col. James Mead, of Greenwich; he lived to the advanced age of ninety-seven years. To Charles and Nancy (Dixon) Stevens were born three children, namely: Mary Prudence, who is the wife of Augustus Beale, of Brooklyn; Sipsco; and Virgil, who died at the age of three years. The mother died in 1850, and Mr. Stevens subsequently wedded Emily Ann Augusta Willson, by whom he had one child, Frank Virgil, born in 1852, who now lives in Brooklyn, New York.

Sipsco Stevens was born May 8, 1841, in the town of Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N. Y. His early schooling was acquired in High Ridge, Fairfield Co., Conn., and he studied later at the Hudson River Academy, Claverack, N. Y. In the spring of 1860 he commenced teaching in District No. 7, New Canaan, known as Dantown, and afterward, for two years, taught at Bangall, in the town of Stamford. His next school was in the Farms District, and he then taught at Hamden, Conn., for a short time in the Rectory school, conducted by Rev. Charles William Everest. From there he returned to the Farms District, finally, in the spring of 1865, taking a position in the Green school, which was formerly situated where St. John's Park now is, but had been moved to a site near the park. Mr. Stevens was connected with that school for a period of twenty-one years, and has since been the principal of the West Stamford school, where, as in other incumbencies, he has given entire satisfaction. As an instructor and disciplinarian he has an enviable reputation, and his ability and efficiency are best attested to by the record of his work—his years of continued service in one section, which is the best evidence any one can have of qualification and reliability in any vocation.

Mr. Stevens was united in marriage December 29, 1873, in St. Anne Des Plaines, near Montreal, Canada, to Miss Caroline Jeanne Richard, a native of Canton de Vaud, Switzerland, whose father had charge of a French-Canadian school at Pointe aux Trembles, Canada. Two children have blessed this union, namely: Alice May, born November 28, 1874, who died at the age of fourteen months; and Lucy Mabel, born November 30, 1876. In 1867 Mr. Stevens became a member of Union Lodge, F. & A. M., and about the same time joined Rippowam Lodge, I. O. O. F. He takes considerable interest in fraternal affairs, and is past master of Union Lodge and past high priest of Rittenhouse Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

OSCAR NICHOLS ROCKWELL, justice of the peace in and for the town of Danbury, Fairfield Co., Conn., is a prominent agriculturist and dairyman of that town, having charge of the Rockwell homestead, a fine farm in the Mill

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Plain District. It contains about 500 acres, and was purchased in 1860 by our subject's father, the late Rufus Townsend Rockwell, whose death on March 22, 1896, left it subject to division among numerous heirs.

Rufus T. Rockwell was born December 5, 1818, the son of Thomas and Deborah (Horton) Rockwell, of Mill Plain. He followed agriculture for some years in the town of Southeast, Putnam Co., N. Y., but the last thirty years of his life were spent in this county. His first wife, Harriet (Nichols), daughter of Benjamin and Pauline (Seeley) Nichols, was born in the town of Southeast, August 3, 1822, and died September 10, 1861. By this marriage there were five children, viz.: Pauline, born in 1847, resides at Danbury; Oscar N. is mentioned more fully below; Rufus T., born March 12, 1852, married Miss Lina Parcells, and has had four children, of whom Sanford died in childhood, and Pauline Starr, Sarah Nichols and Helen are living; William, born January 4, 1856, died in early manhood; and Hattie, born in August, 1860, is the wife of Frank Beardsley, of Danbury. By his second marriage, with Mary E. Howe, Mr. Rockwell had four children: Cortes C., Howard H., Garry and Sidney D.

The subject of this sketch is a native of the Empire State, born November 9, 1850, in the town of Southeast, Putnam county, but as his father removed to Fairfield county a few years later, he was educated chiefly in the district schools of Mill Plain and in a private school at Danbury. At seventeen he began to devote his attention to the farm, and for many years previous to his father's death he had the full management of the place. He gives especial care to dairy work, keeping from fifty to seventy-five head of cattle ordinarily, while at times his herd numbers over a hundred. His sound judgment and excellent character command the respect of all who know him, and he has much interest in local affairs and in the Republican organization of the town. He was elected to the office of justice of the peace and served one term, and in 1896 he was again chosen to that position, which he now holds.

In 1871 Mr. Rockwell married Miss Josephine Stone, by whom he has had four sons: Two died in childhood; Benjamin O. married Miss Emma Ellsworth, daughter of Alonzo and Julia (Burt) Ellsworth; and George C. married Miss Edith Ganung, daughter of John and Mary Elizabeth (Blauvelt) Ganung.

Mrs. Rockwell is a daughter of Amos Stone, of Danbury, and a granddaughter of Daniel and Polly (Jackson) Stone. Her mother, whose maiden name was Mary Elizabeth Abbott, was a daughter of Aaron and Anna Abbott. Amos and Mary Elizabeth Stone had seven children, of whom six lived to maturity: Mary A., born July 11, 1851, married William Betts, Jr., of Danbury; Josephine, born October 12, 1852, is the wife of our subject; Clark D., born August 13, 1854, married Miss Louie Harrison, and has had seven children—Sadie (who died in childhood), Bertha, Georgie, Arthur (deceased), Howard (deceased), Clara and Josephine; Ida born December 25, 1857, married Charles Canfield, of Danbury, and has three children—Winnie, Bessie and Rachel; Lillie died in childhood; Asa T., born June 19, 1869, married Miss Sadie Light, and has had two children—Percy, who died in childhood, and Earl A. (they reside in Danbury); Miss Hattie A. Stone, born January 5, 1872, resides at Mill Plain.

GEORGE McARTHUR. Beaver Brook Mills, two miles from Danbury, are justly celebrated throughout the United States for the high quality of paper manufactured there, and the name of McArthur Bros. is a synonym in the trade for promptness and fair dealing. It is now nearly thirty years since the business was established by George, Robert, John and William L. McArthur, who, with true Scottish tenacity, stood by each other through the early days of discouragement, and now reap the reward of their combined efforts in a prosperity which not even the past few years of panic could interrupt. They began with limited capital in an old two-story frame building, 30 x 30 feet, which had previously been used as a woolen-mill, but they have improved and enlarged the plant from time to time until they now have one of the largest and best equipped mills in the locality. Steam has been substituted for water power, and a large number of hands are kept constantly employed, a little settlement having grown up around the mill. The firm makes a specialty of manilla and heavy wrapping papers, their trade being largely with hardware dealers, and their product is in use from Maine to California.

The family is of Scottish nationality, and our subject's parents, John and Isabella (Campbell) McArthur, were born, reared and married in the old country. They had six children, two of whom died in infancy, and the four brothers named above came to America with their parents in 1848. Their first home was at Thompsonville, Conn., where the father engaged in the business of carding wool, but later he moved to Hawleyville, and after spending a short time as

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George McArthur

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a partner in a woolen-mill he purchased a small farm, where he passed his last days, his death occurring in 1889. His estimable wife died in 1850, at Thompsonville.

George McArthur was born in 1834 at Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, Scotland, and was about fourteen years old when he crossed the ocean. He remained at Thompsonville with his parents until 1852, when he went to Boston to learn the machinist's trade, which he followed some years, in 1868 giving up that business to join his brothers in their present partnership. Since locating at Danbury he has identified himself with the best interests of the place, taking a leading part in all matters that concerned the public welfare, and giving generous encouragement to every laudable enterprise. The family has been connected with the Presbyterian Church for many generations, but our subject is a member of the First Congregational Church at Danbury, and at present holds the office of deacon. He was instrumental in building a small chapel at Beaver Brook, and has been superintendent of a Sunday-school there for nearly a quarter of a century. He and his brothers are all Republicans in their political faith, as was their father in his lifetime. Public office has no charms for Mr. McArthur, however; the only position he ever held was that of justice of the peace.

In 1866 Mr. McArthur married Miss Frances Dascomb, and their union has been blessed with four children: Isabella, wife of Arthur Sherman, formerly of Danbury and now of Waterville, Conn.; Maggie, who died at the age of seventeen; Mary, who died when seven years old; and Frances, who is engaged with her father in the paper manufactory. Mrs. McArthur's ancestors came from France at an early day and settled in Maine, where their descendants are now numerous. Her grandfather served in the French and Indian wars. Thomas Dascomb, her father, owned a large amount of real estate at Malden, Mass., and he followed agricultural pursuits.

CHARLES WILBUR WHITLOCK, proprietor of a classical school in Wilton, Fairfield county, was born in that town January 16, 1862, and his education was secured in his father's school in Wilton. After completing his education he, at the age of eighteen, commenced teaching in that school, and was thus occupied for some fifteen years, during part of which time he was professor of languages and also head master. He then established a "boarding school" at Wilton, in which seven languages were taught, he himself teaching three, and this establishment he conducted until the building was destroyed by fire in 1894. He immediately rebuilt, however, and the present Wilton "Educational Institute" (for so the school is styled) has a wide and flattering reputation. Mr. Witlock opened his school without the prospect of a single student, yet the first year he began with eight, while the attendance now averages some forty the year round. There is accommodation for two hundred scholars. In this work Mr. Whitlock gives special attention to the teaching of Spanish, and he prepares students for entrance to any profession. He has always been a great student himself, is a representative self-made man, one who has one won every battle in life, and so far has met with no reverses. Politically, he is a Republican but not an active one, though he has frequently been offered public positions of trusts. In religious faith he and his family are Congregationalists.

On September 25, 1888, Mr. Whitlock was married to Miss Anna B. Smith, born February 26, 1860, a daughter of William and Jane (Fillow) Smith, the former of whom was a prosperous farmer of Wilton, Conn. By this union there was one child, Gaylord G., born November 24, 1889.

Augustus Whitlock, father of the subject of these lines, was born in 1825, in South Wilton, and received his education at the common schools of the locality, although he was for the most part self-educated. In 1847 he established a school for boys at Wilton, which he continued until his death in 1895. As a mathematician he had not his superior in his day, and his fame extended over the State and far beyond. He was such a thorough educator, and so much beloved and esteemed by his pupils that he invariably left the impression of his character upon them. For many years he was superintendent of schools, and also a trustee. In religious belief he was a stanch Methodist, ardently devoted to his Church and its work, and was superintendent of the Sunday-school for several years.

On October 18, 1853, Augustus Whitlock was united in marriage to Miss Emily D. Davenport, daughter of Charles and Sarah (Gaylord) Davenport, of Wilton, Conn., and four children have been born to them: Minnie, deceased; Louisa, who married C. Borda; Charles W., our subject; and Carrie, deceased wife of A. E. Winchester.

JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS. For nearly two hundred years the family of Williams has played a prominent part in the local history of Fairfield county. The great-grandfather of

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the gentleman whose name appears at the beginning of this sketch was Elnathan Williams, who was born in 1729, and died October 23, 1815. He was a tanner and currier by trade. He had a brother who took part in the war of the Revolution, and was captured and imprisoned by the British in New York. Whether he attempted to escape or whether he was overcome by the terrible sufferings endured by the imprisoned patriots will never be known, as he was never heard from afterward. Elnathan Williams married Hannah ———, who was born in 1738 and died June 28, 1818. Among their children was Elnathan, Jr., a hotelkeeper, who was born in 1766 and died July 4, 1856. He married Abigail Bradley, daughter of Enos Bradley, and they became the parents of four children: David, Bradley, Peter and Hanford.

David Williams was born in 1782, and passed his boyhood days in Easton, later engaging in farming. He married Olive Treadwell, a daughter of Joseph Treadwell, and their children were: Huldah, Bradley, Abbie, and Nathan, all deceased, and Joseph H. David Williams was an ardent Democrat in his political belief. He contributed to the support of the Presbyterian Church, of which his wife was a member. He died December 10, 1856, preceded two years by his devoted helpmeet, who had passed away October 28, 1854.

Joseph H. Williams was born June 13, 1829, and was reared to the habits of industry and economy peculiar to the citizens of the old Colonial States, and attended the public schools. He was naturally a thoughtful child, and always seemed to possess the wisdom that belonged to mature years. At the age of twenty-three he came to his present residence in Trumbull, which he inherited from Josiah French, whose wife was an aunt of Mrs. Williams.

On October 20, 1852, he was united in marriage with Electa Ann, a daughter of Hezekiah Gould, of Weston, Conn. Two children have blessed this union: Hezekiah Gould, who married Augusta Curtis, and is now deceased; David H. (deceased), who married Marietta Ward, and was the father of four children—Mary Olive, Ruth Electa, Joseph H. and Leland Morton.

Mr. Williams is, by conviction, a Democrat, and has held a number of important offices. In 1883–84, he represented his district in the State Legislature, and left a record that cannot fail to be a matter of pride to him, and of satisfaction to those who elected him. He has also served as collector and treasurer of the town deposit fund of Trumbull. In religious belief he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been steward for many years; Mrs. Williams is a member of the Baptist Church. His fine farm of one hundred acres is in a high state of cultivation, and gives evidence of the system and thrift of the owner. Within, all is cheerful and homelike, and a hearty welcome is accorded each and every one who crosses the threshold.

JAMES M. AND WILLIAM H. WILSON, leading lumber dealers and contractors in Fairfield township, Fairfield county, Conn., engaged in business under the firm name of J. M. Wilson & Bro., have for many years been foremost in their line in this section, where they are highly respected as they are well known. They are sons of Henry G. and Eliza (Provost) Wilson, the former being the founder of the business now conducted by his sons, which he carried on with remarkable success for many years before his death.

Henry G. Wilson, better known as "Captain Wilson," was born August 23, 1819, on Wilson's Highway, in Fairfield township, and was the son of Wakeman and Betsey A. (Glover) Wilson. During his youth he attended the common schools of the district, and became considerable of a reader and a well-informed man. He learned the carpenter's trade under his father, serving a regular apprenticeship, and worked at same some years, daily going on foot to work in Black Rock, five miles. He finally erected a mill, where he first commenced the sawmilling business, and later bought another mill which stood lower down along the same stream, in which he carried on the business formerly done by both, discontinuing the first mentioned. He continued in this line until his decease, doing a thriving business at a stand where for years the trade had been anything but profitable, and by the exercise of industry and perseverance became one of the extensive and widely known lumbermen of this region. His prosperity was well deserved, for it was the direct result of energy, patience and good management, and he stood as high among his neighbors and fellow citizens as he did in commercial circles. On May 7, 1890, while occupied as usual with business affairs, Mr. Wilson was struck by a train at Fairfield, and received injuries from which he died five days later. He was a man of great individuality and strong, forcible character, one whose judgment was highly esteemed. Mr. Wilson married Eliza Provost, daughter of Rebecca (Van Nice) and James Provost, the former a native of Matteawan, N. J., who followed her husband to the grave March

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18, 1892, and they rest side by side in Oaklawn cemetery. This union was blest with two sons—J. M. and William H. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were members of the Congregational Church at Greenfield Hill. His political sympathies were with the Democratic party, and though not an active politician he was a regular voter, missing only one election, on which occasion he paired off with a voter of the opposite party, neither casting a ballot.

J. M. Wilson, the senior member of the firm of J. M. Wilson & Bro., was born May 18, 1850, on Wilson's Highway, on his father's land in Fairfield township, and received the chances afforded by the neighboring district schools for education. From early manhood his time out of school was passed assisting his father in the mill, and he practically grew up into a knowledge of the business, becoming thoroughly familiar with its many details. He has devoted all his active life to this business, which at his father's death passed into the hands of himself and his brother, and they have proven themselves worthy successors to a worthy father, for they have not suffered the name of Wilson to lose anything of integrity or ability during their management. Their plant is fully equipped for the reduction of all native woods into marketable condition, and in addition to the milling they have done a large business as contractors, for years taking the lead in contracting for town work, in which they have given the highest satisfaction. They are altogether known everywhere as thrifty, reliable business men, and in their lifelong career in the town they have won the confidence and esteem of all who have had dealings with them. Their land holdings in this locality are extensive, and in addition to their business property both have comfortable, pleasant homes. Like their father before them, both are stanch members of the Democratic party, though in local affairs they support the best men regardless of politics; in fact it may be said of them that they are Democratic in national matters, and Independent in local affairs.

J. M. Wilson was united in marriage with Miss Susie V. Stevens, who was born in Bridgeport, Conn., a daughter of C. H. Stevens, and they have had four children: Nellie P. and Stephen, living; and Charles H., who was killed by a schoolmate by the accidental discharge of a gun, they being in the home of a neighbor at play; and Helen V., also deceased.

William H. Wilson was born November 23, 1854, at the old family home on Wilson's Highway in Fairfield township, and received the same advantages in youth as his brother, with whom he has always been associated in business. He married Miss Marion H. Case, of Easton, Conn., daughter of J. B. Case, and who comes from one of the best families of that neighborhood. They have three children, namely: Leora, Maud and David, all living. Mr. Wilson has always taken quite an interest in the Grange, and has been one of its officers.

THEOPHILE W. HAVÉE, a first-class photographer in Stamford, Fairfield county, where for some fifteen or more years he has shown his adaptability to the business, and his taste as an artist in the fine work he has given to the public, is a native of Paris, France.

August Havée, grandfather of our subject, was a carriage manufacturer in Paris, and for years made vehicles for the Royal family. Early in life Augustus Havée, father of our subject, who was a native of the French capital, sought a change of climate on account of poor health. He went to Belgium, thence to Holland and Norway; at Christiania, in the last named country, establishing and carrying on a large bleachery, for bleaching muslin goods. In 1855 his wife, who was Miss Josephine Gerette, a native of Belgium, died, which caused his return to Paris. He was a pupil of the inventor Daguerre, who was the father of the daguerreotype process, and learned the art from him. Subsequently he returned to Christiania and practiced the art there, and he was the only one engaged in the business in that city. He died there in 1879, when he was seventy-nine years of age. Of the six children born to his marriage with Miss Gerette three died in Norway; a married daughter resides at Christiania, Norway; a son, who was a machinist in Australia, is supposed to have been killed by cannibals, together with his family; Theophile W. is the subject of these lines.

Theophile W. Havée was born April 23, 1848. Being quite young at the time his father located at Christiania, his boyhood was passed chiefly in that city. He received a primary education in the parochial schools of the Roman Catholic Church. When he was seven years of age he began learning photography under his father, and before he had attained his fifteenth year, he started in that business for himself in a little village in Norway. Subsequently he was in business for about one year at Arvika, Sweden. He then went to St. Petersburg, Russia, and from there to Moscow, thence to Abo, a large city in Finland, where he was engaged in business one year. From Abo he went to Stock-

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holm, Sweden, and from there he went to sea. In the fall of 1879 he came to the United States, and first worked in the city of Brooklyn, N. Y. In 1881 he came to Stamford, and was for two years in the employ of photographer Hendricks. After this service he went to New Canaan, Fairfield county, and was there three years engaged in photography. At the expiration of that time he returned to Stamford and opened a photograph gallery in the Quintard Block, where he carried on business until in 1894, when he moved to Relay Place, where he is now engaged in the same line. He is master of his vocation, in fact work in the line of art sent out from his gallery and studio is excellent, and will compare favorably with that executed in the great cities of this country. Mr. Havée was married at Gottenburg, Sweden, to Miss Emily Damm, and their home has been blessed with the birth of the following children: William, Louis, Eddie, and Harry (deceased). Our subject is quite prominent in the societies of Stamford. He is a member of the Turnverein; of the Corinthian Yacht Club; of the Building and Loan Association; of the Swedish Beneficial Society; of the New England Order of Protection; of the Knights of the Maccabees; of Rippowam Lodge, I. O. O. F.; of the Masonic Chapter, and of the Royal Arcanum.

CHARLES C. PERRY, treasurer of the Southport Savings Bank, Southport, is one of the borough's representative business men, and is widely and favorably identified with the financial interests of the county at large.

The genealogy of the Perry family in America, of which the gentleman here mentioned is a worthy member, as far as has been ascertained, commences with Richard Perry, "the emigrant," who is frequently mentioned in the records of the New Haven Colony, prior to 1650, as "Mr. Richard Pery," often as a "freeholder," and at one time as "Secretarie of the Court of New Haven." In 1647 he "had liberty to go a voidage." These memoranda indicate that he was a a man of substance and note in that colony; and from him the Perry family in Fairfield county is supposed to descend. The ancestral lineage of our subject is as follows: Nathaniel, son of Richard Perry, was a clothier; died in January, 1682. His eldest son, Joseph, born 1677, a wheelwright by trade, died 1753. His eldest son, Joseph, Jr., born 1713, was a miller by trade. His eldest son, Peter, born 1739, was also a miller. His third son, Walter, our subject's grandfather, born at Fairfield January 12, 1770, died March 1, 1831.

Walter Perry, the last named, was a merchant and shipowner at Southport, and a man of means. He married Elizabeth B. Sturgis, who was born February 2, 1772, a daughter of Joseph Sturgis, and died April 1, 1837. Issue: (1) Elbert, born October 17, 1794, died July 20, 1820. (2) Narcissa, born July 10, 1796, died November, 1854; she married (first) a Mr. Whitmore, by whom she had children; her second husband was a Mr. Hitchcock. (3) Austin is mentioned more fully farther on. (4) Emily, born February 20, 1801, married a Mr. Smith. (5) Walter B., born March 28, 1803, died October 4, 1817. (6) William P., born August 16, 1805, died February, 1832. (7) Gurdon, born October 12, 1807, died December 15, 1869. (8) Elizabeth, born April 10, 1810. (9) Delia, born March 31, 1813, died unmarried November 2, 1876. (10) Oliver H., born February 21, 1815, died March 27, 1882, was one of Fairfield county's best known men; his long service in the Connecticut Legislature is a matter of history; in 1854 he was secretary of the Legislature: in 1859–60 he was speaker of the House; he was one of the founders of the Southport Savings Bank, and its treasurer from 1865 till the time of his death, and in every respect he represented the highest type of citizenship. (Judge J. H. Perry, of Southport, was his eldest son).

Austin Perry, father of the subject proper of these lines, was born September 5, 1798, in Fairfield, Conn., but was reared in Southport, where he received his education. He first commenced business in Fredericksburg, Va., afterward, until his retirement some time in the "forties," conducting a general store in Southport, Conn. On October 20, 1819, at Fredericksburg, Va., he married Miss Emily Milna, who was born December 11, 1800, a daughter of Colin and Elizabeth Milna, the former of whom was a Southern gentleman of Scotch descent. A brief record of the children born to this union is as follows: (1) Elizabeth P., born at Fredericksburg, Va., August 16, 1820, was married, September 20, 1841, to William H. Guion, of New York, and died at Southport, Conn., at the old homestead, August 24, 1895. (2) Mary A., born at Greenfield, Conn., May 4, 1823, is now living at Danbury, and is the widow of Roger Averill, to whom she was married September 18, 1861. (3) Delia F., born at Greenfield, March 30, 1825, died unmarried, June 10, 1877. (4) Anna V., born at Greenfield, October 23, 1827, married Claudius B. Hall, and lives at Racine, Wis. (5) Elbert, born in Southport, August 6,

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1829, died June 24, 1855, in New York, where he was connected with a wholesale carpet house. (6) Emily Milna, born in Southport, July 10, 1832, died there, unmarried, September 23, 1864. (7) Charles A., born in Southport, February 12, 1834, died when five months and sixteen days old. (8) O. H., born April 13, 1837, died May 5, 1876, at Hartford, Conn. (9) Charles C., our subject, is the youngest. The father of this family passed from earth September 19, 1864, the mother on May 15, 1869, and they lie buried in Oaklawn cemetery. They were consistent members of the Congregational Church, and he was one of the organizers of the Church of that denomination at Southport, from the Fairfield Church. In 1834 he built the home in Southport where his son Charles C. now lives.

Charles C. Perry was born April 2, 1841, in the house where he now has his home and which he owns, in Southport, and attended the schools of the borough, one of his old teachers being a Mr. Edmunds. When fourteen years old his schooling was interrupted through sickness, but on his recovery he attended Greens Farms Academy under Mr. Adams, after which he commenced clerking for Allen Nichols, in Southport, with whom he remained some five years, his salary for the first year being $50. Subsequently he was employed in a New York banking house for a short time, then in an insurance office; but returning to Connecticut, he accepted a position in Benedict & Nichols' retail dry-goods store at Danbury, where he remained until May 27, 1868, about which time he secured the appointment as teller in the Southport Savings Bank. In March, 1882, on the death of O. H. Perry, our subject succeeded to the treasurership of the bank, and has since continued uninterruptedly in that position.

Mr. Perry has been twice married, first time, January 15, 1878, to Miss Jennie Austin, who died July 5, 1881. On October 14, 1885, at the residence of the bride's half-brother, Elmore G. Alvord, Bridgeport, Conn., by Rev. H. A. Davenport, he was wedded to Miss Anna S. Skiff, of Greens Farms, Conn.; she died November 12, 1896, at Torrington, Conn. In religious faith Mr. Perry is a member of the Congregational Society, of which he has served as treasurer and clerk some thirteen years. In politics he is a stanch Republican, but he is no aspirant for office. Socially, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Arcanum Lodge No. 41, at Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The name of Charles C. Perry is a synonym for honesty and worth, his dealings have been and are characterized by a straightforward, honorable business policy, and he therefore well merits, and receives, the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

WILLIAM P. ENGLISH, a prominent citizen of Bethel, is the senior member of the Fountain Cigar Company of that place, one of the best-known firms in the tobacco trade. They manufacture a number of noted brands, and their name is especially identified with the "Seal of Connecticut," a popular cigar, the "American Beauty," and the famous "Silk Hat" cigar.

Mr. English was born March 20, 1857, in the town of Newtown, this county, and is of Irish parentage. William English, the father of our subject, was born in 1814, in County Tipperary, Ireland, and for some years of his manhood was a dealer in horses and cattle in that locality. In 1849 he came to America, and after working for a time as a bridge builder on the old Danbury & Norwalk railroad, he removed to Hawleyville, and later to Newtown, where he engaged in farming in the fall of 1856. In 1868 he bought the old homestead of the late John B. Dettel, in Bethel, and his death occurred there in 1881. He became naturalized as a citizen of the United States in 1857, and always took much interest in a quiet way in the questions of the day, being a stanch supporter of the Democratic party. In religious faith he was a Catholic, and his children were reared in that faith. He was married at Goshen, Conn., to Miss Bridget O'Connor, a native of County Kerry, Ireland, who survives him and resides in Bethel. They had seven children, of whom only two are now living: William P. and Charles J., of Bethel.

Until he was about eleven years old Mr. English, our subject, remained at the homestead in Newtown, and after the removal of the family to Bethel he continued to attend the district school while assisting on the farm; he also worked on the Bethel Branch railroad, driving horses. In 1875 he began to learn the hatter's trade with George G. Durant; for eight years worked for this employer, and two years for George H. Hickok, but in 1884 he gave up the trade and began selling cigars for Ben Meyers. In August of that year he engaged in the manufacture of cigars in partnership with his brother, Charles, their establishment being located on the farm in the Stony Hill District. Fire destroyed their plant in August, 1886, and they removed to the old "Weed House" in the same district, but in the fall of that year they purchased the Corning place in Bethel and transferred their business again. During the follow-

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ing year they built what is known as the English Brothers' block in Bethel, and in the fall of 1887 they opened a retail tobacco store at the place now occupied by the Bethel Pharmacy, their business of manufacturing being also carried on there. In July, 1888, our subject gave up the business, but after working for a year at his trade with Judd & Co., he organized the firm of English & Lynn, now the Fountain Cigar Company, and began business at the present location, in the rear of the English Brothers' block on Center street.

On October 26, 1887, Mr. English was married, in Bethel, to Miss Nora Crowe, daughter of Anthony Crowe, a well-known citizen. Of their four children, the first three—Charles E., Mary and Julia—are living, and the youngest —Regina —died at the age of eight months. The family owns a fine residence on Grand street, Bethel, and are connected with St. Mary's R. C. Church. Mr. English has served five years as a member of the Connecticut Militia; at present he belongs to the fraternity called the Knights of Columbus, of which he was its originator here, and its first Grand Knight. In politics he has always been a Democrat, and he is one of the leading advisers of the party in his locality, having served four years as chairman of the town committee, and is holding the same at the present time.

FREDERICK KEMPER, for twenty-five years the efficient deputy sheriff of this county, and also constable, as well as a popular business man of his locality, is a native of the county, born April 10, 1848, at Westport.

Mr. Kemper is a grandson of Charles M. Kemper, who was a native of Hudson, N. Y., and a son of Frederick A. Kemper, born November 2, 1819, at Hudson, N. Y. The latter, when a boy of thirteen years of age (1832), shipped on a whaling vessel, and for twelve years was engaged in that line. After his marriage, in 1847, to Mary Ann Race, a daughter of Cornelius Race, of Hudson, N. Y., of Holland stock, the young couple settled in Westport, Conn., where for a short period the husband conducted a grocery business, thence he went to Hudson and sailed a sloop on the Hudson river; next he again engaged in the grocery business, this time at Kinderhook, N. Y. From this business he became occupied in farming near the same town, then again returned to Hudson and thence to Catskill, N. Y., where he followed farming pursuits some five years (from 1854 to 1859). In the latter year he came to Westport and here resided one year, then located on a farm near Saratoga, where he remained until 1862. From 1862 to 1865 he was a grocer at Westport, and from 1867 until his death (January 19, 1876) he carried on a meat market in the same place. His wife, who was born April 8, 1823, survived him him until in 1884, her death occurring April 21, that year. Their children were: Frederick, of this sketch; Arieanna M., born in 1850; Cornelius B., in 1852; Cora B., in 1857; and Maggie M., in 1859. Of these, Arieanna married A. M. Sorennus, of New York, but is now a widow; Cornelius B. is a painter in Westport; Cora B. married George W. Jones, a grocer of New York; and Maggie M. married Frank M. Burkley, of Bridgeport. The father of this family was a Democrat in his political views; he and his wife were members of the Universalist Church, and they were most excellent people.

Frederick Kemper (our subject) when old enough began assisting his father in the different lines of business in which he was engaged, and for many years prior to his father's death he was engaged in the meat market with him. In March, 1876, he assumed the conduct of the business himself, and from March 1, of that year, until September 1, 1897, he carried on the business alone. He is an honorable and upright man, and one of the esteemed citizens of Westport. He has been careful and judicious in his transactions, and is numbered among the successful business men of his place. His long service to the public in his official relation is an evidence of his ability, and of the confidence his fellow citizens have in his honesty and integrity. He has been a member of the Hook and Ladder Company of the Fire Department of Westport, since its organization.

On December 5, 1878, Mr. Kemper was married to Imogene Weed, a daughter of W. A. Weed, of Stamford, Conn., and the union has been blessed with three children, namely: Winifred, born January 3, 1880; Frederick W., born in May, 1881; and Helene, born January 26, 1895. In politics the father of these is a Republican; formerly he was a Democrat.

ROBERT WEBER, the genial town clerk of Bridgeport, Fairfield Co., Conn., is a native of Koenigsbronn, Kingdom of Wurttemberg, Germany, and comes of a family who for generations had lived in that town and were ranked among its honored and industrious working people.

John George Weber, the grandfather of Robert Weber, was born in Koenigsbronn in 1782, learned the trade of a mason and builder, and followed

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same throughout life. On January 10, 1806, he married Christina Frederika, and to their union were born seven sons and one daughter. Frederick Weber, the youngest son, was the father of our subject. He spent his boyhood days in Koenigsbronn, and received his early educational training in the schools of his native town. Like his father, he, too, became a builder, and finally took contracts for the iron work on buildings. In the stirring times of the Revolution of 1848 he was a very prominent figure, being one of the leaders of his section. In 1865, seeing the greater opportunities offered the working people in this country, he brought his family to the United States, locating in Brooklyn, where he remained two years, engaged in the grocery business. For the four years following he lived at Woodhaven, L. I., and while there was foreman in a factory, and returning to Brooklyn, he lived there again until 1887, when he removed to Bridgeport, at present making his home with his son Robert. He was married in Koenigsbronn to Marguerite Laquai, a native of Schnaitheim, who died August 21, 1858. They were the parents of the following named children: Robert; Johann and George, both deceased; Adolph, who is employed on the bridge at Brooklyn, and has been ever since it was opened; Frederick, deceased; and Casper Johann, also deceased. In 1859 Mr. Weber married, for his second wife, Miss Eliza Haehnle, and to this union eleven children were born, of whom only three are living, namely: Rudolph, head butcher Board of Charities, New York City; Mary, who married Christian Laun, of Brooklyn; and Fritz.

Robert Weber, whose name opens this sketch, was born November 19, 1851, and received his earlier educational training in the excellent public schools of the Fatherland, later spending four years in a private school. He learned the trade of machinist, and as such was employed in the Agate Tin Works, at Woodhaven, L. I., from 1867 to 1871. For the year ensuing he was in the employ of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, at New York City, after which he came to Bridgeport and worked for the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company, for the Howe factory, Secor Sewing Machine Company, Smith & Egge Company, and, finally, for the Bridgeport Lock Company, until in 1878 they moved to Terryville; he was engaged as foreman by the last named concern. Deciding to enter business for himself, he then opened a café, conducting same until March, 1897, when he sold out.

On February 3, 1874, at Bridgeport, Mr. Weber was married to Miss Lena W. Koehler, a native of Saxony, Germany, and a daughter of Heinrich and Barbara Koehler. This union is blessed with five children: Frederick K. G., who is attending Yale College; Flora Louisa, the wife of Louis Kutscher, Jr.; Robert, who is attending high school; and Clara and Norma, at home.

For years Mr. Weber has been prominently identified with the Democratic party, and he is an earnest advocate of the free-silver doctrine. He has been honored with election to several offices, among them being: Councilman from the old Sixth ward, in 1881; selectman, in 1884–85–87, and he is now the popular town clerk. Socially, he is connected with the Arion Singing Society, of which he is president; Schuetzen Verein (Sharpshooters Association); Turn Verein; Schwaben Verein; Bridgeport Lodge of Elks, of which he is a charter member; Knights of Pythias; Seven Wise Men, and the Red Men; he is also president of the Park City Athletic Club. Religiously, he and his wife are members of the German Reformed Church. Mr. Weber is a public-spirited citizen, taking an active and influential part in all measures calculated for the general good, and showing a substantial interest in all enterprises designed to promote the welfare of the community at large. He is an earnest worker for the bettering of our public schools and the advancement of the cause of education, and Bridgeport is especially indebted to him for one of her most practically helpful benevolent institutions—the Emergency Hospital and Public Dispensary—in whose establishment he was the prime mover.

CHIEF GEORGE BOWMAN, the present efficient and popular Chief of Police and Chief of the Fire Department of Stamford, Fairfield county, has been a conspicuous figure about Stamford for nearly twenty years.

Born May 12, 1852, in Fifeshire, Scotland, he was brought to this country by his parents when he was only six months old, so he is American reared and educated. George Bowman, his father, was a native of Scotland, born in the city of Glasgow. When a young man he learned the baker's trade, and on coming to America, in 1852, he landed in New York City, where for a short time he followed his trade, then went to West Point, N. Y., and there entered the employ of the Military Post at that place, remaining in the capacity of baker for four years. At the expiration of that time he returned to New York, and was in the bakery business there some five years, then selling out worked for a time at pie baking. In 1889 he engaged in

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the general baking business again in New York, in which he continued till his death in 1892. He was a most capable man in his line of business, and was a good citizen of his adopted country. He married Elizabeth Leighton, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and to them were born: Margaret (Mrs. William Taylor), of New York City; George (our subject); Francis L. (killed at the age of twenty-one by falling from a building in Central Park, New York City); James, of Long Island; John (deceased); Elizabeth (Mrs. Joseph Hall), of Long Island; Jessie (Mrs. William Young), of New York City; and Marion (Mrs. Clifford Waldo), also of New York City. The mother of these died in 1895. She was a most estimable woman, and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

George Bowman was reared in New York City, where he at an early age began to do for himself. At thirteen he commenced driving a delivery wagon for an acquaintance of his father who carried on a bakery, and was so occupied for one year. At fourteen he entered the employ of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, and was in their factory in New York City for five years. Following this he went to Ilion, N. Y., and for two years was employed in the general sewing-machine department and in the general machine shop, respectively, of the Remington Company, remaining with that company until 1878. Soon after going to Ilion he became connected with the Volunteer Fire Department of the village, and from that time until he left the village in 1878, he served the department in all the offices, including that of chief engineer. In 1878 he again entered the employ of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, this time in their works at Elizabeth, N. J., remaining there six months; then went to New York City, and for a short time was in the employ of a Mr. Stewart, who was manufacturing Singer sewing machines. After this he again went to Elizabeth, N. J., where for six months he was in the tool department of the Singer Sewing Machine Company. He next worked as a machinist for the Cary & Mowen Wire-Drawing Manufacturing Company. From that company he went to Peekskill, N. Y., and in a similar establishment there had charge of the machine department. In the latter part of 1880 he came to Stamford, Conn., and entered the tool department of the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company. After serving five months, he was engaged by the Novelty Corset Company, of New York, to take charge of the machinery in their press room. He remained there fourteen months, and then returned to the Yale & Towne Company, taking charge of the press and key department. With that company he remained twelve years. In 1885 he was made assistant chief of the Stamford Fire Department, and in 1887 he was appointed chief. In 1894 he was appointed chief of Police and chief of the Fire Department for a term of four years. On April 10, 1899, he was re-appointed chief of Police—term unlimited, or during good behavior; and same date was re-appointed chief of the Fire Department—term four years. Chief Bowman is a thorough machinist, and is otherwise admirably constituted and adapted for the position he holds. He is an efficient and vigilant officer, and as a testimony of the appreciation in which he is held by his associates he was, on May 12, 1894, presented by them with a beautifully engraved gold badge as chief of Police. He is very popular, too, and his recent re-appointment was endorsed by both political parties. Socially, he is a member of Union Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M., and of Rippowam Lodge No. 24, I. O. O. F., also of Wassacusse Encampment, and of Canton Thomas Wiley of the latter order. He is also identified with Excelsior Lodge, K. of P., and is a member of the Caledonia Club in New York City. On August 24, 1893, Chief Bowman was married to Miss Mary Davis, a daughter of Capt. Theodore Davis, of Stamford.

FREDERICK W. CURTISS, park commissioner of Shelton, was born in Huntington township, Fairfield county, Conn., May 18, 1840, about where the paper-mill now stands. He is a son of Morgan and Margaret Owen (Curtiss) Curtiss.

The earliest mention of any one by the name of Curtiss on the town record of Stratford is in 1652, excepting the entry of children's births, and in records we read of the widow, Elizabeth Curtiss, mother of John and William Curtiss. Her will, made in 1658, mentions these two children, and Mary, daughter of her son, Thomas. There can be but little doubt that Elizabeth Curtiss was a widow when, with her sons, she came from England, and her sons were then nearly if not quite of adult age. Her will was dated November 4, 1658, and she died soon afterward, in the same year. Her children were John, born in 1611, married Elizabeth Wells, and died in 1707; William, born probably in 1613, and died December 21, 1702; his will bearing date December 15, 1702. Elizabeth Wells, wife of John Curtiss, died in 1682. Their children were as follows: John, born in October, 1642, married Hannah Hamberly, and died in 1686; Israel or Samuel, born in April, 1644,

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died in October, 1704; Elizabeth, born in May, 1647; Thomas, born in 1648 or 1649; Joseph, born in November, 1650, went to Wallingford, and there married Bethia Booth; Benjamin, born in September, 1652, married Esther, daughter of Joseph Judson, and Hannah, born in February, 1654, married Benjamin Lewis.

Joseph Curtiss married Bethia Booth, November 9, 1676, and by her had children whose names with dates of birth are as follows: Elizabeth, in 1677; Anna, in 1679; Ephraim, in 1684; Joseph, in 1687; Nathan, in 1689; Jonah, in 1692; Bethiah, in 1695, and Eleazer, Ebenezer and Eliphalet (triplets), in 1699.

Ephraim Curtiss married Elizabeth Stiles, in June, 1707, and by her had the following children: Stiles, born March 13, 1708; Henry, October 12, 1709; Anne, August 31, 1711; Phebe, August 29, 1713; Elizabeth, May 9, 1715, and died October 1, 1716; Ephraim, August 30, 1717; Elizabeth, October 12, 1719, died November 25, 1720; Martha, November 26, 1721; Ruth, October 27, 1723; Edmund, August 7, 1725; Elnathan, January 4, 1726, died January 3, 1812; Bathsheba, born November 7, 1724.

Elnathan Curtiss married Sarah Ufford June 7, 1745. She was born February 15, 1728, and died May 19, 1807. The children of this worthy couple were as follows: Charity, born November 7, 1746, died February 23, 1753; Ruth, born May 27, 1748, married Luke Sommers; William, August 24, 1750; Pheby, August 30, 1752, married Ezra Birdsey; Charity, September 9, 1754, married Joseph Wooster; Sarah, May 3, 1757, married G. Tomlinson; Annie, January 27, 1759, died December 2, 1839; Stiles, February 3, 1761, died November 8, 1827; Elle, March 12, 1763, died July 11, 1843; and Betsey, November 10, 1765, died February 10, 1793. Elnathan Curtiss, the father of these children, died January 3, 1812.

Stiles Curtiss, eighth child of Elnathan and Sarah Curtiss, married Clara Adams, in June, 1781. Their children were as follows: Hannah, born September 18, 1782; Susan, January 3, 1786; Zepy, July 14, 1789; Joseph and Betsey. The mother of these children died May 4, 1796, and Mr. Curtiss married Betsey Hitchcock, by whom he had the following children: Aaron, born July 24, 1798; Sally, January 11, 1800, married Albert Hotchkiss; Morgan, January 11, 1802; Polly, December 7, 1803; and Stiles, September 3, 1806. Stiles Curtiss, father of these children, died November 8, 1827, and his second wife died April 29, 1816.

Morgan Curtiss married Margaret Owen Curtiss, daughter of Daniel Curtiss, February 13, 1833, and by her had the following children: Jane Pixlee, born December 31, 1833; Franklin, born December 6, 1835, is a farmer in Nevada, Iowa; Charles Henry, born November 11, 1837, is a manufacturer of ladies' furnishing goods in Detroit, Mich; Frederick William, born May 18, 1840; and Margaret, born April 9, 1850. Morgan Curtiss, father of these children, died September 30, 1881, and his wife died March 20, 1868.

Jane Pixlee Curtiss married Robert C. Naramore, September 24, 1854: Franklin Curtiss married Maggie Schmitz, October 28, 1860; Charles Henry Curtiss married Fannie C. Spencer, July 16, 1868; and Frederick William Curtiss married Sarah Matilda Curtiss, May 10, 1868 (she died November 28, 1880).

Following is the genealogy of Margaret Owen Curtiss, wife of Morgan Curtiss, and mother of the subject of this sketch: Stiles Curtiss, son of Ephraim Curtiss, married Rebecca Judson in 1730, and by her had the following children: Sarah, born May 17, 1731; Elizabeth, December 2, 1732; Silas, December 23, 1734; Elihu, December 15, 1736; Ephraim, March 27, 1739; and John, May 1, 1741.

John Curtiss, sixth and last child of Stiles Curtiss, married Mary Shelton, and by her had the following children: Stiles, born September 29, 1771; Sarah, April 13, 1769; Judson, February 15, 1774; John, February 8, 1778; Ezekiel, June 6, 1779; Daniel, April 8, 1781; Harriet, November 27, 1784; and Julia, who was baptized in February, 1791.

Daniel Curtiss, sixth child of John Curtiss, married Betsy Pixlee, in January, 1810. They had the following children: Mary Elizabeth, born November 2, 1810; Sheldon Pixlee, May 26, 1812; Margaret Owen, October 19, 1813; Charles Henry, January 23, 1815; Peter Pixlee, February 10, 1817, and died May 10, 1817; Peter Pixlee, October 26, 1820; and Elizabeth Ann, February 26, 1826: The children of Morgan and Margaret Owen Curtiss have already been enumerated.

Five brothers—Henry, John, Thomas, Francis Styles and another—came to America in 1634. Francis Styles came to Windsor, Conn., from Millbrook, Bedfordshire, England. He was the fourth of five brothers and had two sisters, and he was baptized August 1, 1602. Ephraim Styles, son of Francis, married twice, his first wife being Ruth, daughter of Obadiah Wheeler, his second wife being Bathsheba, daughter of Henry Tomlinson. He died June 21, 1714, and his second wife died in 1735.

Elizabeth Styles, daughter of Ephraim by

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his second wife, was born February 18, 1687, and married Ephraim Curtiss June 26, 1707.

Francis Styles came to America (as stated above) in 1634, as one of a party sent out by Sir Richard Saltonstall to lay out the grants claimed by him. He afterward bought of Sir Richard Saltonstall land in what is now Windsor, Conn., and was called "Mr.," a title that was then an index of social position, and which is confirmed in the town records of 1652, which show his seat at church directly back of the minister's pew.

With reference to the places of residence of the ancestors of Mr. Curtiss it may be related that Elnathan Curtiss was the first of the family to remove to the house which formerly stood on the site where now lives Mr. W. E. Hine. Mr. Curtiss' grandfather lived in this house, and his father lived in a house which stood where the pulp-mill now stands. And then as to their occupations, it should be related that Stiles Curtiss was a farmer, owning quite a large extent of land from the bridge north and west along the river. He served in the militia during the Revolutionary war, and Elnathan Curtiss was one of the officers of inspection in the town during that war.

Morgan Curtiss was a shoemaker by trade, and became a manufacturer of shoes and boots on a large scale. From 1835 to 1850 he had some apprentices and several journeymen, a large Southern trade and altogether an extensive business for his time. He and George Blakeman at one period of their career were accustomed to go to New Haven to buy stock and walk back home. He owned the fishing rights on both sides of the river from the bridge up, and was accounted a good, exemplary citizen. Politically, he was a Democrat up to 1844, when he became a Republican, the tariff being his hobby. He was a man of broad views, well rounded out, and he attended the Congregational Church of Derby.

Frederick William Curtiss was educated in the public schools of Shelton, completing his education in the high school of Derby when he was seventeen or eighteen years of age. After teaching school one year, he turned his attention to learning the wood turner's trade. Next he became a clerk in the Birmingham post office under Robert C. Naramore, who was appointed by President Lincoln, and then for a period of three months was engaged in the grocery business. He then enlisted in Company D, 17th Conn. V. I., and served two years and ten months, most of the time on detached service. After the close of the war he was employed as superintendent of a skirt manufactory for three years, and then established himself in the grocery and meat business in Birmingham, in which he was engaged for twenty years. In 1887 he was appointed park commissioner of Shelton, a position which he still retains.

For two years Mr. Curtiss served as burgess, and for the same length of time as warden. In 1891 he was appointed, by the board of burgesses, street commissioner, which position he still retains. Politically, he has always been a Republican. He is a member of Ousatonic Lodge, I. O. O. F., also of Kellogg Post, G. A. R., and his family attended the Congregational Church. He and his wife have no children.

JOHN NEWTON WILLIAMS, inventor of the Williams Typewriter, was born at Williamsburg, L. I., July 20, 1840. He is a son of John Newton Williams, who was born in 1817 at Elizabeth, N. J., and is a grandson of Joseph Williams, who was a citizen of Lyons Farms, New Jersey.

Joseph Williams was a carpenter and builder by trade, and throughout the principal part of his active life was a resident of Lyons Farms and Newark, N. J. He was a man of sterling character and strong influence for good. While he was not prominent in public affairs yet he was always interested in good government, and lent his aid in that direction. He married Elizabeth Lyon, of the family after which Lyons Farms was named, and which was one of the most prominent of the families of that part of the State. Joseph Williams and his wife had three children, as follows: Joseph Lyon, who died when fourteen years of age; John Newton; and Sarah, who married Edwin O. Hall, who went to the Sandwich Islands with the early missionaries, and took to those islands the first printing press, and who there became a leading planter and a wealthy man. He there held many positions of trust. His only son, W. W. Hall, succeeding him in the mercantile business, and his son-in-law, Peter Cushman Jones, was Minister of Finance under the Doyle Government. It is believed that Joseph Williams was a Presbyterian in religion, and he was a man of character and influence in his community. He died when his son, John Newton, was about six years of age.

John Newton Williams was educated in Newark, N. J., and in the City of New York, where he for some time was a student of theology, and where he was for several years a clerk for the Aspinwalls. In 1844 he went to Carlinville, Ill., where he took charge of a Church for three

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or four years. From Carlinville he went to Litchfield, Mich., and thence to Bristol, Ind., and still later to Dubuque, Iowa, preaching at all these places to Presbyterian and Congregational Churches. While he was in the latter place he became engaged in the American Sunday-school Union work, and established several hundred Sunday-schools and organized many Churches throughout the country, retaining in the meantime his connection with the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches. He went from that place to Lake City, and later to Lake Minnetonka, Minn., at which place he lived until his death, still engaged in the ministry. He was possessed of forceful character, of great energy, and self-reliance, and with all his other characteristics was a man of much tact and a great peacemaker. He married Susan Amelia Halstead, daughter of John T. Halsted, of New York City, and by her had twelve children—six sons and six daughters. These children were as follows: Harriett Elizabeth, who married Daniel Andrews; John Newton, the subject of this sketch; Sarah Louisa, who married Capt. William R. Noble, of St. Paul, Minn.; Edwin Oscar, who married Emma L. Parker, of Pine Island, Minn., and has one son, Roy Parker, and who died in Little Falls, Minn., in 1896; Susan Emily, who married David Robinson, then of Connecticut, but now of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mary Eliza, who married Frank Marvin, of St. Paul, Minn., and who is now deceased; Milton Mathias, who married Miss Florence Bennett, of St. Paul, Minn., and who is president of the Little Falls Water Company, of Little Falls, Minn., and connected with other prominent interests there and in St. Paul; James White, who lives in Shelton, and who married Miss Eva Bailey, of Lake City, Minn.; Willis Stetson, who married Belle Hubbard, of Lake City, Minn., and is now living in London, England, and who is a manufacturer of a bank check punch; Evalina Adelaide, who died single in 1891; Herbert Ogden, who died about 1883; and Ada Florence, who married Alexander M. Drake, of St. Paul, Minn. John Newton Williams, the father of these children, died in December, 1882, and the mother died in 1880.

John Newton Williams, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the various village schools in the several villages in which his father lived during his school-boy days in Michigan, Indiana and Iowa. He received but little education except in the public schools, attending, besides them, a high school in Dubuque only a short time. When sixteen years of age he quit school entirely, and assisted his father, who was, at the time, engaged in building some houses at Dubuque, Iowa. At eighteen he went with his father's family to Minnesota, and there spent some time in farming. In 1862, when the Indian war broke out on the Minnesota frontier, Mr. Williams helped to organize a volunteer company of mounted men and went to the frontier. Soon after arriving at Fort Ridgely, he saw his first Indian fighting with the party sent to the relief of "Birch Cooley;" was in the battle of Wood Lake and Yellow Medicine, and assisted in the capture of several hundred Indians, and the recapture at La Qui Parle, of the 114 white prisoners—mostly women and children—that had been held for weeks in the Indian camps. After this campaign he recruited some men for the Minnesota Mounted Rangers, a regiment raised for frontier service, and was appointed commissary sergeant of the regiment. Was on the plains with the regiment in all its engagements with the Indians, took part in all the fighting and did special scouting work; was a good rifle and pistol shot; could throw a lasso or pick up a glove from the back of a galloping horse; and once shot a buffalo and issued the meat to his regiment, then on short rations. After one year of service he was mustered out with his regiment.

Mr. Williams saw a good deal of border warfare in that section of the country, and picked up a smattering of the Chippewa and Dakota languages. The Indians were finally driven across the Missouri river, and then Mr. Williams was employed as a citizen clerk in the commissary and quartermaster's departments of the army for several years, located at Fort Snelling, Fort Ridgely and Fort Ripley. After remaining in the service until 1866, he aided in the organization of a volunteer company to go up to the north shore of Lake Superior, where the State geologist had found gold and silver-bearing quartz. This company started from St. Paul in mid-winter, and was sixty days in going ninety miles, from Superior to Vermilion lake, at which latter place they remained during the winter and a part of the following summer, returning in birch-bark canoes.

Having returned from this expedition, Mr. Williams engaged in the sale of agricultural implements, and invented and patented a fanning mill, the manufacture and sale of which engaged his attention for several years. In 1874 he engaged in breeding and rearing high-bred trotting horses near Nashville, Tenn., and later at Cynthiana and Frankfort, Ky. While in Nashville he was in partnership with Mr. Ewing, and with him owned the mare "May Queen," the fastest trotter in the State. She finally went to Palo

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Alto, where she became the dam of May King—sire of Bingen—and other noted ones. In 1879 Mr. Williams went to Big Stone Lake, Dakota, where he helped to organize the first county government, and was engaged in dealing in lands, in surveying, etc. In about 1881 he engaged in railroad construction work on the L. F. & D. branch of the N. P. R. R. (Northern Pacific) for De Graff & Co., having charge of bridge building. After being thus engaged for two years he invented the automatic bank check punch, the first one with automatic feed ever placed on the market. This punch was manufactured in Brooklyn, N. Y., and to this he gave his attention for several years, about twenty thousand of these punches having been placed upon the market. While engaged in this line of work he began to work upon his typewriter, completing a working model in July, 1889. The result of this was the Williams Typewriter of to-day, which was a radical departure from all others, in that the writing is in full view of the operator, and it is entirely without a ribbon, the ribbon being supplanted by a pad. This machine is protected by about a dozen patents that cover some two hundred claims. It has rapidly grown in popular favor, and has many obvious advantages, and already occupies a prominent place in the typewriter field. He is secretary of the Williams Typewriter Company, of the United States of America, and vice-president of the Williams Typewriter Company for Europe.

Mr. Williams has made a study of the horse world, and is an authority in this department of knowledge. He is a clear thinker, and is of an analytical turn of mind. He is the author of some articles on the gaits of saddle horses, the first series of the kind ever published, and it was given a prominent place in many of the leading sporting and agricultural papers.

In politics Mr. Williams was a Republican until the Presidential campagn of 1884, when he voted for President Cleveland. His Church affiliations are Episcopalian, and he is a highly respected member of general society.

Mr. Williams was married in 1884 to Miss Lucile Wilde, daughter of Richard Wilde, of Newark, N. J., and a granddaughter of Henry Wilde, who came from England to Newark, N. J., when he was nineteen years of age, and became interested with his father in the manufacture of woolen goods. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Williams there have been born three sons, viz.: Milton Sanborn, Lee Henry Wilde and Newton Halsted. Henry Wilde located in Birmingham, Conn., about 1850, and was there associated for a time with Ed N. Shelton and others, returning to Newark, N. J., where he lived till his recent death at the age of ninety years.

A few lines as to the Halsted family may appropriately close this sketch: John T. Halsted, father of Mr. Williams' mother, was a silversmith, and carried on his business at the northeast corner of Broad and Beaver streets, New York City, at the same spot where his father, Benjamin Halsted, had carried on business before him. The Halsted family was a most respectable one, and belonged to the Knickerbocker societies of the City of New York.

JOHN H. SCOFIELD has been the superintendent of the Woodland Cemetery in the town of Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., for more than twenty years, and is a well and favorably known resident of his community. He is a native of the county, born June 14, 1843, at Shippan Point, son of John D. Scofield, and grandson of John Scofield, who lived for many years in the town of Darien, Fairfield county.

John D. Scofield was born in Huntington, L. I. He was educated in the common schools of Darien, learned the trades of carpenter and shoemaker, which he followed to some extent, and later engaged in farming on Shippan Point. He married Elizabeth Ferris, a native of Stamford, and they had two children: John H. and Addison E., of Springdale. The father died May 9, 1854, at New Canaan, Conn., the mother on July 4, 1855, at Goshen, N. Y. They were members of the Baptist Church, and in political sentiment the father was a Whig.

The boyhood of John H. Scofield was passed in the towns of Darien and Stamford, he in each place attending the public schools. On June 14, 1861, the day he was eighteen years old, he enlisted in the 2nd New York State Militia, later known as the 82nd N. Y. V., he being a member of Company C. On April 13, 1863, he transferred to the navy, from which he was honorably discharged at Baltimore, Md., on July 11, 1864, his term of serving having expired. On July 30, he re-enlisted in the navy as first-class fireman, and served on the "Rescue" and the "Arethusa," participating in the bombardments of Forts Wagner, Sumter, Gregg, Moultrie and the city of Charleston. While in the infantry he took part in the engagements at Goose Creek, siege of Yorktown, West Point, Fair Oaks, Peach Orchard Station, Savage Station, White Oaks Swamp and Malvern Hill. The following copies of credentials still in Mr. Scofield's possession speak for themselves:

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John H. Seofield

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U. S. Steamer "Rescue," Port Royal, S. C., April 12, 1864.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It is with pleasure I recommend John H. Scofield, a fireman on board of this vessel, as being a sober, industrious and intelligent, as well as a good fireman; and any person or persons wanting a man of that description will find him to be as I recommend, as he has been with me for the term of twelve months and I have always found him ready and willing to perform any duty which might be assigned him.

With my best wishes for his future welfare, I remain, most respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEORGE W. HOWE,
Engineer in charge.

U. S. Steamer "Arethusa," Port Royal Harbor, S. C., May 24, 1865.

The bearer, John H. Scofield, first-class fireman, has been doing duty on board this vessel since August last, standing engineer's watch. I have ever found him capable, industrious and temperate. It affords me pleasure to recommend him to the department for promotion.

GEORGE W. HOWE,
Act'g 2nd Asst. Engineer.

I approve the above and certify that Scofield is a man worthy the favorable consideration of the department.

JOHN V. COOK,
Act'g Ensign, U. S. N., Com. of "Arethusa."

After the war Mr. Scofield returned to Darien, Fairfield county, where he learned the carpenter's trade with his uncle, Henry S. Scofield, and he continued to follow it until, in 1879, he entered upon the duties of his present position. He has kept up his old-time reputation for honesty, industry and reliability, and has discharged his responsibilities in a most capable manner, winning the esteem of all who know him. In connection with this work he represents the Smith Granite Co., of Westerly, R. I. Mr. Scofield takes an interest in his community, which every public-spirited citizen must feel, and he has filled several local positions of trust with his customary faithfulness, having been assessor, justice of the peace and special policeman in Stamford.

On August 13, 1866, Mr. Scofield was married, in Brooklyn, N. Y., to Frances E. Peckham, whose mother was a member of the Holmes family, descended from the Holmes of "Mayflower" fame. Five children have blessed this union, viz.: Mabel Winton, John Thomas, William Francis, and George Henry and Howard Lyon (twins). On June 30, 1898, John Thomas, the eldest son, married Miss Susan Walton, of Calton, Glasgow, Scotland, daughter of Robert Walton, a well-known retired shoe and slipper manufacturer of that city. William F. married a Miss Rambo, on June 23, 1897. On May 1, 1896 the two eldest sons, J. Thomas and William F., both plumbers by occupation, went into the plumbing, tinning, gasfitting and heating business, under the firm name of Scofield Bros., and March 7, 1898, Mr. Scofield, their father, entered into co-partnership with them as silent partner. At the same time they bought out the well-known plumbing house of B. D. Lum & Son, of Stamford, Conn., and are doing a prosperous business under the name of Scofield Brothers & Co. The other sons, George H. and Howard L., are employed by the firm as plumbers and tinners, while the daughter, Mabel W., is bookkeeper for the firm.

Mr. Scofield's family, in religious connection, are members of the M. E. Church at Stamford. Socially, he is a member of Rippowam Lodge, I. O. O. F., the O. U. A. M., the Naval Post at New Haven, Conn., and Hobbie Post, G. A. R., of which he has been adjutant. In politics he is a Republican.

WILLIAM VOLLMER, chief of police of the city of South Norwalk, deserves special mention in this volume, as he has risen by his own efforts to an enviable position in the community, and now fills with marked ability a difficult and responsible office.

The Vollmer family is of German origin, and the late Dr. George F. Vollmer, our subject's father, was born in the Fatherland, at Wurtemburg. In 1839 Doctor Vollmer came to America accompanied by his wife, Mary (Spindler), a native of the same place, and for some years resided in Lancaster county, Penn., where he conducted a drug store. Later he removed to Newark, N. J., and engaged in the tobacco business, but his last years were spent in South Norwalk, where he died February 4, 1889. He was a man of much intelligence, taking great interest in the questions of his day, and while he never sought or held office he was a firm supporter of the Republican party. His wife survives him, and of their family of seven children three are still living, our subject being the youngest. Mary married William Lovatt, a silk manufacturer, of Newark, N. J., and Amelia married William E. Hicks, of the same city, who, with his father, was in the carriage-manufacturing business, but is now connected with the police department there.

Mr. Vollmer first saw the light April 24, 1858, in Newark, N. J., and his early life was mainly spent there, his education being obtained in the public schools. At an early age he began to learn the business of finishing morocco leather, with the firm of Nugent & Kelley, of that city, and remained with them one year. In 1874 he came to South Norwalk, where he learned the tobacco business with ex-Sheriff Swartz, in whose employ he spent fourteen years. On February 1, 1888, he was elected

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chief of police, and he has ever since given his whole attention to the duties of that office. In politics he is a Democrat, and he is regarded as one of the leading workers in the local organization.

In 1882 Mr. Vollmer married Miss Mary Perry, of Newark, N. J., whose father, John H. Perry, a native of England, is a patent leather manufacturer of Newark, N. J. Three children were born to our subject, one of whom died in infancy; the others, John W. and Wallace, are with their parents. The family is identified with the Congregational Church, and Mr. Vollmer belongs to various fraternal orders, including the K. of P. and the Masonic Fraternity, in which he has been active for some years, and has now reached the Knights Templar degree. He is also an honorary member of the Old Well Hook and Ladder Fire Company, and for five years he served as a member of Company D, Connecticut National Guard.

RICHARD DUNDON, of Bridgeport, has been successfully engaged in business for many years as a dealer in coal, feed, hay and other supplies, and the story of his career will afford an encouraging object lesson to any youth who has his own way to make in the world.

Mr. Dundon was born April 4, 1853, in Columbia county, N. Y., son of Patrick and Mary A. (Plunkett) Dundon, both natives of Ireland. His father, who is a shoemaker by trade, came to America in early manhood, and is still living in Columbia county, N. Y. The mother is deceased. Of the six children of this worthy couple four are now living: John, a butcher in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Richard, our subject; Sister Anna (Episcopal sister in Boston), and Thomas, a grocer in East Bridgeport.

Our subject's youth was spent in his native county, his education being attained in the local schools, and at the age of twenty years he came to Fairfield county, locating in Bridgeport. For a time he was employed in a machine shop, and later he engaged in the grocery business at the corner of E. Main street and Nichols, in partnership with Herman Barthelmass, the firm being known as Barthelmass & Dundon. After eight years he sold his interest to his brother Thomas and went to Waterbury, Conn., to engage in similar business as a partner of Lewis N. Dyer, under the firm name of Dundon & Dyer. They continued about two years and a half, when Mr. Dundon sold out and returned to Bridgeport, where he has since carried on a lucrative trade in coal, feed, hay, grain and other commodities. Politically, he is a Democrat, but he is not inclined to take part in the political scramble for official rewards. On October 20, 1875, he married Miss Louise C. Neilson, a native of Christiania, Norway, who died October 29, 1896. Two children blessed this union: Arthur Hall, who resides with his father; and Herbert N. (deceased). Socially, Mr. Dundon is much esteemed, and he is identified with the Episcopal Church and with the I. O. O. F., Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, of Bridgeport.

JOSHUA D. HEMPHILL, manufacturer, of Shelton, was born February 12, 1854, in Springfield, N. H. He is a son of Peter Hemphill, who was born in Henniker, N. H., in 1800, and he is a grandson of James Hemphill, who was a farmer by occupation, and it is believed of Scotch-Irish descent. He married Ruth——, and had children as follows: Joshua, Eben, Peter, James Robert, Betsy, Silas and Edward; he died in the year 18—, his wife in 1860 at the age of one hundred years.

Peter Hemphill, like his father before him, was a farmer in his early youth in Deering, N. H., and also after he removed to Sprinfield, N. H. He was a man of moderate means, modest and retiring, and took but little active part in public affairs. His physical health was good, he was temperate and highminded, and lived to be eighty-eight years old. He was a prudent, careful business man, never indulged in speculation, and so far as farming is concerned was everywhere considered a successful man. In religious views he favored the Baptist faith and attended the Baptist Church. He married Lucy Kirk, daughter of John Kirk, and to this marriage there were born nine children, four of whom died young, and five grew to adult age. These five were as follows: Betsey, who died single at the age of twenty years; Charlotte, who married George Miller, of Bristol, N. H.; Horace, who married (first) Julia Sanborn, and (second) Esther Powers, the latter of whom is now living in Bristol (he died in 1895, a carpenter by trade); John, who died in 1864, and Joshua D.

Joshua D. Hemphill was educated in Springfield, N. H., attending school in winters only until he was fifteen years of age, but ever since then he has been a close student of mechanical works. Upon leaving school he began to learn the trade of machinist in Bristol, serving an apprenticeship of five years, after which he was in the employ of the Amoskeag corporation for about one year. From there he went to Concord, N. H., and thence to Franklin, N. H., for Clarke & Haynes

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in the latter place, and about this time he removed to Bristol and formed a partnership with S. G. Holland, which continued in existence for two years. Selling his interest to his partner, he was with George Robie in the machine business one year, at the end of which time he established himself in business and so continued for six months, when, in May, 1880. he removed to Derby, working for A. H. & C. B. Alling for one year. Removing to Bridgeport, he attended an engineering school for some time, and then went to Philadelphia and attended a similar school there. Returning to Derby he again entered the employ of A. H. & C. B. Alling, remaining with them for about seven years, when he removed with them to Radcliffe Bros'. and was with them there a short time longer. In 1889 he rented the buildings and employed from six to ten men, and has since been engaged in the manufacture of machinery, and in doing all kinds of repairs. Mr. Hemphill patented the Unique Knitting Machine, which has been used by the Allings and the Radcliffes; and has been in many ways a very successful man. He is one of the finest machinists in his section of the State, and is in every way a self-made man. Mr. Hemphill, though a Republican with a leaning toward Prohibition, has never taken an active part in politics, preferring to give his attention to business, in which he takes pleasure, and from which he may reasonably expect profitable returns. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., though not now affiliated with any lodge. In the year 1878 he married Finette Nelson, daughter of Stephen Nelson, of Bristol, N. H., and has one daughter, Lucy Louisa, born in September, 1879, living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill attend the Baptist Church of Shelton, and are a highly esteemed couple, their social qualities being everywhere recognized and appreciated.

DWIGHT ALFONZO RICHARDSON, M.D. practicing physician in the township of Huntington, was born October 22, 1857, in Bridgeport, Conn. He is a son of Henry Daniel Richardson, who was born in Somers, Conn., in 1834, and he is the grandson of William Richardson, who was born in Somers in the year 18—; and he is the great-grandson of Stevens Richardson and Eunice Wright.

The family traces its ancestry back to three brothers—David, William and Jesse—who came from England to America about 1660. Doctor Richardson is descended from Henry Daniel Richardson and Mary (Bachelor), the latter of whom was born in the neighborhood of Bath, and was a daughter of Simeon Bachelor and Ann Hall. They had three children, viz.: Henrietta, born in 1855, married George S. Northrop, now of Shelton; Dwight Alfonzo is the subject of this sketch; and Sarah Louise, born in 1862, died in 1869. Henry D. Richardson has been a machinist, and was foreman in the Florence Sewing Machine shop, but during the war of the Rebellion he was in the Springfield armory. He has always had charge of a shop since age and experience would warrant it. The ancestry all the way back have been mechanics, so that he came by his talent in this direction by inheritance.

Dwight A. Richardson, our subject, took a scientific course in Williston Seminary, in East Hampton, Mass., entering school in the spring of 1874 and graduating in 1876. For three years afterward he was engaged in mechanical work, being at work at his trade, which he picked up in his boyhood. Upon graduating, as above narrated, he stood second in his class, and had taken a three-years' course in two and one-half years. Having decided to become a physician, he registered in the summer of 1878 with Dr. Ambrose Beardsley, of Derby, and was with him off and on during his whole course of study. He assisted in the lecture room with Professor Silliman, did preparatory work in the physiological department with Professor Thatcher in the second year, and graduated second in his class, Doctor Hawkes being first.

Having graduated, Dr. Richardson opened an office in Monroe, where he practiced his profession for one and one-half years, and in January, 1864, went to Osceola, Ark., where he remained until 1888, while there being a member of the American Public Health Association and of the Tri-State Society, of Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee, being vice-president of the latter society two terms. While in Arkansas he was a partner with Doctor Donovan, of Little Rock, and enjoyed an extensive practice. In November, 1888, he returned to Connecticut, and began the general practice of medicine in Shelton and vicinity, where he has since remained, and where he has built up an extensive and profitable clientele. He has always been self-reliant, and has made his own way in the world. While he has not taken an active part in politics, yet he has been a member of the school board, also health officer of the village, and has been a member of the board of burgesses for four years. Socially, he is affiliated with King Hiram Lodge No. 12, F. & A. M., with the American Mechanics (Roger Sherman Council), with the A. O. U. W., Shelton Lodge, with the Kalorama Lodge

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of Osceola, Ark., and with the Knights and Ladies of Honor; he is an honorary member of the Echo Hose Company, serving nine years on the active list; was chairman of the fire department for four years, and has been a member of the board of health for seven years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Shelton.

On December 25, 1884, Doctor Richardson was married to Minnie E. Brush, a daughter of Samuel H. Brush, of Derby, and Elizabeth Curtiss, of Stratford. To this marriage was born in January, 1889, one son, Henry Brush. [Since the above was written, Doctor Richardson moved, in May, 1899, to Derby.]

REV. JOHN HENRY CARROLL, the beloved pastor of the Catholic parish at Westport, Church of the Assumption, is deserving of special mention in this volume. While the material interest of the community naturally attract much attention, they are not all, nor are they the most important, and the names of those who have ministered to the spiritual need of our people will be held in honor more and more as years roll by.

Father Carroll was born February 15, 1855, at New Haven, Conn., the son of Patrick and Eleanor (O'Bryene) Carroll. Both parents were natives of Ireland, the father's birth occurring in County Leitrim, in 1808, and the mother's in the same county in 1821. They came to America soon after their marriage, in 1841, and made their home in New Haven. Patrick Carroll always took much interest in the political questions of the day, and was an ardent supporter of the Democratic party. His wife died in 1875, and he survived her many years, passing away in 1893. Of their eight children, the eldest, Mary T., resides in Westport; Anthony is a contractor in New Haven; Michael died in 1850; Margaret died in 1854; John Henry (our subject) is mentioned more fully below; Thomas M. is a merchant in Danbury; Patrick F. is engaged in business in New York City; and Nellie E. (now Sister Angela Stephen) is a Sister of Mercy in Mount St. Mary's Convent, Manchester, New Hampshire.

Our subject's education was begun in his native city, where he attended St. Mary's School until he reached the age of thirteen years. As both of his parents were devout members of the Catholic Church, his early inclination toward the priesthood received every encouragement, and on completing his course at St. Mary's School in September, 1868, he went to St. Charles' College, Ellicott City, Md., to prepare for his sacred calling. On graduating, in 1874, he entered St. Mary's Seminary of St. Sulpice, Baltimore city, and there he spent four years and a half in the study of philosophy and theology. On December 21, 1878, he was ordained to the priesthood, and his work has been blessed with remarkable success in the various charges which he has held during his service. He spent some time in New Haven, being stationed first at St. Mary's church, then at the cathedral in Hartford, and later he served at St. Patrick's church, New Haven, and at St. John's church at Middletown, but on June 10, 1885, he was made pastor of the congregation at Westport. He has many warm friends outside his parish, his ability and high character commanding the esteem of the best people of all denominations. His interest in educational affairs is appreciated by the Protestants of the town, and he is now a member of the public-school board, and of the board of the "Staple High School." In the management of his parish he neglects nothing that will advance the welfare of his people, giving his influence to various organizations among them, including the order of the Knights of Columbus.

STEPHEN C. BEACH, a representative agriculturist and a prosperous citizen of the town of Trumbull, has demonstrated the true meaning of the word "success" as the full accomplishment of an honorable purpose. Energy, close application, perseverance and good management—these are the elements which have entered into his business career, and crowned his efforts with prosperity.

The Beach family claims the distinction of being one of the oldest in Fairfield county, and traces its descent from the Beaches of England, the name being by no means rare in the history of that country.

Ephraim Beach, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of Fairfield county, Conn., was a farmer, tanner and currier, by occupation, and died at the age of eighty years. He married, and had a family of eight children: Elijah, Rice E., Abiah, Sybil, Anna, Ephraim W., Sherman and Frances, all of whom settled in the town of Trumbull, except Abiah. The father of this family took an active part in the war of the Revolution.

Rice E. Beach, grandfather of Stephen C., was born in the town of Trumbull in 1779, was a farmer, and a representative man of his town. By his wife, Betsey Booth, a daughter of Philo Booth, he had six children (all now deceased), named respectively: Charles, Johanna, Starr,

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John H. Carroll,
Pastor of the Ch. of Assumption.

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Delia, Miles and Edward. In politics he was a Jeffersonian Democrat, was often elected as selectman of the town, and at one time served as a member of the Legislature. In religious faith he was a Congregationalist.

Charles Beach, father of our subject, was born January 7, 1805, in White Plains District, town of Trumbull, Fairfield county. He passed his boyhood there, receiving his education in the local schools, and took up the occupation of a farmer for his life work. On October 21, 1829, in Monroe, Fairfield county, he married Miss Elizabeth E. Beardsley, of that town, born November 30, 1810, a daughter of Samuel Beardsley, and he and his young wife then settled on his own farm. The issue by this union was as follows: Betsey Ann, Prosper E., Charles L., Ezra M., William F., Banford S., John W., Stephen C. and Emma E., all now deceased (Betsey Ann dying at the age of seventeen years) except William F., Stephen C. and Emma E. The father of this family was called from earth in February, 1892, at the age of eighty-seven years; the mother died in December, 1893. On October 21, 1879, they celebrated their golden wedding, on which occasion there were present among others six children and seventeen grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Beach were members of the Episcopal Church at Long Hill.

Stephen C. Beach, whose name introduces this sketch, was born October 2, 1850, in the White Plains District, town of Trumbull, Fairfield county, was there reared, attending during the winter season the public schools and the academy of that locality. At the age of seventeen years he went to Stratford with his parents, and for a time attended the public schools of that borough, then returned to Trumbull and engaged in agricultural pursuits on the home farm. In 1893 he bought a property in New Milford, Litchfield county, Conn., and for three years carried on a prosperous lumber business, at the end of which time we again find him in Trumbull. In the spring of 1898 he removed to his present farm in the town of Bridgeport.

On May 23, 1876, Mr. Beach was united in marriage with Miss Cora Adelle Buckingham, daughter of Homes Buckingham, of New Milford, Litchfield county. In politics our subject is a stanch Democrat, and has been selectman and justice of the peace, besides filling various minor offices. In 1885–86 he served as a member of the State Legislature. He and his wife are members of the Episcopal Church, attending service at Long Hill. As already intimated, Mr. Beach has prospered in business, and he is now the owner of land in Trumbull, Bridgeport and New Milford towns. He ranks among the best citizens of Fairfield county, using his influence in the promotion of all measures having for their object the elevation of his fellowmen.

SAMUEL A. MINOR, a well-known contractor and builder, is a prominent resident of Byram, in the town of Greenwich. He is a self-made man in every sense of the word, having earned his own livelihood from the early age of eleven years, and his history will convey an instructive lesson.

The Minor family has been identified with the Empire and Nutmeg States for several generations, and our subject's grandfather, Henry Minor, who served as a soldier in the war of 1812, owned a farm at Marmaroneck, N. Y., on the Sound near Milton Point. In his younger days he worked in the old cotton factory at Marmaroneck, but later he removed to Tarrytown, N. Y., and conducted a gristmill until 1827, when he located at Glenville, Conn. For some time he was employed as foreman in the picking department of the cotton factory at that place, but when the establishment burned down he engaged in farming in the same locality. In politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat, and while he was not an office-seeker he took great interest in the success of his party. He died April 16, 1864, at Port Chester in his eighty-eighth year, and his wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Hyatt, died July 4, 1864, in her eighty-third year. Their remains now rest in the burial ground in King street, Greenwich, formerly known as the Purdy Anderson Cemetery. This estimable couple had a large family of children as follows: Charles, who died in the South, went to that section in early manhood, and was married there to the widow of a planter by whom he had been employed for a time; Henry, who died in Providence, R. I., was employed there as foreman of a boiler shop; Ezra, a shoemaker by trade, married Jemima Travis, of Port Chester, and died in New York City; David, also a shoemaker, died in New York City; Samuel, our subject's father, is mentioned more fully below; Harvey, formerly a conductor on the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., died in New Haven; Hyatt, a boilermaker by trade, went to Maine, and all trace of him was lost; John died in Greenwich at the age of fourteen; Phœbe married Knapp Merritt, and died at their home in Weaver street, Greenwich; Ann m. (first) Henry Fairchild, (second) William Newman, and died at Byram, this

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county; Lucretia, now a resident of South Norwalk, married (first) a Mr. Bardsley, and (second) a Mr. Lockwood; Jane (Mrs. Henry Hinman), died at Port Chester, N. Y.; and Maria (Mrs. Elijah Merritt), died in Greenwich.

Samuel Minor, our subject's father, was born June 6, 1813, at Glenville, Conn., and was about fourteen years old when his parents settled at Glenville after living at Tarrytown. He attended schools at his native place and in Tarrytown, as well as in Port Chester, and in early manhood he was employed in a stone quarry at Byram, belonging to Elijah Merritt. For about fifty years he continued in that line of work for different employers, serving for some time as foreman for William Ritch; he died April 10, 1898, at his home in Brooksville, Port Chester, where he had been living in retirement, and where he was much respected. He had always been a stanch Democrat in politics. When less than twenty years old he married Miss Cynthia Merritt, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Lyon) Merritt, prominent residents of Byram. She passed to the unseen world May 30, 1850, and her remains were interred in the cemetery at Byram. Mr. Minor afterward married Miss Rachel Hamilton, a daughter of Henry and Mary A. (Gett) Hamilton. By his first marriage Mr. Minor had three children: (1) Elisha, a stone cutter at Greenwich, married Elizabeth B. Martling, and has children—Willis, Newbury, Emma, Mary and Robert; of these, Willis married Miss Addie Merritt, of Greenwich; Newbury married Miss Matilda Tabely, of New York City, where they now reside; Emma married Horace Smith, of Port Chester; Mary married Willis Smith, of Port Chester; and Robert is not married; (2) Samuel A. is the subject proper of this sketch; (3) Willis, a stonemason by trade, residing in Byram, married Maria Lounsbury; children—Kate (married to Melville Beede) and Herbert (unmarried). By the second marriage there was one daughter, Sarah E., who married Lewis Hecker, and died in Port Chester at the age of thirty-nine years, leaving five children.

Samuel A. Minor was born July 12, 1841, in Greenwich, and his education was obtained in the public schools of the Byram District. Among his early teachers he remembers especially Mr. Gwyer and Mr. Dusenbury. As he contrasts the crude methods and equipments of the schools of that time with those of to-day he can see great advancement, and his own deprivations have made him an earnest advocate for better schools, his own children being given the best opportunities available. He was but nine years old when his mother died, and his father having married again, he was taken (when he was about eleven) to the home of an uncle, Henry Merritt, who conducted a small farm near Byram, and from that time his attendance at school was restricted to the winter terms. For some years he received only his board and clothes in return for his work, but later he was given small wages. On leaving his uncle he was employed by different parties, being quite "handy" at various kinds of work, and for a short time he worked in the screw factory at Pemberwick. At the age of twenty-one he began to work at the mason's trade with Floyd Mead, and as he had already picked up a practical knowledge of the business he took to it readily, and was given good wages from the start. After a time he engaged in business for himself as a contractor in plastering, bricklaying and masonry, and he has continued successfully ever since, sometimes with partners and sometimes without. For twenty years past he has carried on the business alone, and of late he has done no active work himself, the general oversight of the operations occupying his time sufficiently. Notwithstanding his business cares he enjoys out-door sport keenly, being especially fond of hunting, and he is one of the most enthusiastic members of the State Line Fox Hunting Club, in which he holds the office of president. In politics he is a Democrat so far as State and National matters are concerned, but in local affairs he selects the "best man" irrespective of party. He has never sought or held office, but he manifests a keen interest in all that concerns the welfare of the community. Fraternally, he is identified with the K. of P., Dayton Lodge, at Greenwich.

Mr. Minor has a pleasant home at Byram, and he and his family are prominent in the social life of the locality. On September 4, 1862, he was married to Miss Jemima Green, who was born October 25, 1845, in New York City, where her girlhood was spent. She was the only daughter and eldest child of Edward and Sophia (Hyer) Green. Of her two brothers, Robert died in the West and Edward now resides on Weaver street, Greenwich. Soon after his marriage Mr. Minor began housekeeping in his father's old home in Greenwich township, between East Port Chester and Greenwich village, and he afterward resided in different neighborhoods in the same town. He built his former residence in 1868, and his present residence in the year 1896. He has had five children, all of whom are living: (1) John E., who is not married, he is an active member of the K. of P. (2) Samuel, who resides at Byram, married Miss Abbie M. Mead, of Byram, and has two children—Ralph W. and Edith M.

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(3) Miss Cynthia E. (4) Miss Clara I. (a graduate of the Greenwich High School, class of '98), and (5) Miss Isabel A. (still attending school), are at home.

DANIEL M. ROWLAND, building inspector of Bridgeport, and one of the most prominent workers in the Democratic party, was born July 22, 1850, one of the two sons of Charles H. and Susan A. (Mills) Rowland.

Charles H. Rowland was a native of New Fairfield, Conn., and youngest son of Daniel Rowland, also a native of New Fairfield, where he followed farming until his death. The first of the Rowlands to settle in this country came over from Wales about 1640. When quite young Charles H. Rowland went to Danbury, where he learned the carpenter's trade, which he there followed until 1845, when he removed to Bridgeport. He married Susan A. Mills, who was born in Bridgeport, a daughter of Moses M. Mills, a mason by trade, and a descendant of an old English family. This union was blessed with two children: Daniel M., our subject; and Charles P., who learned the carpenter's trade, and went first to the South, then to California, and thence to Australia, where all trace of him was lost. The father of this family went to Cincinnati about 1847, and engaged in the manufacture of car wheels. His death occurred there December 29, 1854. His wife still survives him.

Daniel M. Rowland, the subject proper of this sketch, spent his boyhood days in Bridgeport. His education was received first in public schools and later in a private school. On finishing his education he served an apprenticeship in the building business with his uncle. He remained with him about seven years, when he bought an interest in a stair-building concern, under the firm name of Blakeman & Rowland, the firm continuing successfully in business for over four years. In 1877 he went to New York City, and for one year engaged in selling books, when he became connected with the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., serving in the capacity of instructor of agents, and he was instrumental in establishing that business successfully in New York City. After this he was for some time superintendent of the New York Mutual Insurance Co., but in 1886, after the death of his wife, he returned to Bridgeport, and resumed work at his trade—that of carpenter—and was the foreman for several contractors there. At this work he remained steadily until March, 1893, when he was elected county commissioner; during his term as commissioner the county built more structures than had been erected for many years previous, and all these improvements could be traced to his remarkable executive ability. On February 5, 1897, he was elected building inspector, and is capably filling that office at the present time. In 1891 he was elected to the common council.

In June, 1876, Mr. Rowland was united in marriage with Miss Lucy M. Peck, of Bridgeport, a daughter of William Peck, the founder of the Pacific Iron Works, and three children were born to them, all now deceased: Charles, who died in infancy; Eleanor A., who died at the age of fourteen; and Daniel, who died at the age of seven. The mother of this family passed away in 1882, thus completely destroying the happy family circle. Since the death of his devoted helpmeet Mr. Rowland has given his entire time and attention to his work.

Mr. Rowland is one of the energetic workers of the Democratic party, and is a favorite candidate among his associates. For nine consecutive years he has served as chairman of the First ward; in 1881 he served in the council. Socially, Mr. Rowland is a member of the Masonic Fraternity (having joined when twenty-one years of age) and is now one of the past masters of St. John's Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M., and has the thirty-second degree; is also a member of Lafayette Consistory. He holds membership with the Park City Yacht Club; and with the Arion Singing Society. He is a very prominent man in Bridgeport, and well liked and esteemed by all who know him. He is very public spirited, and when once he

> "Sees the want and feels the need,
> Puts Truth and Justice in the lead,
> Then studies means and ways."

BENJAMIN HOLMES, a well-known resident of Stratford, has been engaged in business for a number of years as a contractor and builder, and has won a high reputation for ability and skill in his chosen line of work.

Born April 17, 1843, in the town of Stratford, Mr. Holmes is a son of William and Abigail (Coley) Holmes. William Holmes, the father of our subject, was a native of Vermont, whence he came to this State in early manhood, and for many years drove a stage from New Haven to Stamford. He died in Stratford June 7, 1891; his wife, who was a native of Weston, this county, passed away September 26, 1875. This worthy couple had seven children: Samantha, wife of Harvey E. Atwood, a farmer at Woodribdge; George, a farmer in the town of Strat-

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ford; Lucy, widow of Horace B. Osborne; Benjamin, our subject; Miss Priscilla, who resides in Stratford; John, a market gardener in Stratford township; and Alfred, a resident of Stratford, who is now employed in driving a grocery wagon.

Our subject received his education in the schools of his native town, but at an early age he began to earn his own livelihood, finding employment on the farms of the neighborhood in summer and in the factories in winter. When nineteen years old he apprenticed himself to S. R. Bunce, a carpenter in Stratford, with whom he remained about fifteen years, becoming proficient in all branches of the trade. In 1886 he began business on his own account, and he is now one of the leading contractors of the place, having constructed many important buildings of the locality. Politically, he is an Independent, being quite free from party prejudices. In religion he inclines toward the Episcopal Church, in which he was reared, and socially he is idenitfied with the Order of American Mechanics. In 1872 he married Miss Harriet Jones, a native of Stratford, where her father, John Jones, conducted a tavern and meat market for many years. Two children have blessed this union: Frederick B. and Isabella, both at home.

CHARLES H. NETTLETON. Among the names of those who have contributed largely to the development of all that is good in the community, the honest historian of this vicinity must write that of Charles H. Nettleton, who, born in New Haven, Conn., in the year 1850, soon moved with his parents, Charles and Ellen (Hine) Nettleton, to the city of New York, where he attended the public schools and fitted for the College of the City of New York, from which he graduated in the class of 1870.

In 1871 Mr. Nettleton came to reside in Derby, Fairfield county, Conn., and immediately entered upon a business career, which has been marked by signal success. Being interested in the Derby Gas Company, he at once took charge of the construction of its plant, and has continuously since that time held the office of treasurer and general manager of the corporation. The importance of this position is manifest when we remember that the company supplies the gas and electric light, both private and public, for the cities of Ansonia and Derby and the borough of Shelton, besides furnishing electricity for manufacturing purposes in these municipalities. In 1874 Mr. Nettleton was chosen manager of the Birmingham Water Company (of which he is the treasurer), and still serves the concern in that capacity. In 1894 he was elected president of the Birmingham National Bank, located at Derby, through which the banking business of Derby and Shelton is transacted, and still occupies that position. For years Mr. Nettleton has been an acknowledged authority in the manufacture and distribution of illuminating gas and allied industries, having introduced into the community all the most approved methods for utilizing the commodities placed upon the market by the Derby Gas Company. He has been prominently identified with the New England Gas Association, of which he was secretary from 1885 to 1891 and president from 1893 to 1894. In 1897 he was the president of the American Gaslight Association. Upon the removal of Hon. H. Holton Wood to Boston, Mass., and his consequent resignation as president of the Derby and Shelton Board of Trade, Mr. Nettleton was chosen to fill the important office thus made vacant.

The business and social interests of Derby and Shelton are so interminably interwoven that the more prominent citizens of the one municipality are often equally identified with the other. This is true of Mr. Nettleton; but while his vast business enterprises seem to center largely in Derby, his beautiful home and extensive grounds are situated on the Shelton banks of the Housatonic river, and he is always loyal in his devotion to the town and borough in which he resides. All measures conducive to their true advancement have always received his hearty support. When Shelton was incorporated as a borough Mr. Nettleton was elected its first warden, and served in that capacity for two official terms with credit to himself and honor to the municipality, in which many improvements were carried forward under his administration. In politics Mr. Nettleton is an unswerving Republican—one whose devotion to his party has never been doubted. With him Republicanism is a conviction, and its success in Huntington is in part attributable to his suggestions and support. Yet however strong his party affiliations may be, in him the upright patriot is never lost in an office-seeking politician; and it may be truly said of him that he represents the type of citizen in whom as voter and statesman rests the hope of the State and Nation, and all that is best in American civilization.

Mr. Nettleton is a vestryman of St. James Church, Derby, and has served as treasurer of that Society since 1885. In these days of intense competition which try the moral fibre of men, he has reached an enviable eminence in the business world, while yet a comparatively young

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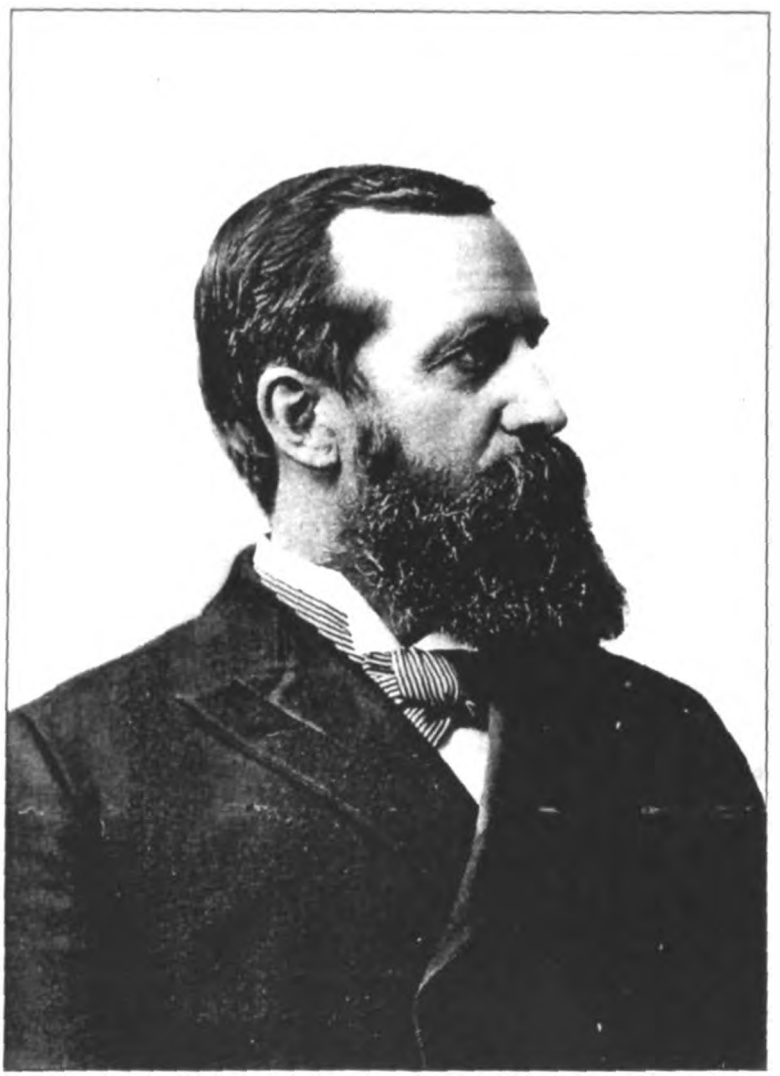

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man, living meanwhile a life so true that those who know him best love him most. With him

> To do the will is more than creeds
> As words are less than deeds.

With marked executive ability, undoubted moral integrity, and a dignity which, to a stranger, might seem severe, Mr. Nettleton has a kind, genial nature. No man abhors more deeply than he anything like a Pharisaical display of virtue or benevolence, yet it is but justice to add that he never turns a deaf ear to the voice of the worthy poor, many of whom have found in him a friend in their necessity, while many a young man owes his success in life to his wise counsel and substantial encouragement.

In 1874 Mr. Nettleton was married to Miss Katharine Arnold, daughter of the late Joseph Arnold, a prominent citizen of Derby, and two daughters—christened Katharine Arnold Nettleton and Ellen Arnold Nettleton—were born to them, the former on June 29, 1880, and the latter on July 21, 1883.

WILLIAM FERRIS WATERBURY, a most popular and efficient official of Stamford, and a man of prominence in Church and society circles, is of the eighth generation of the Waterbury family who have been identified with the interests of Fairfield county.

John Waterbury, a native of England, was born about the year 1615, and on coming to America settled at Watertown, Mass. He married Rose ————, and their children were: Rachel, born at Watertown about 1640; Sarah, born at Watertown about 1646; John, born at Stamford, Conn., about 1650; Jonathan, born at Stamford about 1653; and David, born at Stamford about 1655. The father of these died July 31, 1658, at Stamford, and the widow, on May 11, 1659, married Joseph Garnsey, and their issue was: Joseph, born June 30, 1662. The father served in the General Assembly in 1657.

Jonathan Waterbury, born about the year 1653 at Stamford, married, about 1676, Eunice ————, and their issue were: Sarah, born August 15, 1677; Eunice, October 7, 1679; Rose, January 21, 1681; Rachel, August 26, 1684; Jonathan, February 9, 1685; Abigail, July 1, 1688; Joseph, June 26, 1691; and Benjamin, September 12, 1694. The father of these was a surveyor. He served as selectman of the town in the years 1681–82–88–89–97–99. He died January 14, 1702.

Benjamin Waterbury, born September 12, 1694, at Stamford, married, January 12, 1726–27, Mary Mead, daughter of Jonathan Mead, of Greenwich, Conn., and the names with dates of birth of their issue are: Rachel, November 10, 1727; Benjamin, February 26, 1729; Josiah, July 31, 1732; James, December 7, 1734; Ebenezer, February 25, 1736–37; Mary, January 5, 1740–41, and Bertha, May 20, 1744. The father of these was a surveyor, and he served as a tithingman.

Josiah Waterbury, born July 31, 1732, in Stamford, married, November 22, 1759, Sarah Husted, and the names with dates of birth of their issue, are: Samuel, August 30, 1760; Enos, June 19, 1762; Hannah, July 3, 1763; William, November 24, 1766; Abigail, May 27, 1769; Mary, July 15, 1771; and Jared, November 4, 1788. The name of Josiah Waterbury appears on the muster-roll of David Waterbury's Company in the Lake George campaign of the Colonial war.

Enos Waterbury, born June 19, 1762, married, May 9, 1781, Sarah Waterbury, who was born August 20, 1763. Their issue was: Hannah, born May 13, 1784; Nancy, May 27, 1787; Horace, August 29, 1789; Jonathan B., April 19, 1792; Maria, April 19, 1794; Sally Irene, June 9, 1796; Harriet, January 13, 1799; and Eliza, December 17, 1803. By a second marriage of Enos Waterbury, this time on March 23, 1807, to Catherine Warring, there were issue: Mary, December 13, 1807; Catherine, born February 24, 1810, died December 1, 1839. By a third marriage of Mr. Waterbury, this time on May 20, 1811, to Anna Weeks, the issue was: Nancy, born May 13, 1813, died January 12, 1874. Anna (Weeks) Waterbury died August 21, 1818, and for his fourth wife Mr. Waterbury married Amy Buxton, widow of John Buxton. Mr. Waterbury was a patriot of the war of the Revolution. It appears on record in the U. S. Pension Office that Enos Waterbury enlisted at Stamford in June, 1779, as a private soldier, and served nine months in Capt. Sylvanus Brown's company and Colonel Mead's regiment. He again enlisted, this time in March, 1780, and served nine months as a private in Reuben Scofield's company. His third enlistment was in March, 1781, and the term of service nine months in Capt. Charles Smith's company. The records show further that he made application for a pension July 30, 1832. His death occurred March 2, 1846, and his widow subsequently enjoyed a pension.

Horace Waterbury was born August 29, 1789. On December 18, 1812, he was married to Ann Miller, and they had issue: Eliza, born May 13, 1814; Mary Elizabeth, August 13, 1815; Emeline, August 11, 1817; George Henry, May 30, 1819; Ann Maria, February 7, 1821; Charles William,

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January 18, 1829, and Eliza, August 18, 1830. The father of these, too, was a patriot. He organized a volunteer company for the war of 1812, which was stationed at Shippan Point. He was a blacksmith by trade, and rendered service in that line during the war.

Charles William Waterbury, born January 18, 1829, married, January 14, 1850, Caroline Matilda Ferris, who was born June 20, 1831. They had issue: William Ferris, born March 1, 1851; Charles Pearshall, June 20, 1855, died September 28, 1856; Edwin Horace, August 12, 1858; Walter Scott, November 5, 1860; Caroline Pearshall, April 27, 1863. The father of these died June 26, 1860. He was occupied through life mainly as an agriculturist, but for a few years carried on a grocery, flour and feed, coal and wood business at Waterside, Stamford, Conn., as a member of the firm of Henley & Waterbury. In the Civil war (as did his ancestors in previous wars) he went forth to battle for his country. Enlisting on September 10, 1862, in Company B, 28th C. V. I., he served until August 28, 1863. He was a member af the Baptist Church, and a highly esteemed citizen.

William Ferris Waterbury, the subject proper of this sketch, was born March 1, 1851, in the town of Stamford, his boyhood days having been passed on his father's farm on Richmond Hill. Here he remained until sixteen years of age; then entered the hardware store of S. W. Scofield & Co., at Stamford, remaining one year. Following this he was for one year in the dry-goods store of Hubbard & Holly. Next he passed four years as clerk in the hardware store of C. E. & A. J. Holly. He then went into business for himself, forming a partnership in the clothing business with J. W. Hurlbert, under the firm name of J. W. Hurlbert & Co., two years later the firm becoming Waterbury & McDonald. For many years Mr. Waterbury has been well and favorably known in the public affairs of Stamford and Fairfield county. From 1876 to 1879 he was assistant town clerk, and in 1878–79 he served as a borough tax collector. On July 25, 1891, he was appointed town clerk to fill the unexpired term of Charles E. Holly, and he was elected to the office in October following. He is still in this office. He has been clerk of the Probate Court for ten years past. Socially, he is a member of Union Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M., Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M., and Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11, R. A. M., of Stamford; he is a member of Rippowam Lodge No. 24, I. O. O. F.; also a member of Wascusse Encampment No. 14, and was a charter member of Canton Thomas Wiley No. 6. Moreover he is a member of Stamford Council No. 999, Royal Arcanum; also of John M. Simm's Camp No. 49, S. of V.; also president of the Stamford Co-Operative Building and Loan Association. Mr. Waterbury is active in the Church and its auxiliary societies, and has been a member of the Baptist Church of Stamford since twenty-one years of age. He is president of the Stamford Christian Endeavor Union, and is superintendent of the Sunday-school of the Stamford Baptist Church. He is one of the directors of the Y. M. C. A. He is a member of and is registrar of the Society of Connecticut Sons of the Revolution, is also registrar of the Connecticut Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America.

On December 20, 1877, at Greenwich, Conn., Mr. Waterbury was married to Miss Harriet L. Kenworthy, daughter of George A. and Harriet (Weed) Kenworthy, and to them have been born the following children: Howard Roger, born at Greenwich, January 7, 1881; and Mildred Adelle, born September 12, 1887, at Stamford.

The FERRIS FAMILY of Fairfield county, into which Charles William Waterbury (of the sixth generation of Waterburys here) married, is of New England's early families. The family originated in Normandy. Henry de Ferris, a Norman, obtained from William the Conquerer large grants of land in Staffordshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire, England. The immigrant to this country, Jeffrey Ferris, located at Watertown, Mass., and, so it appears, was married twice. The name of his first wife is not now known. His second wife, who died at Greenwich, Conn., December 23, 1660, was Susannah ——. Jeffrey Ferris must have resided in Boston, Mass., as early as 1635, for in that year it is known that he was made a freeman. He was one of the first settlers of Wethersfield, Conn., thence he removed to Greenwich, and from there, after his first wife's death, to Stamford. His death occurred in 1660; his second wife died December 23, 1660. The issue by the second marriage were: James, Peter, Joseph, Mary and John.

Of these, John Ferris, who was born in 1639, removed to West Chester, Westchester Co., N. Y., in 1654, becoming one of the first Patentees of the town of West Chester. He married (first) Mary ——, and (second) Grace ——. He died in 1715, and his second wife in the same year at Flushing, L. I. The issue by the second marriage was: Mary, Samuel, James, Jonathan, John, Peter, Phœbe, Hannah, Martha and Sarah. Of that generation, James Ferris married Annie Sands, of Sands Point, L. I., and the issue was: James, Benjamin, Martha, Marcy, Elizabeth,

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Anne and Mary. Benjamin Ferris married Sarah Palmer, and had issue: Sands, Benjamin, Cornell and Ann. Sands Ferris married Susan Potter, and had issue: Benjamin Franklin, Thomas, Elizabeth, Sally Ann and Amelia. The father died May 8, 1840, and the mother passed away June 9, 1819. Benjamin Franklin Ferris married Caroline M. Pearshall, and had issue: William Hawkins, who was cashier of the sub-treasury at New York for many years; Caroline Matilda, who married Charles W. Waterbury; and Josephine A., who married Walter Coon.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BEARDSLEY, of the Beardsley Building Company, was born March 18, 1841, in Monroe township, and is a son of Hiram Beardsley, who was born in the same township.

Hiram Beardsley originally learned the tanner's trade, which he followed during the earlier part of his life, but later he became a farmer in a small way in the township of Monroe. During the war of the Rebellion he was engaged in making saddletrees. In his younger days he was a Whig and in later life a Republican, was a man of positive opinions, and especially active in political affairs. He was scarcely less active in religious matters, being a member of the Congregational Church at Monroe Center, and was always a member of the choir. He married Elmina Nichols, daughter of Silas Nichols, of Trumbull township, and had the following children: Henry N., a member of the Beardsley Building Company; Sarah, born in August, 1837, who married James Marsh, now deceased; George Washington, the subject of this sketch; Harriet, now deceased; Mary, who married Albert Wheeler, who died in 1895; Charles E., who is associated with the Beardsley Building Company (he has been twice married, first to Belinda Gunn, and second to Anna E. Curr). Hiram Beardsley died in the year 18—, his wife in 1854.

George W. Beardsley was educated in the public schools of Monroe township, and at private schools in Monroe Centre, attending until he was about sixteen years of age. He began learning the carpenter and joiner trade with William A. Lum, and served an apprenticeship of four years, finishing his apprenticeship when twenty-one years of age. During the following four or five years he was a journeyman carpenter in Birmingham, and then formed a partnership with C. T. Beardsley, the firm name being C. T. & G. W. Beardsley, of Derby, Conn., and engaged in contracting and building. This partnership continued three years, at the end of which time the brother, Henry N., was admitted to partnership, and in 1892 Charles E. Beardsley entered the firm, taking the interest of C. T. Beardsley, the headquarters of the company remaining in Derby until about this time. In 1871, about two years after Henry N. Beardsley had been admitted, another partnership was formed, with E. W. Downs, and the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds was taken up. This partnership continued for about two years, in a factory at Shelton. At length Mr. Downs withdrew from the company, but the name continued to be used, the Beardsley Building Company including the partnership with C. T. Beardsley and Mr. Downs, C. T. Beardsley retiring in 1892. The company has for its field of operations Ansonia, Derby and Shelton, and has done the greater part of the building in Shelton. This firm is one of the largest in its section of the State, and has been unusually successful. Politically, George W. Beardsley has always been a Republican, and has been a burgess for several years. He is a member of Ousatonic Lodge, I. O. O. F., and has been an unusually active member of the order. He is a director in both the Derby Savings Bank and the Mercantile Co-operative Bank. He is a member and a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Shelton, and has always been a public-spirited citizen and loyal to his town.

Mr. Beardsley married Susan Hine, daughter of Harvey Hine, of Orange, and has children as follows: Bertha, who married Edmond Wilkinson, now deceased, and who is now living at her parental home; Arthur, connected with the business of his father; Ruth, who died at the age of fifteen, and Harry, who is living at home.

TIMOTHY O'BRIEN, senior member of the firm of Obrien & Schindler, leading contractors and builders of Bridgeport, is a man whose skill and enterprise have won for him a high reputation in his chosen calling, and his success in life is the more worthy of note because of the fact that he has made his own way unaided by inherited capital. He was born in Conan, Parish of Killmackabeir, County Cork, Ireland, and is the third of the name in direct line. His grandfather, Timothy O'Brien, who was a farmer by occupation, was a native of Queenstown.

Timothy O'Brien (2), our subject's father, was born at the old home in County Cork and passed his life in that locality. He married Margaret Cockley, a native of the same county, and had eight children as follows: Daniel, a farmer in Ireland; Catherine, who married Patrick McCarty, and resides in Ireland; Mary, de-

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ceased; Timothy, our subject; Ellen, deceased; James, a farmer in Ireland; Dennis, a bookkeeper in Jersey City; and Margaret, wife of Terrence Loughlen, of Brooklyn, New York.

As a boy at home our subject began to display the industry and thrift which have marked his career, and before coming to America at the age of sixteen he had already gained some practical knowledge of the mason's trade. He completed his apprenticeship in Bridgeport, where he has since made his home with the exception of one year in Springfield, Mass. By nature he was too independent to long remain in a subordinate place, and for some years he has been engaged in business on his own account as a general contractor. For three years he was in partnership with John J. Green, under the firm name of Green & O'Brien, and at present he is associated with John Schindler. Politically, he is an ardent Democrat, and in religious faith he is a Roman Catholic, being a prominent member of the Church of The Sacred Heart. Socially, he and his family are popular, and he belongs to various fraternal organizations, including the Foresters of America, the Knights of Columbus and the Royal Arcanum. He married (first) Miss Margaret Ivers, a native of Ireland, who died June 21, 1883. On June 3, 1885, he married Miss Jane O'Connor, a native of County Kerry, Ireland, a daughter of John O'Connor, who passed his entire life in that county. By his first marriage Mr. O'Brien had four children: Joseph, Timothy R. and John, who are living, and Ellen, deceased. By the second union there are three children: Henry T., Ernest V. and Jeanette F., all at home.

JOHN SCHINDLER. This enterprising resident of Bridgeport is a member of a well-known firm of O'Brien & Schindler, masons, who have an extensive business as contractors and builders, their yards being located on Garden street, Bridgeport. They are the only contractors there who build large ovens for bakeries, and at present they have on hand several contracts in that line with local establishments. Mr. Schindler is a selfmade man, his energy and thrift reflecting great credit upon him, and the following brief review of his life is well worthy of preservation.

Born December 20, 1857, in New York City, Mr. Schindler is a son of John and Elizabeth (Oberst) Schindler. His father was a native of a part of France that is now in Germany, where he learned the mason's trade. At the age of thirty he came to this country, and for some time was employed in a furniture shop in New York. He died when our subject was about two days old, and his wife, who was born in Bavaria, died in 1890. Of their two children, the elder, George, is now a mason in Bridgeport.

Our subject's youth was spent mainly in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he received a public-school education and, later, served an apprenticeship to the mason's trade. In 1880 he went to his native city, where he was employed at his trade one year, and in 1881 he settled in Bridgeport, engaging in the same line of business. He and his partner, Timothy O'Brien, have a general trade, undertaking work of any kind and with most satisfactory results. Politically, Mr. Schindler is a Democrat, but he is not especially active in public affairs. He and his family are highly respected socially, and are identified with the German Catholic Church at Bridgeport, while he is also a leading member of the St. Joseph's Society. On October 5, 1887, he married Miss Louisa Volz, a native of Bridgeport, and a daughter of William Volz, who was born in Germany. They reside at No. 135 Sherwood avenue, and their home is brightened by three attractive children: Louisa, Emma and John William.

HENRY FRANCIS WANNING, president and general manager of the Birmingham Iron Foundry, of Derby, Conn., was born in Massachusetts, March 30, 1846. After receiving his earlier education in the public schools of his native town, he entered the high school of Taunton, Mass., where he graduated in 1862.

Soon after laying aside his text books Mr. Wanning began work in the office of the woolen-mills of Samuel Slater's Sons at Webster, Mass., but after a time he removed to New York City, where he entered the employ of the New York City Steel Works, and while there became acquainted with the proprietors of the Birmingham Iron Foundry, of Derby, Conn. Subsequently he was induced by that company to accept the position of bookkeeper for their establishment, and ever since 1865 he has been identified with that firm in different capacities. In 1879 he was elected their secretary; in 1888 he became treasurer; and in 1891, having acquired a larger interest in the corporation, he succeeded Royal M. Bassett as its president and general manager. He has served as a director of the Birmingham National Bank since 1888.

In 1870 Mr. Wanning was married to Miss Harriet Wallace, eldest daughter of the late Nelson H. Downs, of Shelton, Conn., a lady of

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marked refinement and charming personality. Since his marriage Mr. Wanning has resided in Shelton, having previously, from 1865, made his home in Derby. He and his wife have three living children: Grace Elizabeth, born in 1871, who was married in 1896 to Julius G. Day; Francis Downs, secretary of the Birmingham Iron Foundry, born in 1873; and Harriet Downs, born in 1879. Though not a member, Mr. Wanning is interested in the Second Congregational Church of Derby, of which he has been a regular attendant and cheerful supporter since settling at his present locality.

WILBUR F. TOMLINSON. Among the well-known names on the pages of Connecticut history is found engraved, high up in the "Temple of Fame," the name of Tomlinson. In 1630 a grant of territory was made to the Earl of Warwick, which grant was the beginning of the history of Connecticut. In 1643 Connecticut was admitted to the Union of New England. At such an early period the colony was in a very unsettled state, and the citizens were composed of that hardy pioneer stock that has been the glory of America. In 1652, there came from England one Henry Tomlinson, baptized at Derby, England, in 1606. Tradition says he was a weaver by trade. He settled at Milford, Conn., and his talents soon made him a prominent factor in the town, and for a long time he occupied the responsible position of keeper of the ordinary court records. His death occurred at Stratford in 1681.

After Henry Tomlinson comes the Lieutenant, Agur Tomlinson, his son, who was born at Stratford, November 1, 1658. He was a physician, and his son Zachariah, who was born at Stratford, Conn., October 31, 1693, became a large real-estate owner, and left a family of children. Capt. Beach Tomlinson, a son of Zachariah, was born December 3 or 7, 1726, at Stratford, and followed farming as an occupation; he owned a great deal of property which he rented. He was appointed an ensign in the trained band, and afterward became its captain. In his family were fourteen children, among whom was Agur, born December 1, 1756, at Huntington, Conn. Agur Tomlinson was one of the patriots of the Revolution, and at the close of the war, like Cincinnatus of ancient fame, went home to his farming, his life work; he died November 28, 1847, aged ninety-one.

Charles Tomlinson, the son of Agur, and grandfather of Wilbur F. Tomlinson, whose name opens this review, was born at White Hills, in the town of Huntington, Fairfield county, on February 20, 1788. He, too, followed farming as an occupation all his life. His wife in her maidenhood was Anna Pearce, a twin sister of Aaron Pearce, and she became the mother of five children, all of whom are yet living: Nelson, a farmer living on the old homestead; William, mentioned more fully below; Ann, the wife of John Hull, of Oxford, Conn.; Caroline, the wife of John Sherman, of Newtown; and Mary Emily, the wife of Legrand Stone, of Smith county, Kans. The parents of these children lived far beyond the allotted three-score and ten years, the father dying May 10, 1879, aged ninety-one years, and the mother at the age of ninety-three.

William Tomlinson passed his entire life as a farmer, to which occupation he was well fitted by his early training under his father. For several terms during the winter he taught school, winning a good reputation both as an instructor and as a disciplinarian. On June 7, 1846, he married Miss Ruth Drew, who was born February 15, 1829, in the town of Southeast, Putnam Co., N. Y., a daughter of Deacon Ferris Drew. The Drews were of French extraction, and the father of Mrs. Tomlinson, though a native of New York State (where his father, Isaac Drew, was a farmer), died in Connecticut. After his marriage William Tomlinson took his young bride to Illinois, and settled in Nora, Jo Daviess county, where he engaged in farming. For nine years they made their home in the Prairie State, at the end of which time they returned to Connecticut, locating at Woodbridge, where they still reside. A Republican in politics, Mr. Tomlinson has served as justice of the peace, etc., though in no sense could he be regarded as an office-seeker, the offices he has accepted coming to him without any effort on his part. A family of five children were born to William Tomlinson and his wife, of whom the following is the record: Warren E., born February 25, 1850, is a carpenter in the town of Huntington; Frank E., born April 24, 1854, went, in 1883, to South Dakota, where he is engaged in farming; Wilbur F., the subject proper of this review, comes next; Royal D., born December 28, 1860, is the foreman of a machine shop at Rondout, N. Y.; and Herbert H., born April 25, 1869, is at home. The entire family adhere to the faith of the Congregational Church.

Wilbur F. Tomlinson, a worthy representative of this ancient family, now known and honored as one of the substantial business men of Danbury, was born at Nora, Jo Daviess Co., Ill., May 16, 1856. His life, until the age of twenty years, was passed upon a farm, but not

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having any decided taste for agricultural pursuits, he decided to go out into the world and fight his own battles. He accordingly went to Stepney, Conn., and was employed for about four years as a clerk in the country store of Hawley Brothers. For two years then he stayed on the farm at home, when he went to Bridgeport, and for three years was engaged in the meat and grocery business. In 1885 he came to Danbury, where he carried on an ice business; in 1890 he formed a co-partnership with A. W. Parmelee in the undertaking business, under the firm name of Parmelee & Tomlinson. They are pleasantly located at No. 46 White street, in the Union Hall building, Danbury, and have given the best satisfaction in their business.

On December 6, 1882, Wilbur F. Tomlinson was married to Antoinette, a daughter of Perkins French, of Easton, this county, and one son has been born to them—Carl, born June 6, 1886.

Politically, our subject affiliates with the Republican party, and is one of the leaders in his town. For two years he represented the Second ward on the board of alderman, giving satisfaction to his constituents, and gaining the good will of the citizens in general. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the American Mechanics.

As a representative of such an old family, Mr. Tomlinson has proven himself worthy of the name he bears, his sterling integrity and his courtesy winning the regard and respect of his fellow citizens.

Among the other descendants of Henry Tomlinson, the emigrant, whose place in the history of Connecticut entitles them to representation in a volume of this kind, was Theodore Tomlinson, who was born at Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., N. Y., in 1817. He entered the University of the City of New York, and was admitted to the Bar after his graduation from Yale Law School. Immediately after his admission to the Bar he began the practice of his profession in New York City, and in 1850 was appointed attorney of the corporation of the City of New York. He rapidly rose in the profession, and attained considerable prominence. His ability as an orator was such as to make his name a familiar household word, and he was often compared with Henry Clay. Active in the work of the Whig party, he was in 1859 elected to the General Assembly of New York, and was one of the most noted debaters on the floor of either house. His sound judgment, his logical reasoning, his practical ideas, clothed in the purest and simplest language, held his listeners spellbound, and won him an undying fame.

Another prominent representative of this family was Gideon Tomlinson, the son of Jabez (who was an officer in the Revolutionary army), born at Stratford, Conn., December 31, 1780, and educated at Yale College, where he graduated in 1802. In 1817 he was elected to the General Assembly of Connecticut, re-elected the following year and chosen speaker of the house. He was a member of the convention that formed the constitution of the State, and gave it his effective support. In 1818 he was sent to Congress, taking his seat in 1819. He continued to represent his district in Congress until 1827, when he was chosen Governor of the State, being re-elected during the three succeeding years. In 1831 he resigned the office of Governor to become a United States Senator. At the close of his term in the Senate, during which six years he had taken a prominent and brilliant part, he retired to his home in Greenfield Hill, where he died October 8, 1854, at the age of seventy-three. His wife was Sarah Bradley, daughter of William Bradley, of Greenfield Hill.

The Tomlinson family have been well represented at Yale, no less than sixteen members having graduated from that institution between the years 1744 and 1885.

FREDERICK C. TOOLEY, a leading resident of Danbury, has been identified for a number of years with industries of that busy city, but is now engaged in the real-estate and insurance business, with an office at Bridgeport. An able business man, he is also an excellent citizen, and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

Mr. Tooley comes of good New England stock in both the paternal and maternal lines. Alvin L. Tooley, his father, was born in Vermont in 1829, a son of Cyrus and Lydia Tooley, and is now residing in Danbury. He married Miss Frances Mary Nash, daughter of —— and Sophronia Nash, and a native of Vermont. This worthy couple have had three children: Frederick C., Ella L. and Alvin DeLos.

Mr. Tooley, our subject, was born July 9, 1855, at Poultney, Vt., but was educated in the common schools and the academy at Holley, Orleans county, N. Y., his parents having removed to a farm in that locality when he was a small boy. On leaving school at the age of eighteen, he assisted his father in the farm work for a time, but at twenty-one he came to Danbury and engaged in the hatter's trade as an employe of the Tweedy Manufacturing Company, remaining several years and holding the position of assistant foreman during the greater portion of the time. He then spent three years with Holley, Beltaire & Co. as a foreman of their form-

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ing department, and on giving up that responsible post he went into hat manufacturing on his own account, in partnership with L. W. Comes and Alvin D. Tooley, a brother, the firm name being F. C. Tooley & Co. After five years he sold out his interests and engaged alone in a wood-working enterprise, making a specialty of hatters' supplies. A serious accident which nearly caused the loss of his right arm, led him to abandon this line of work in 1894, and since that time he has been successfuly conducting a real-estate and insurance business, his brother Alvin D. being his partner under the style of Tooley Brothers.

Mr. Tooley married Miss Mary A. Vintz, a native of Baden, Germany, whose parents, Frederick and Mary (Shafner) Vintz, came to this county during her childhood. She has two sisters residing in Danbury: Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. J. G. Irving. Mr. and Mrs. Tooley have one daughter, an adopted child, Mabel K., born August 10, 1892. All progressive movements command Mr. Tooley's sympathy, and he is especially active in religious work, he and his wife being members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Danbury. For several years he has been librarian in the Sunday-school. Politically he is a firm supporter of the Republican party.

ARTHUR H. SENIOR, proprietor and general manager and treasurer of the A. H. Senior Corset Company, Bethel, was born April 2, 1857, in the town of Morris, Litchfield Co., Connecticut.

William Senior, father of our subject, was an Englishman by birth, having been born, in 1810, in Derbyshire, England, whence, when twelve years old, he came with his parents to this country, locating at Washington, Litchfield Co., Conn., where he passed his youth on a farm. His education was received partly in Connecticut, and he was an agriculturist all his life. In the town of Danbury he married Catherine Wheeler, a native of Redding, Conn., who, after the death of her husband, March 12, 1864, made her home in the town of Bethlehem, whence after a year she removed to a farm in Woodbury, Conn., where she resided eleven years. In 1882 she married a Mr. Perkins, a retired farmer. By her first husband, William Senior, she had six children, as follows: Charles is a painter by trade, and resides in New London, Conn.; Hattie married Joseph Hawley, and resides in Danbury; Carrie J. married Thomas Cassady, and lives in Springfield, Mass.; Emma (deceased) married Frank Ganung; Arthur H. is our subject; and Clarence E. resides in Morris township, Litchfield Co., Conn. The mother of these died in August, 18—. In his political preferences Mr. Senior was a Republican, in religious faith a member of the Episcopal Church.

Arthur H. Senior, of whom this sketch more particularly relates, passed his boyhood on a farm, and attended the district schools of the neighborhood. At the age of sixteen years he went to Bridgeport, and for a year clerked for D. Bostwick & Co., after which he was in similar employ with William H. Ladd and Joseph Scott, in Waterbury, one and one-half years. He then moved to the town of Woodbury where he learned the trade of carpenter, in 1878 removing to Bethel, and for three years working for Gilbert Brothers, carpenters at that place; he was also employed in a hat shop one season. He then embarked in the building business, in connection operating a lumber yard, and still carries on the enterprise.

On November 13, 1893, Mr. Senior bought the New York City branch of the Madame Griswold corset business, and November 28, 1894, a stock company was formed known as the A. H. Senior Corset Company, which was incorporated April 15, 1895; the firm bought out the entire Madame Griswold corset business, and consolidated it with the A. H. Senior Corset Company. They manufacture the Madame Griswold and the Parisian corset; also waists, girdles, belts, skirt supporters, etc. Mr. Senior has been treasurer and general manager of the concern ever since it was started.

On October 4, 1883, at Bethel, Conn., Arthur H. Senior was married to Evanna Benedict, daughter of Gad and Delia (Toucey) Benedict, of Newtown, the former of whom was a farmer and hatter, and one child, Harold, born December 25, 1886, has come to brighten the home of our subject and wife. Mr. Senior is a member of the F. & A. M., King Solomon Lodge No. 7, at Woodbury, of Eureka Chapter No. 83, at Danbury, and of Wooster Council and Crusader Commandery No. 10, of Danbury, and Pyramid Temple, of Bridgeport, Conn.; also member of the Knights of Honor, Bethel Lodge No. 3159, and of the Heptasophs, No. 379, Bethel Conclave.

CHARLES O. BROWN, city engineer of Danbury, Fairfield county, Conn., is an able official, and is now serving his second term in his responsible position.

The Browns are of Colonial stock, and our subject is a relative of John Brown, who served

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as a private in the Revolutionary army. Frederick and Mary (Brown) Brown, the grandparents of our subject, were residents of Greenboro, N. Y., and Isaac Brown, his father, was born there in November, 1809, and for many years conducted the leading grocery of the place. He died June 16, 1857, but his wife, whose maiden name was Mary E. Losee, is still living. She was also a native of Greenboro, and was a daughter of Abram and Eliza Losee.

Mr. Brown, our subject, who was the only child of his parents, was born October 8, 1852, at the old home in Greenboro, where he obtained an elementary education in the public schools. In 1868 he entered the Weston Military Institute at Weston, Conn., where he spent two years; then taught for eighteen months in the Wilcox Military Institute, on South street, Stamford, Conn. During his school course he became familiar with the theoretical side of civil engineering, and desiring to secure practical work in that line he entered the office of M. K. Couzens, then city engineer at Yonkers, N. Y., and remained there six years. George Raynor having succeeded Mr. Couzens in the office, two years were spent with him, and then Mr. Brown left Yonkers to find or make an opening for an independent business. Locating in Danbury, he was engaged for four or five years in other enterprises, but in 1885 he opened an office and established himself in business in his chosen calling. In 1895 he was elected to the office of city engineer, and at the end of his first term of one year he was again chosen, his efficient service gaining for him appreciative recognition from the people.

Mr. Brown is an influential worker in the Republican organization of his locality, and is identified with only one secret order, the Improved Order of Red Men. In 1878 he married Miss Jennie Floretta White, daughter of Charles White, a well-known citizen of Danbury, with whom they reside at No. 22 Grandview avenue, corner of Morris street. They have no children.

CHARLES WHITE, the father-in-law of Mr. Brown, was born February 16, 1826, in Wiltshire, England, a son of John V. White and grandson of John C. White. His mother, whose maiden name was Penelope Norton, was a daughter of Thomas Norton, of England. John V. White and his wife had ten children: Mary, John, George H., Cornelius, Edward, Charles, Elizabeth, Eliza, and two who died in infancy and whose names are not now recalled. Only four lived to adult age, and of these, John came to America in 1836, George H., Charles and Eliza coming in the following year with their parents. Mr. White and his brother George H., who is also a resident of Danbury, are now the only survivors of this large family. Mr. White was educated in Amenia, N. Y., and in Danbury, where he attended the common schools of the time. At the age of sixteen he began to learn the hatter's trade with Hoyt & Tweedy, and on the completion of his apprenticeship he worked for a short time as a printer. He then decided that as "a rolling stone gathers no moss" he would cling to his trade, so returning to his former employers he remained in the factory some thirty-six years. During the greater part of this time he was foreman, most of the hats passing through his hands, and for a while he had charge of the stiffening department also. The firm underwent several changes from Hoyt & Tweedy, Tweedy & Hoyt, Tweedy & White, A. E. Tweedy & Co., to the Tweedy Manufacturing Company, as it is now known. In 1886 Mr. White retired from the service of the firm, and he has since remained free from business care, except for the management of his valuable real-estate holdings in Danbury, which include a number of houses.

Mr. White is a stanch Republican in politics. For about forty-five years he has been a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and he belongs to Union Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M., also Eureka Chapter R. A. M., of Danbury. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. under the old regime, but when the lodge to which he belonged surrendered its charter he declined to enter the new lodge which succeeded it. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian, and he and his family are active members of that Church. In 1850 Mr. White married Miss Alvira Jennie Deere, daughter of George and Rebecca (Fillow) Deere. She died in October, 1887, leaving three children, all of whom reside in Danbury: Charles Edgar, who resides in the second house below that of his father, married Miss Lizzie Berry, and has four children—Maude E., Asa B., May Louise and Marguerite W. Jennie F. is the wife of Mr. Brown. Marian D. married William St. John, and resides next door to her father; she has three children—Ethel Deere, Bessie N. and Jennie B.

JACOB MILLER. During our Civil war many of our foreign-born citizens showed their devotion to the cause of liberty by gallant service in the Union army. Among these was the subject of this sketch, who is now the proprietor of the "Half Way House," a popular hostelry at Noroton Bridge, in the town of Darien.

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Mr. Miller was born in Germany October 14, 1842, a son of Jacob and Mary Miller, both natives of the Fatherland. He was about a year old when his father brought the little family to New York City, and engaged in business as a blacksmith there. This occupation he continued but a few years, his death occurring in 1847, and his faithful wife, who survived him many years, passed away in 1892. They had six children: Mrs. Catherine Miller, a widow; C. F.; Frederick; Jacob, our subject; David; and Charles, who died in 1859, his death resulting from an accident.

As the father's death left the family in limited circumstances, Jacob Miller was obliged to earn his own livelihood from an early age, and his educational opportunities were accordingly few and far between. Since he was thirteen years old he has been self-sustaining, and it is greatly to his credit that he should have succeeded in the face of such discouragements. On October 14, 1861, he promptly offered his services to the government, enlisting in Company E, 40th New York Volunteer Infantry, and served with the Army of the Potomac three years, during which time thirty-two days were spent in hard fighting in decisive engagements, in addition to the occasional skirmishes in which he participated. On May 12, 1864, he received a gunshot wound in the left thigh at the battle of Spottsylvania Court House, and this terminated his career as a soldier, on October 14, 1864. He returned to New York City, where he remained until 1876, and since that time he has been conducting his hotel at Noroton Bridge.

On September 19, 1886, Mr. Miller was married, by Rev. Samuel Alman, rector of the Emanuel Baptist Church, to Miss Jennie C. Lucas, of New York City, who was formerly an active member of the Suffolk Street Baptist Church in that city. Socially, Mr. Miller and his wife are much liked, and he is a member of various fraternal orders, including the F. & A. M. and the G. A. R., uniting with Hobbie Post No. 23. In politics he is an unwavering supporter of the Republican party, but does not seek official honors, preferring to devote his attention to his business.

WARREN H. TAYLOR, superintendent for the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company, of Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., is one of the most active residents of that city, with whose interests, social and commercial, he has been closely identified for the past thirty years. He was born February 17, 1846, in Winchendon, Mass., a son of Stillman Taylor, who was a painter and decorator by occupation, and also followed farming. He lived in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Mr. Taylor, our subject, received his schooling at the public and private institutions of Fitzwilliam, N. H., and Winchendon, Mass., and was afterward apprenticed to his uncle, George W. Davis, of Milford, N. H., to learn the machinist's trade. During the time of the Civil war he was given another year's schooling. Although quite young at this time he was anxious to serve his country, and assisted in recruiting a large part of one company for a New Hampshire regiment in which he had already enlisted, but did not go to the front, being laid up with a severe sickness at the time the regiment was ordered south. After his recovery he returned to his trade, entering the employ of a sewing-machine company at Winchendon, where he remained a year and a half. Subsequently he worked a year and a half for the Smith & Wesson Arms Company, of Springfield, Mass.; a year with the Remington Arms Company, of Ilion, N. Y.; for a lock company founded by Linus Yale's father, at Newport, N. Y.; and for Linus Yale, Jr., at Shelburne Falls, Mass., that gentleman operating what has since become the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company, of Stamford. In the spring of 1868 Mr. Taylor came with his last-named employer to Stamford, and has continued with the firm ever since, acting as superintendent of their large lock manufacturing department until 1896, when he entered upon the duties of superintendent of designing and construction. The many inventions and patents, which have been issued to him, in connection with their goods, and most of which they are using in conjunction with the manufacture of their so popular and well-known products, are universally known, not only to the people of Stamford but to everybody connected with the hardware-manufacturing business. Mr. Taylor has, however, been engaged in various lines of enterprise on his own account, principally real-estate dealing, in which he has had many important transactions, and he is a prominent member of the Business Men's Club, and a member and officer of the Board of Trade. He has taken a leading part in the public affairs of Stamford, and though not an office-seeker he has served as assessor and burgess or councilman, several terms in each office. He was instrumental in the organization of the Fire Department of Stamford, being chairman of the committee at the time of the reorganization, when steam fire-engines took the place of hand-engines, and has shown himself public-spirited and valuable as a worker for any cause which is

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likely to prove a public benefit or promote the welfare of the city.

Socially, Mr. Taylor is a member of Union Lodge No. 5, and the Chapter, F. & A. M.; of Rippowam Lodge, I. O. O. F., and of the Suburban Club; and he also belongs to the American Association of Mechanical Engineers, of New York City, the Democratic Club of New York City, and the Reform Club of New York City.

Mr. Taylor has been twice married. His first wife, whose death occurred in 1893, was a Miss Ida Tyler, of Newport, N. Y., by whom he has one daughter, Grace, wife of Harry S. Van-Demark, of New York City. His second union was with Miss Virginia Barney, also of Newport, N. Y., and they have two children, Hazel Gean and Warren H., Jr., both at home.

GEORGE H. KNAPP is one of the most prominent and substantial citizens of Fairfield, and his history shows that he possesses the characteristic qualities of the typical business man.

Mr. Knapp is a native of Connecticut, born August 25, 1855, in the town of Fairfield, a son of Henry A. and Caroline Burr (Sherwood) Knapp, and a grandson of James Knapp, who was proprietor of "Knapp's Tavern," in its day a well-known and highly popular hostelry in Fairfield.

Henry A. Knapp was born March 1, 1822, in the town of Fairfield, one of a family of two sons and two daughters. Reared in Fairfield, he attended the academy of that day, and for his life work he chose the profession of architect. When he was nineteen years old, however, his plans were changed, owing to the death of his father, and he had to take charge of the home farm, the other son being absent. He followed agricultural pursuits successfully, and at his death, which occurred November 16, 1874, after a brief illness, he was possessed of considerable wealth. He was a man of more than average intellectuality, a bright scholar, close reader, and profound thinker, well up in classics, and, withal, a deep student of the Bible and theology generally. During his early manhood he was a member of the Congregational Church, but before his marriage, owing to research in and study of the doctrine of the Episcopal Church, he united with that faith, later taking an active interest in the erection of the first Episcopal church building at Fairfield, and at all times he gave liberally of his time and means toward that Church. He was always a member of the vestry, was senior warden, and served as treasurer for years. In politics, he was a stanch Whig and Republican, and never failed to take a keen interest in the affairs of the party, but declined the nomination for representative from his town. He was an excellent type of good, loyal citizenship, one whose integrity was never questioned, and whose opinion and advice were often sought. He improved his property in various ways, built houses on his land, by doing so materially enhancing the value and general appearance of that part of the town.

Henry A. Knapp was married April 23, 1846, at Fairfield, Conn., to Miss Caroline Burr Sherwood, a native of that borough, born November 10, 1822, a daughter of Hull Sherwood, and they had a family of five children, as follows: Lucy C., born March 2, 1847, died June 1, 1896, unmarried; Caroline S., born December 3, 1849, died July 25, 1895, unmarried; George H., our subject, comes next; James L., born April 12, 1857, died April 7, 1884 (he was named for Rev. James Lefingwell, the first Episcopal clergyman in Fairfild, and during the greater part of his life was an invalid); and Henry A. died in infancy. The mother of this family passed from earth May 28, 1885, and her remains were laid to rest in Oak Lawn cemetery, Fairfield. She was a member of one of the leading Episcopalian families of Southport.

George H. Knapp, whose name introduces this memoir, attended private schools in Fairfield, and would have further prosecuted his studies had not the sudden death of his father changed his plans. His brother being an invalid, the responsibility and care of the property left by the father fell upon our subject, which meant nothing more or less than farming, and this occupation he followed until 1887, in which year he abandoned that pursuit and became assistant railroad agent at Fairfield depot. This incumbency he filled some six years, when impaired health compelled him to give up, and seek a re-establishment of health at Southern Pines, N. C., remaining there two winters, much to his benefit. In 1896 Mr. Knapp was elected town clerk and tax collector of the town of Fairfield, and re-elected in 1897, he filling the position with characteristic zeal and ability, giving eminent satisfaction to all concerned.

Mr. Knapp has been twice married, first time, November 10, 1880, to Miss Amelia C. Hull, of Greenfield Hill, daughter of Albert B. and Catherine (Banks) Hull, and five children were born to them, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Harriet A., September 2, 1881; Albert H., August 30, 1883; George H., Jr., November 25, 1886; Ethel H., April 8, 1888; and Kate A., April 16, 1889, all living at home except George H., who died August 25, 1887.

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The mother of these died May 19, 1889, and January 25, 1893, Mr. Knapp wedded Miss Marietta T. Gould, daughter of William C. and Josephine (Thorp) Gould. One child, Mabel Sherwood, born November 23, 1893, has blessed this union.

Mr. and Mrs. Knapp are members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Fairfield, of which he became a vestryman at the early age of twenty-one, has served as clerk several years, and is the present treasurer and junior warden; in 1896 he was elected superintendent of the Sabbath-school. Socially, he affiliates with Pequonnock Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Bridgeport, and was a charter member of the lodge in that order established at Southern Pines, N. C., from which he transferred to Bridgeport; is also a member of Greenfield Hill Grange No. 133. He is collector for the Connecticut Building & Loan Association of Hartford. His uprightness, integrity and public-spiritedness have won for him the confidence and esteem of his neighbors, and he is classed among the most respected representative citizens of Fairfield.

CAPTAIN SAMUEL HUESTED, who has for many years been prominently identified with the business interests of Sound Beach, Fairfield county, was born at that place, June 9, 1826, and there his father, Samuel Huested, Sr., spent his entire life, following farming as a means of livelihood. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Ann M. Waterbury, was a native of North Stamford, Fairfield county, and was a daughter of Enos Waterbury, of Stamford. She died when past the age of eighty years, her husband at the age of seventy-four, and the remains of both were interred in the Congregational Church cemetery. The father was a Democrat in politics, and a Baptist in religious belief, belonging to the Church in Stamford. In his family were the following children: Charles, a farmer and oyster-man, now deceased; Joseph, who died in Stamford; Jane, who married Jerry Rockefeller, and died in Sound Beach; John, who died in the same place; Mary, who wedded John Ferris, and died in Sound Beach; Peter, who died in Camden, N. J.; George, who died in Sound Beach; Sarah (now Mrs. Jacob Mendel), of Nyack, N. Y.; Samuel, of this sketch; and Harriet (now Mrs. William Webb), of Stamford.

For his education, Captain Huested is indebted to the public schools of South Beach, such as they were at that early day. Until eighteen years of age he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and then began work at hollow-ware molding in the foundry of George Warren, at Stamford; but the trade did not agree with him, so he crossed the Sound to Long Island, and there worked for Robert Thompson, as a gardener. Subsequently he went to West Farms, N. Y., and began boating as "first mate in a crew of two" on the Forest, that carried merchandise and produce between West Farms and New York City. A year later he returned to Sound Beach, and in connection with his brother George embarked in the oyster business, which he has followed in season for forty-five years. During this time he ran a market sloop from Stamford to New York City, and he still keeps a boat, and at times still engages in the oyster and lobster business. He owns some land and a comfortable residence in Sound Beach, where he and his family make their home.

At the age of twenty-three years, Capt. Huested married Miss Catherine Hoit, a native of Sound Beach, and a daughter of Alfred Hoit. The two children, Benjamin F. and Harriet, born of this union, are both deceased. For his second wife the Captain married Miss Cornelia Sauls, of Buffalo, N. Y., and she died leaving no children. Subsequently he was united in marriage with Angeline H. Knapp, also of Buffalo, by whom he has four children: Cornelia L., Cora F., Lester W. and William H.

The Democratic party finds in Captain Huested a stanch supporter of its principles, but he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. From an early age he has been dependent upon his own resources, and has fought his way in the world unaided by money or influential friends. Although past the allotted three-score years and ten, he is still well preserved, and is highly respected by all who know him. He has watched with interest the growth of Sound Beach from a place of farms to one of the most desirable and popular residence sections in Fairfield county along the Sound.

THEODORE E. BEARD, a prominent lumber dealer of Huntington township, is a worthy representative of a family which has long been held in high esteem in that section.

Among the first settlers of Milford, Conn., in the year 1639, were Widow Martha Beard with three sons and three daughters. Her husband, James Beard, died on the passage from England to America. The names of the sons are James, John and Jeremy (or Jeremiah). James, who was the eldest, died in 1642 unmarried, and his estate was the first ever settled in Milford. The name of Jeremiah is not conspicuous on the rec-

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ords of the town. He was propounded for freeman by the General Court at Hartford, May 11, 1671. Capt. John Beard, the ancestor of those bearing the name in this region, was a prominent citizen of the town. He was married about 1653 to the divorced wife of John Oviatt. Her maiden name was Hannah. She was a peculiar woman, as all records show. They had eight children, whose names, with dates of birth, are as follows: John, June 27, 1654 (old style); Mary, November 12, 1658; James, December 4, 1661; Joseph, July 20, 1666; Samuel, February 4, 1669; Jeremiah and Ebenezer (twins), April 16, 1672; and Sarah, July 22, 1675. John was appointed captain of a military company January 17, 1675. He was deputy from Milford to the General Court for the October, 1677, term, and was re-elected continuously for the next thirteen years, with two exceptions. He was frequently appointed, by the General Court, commissioner to settle boundaries, etc. His name appears frequently in the Colonial records.

Joel Beard, the father of our subject, was a native of the town of Huntington, and he and his estimable wife, whose maiden name was Maria Chatfield, reared a family of four children: William T., Theodore E., James H. and Oliver G.

Theodore E. Beard was born December 21, 1833, at the old homestead in Huntington, and received a common-school education during his boyhood. As the son of a busy farmer he had a practical training in agricultural work, and at an early age he began to display marked business ability. In 1854, when only twenty-one years old, he engaged in the manufacture of straw paper in partnership with his brother, William T. Beard, building a mill about three and one-half miles from Shelton. They continued the partnership for a quarter of a century, then, in 1880, our subject purchased his brother's interest. Since that time he has carried on a gristmill and sawmill business, his son, Frederick W., being associated with him. They enjoy a large trade, keeping about twelve men employed the year round, and under their skillful management the business is constantly increasing. They purchase extensive tracts of land from which they clear the timber, but they do not attempt to bring the property under cultivation. In politics Mr. Beard is a Democrat, and his sound judgment and upright character have caused him to be chosen to different offices in his town, including those of selectman, assessor and justice of the peace.

On November 10, 1857, he married Miss Julia Ann Wheeler, daughter of Agur Wheeler, a well-known citizen of the same town. Six children have blessed this union: Joel A., who married Miss Grace Morse, of Huntington, resides in South Britain, Conn., where he is engaged in business as a grain dealer and lumberman, and also operates a gristmill; Frederick W. is in business with his father; Zina C., who married Miss May Turney, of Easton, operates a portable sawmill, and is now located at South Britain; Theodore E., Jr., who married Mary Carroll, of North Hampton, Mass., graduated from the medical department of Yale College, and is now practicing medicine in New Haven; Lavinia M. and Anna S. are at home.

D. SMITH SHOLES, who has taken an active part in the business and official life of Ridgefield, was born in that town November 27, 1839, a son of Daniel Sholes.

The Sholes family is of Welsh descent, and the first of whom we have record is Joseph Sholes, the great-grandfather of D. Smith. His son, Rev. Ebenezer Sholes, was a Presbyterian minister, and was born either in Vermont or in New London county, Conn., in which latter locality the family originally settled on coming to this country. Ebenezer Sholes married Elizabeth Waterman, and they had two children: Lucy, who became the wife of Isaac P. Thompson, and Daniel. The father died in 1802.

Daniel Sholes was born September 26, 1800, in Vermont, where his father was then stationed. He passed his early life in his native State, and when hardly more than a boy moved to Auburn, N. Y., where he learned his trade, that of shoemaker. This he followed during the greater part of his life, and being a thrifty, industrious man succeeded in earning a comfortable livelihood for his family. In 1827 he came to Ridgefield, and for many years was cutter for the factory of Charles Smith, Jr., proving himself a skillful workman. Daniel Sholes was first married to Clara Beers, daughter of Edmund Beers, and by her had two children: Sanford and Ann Eliza, the former of whom is now deceased; Ann Eliza is unmarried. His second union was with Catharine Smith, daughter of Capt. Daniel and Phebe (Whitney) Smith, and their only child was D. Smith Sholes. Daniel Sholes was not an active politician, but he was a loyal Jacksonian Democrat, and was one of the four men in Ridgefield who voted for Andrew Jackson in 1828. In religious connection he was a member of the Episcopal Church. He passed away November 12, 1889, his wife surviving until June 13, 1891.

D. Smith Sholes commenced his education in

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the public schools of Ridgefield, the learning there acquired being supplemented with one year's training in a private school kept by Rev. David H. Short. Leaving school at about the age of fifteen, Mr. Sholes found himself ready to start in life on his own account with a good English education, which he has added to materially by substantial reading. He engaged as clerk with Henry Smith, by whom he was employed five years. After five years' experience as cashier and bookkeeper in Bridgeport, Conn., he returned to his native town and embarked in the business to which he gave his principal time and attention up to 1893—the manufacture of fine shirts. He successfully carried on this industry for twenty-six years, and during the last fifteen years of that period had an extensive custom trade in New York City, for many years having one set of customers who used the entire output of his factory. At times he gave employment to as many as fifty or sixty hands. Though he discontinued this business in 1893, Mr. Sholes still has his time fully occupied with other commercial and official affairs. On July 1, 1886, he was elected treasurer of the Ridgefield Savings Bank, and he has discharged the duties of that office ever since, in a most satisfactory manner. He has always taken an active part in local government as a member of the Democratic party, and has been honored by election to several offices. He was a member of the Democratic State Central Committee in 1878 and 1879, when Ridgefield was in the old Eleventh district, and has also served since it was redistricted. From the time the law regarding the registering of voters came into force he served as registrar for seventeen years, and he has also been assessor in his town for two or three terms. In 1886 he was appointed postmaster of Ridgefield under President Cleveland, was assistant in the office during President Harrison's administration, and in 1893 was re-appointed to the office, continuing in same after it was raised to the third class in 1894.

Mr. Sholes was married, in 1874, to Miss Lizzie Talmadge, daughter of William H. Talmadge, of New Canaan, Conn. She died November 30, 1885, without issue. Our subject is a prominent member of the Episcopal Church of Ridgefield, and has served as parish clerk for about twenty-five years.

ALONZO FERRIS. "Like father like son" is a maxim that has, perhaps, more illustrations in life by way of worthy than by way of unworthy example. Certainly to the former class belongs the similarity of character between Alonzo Ferris and his father, Daniel Ferris. The latter was not a man who had won unusual distinction. His good traits were partially negative and partially positive. But he was one of the best types of honest industry, steadiness of purpose and of high regard for public duty and for the right of others, to be found in his day in Fairfield county. And by the practice of these homely yet sterling qualites he attained a moderately large success in the accumulation of material goods.

Mr. Ferris was born near Pelham, N. Y., May 29, 1829, son of Daniel and Maria (Marshall) Ferris. Daniel Ferris was born in Greenwich township, in the North Cos Cob District, in 1793, the son of Schubel Ferris. Schubel Ferris was by trade a miller, and in his earlier life he owned and operated a flourmill, but later in life he turned his attention to farming, and continued in that occupation until he retired from active life. He was a man of powerful build, five feet ten inches in height, and weighing at one time one hundred and seventy-five pounds. His wife was Sybil Palmer, and their family consisted of eight children—Daniel, Henry, William, Edward, Lucy, Olive, Irene and Eliza. Harvey was a farmer, and died in Greenwich township; William died in early manhood, but left a family; Edward died young; Lucy married, and died in Greenwich; Olive also married; Irene married John Ward, and died in Staten Island; Eliza married Samuel Burley, and died at Stamford. Schubel Ferris lived to the good old age of eighty-six years and died at the home of his son Daniel, his wife preceding him to the grave.

Daniel Ferris, the eldest son of Schubel Ferris, and the father of our subject, enjoyed only the most meager educational advantages in his childhood, but he possessed a quick intelligence and a particularly retentive memory. He made the best possible use of his opportunities, and had his life been cast in more favorable surroundings he would, in the estimation of his friends, have been fully equal to the situation. He was a lad of nineteen years when the war of 1812 began, but he proved his patriotism and loyalty to his country by enlisting, and in serving throughout that struggle. When a young man he married Miss Maria Marshall, daughter of Capt. Andrew and Mary (Hobbs) Marshall. She was born in Greenwich township in 1796. Captain Marshall ran the produce boat between Mianus and New York. After his marriage Daniel Ferris located in Greenwich township, in a little house which cost him $500. Later he hired a farm in Greenwich, and still later removed to Pelham, N. Y., where he also rented a farm. In 1834 he returned to

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Fairfield county and purchased from Ebenezer Peck the farm near Sound Beach, upon which he lived till his death, and which our subject now owns. Here Daniel Ferris engaged in farming, and also in contract work. He was a contractor on the N. Y. & N. H. railroad, and took several large contracts when that road was built. He constructed the bridge at New Brunswick, N. J., and also the bridge across the Raritan river. He built the locks at Stamford and Manus, besides much other important work. In politics he was a Whig and a Republican. He died suddenly September 15, 1881, aged eighty-eight years; his wife passed away in September, 1882, and they are buried at Sand Beach. The seven children of Daniel and Maria Ferris were as follows: Ebenezer, who died in Stamford; Alexander, a farmer of Round Hill; Alonzo, subject of this sketch; Eliakim, a carpenter, who was killed by falling from a building at Belle Haven; Cornelia A., who married John Wilson, and died at Stamford; Julia A., now Mrs. Peter Jessup, of North Cos Cob, and Susan, widow of Ebenezer Beardsley.

Alonzo Ferris was a boy of five years when his parents moved to a log house near Sound Beach. He attended the schools in the neighborhood, and learned to write with quill pens. The schools within the experience of Mr. Ferris have undergone a wonderful revolution. The latter part of his school days were spent in a boarding school kept by Professor Richards. Alonzo was reared as a farmer's boy, but served for a time as a helper in the blacksmith shop kept by his father to do the repair work connected with his contracts. Alonzo possessed natural mechanical taste, and had no difficulty in picking up a trade. He remained on the farm until his marriage, at the age of twenty years, to Miss Matilda Palmer, who was born in Stamford township in October, 1828, a daughter of Walter and Polly (Scofield) Palmer. Mrs. Ferris was one of ten children, three sons being named George, Jeremiah and Charles. After his marriage Mr. Ferris engaged in farming, locating on his father's farm in an old house which stood near his present house. He has been following that pursuit almost continuously ever since. For four years, in connection with farming, he ran a vessel on Long Island Sound, between New York and Providence and other Long Island Sound ports. He has also engaged extensively in live-stock dealing, in earlier times driving the stock he purchased to New York, but later shipping it by the carload, by rail.

The two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ferris are as follows: Albert, who married Miss Josephine Flood, daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Finch) Flood, and who has one child, Matilda C., born August 4, 1886; Ora A., now Mrs. John W. Stivers, of New York, and who has one child, Florence May; Mr. Ferris is a Republican, formerly a Whig. He was conspicuous in the bold advocacy of his political convictions by carrying what was known as the negro banner in political processions. He has served as assessor in his township, and has always taken a deep interest in the success of his party. In every sense of the word he is a public-spirited citizen, and one of the most substantial and progressive residents of the township. His present fine residence he built in 1872. He now owns his father's old homestead, about which cluster the memories of his youth, and in addition he is the owner of his own home. He has been successful in life, and now enjoys in comparative retirement the fruits of his earlier energies and application. The example of his life is one that must endure to the lasting good of the community, and is one of which his friends may well be proud.

ELNATHAN HUSTED was during the dark days of the Civil war one of the brave defenders of the Union who laid down their lives on the altar of their country. He was a native of Fairfield county, born in Peck's Land, September 27, 1823, a son of William A. and Susanna Caroline (Hobby) Husted. The father, who was a well-known citizen and prominent farmer in Peck's Land, died January 19, 1892, at the advanced age of ninety years, and was buried in Greenwich. The mother passed away December 30, 1889, aged eighty-seven years, and was laid to rest in the Greenwich Congregational cemetery.

Mr. Husted, whose name introduces this sketch, was quite a bright boy, and he secured a good education for his day. When his own school days were over, he successfully engaged in teaching during the winter months, while he devoted his time during the summer season to farming. Before his marriage he embarked in the coal and lumber business in Greenwich, and successfully conducted the same, until, in response to his country's call for aid, he enlisted during the early part of the war in Company I, 17th C. V. I. He died March 4, 1864, at David's Island, New York, from sickness contracted in the service, and was buried in the Greenwich Congregatioual cemetery. He was an ardent supporter of the Republican party, took a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, and his loyalty and patriotism were ever above question,

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for in days of peace, as well as in time of war, he was true to his duties of citizenship. He was a kind and affectionate husband and father, and a most faithful friend.

On February 28, 1855, Mr. Husted married Miss Sarah L. Merritt, who was born on the Merritt homestead, near Greenwich Depot, April 12, 1826, a daughter of Capt. Daniel and Sarah (Lyon) Merritt, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Since her husband's death, Mrs. Husted has lived on the old homestead on Greenwich avenue, Greenwich village, and has reared a family that would be a credit to any mother. She is well-known and highly respected, and is a consistent member of the Congregational Church. She has two children: Carrie H. and Augusta W. Carrie H. was married, September 11, 1878, to William H. Merritt, of North Greenwich, and has five children—Edith A., Sarah L., Clarence E., Phœbe W. and Ethel M.; Augusta W. is now Mrs. E. Alfred Ericsson.

E. ALFRED ERICSSON was born in Sweden April 20, 1860, and is a relative of Ericsson, the inventor. Coming to the United States at the age of ten years, he was reared in Stamford and Cos Cob, Fairfield Co., Conn., and obtained a good common-school education. He was married, October 29, 1890, to Miss Augusta W. Husted, who was born September 8, 1860, in Greenwich, a daughter of Elnathan and Sarah L. (Merritt) Husted. One child graces this union: Eric Alfred, Jr., born January 22, 1895. Mr. Ericsson is now engaged in the grocery business in Port Chester, N. Y.; is an exporter of hardware to all parts of the world, his place of business being at No. 35 Warren street, New York, and he also owns a restaurant on Forty-third street, that city. He is a prosperous man, one who has fought his own way to success unaided. He is a prominent member of the Business Men's Club, of Port Chester, N. Y., and is a thirty-second-degree Mason. His home is in Greenwich.

GEORGE E. WHEELER, one of the leading agriculturists of the town of Stratford, occupies a homestead which has been in the possession of his family for more than a century, and is a worthy representative of an honorable pioneer ancestry.

The first of the family of whom we have record was Ephraim Wheeler, our subject's grandfather, who was born at the present homestead, and passed his life there in agricultural pursuits. He married, and had seven children: Mary, who married Barzell Benjamin, of Bridgeport; Sarah (Mrs. Beardsley), of Easton; Clarissa, who died unmarried; Joseph, our subject's father; Nathan, a farmer in Stratford township; David, a farmer in New York State, and Nathaniel, who was also a farmer by occupation.

Joseph Wheeler, the father of our subject, was born in Stratford December 21, 1795, at the homestead, and followed farming there throughout his life. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife were devout members of the M. E. Church. He married Betsey Wilcoxson, of Stratford, who was born August 24, 1793, daughter of Elnathan Wilcoxson, and a descendant of William Wilcoxson, a native of Lancashire, England, who came to America at an early date (being made a freeman in Massachusetts in 1636), and who probably arrived in Stratford in 1640. Our subject was the youngest of three children, and is now the only survivor. Ephraim was a carpenter by trade, and Mary was the wife of Gould Curtis, of Birmingham. The father died May 23, 1870, and the mother passed away in July, 1876.

George E. Wheeler was born April 8, 1828, and has always made his home on the old farm. After completing the course offered in the local schools, he attended Stratford Academy, receiving a good education for the time. During his youth he became familiar with the details of agricultural work, and in early manhood he engaged in farming at the homestead, continuing until advancing age caused him to turn the active management of the place into the hands of his children. The estate, which contains about 170 acres, is a valuable one, and in addition to this property Mr. Wheeler owns a large tract of farming land in Minnesota. While he has not been active in political work, he is a stanch Republican, and as a citizen he has taken much interest in local advancement, having been especially prominent in religious matters as a member of the Methodist Church, in which he has served as steward for many years.

In 1863 Mr. Wheeler married Miss Julina Miller, who was born in the northern part of Connecticut, where her parents resided on a large farm. She is a granddaughter of Solomon and Lydia (Miller) Miller, and a daughter of Giles H. and Lucy (Grimes) Miller. Mrs. Wheeler's mother passed away at the home of our subject in 1897, at the advanced age of nearly ninety-seven years; she was a daughter of Moses and Jane (Judson) Grimes. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler has been blessed with three children: Mary is the wife of Frank Baldwin, a farmer in the town of Trumbull; they have three children—Claire M., Bernard F. and

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Rupert Wheeler. Lina married Newton Reed, a farmer in Stratford township, who is mentioned below; they have two children--Elliott Newton and Ruby Lina. Joseph, who is unmarried, resides at home; he is a steward in the M. E. Church. Newton Reed was born April 5, 1867, at Sharon, Conn., the eldest of the nine children of H. E. and Louisa (Cass) Reed, old residents of that part of the State. The Reed family is of English extraction, and was founded in America by two brothers who came from the mother country at an early date. Mr. Reed is a Republican politically. He is a devout member of the M. E. Church, and is at present acting as trustee and as treasurer of the Sunday-school.

JOHN H. BEACH. The Beach family is one of the oldest in New England, and the subject of this sketch is in the direct line of descent from another name inseparably linked with the early history of Connecticut—Theophilus Eaton, who for twenty consecutive years was governor of the Colony. It was in June, 1639, that, in convention assembled, Theophilus Eaton and his Puritan contemporaries formed their government, called the House of Wisdom, and formally adopted the Bible as their constitution. The Eaton name is still preserved in the Beach family.

Dr. James E. Beach, the grandfather of our subject, took his brother's place in the ranks of the nine-months' men, and served in the war of the Revolution. His home at this time was in Cheshire, Conn., but after his term of service in the army had expired he removed to Bridgeport, Conn., and began the practice of medicine, which he continued for over half of a century. He married Hulda Sherman, daughter of Matthew Sherman; she was the heiress of a large estate located in the north part of the town on what was formerly known as Division street, but is now called Park avenue. The old home, now over one hundred years old, is still in the possession of the family, being the property of our subject. To Dr. Beach and his wife were born three children, namely: Polly, who became the wife of Sylvanus Sterling; Laura, who married Ira Sherman, both prominent business men of Bridgeport; and Isaac E., the father of our subject. Dr. Beach was one of the foremost supporters of the First Congregational Church at Bridgeport, and was one of the acting deacons at the time of his death, which occurred in 1838 when he was aged seventy-six years.

Isaac E. Beach was born in Bridgeport, in 1802, and married Miss Eliza Hawley, daughter of Gurdon and Annie Hawley, who lived on the upper part of Main street. This union was blessed with two sons: John H., our subject, and George E. Beach, who died in 1877. The last twenty-five years of his life Isaac E. Beach spent in reading the most profound works in literature, chiefly theological, but in all his researches he found naught to turn him aside from the strict but simple faith of the Puritan forefathers, and in 1877, at the age of seventy-four, he died as he had lived, a faithful and consistent member of the old North Church. His wife survived him, passing to her reward in 1885 at the age of eighty-two years.

John H. Beach, the subject proper of this review, was born in Bridgeport, August 9, 1824. He received his primary education in the district schools, and at the age of fourteen entered a classical school in Lafayette street, where he remained for two years; this school was taught by a noted teacher, Isaac M. Johnson. When sixteen he took up the battle of life for himself, becoming a clerk in the dry-goods business for Shelton & Thatcher, on State street, a little east of Main street, at which time, over fifty years ago, there was very little business done on Main street. With this firm he remained two years, but his father's health failing at this time it became necessary for him to take charge of the home farm. At the age of twenty-one he was married to a daughter of Capt. Samuel Stratton, and the same year built himself a house just below the old homestead. In less than two years his young wife died, and the home life so happily begun was brought to an abrupt close. Two years later he married his second wife, Mary E., daughter of Orson Merchant, of Redding, and to this union have been born five children: twin boys, who died in infancy; James E., Amelia M. and David S. The two sons are married and have homes near their father's. Amelia M. married George S. Curtis, and lives in East Orange. Nine grandchildren have been added to the family of Mr. Beach.

As soon as his sons were old enough to enter the business world, a co-partnership was formed under the name of John H. Beach & Sons, for the purpose of carrying on market gardening. They were about the first to enter this line in this vicinity, and made a speciality of strawberries, having as many as fifteen to eighteen acres devoted to their cultivation. Hothouses were erected for the forcing of early vegetables. New York markets offered favorable inducements, and almost all their product was shipped there. David was the first of the firm to retire, and for ten years after the father and son James

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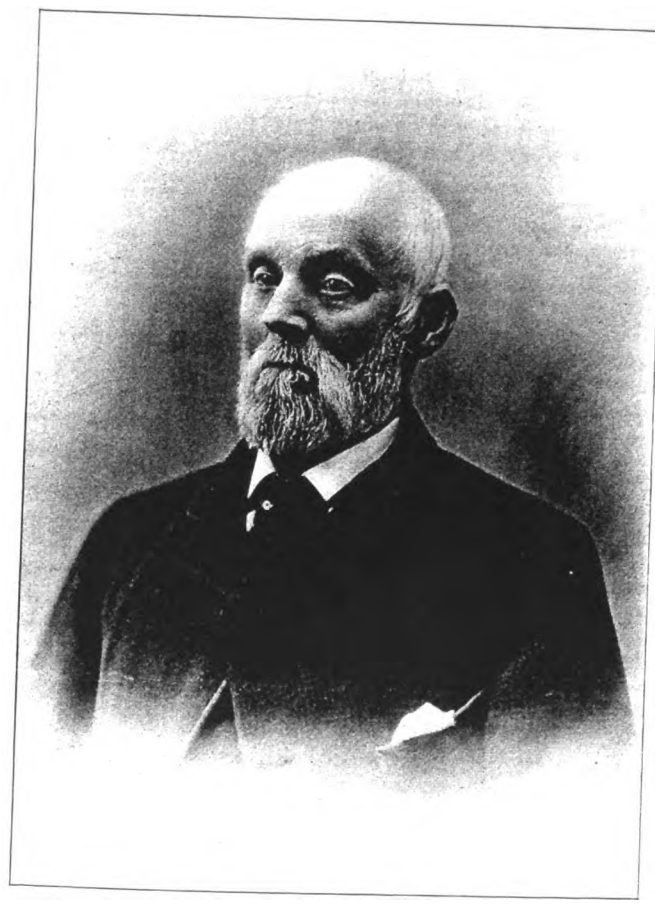

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E. continued under the firm name of John H. Beach & Son. They added new houses for the cultivation of flowers, and the floral trade has now assumed mammoth proportions. In 1895 John H. Beach retired, and James E. is continuing the business alone.

Mr. Beach is the owner of nearly one hundred acres of the best farming land in the county, and of two attractive houses on Park avenue. He has never taken active interest in politics, but uniformly votes the Republican ticket. For eighteen years, or until the enactment of the new free-school law, he held the position of district school committeeman in his own district. Although now over seventy-three years of age, he is still well preserved, and has outlived all his schoolmates. For forty-eight years he and his faithful wife have walked together, and now in the evening of their lives, surrounded by children and grandchildren, they are resting, quietly awaiting the time when "their Sun shall go down in the West."

RUSSELL HATCH, Esq., is one of the substantial citizens of the town of New Fairfield, owning and operating a sawmill, and carrying on an extensive business as a carpenter. He is a man of excellent qualities, among which patriotism is prominent, as is shown by his active service in the Union army during the Civil war.

The Hatch family has been identified with the town of Brookfield, this county, for many years, and Joseph Hatch, our subject's father, was born and reared there and became a well-known farmer of the locality. He married Miss Sallie Hawley, and had the following children: Harmon, who married Mary Way; Daniel, who died unmarried; William, who married Sarah Cole; Russell, our subject; Charles, who married Sarah Etts; Lucy, who was the second wife of Hiram Barber; and Phœbe, who was the first wife of Hiram Barber.

Squire Hatch was born in the town of Brookfield February 14, 1832, and was educated in the common schools of the neighborhood. He learned the carriage maker's trade in his youth, and for some time followed it successfully, but of late years he has been engaged in carpentering and in the sawmill business, as before mentioned. His fellow citizens hold him in high esteem, and have called him at various times to serve in township offices, including that of justice of the peace, which he now fills with credit. He belongs to James E. Moore Post, G. A. R., at Danbury, by virtue of nine months of service in Company K, 23rd Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. During his term of enlistment he took part in a number of battles. In New Fairfield, in 1855, he married Miss Betsey Wildman, and five children were born to them: (1) Charles B., born in 1856, was educated in the New Fairfield schools, as were all of his brothers, and at an early age began to learn the blacksmith's trade. This occupation he has continued to follow ever since, and at present he is also engaged in carriage making in New Fairfield and at Brewsters, N. Y., his business being extensive and profitable. He married Miss Evelyn Morgan, and has had three children—Edna M., Beatrice and Morgan, the two last named dying in infancy. (2) M. Elizabeth, born in 1858, died at the age of three years. (3) Ezra S., born in 1861, conducts a farm in the town of New Fairfield, and is also engaged in the manufacturing of carriages with his brother Charles. He married Miss Kate Sherwood, daughter of Daniel Sherwood, a mason of Bridgeport, Conn., and his wife, Helen (Cromwell). The only child of this union, Daniel R., was born August 2, 1896. (4) J. Russell, born in 1863, is an agriculturist in the town of New Fairfield. He married Miss Almira Hayes, daughter of Lewis Hayes, and has had five children—Clara M. (who died at the age of eleven years), Lewis, Chester, Bessie and Addie V. (5) Norris, born in 1867, is engaged in farming, and also works with his father at the carpenter's trade. He married Miss Anna Morgan.

Mrs. Hatch, who has proved a true helpmeet to her husband, was born January 25, 1835, in the town of Brookfield, this county, and was educated in the district schools of New Fairfield. Her grandfather, Philip Wildman, was a native of the town of Brookfield, where he received a common-school education, and afterward engaged in farming. He owned a large tract of land there, and was regarded as one of the successful agriculturists of this section. On one occasion he met with an unfortunate accident. While cutting timber on the mountains near his home a falling tree struck his leg and broke it, necessitating an amputation, so that he was obliged to wear a wooden leg during his later years. He and his wife, Luana (Platt), reared a family of nine children: Edward, who married Armida Bennett; Edmond, who married a Miss Bradshaw; William, who married Ann Stilson; Daniel, who married Jeannette Foote; Ira, who married Harriet Northrop; Harry, who died unmarried; Joseph, Mrs. Hatch's father; Betsey, who married (first) Mead Osborn, and (second) Calvin Ward; and Eunice, who never married.

Joseph Wildman was born in the town of

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Brookfield in 1798, and his education was restricted to the district schools near the old homestead. From an early age he was interested in farming in his native town, but his last years were spent in the town of New Fairfield, where he purchased real estate and made his permanent residence. In politics he was a stanch Democrat, but he never aspired to public office. He married (first) Miss Betsey Chase, daughter of Gideon Chase, and they had six children—Hannah, wife of Caleb Benedict; Abram, who married Irene Way; Bennett, who married Annie Gardiner; Luenna, wife of Curtis Barnum; Daniel, who died in childhood; and George, who did not live to mature age. The mother of this family died, and Mr. Wildman afterward formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Miss Amanda Way, daughter of Jared Way, a blacksmith of New Milford, Conn., and his wife, Mabel Norton. Mrs. Hatch was the eldest of four children of the second marriage, the others being Laura, wife of Elias Cromwell; Joseph, who married Caroline Rowe; and Ira, who married Alice Ballard.

NELLIS H. SHERWOOD is probably one of the most widely known farmers in the State of Connecticut, and his property is conceded to be the finest and best conducted in Fairfield county. "Sound View Farm," situated on a high piece of ground, commanding a splendid view of Long Island Sound, is surpassed by none in this section of the country. Many of the choicest farms in this county are owned by wealthy New Yorkers, who conduct them for pleasure, and spare no expense in their improvement and cultivation, profit being no object with them; but not one of them presents a more beautiful appearance, or yields finer products than Mr. Sherwood's, while his peach orchard is considered the best in the State.

Mr. Sherwood comes from one of the oldest and most highly respected families in Fairfield county, this branch being known as the "Mill Hill" Sherwoods, and he belongs to a race of progressive agriculturists, his grandfather, Hull Sherwood, having also been known as one of the advanced farmers of his day. J. H. Sherwood, father of our subject, married Selina Beecher, and they built and occupied a house a short distance from the old homestead on Mill Hill, where Nellis H. was born (November 29, 1860) and reared, and where he acquired his first knowledge of the vocation in which he has proved so successful. He received his literary education in the district schools and in Fairfield Academy. From mere boyhood he displayed extraordinary good management, as well as advanced ideas in regard to the tilling of the soil, and his success is entirely due to his own unaided efforts. He was but twenty years of age (in 1880) when he purchased the "Burr Sherwood farm" of eighty acres in the town of Fairfield, for $6,000, going in debt for every penny of the amount A large part of this place was then in a primitive condition, much of it being rough-timbered land, while the only buildings were an old house and barn. In fact, there is scarcely a man in a hundred who would not have considered its transformation from that state to its present condition a hopeless task, or who would have expended the work and capital he has toward that end; but Mr. Sherwood has had the satisfaction and pleasure of seeing his entire place made to "blossom as the rose," and the cedar thickets and wild land have been converted into veritable gardens. Hundreds of wagon-loads of stone were taken from the rocky land and used to fill in low places, huge boulders were dug out, two and one-half miles of drainage were laid, and many of the fences torn down so that sixty acres of the farm is in one large tract, set out with small fruits, peach trees, onions and flowers. All this work was necessary to put the land in perfect condition for its present use, and though the expense was great it has proved profitable in the end, for there is not another farm in the county where every available foot of ground is utilized to such good purpose.

Mr. Sherwood commenced as a general farmer, and later took up the growing of small fruits and peach culture, which he now carries on on an extensive scale, his orchard of 2,500 peach trees being, for its size, one of the finest in the State of Connecticut, and he may be justly proud of it. The quantity as well as the quality of the fruit and vegetables raised on his land testifies to the advantages of careful cultivation, even if the first expense is greater, and Mr. Sherwood finds agriculture more profitable than does the ordinary farmer. In 1894 he engaged in the florist business, erecting extensive greenhouses, and each year since has seen additions and improvements in this feature of his work, which has now grown to large proportions, his product in this line being marketed in the large Eastern cities. Mr. Sherwood is possessed of mechanical genius of no mean order, and his judgment in tools and labor-saving contrivances seldom errs. His greenhouses, and indeed all his buildings, are supplied with every practical device for convenience and the facilitation of the work, which in the winter time requires from five to eight

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men, and in the summer from fifteen to twenty. Mr. Sherwood himself supervises and oversees his employes, and he stands second to none as a practical agriculturist in every department.

Mr. Sherwood holds that the idea that there are no good farmers except in the West is erroneous, and he himself is a living contradiction of the theory. The "theoretical" farmer is often accused of being strong in precept but weak in example, and Mr. Sherwood has always followed his addresses before agricultural meetings with an invitation to visit his place, where the ideas he advanced were in constant application. Though comparatively young in years, he is old in experience, and this experience has been acquired by long years of constant and close study and careful experimenting, a fact which gives his opinion more than ordinary weight with agriculturists. The successful cultivation of peaches requires the closest scrutiny and complete familiarity with the various insects that prey on fruit and tree; and after close and continued investigation Mr. Sherwood has evolved some very effective methods for the extermination of these pests. Our subject formerly served on the State Board of Agriculture, of which he was one of the most efficient members, and he was the first to agitate the idea of organizing the Greenfield Grange No. 133, of which he became a charter member and served as first overseer. The buildings on his land are all large and complete in every detail, and it requires nearly 60,000 shingles to roof his barns.

Mr. Sherwood is no less popular as a citizen and liked as a friend, and though his vast business interests leave him no time for public affairs he is deeply interested in the general welfare, and is loyal and public-spirited in promoting the interests of the community where he has his home. He is a Republican in political faith, but he takes no part in party affairs beyond voting, though he has served as a member of the board of relief, and he also acted for some time as chief of the Southport fire department, during his service in that capacity winning the admiration of all for his coolness and resource in any emergency. He is thoroughly esteemed as one of the best examples of the self-made man in the county, but he has won his success fairly, for he is personally familiar with every detail of his complicated business—from the weeding of his onion beds to the marketing of his now extensive output—while his integrity and honor in all his dealings have never been questioned.

Mr. Sherwood was united in marriage November 29, 1883, with Miss Carrie Campbell, daughter of Robert and Mary Hayes Campbell, and born and reared at Greenfield Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood are active members of Trinity Episcopal Church, Southport, in which he is at present serving as vestryman.

ISAAC W. DANIELS is well known all over the town of New Canaan, Fairfield county, having conducted his present sawmill in the Silver Mine District for many years. He is a native of New Jersey, born December 4, 1827, son of Pliny Daniels.

Pliny Daniels was a native of Hartland, Hartford Co., Conn., at which place his father, Orrin Daniels, was engaged in agricultural pursuits. Pliny worked in New Jersey when a young man, carding wool, and after his marriage settled in New Canaan, Fairfield Co., Conn., where in 1833 he purchased the mill now owned and run by his son, Isaac W. For some years he had a clothing factory here, but after that business ceased to be profitable he turned his attention to the manufacture of wagon hubs, finally engaging in sawmilling, which he continued until his death, in 1853. In 1825 Mr. Daniels was married at Stamford, Conn., to Polly Wardwell, daughter of Isaac Wardwell, and she survived him over forty years, dying in April, 1894, at the age of ninety-four years and three months. Their family consisted of four children: Isaac Wardwell; Mary, who lives in Stamford, Conn.; Emeline (Mrs. Stephen Raymond), of Bridgeport, Conn.; and Sarah, deceased wife of Benjamin St. John, of Darien, Connecticut.

Isaac W. Daniels was a mere child when the family settled in New Canaan, and he received his schooling in the Lockwood District, except two winters in Stamford. He has always been in the sawmilling business, having worked in the mill with his father from boyhood, and after his father's decease he conducted it alone. Of late years, however, his son, William E., has been associated in the business with him. Mr. Daniels has given all his attention to his own affairs, and has had little time or inclination for public office or preferment of any kind. He has now been sixty-six years at the place where he lives, and his sawmill, which of course has been repaired from time to time, was built over one hundred years ago. There are twelve other mills on the Silver Mine river, but this one enjoys the best privilege. He also has a small farm and a grand garden, with all kinds of fruit, etc., and here he spends his time in summer.

In 1858 Mr. Daniels was united in marriage in New Canaan, to Augusta Beers, daughter of Ezekiel Beers, and one son blessed their union,

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William E., who as above stated is interested in the mill with his father. He married Sadie F. McDonald, and they have one son, William Edgar. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels attend the M. E. Church. He was formerly a member of the Sons of Temperance. His life has always been a temperate one in all things, and he never drank a drop of intoxicating liquor.

COMMODORE FRANCIS BURRITT. Among the most beautiful homes to be found in this region is that of the genial subject of this sketch, who is widely known in yachting circles. Some years ago he purchased "Judah Island," an ideal place for a residence, situated in Long Island Sound near South Norwalk, and this spot, already made charming by the hand of Nature, has been improved in every way that a cultured taste could suggest. The original cost of the island, which formerly belonged to the famous "Tweed gang," was $25,000, and much more has been expended in the various improvements. The view from the residence is unexcelled—comprising as it does a wide sweep over the adjacent islands and the mainland with the ever-changing waters of the Sound, and amid such surroundings it is not strange that the Commodore should keep undimmed the enthusiasm for aquatic sports which has led him to build at different times twenty-three yachts, or that he should have used his best efforts to promote the work of the various yachting clubs in this and other localities.

The Commodore belongs to a well-known family, and his grandfather, Wakeman Burritt, was born at Greens Farms, this county, in 1785, and probably passed the larger portion of his life here in agricultural pursuits, his death occurring March 2, 1847, in New York City. He was one of the owners of the paper called the "Prices Current and Commercial Advertiser." He married Miss Grace Burr, a native of the same locality, a cousin of Aaron Burr.

Francis Burritt, our subject's father, was born in New York City March 16, 1811, and after spending his youth in the metropolis he went into business there with the firm of Boreman & Johnson, East India merchants. A few years later he started independently in the same line, in which he accumulated a very handsome fortune, the achievement being the more notable from the fact that he had begun his career with no capital. He became the owner of three large ships, and had shares in others, and at the time of his death, which occurred April 17, 1861, from cancer, his wealth was estimated at about a million dollars. In politics he was first a Whig, later a Republican, and for years he was a leading member of St. George's Episcopal Church, at New York City. On September 29, 1833, he married Miss Phœbe Perrin, who was born June 14, 1810, in Elizabethtown, N. J., and died August 28, 1887, at the home of our subject on Judah Island. The Perrins are an old English family allied with the nobility through intermarriages in the past, and some old tombs and a burial ground at Bourn, England, bear the family name. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Richard Perrin, who was born in England, March 8, 1768, a son of John Perrin, and came to America in 1810. He married Miss Lucretia Blackwell, of Gloucestershire, England, a daughter of John Blackwell. After the marriage of our subject's parents they made their home in New York City on East Sixteenth street, which was then considered "up town," but they also owned a fine summer residence at Saugatuck, this county. Of a family of three children, our subject, who was the youngest, is now the only survivor; Phœbe was the wife of Charles J. Ketcham, of New York City; and Ann A. married Laudon Ketcham, a brother of her sister's husband.

The Commodore was born May 29, 1850, at the old home in East Sixteenth street, New York, but at the age of twelve, when he lost his father, he came to Saugatuck to reside, and remained until he attained his majority, his education being acquired there. On August 30, 1870, he married Miss Mary E. Quintard, who was born in South Norwalk, a daughter of Francis E. and Anna M. Quintard. The Quintard family is of Huguenot descent, and the ancestors of Mrs. Burritt came from France at an early date. Socially, the Commodore and his accomplished wife are regarded as leaders, and he is an active member of several New York clubs, also of the B. P. O. E. Lodge No. 36, of Bridgeport. He also belongs to numerous yachting associations, including the Larchmont Yacht Club, the Park City Yacht Club, of Bridgeport, the Indian Harbor Yacht Club, of Greenwich, in which he has been vice and rear commodore, and the Cedar Point Yacht Club, in which he held the rank of commodore for three years. Politically, he is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party.

THOMAS G. SUTTON, who is now serving his fourth term as selectman of the town of Greenwich, is one of the leading citizens. He has won an honorable record, both in war and peace, and enjoys the esteem and confidence of a

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wide circle of friends in this county and elsewhere, who have been drawn to him by his sterling qualities of character.

The Sutton family is of English origin, and the ancestors of the American branch were among the first settlers of Massachusetts. Later, some members of the family removed from Massachusetts to Long Island and then to Westchester county, N. Y., where the name has long been connected with a high ideal of citizenship. Jesse Sutton, our subject's grandfather, was a prominent resident of the town of Harrison, Westchester county, in his day. Thomas Sutton, the father of our subject, was born in that town in 1812, and resided there throughout his life, following farming successfully for many years. He was a man of unquestioned integrity, commanding the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens, and was frequently chosen to offices of trust in his town. For seventeen consecutive years he served as commissioner of highways; from 1861 to 1865 he was a member of the War committee. Politically, he was first a Whig and later a Republican, the anti-slavery movement finding in him an ardent champion. He and his wife were both members of the society of Friends. His death occurred March 5, 1897, in his eighty-fifth year, and his wife, Phœbe G. (Mekeel), passed away January 17, 1884, in her seventy-ninth year, their remains being interred at Purchase, Westchester county. Mrs. Sutton was born in that county December 1, 1815, of good Colonial ancestry, her forefathers having come from Holland at an early period. This worthy couple had six children, viz.: Jesse P., who is engaged in business in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Anna, deceased wife of David Griffen; William M., a business man of Brooklyn; Sarah, who died single; Thomas G., our subject; and Miss Mary M., who resides in the town of Harrison, Westchester county.

Mr. Sutton, our subject, was born May 17, 1847, at the old homestead in the town of Harrison, where his youth was mainly spent. For a time he attended the district schools near his home, but later he studied in the public schools of Brooklyn, and on his return home he pursued a higher course in a private school. He was a mere boy when the need for soldiers to quell the Rebellion aroused his patriotic zeal, and in March, 1864, he interrupted his studies to enlist in the 24th N. Y. Independent Battery. His "baptism of fire" came at the battle of North Anna River, Va., and he participated in all of the engagements of his company until April 2, 1865, when he was wounded in the final contest at Petersburg. Ten days were spent in a hospital, and he then returned to his company and remained with it until mustered out, June 21, 1865, after taking part in the Grand Review in Washington. On returning to the paths of peace he engaged in farming on the old homestead, and later was interested in the milk business in Brooklyn, in which he spent several years. Since that time he has devoted his attention chiefly to agriculture, first in his native town and afterward at his present farm on King street, in the town of Greenwich, where he has resided since June 19, 1883. This estate, which was formerly known as the "Thomas Green farm," contains 117 acres of choice land, and is located in the most desirable portion of King street. For many years Mr. Sutton has been so afflicted with rheumatism that he could not do much active work, but he supervises everything, and is known as a successful farmer. Of late he has been extensively engaged in buying apples for export, and he also runs a large cider mill, which yields him handsome returns. As a citizen Mr. Sutton is public-spirited, taking keen interest in all that concerns his community, and for many years he has been a leader in the Republican party in his locality. While residing in Westchester county he held numerous offices, including those of justice of the peace, collector of taxes and inspector of elections, while within six years after his removal to Greenwich he was elected to the office of selectman, which he has since held a number of terms.

In 1873 Mr. Sutton married Miss Emeline Rupp, a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., and they have the following children: Florence L., Edgar M., Emeline R. and Thomas G., Jr., who are all at home with the exception of Edgar M., now a resident of California. The family is identified with the Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Sutton is a member, and they hold an enviable place in social life. As might be supposed, Mr. Sutton is an enthusiast on Grand Army matters, and he is an ardent worker in Charles Lawrence Post No. 378, at Port Chester, N. Y., having served in numerous offices therein.

HENRY L. FOOTE: The man who, on being asked concerning his genealogical tree, replied, "I know very little about my ancestors, I am too busy trying to be a respectable ancestor," doubtless had a clearer conception of the duties of true patriotic citizenship, than he who aims to hold a social position, based on the fact he "had a grandfather." Honorable ancestry is a heritage of which we may be justly proud, but with it must not be forgotten that we, too, in

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the natural order of things must be ancestors, and it is a duty we owe to posterity that the escutcheon be not tarnished. For several generations Fairfield county has numbered among its substantial citizens worthy representatives of the family of Foote, and we here present a brief sketch of the present generation in the person of Henry Lyman Foote.

In the town of Newtown, Fairfield county, David Foote was born and passed his entire life. He married Sukey Underhill, of Dodgington, and to them were born four children: Beers, Julia, Amelia and Sherman. The father of this family followed carpentering, and was accidentally killed by falling from a building.

Sherman Foote, the youngest child in the above mentioned family, was born December 14, 1814, at the home in Newtown. He was given unusually good opportunities for attending the home school regularly until at the age of fifteen when he and his brother Beers faced the world to battle on their own account. Together they came to Brookfield and engaged in the manufacture of combs. They were quite successful at this, but Sherman decided this was not his calling, and for a time engaged at shoemaking, at Brookfield Centre, later engaging in farming. On October 11, 1835, in the town of Brookfield, he was united in marriage with Miss Clarena Peck, who was born August 2, 1817, a daughter of John A. Peck. Of this union there were three children: Cornelia E., born December 29, 1837, was married October 22, 1857, to S. S. Dunning, at Bethel, Conn.; Henry Lyman is mentioned below; and William Worth, born September 22, 1846, married Jean Lewis, and is now engaged in the clothing business. Sherman Foote became an owner of several hundred acres of land, and was a prominent factor in the affairs of the community until his death, which occurred May 12, 1888. In politics he was a Whig, later a Republican, and the entire family were members of the Congregational Church.

Henry Lyman Foote, whose name introduces this review, was born in Brookfield, July 18, 1841, and in his native village acquired his education, attending both the district and a private school. At the age of nineteen he forsook the home nest and, going to New York City, he found employment as clerk in the clothing store of Hawley Bros., on Fulton street, where he remained two years. His faithful discharge of every duty had won for him the esteem of his employers, and at the end of his two years of faithful service he was admitted as a partner. He remained there continuously until 1880. Close application to business for so many years began to tell on his health, and he was forced to seek a change of climate. Accordingly he went to West Virginia, and in partnership with Fred Baker engaged in the lumber business, buying one hundred thousand acres of oak and black walnut timber. For seven years he remained in the timber district, and then, with health fully restored, he once more sought the Metropolitan city, and engaged in the broker's business. His active energy won for him success in whatever he undertook, and he was ever foremost in any work he attempted. In 1889, well supplied with this world's goods, he returned to his native town, and there decided to pass the rest of his days quietly, at "Home."

In 1864 Mr. Foote was married to Miss Jennie M. Hawley, daughter of Benjamin Hawley. Socially, he is a member of Crystal Wave Lodge No. 638, F. & A. M.; Corinthian Chapter No. 159, R. A. M.; Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T.; Olive Branch No. 6, Rose Cross, Ancient and Primitive Freemasons, according to the rite of Memphis; Alpha Grand Lodge No. 1; and the Atlantic Yacht Club, of Brooklyn, N. Y. In politics he is a Republican, and has ably served his fellow townsmen as justice of the peace. During his residence in New York he attended the Tabernacle of Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, in Brooklyn, and for four years served as its trustee. He is thoroughly well-liked and occupies an enviable position in the regard of his fellowmen. Patriotic and progressive, he is an example of the best type of American manhood.

Benjamin Hawley, father of Mrs. Henry L. Foote, was born September 7, 1794, and died November 1, 1887. He married Betsy Peck, who was born March 1, 1795, a daughter of Amos Peck, and died April 22, 1880. The following is the record of their family of nine children: (1) Lucy Ann, born October 22, 1823, was twice married, first to Chas. Smith, and after his death to J. Austin Weed: she died April 10, 1895. (2) Emily, born February 27, 1825, died July 9, 1839. (3) Henry B., born December 10, 1826, died October 27, 1894. (4) Liverius, born November 4, 1828, died October 18, 1847. (5) Amos, born April 10, 1831, married Mary S. Richardson, and died February 7, 1875. (6) Emmon, born May 6, 1833, married Oril Rockwell, and died November 27, 1890. (7) John G., born February 28, 1835, married Lydia Stevens, and died April 29, 1897. (8) George C., born May 14, 1839, died February 1, 1859; and (9) Jennie M., born February 5, 1843, is now Mrs. Henry Lyman Foote.

Liverius Hawley, father of Benjamin Hawley,

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was married December 27, 1781, to Anna Blackman, and died July 16, 1819. They had four children, namely: Mary, born October 26, 1782, died November 4, 1859; Patty, born November 14, 1790, died October 9, 1859; Benjamin, mentioned above; Emmon, born February 20, 1798. Anna (Blackman) Hawley was a daughter of Ebenezer Blackman (born March 3, 1723, died August 11, 1775) and his wife, Mary Smith (born July 7, 1723, and died August 27, 1775). In this family were: Mary, born June 1, 1751, died December 29, 1795; Philo, born October 19, 1753, died in 18—; Lois, born August 1, 1756, died February 12, 1809; Anna (Mrs. Hawley), born March 27, 1759, died in 18—; Hiram, born October 24, 1762, died December 28, 1812; and Ebenezer, born December 29, 1769, died December 22, 1809.

ARTHUR C. BOOTH, a successful business man of Shelton, is the proprietor of a well-known meat market, and for seventeen years has enjoyed a large trade among the best people of that locality.

Mr. Booth belongs to a family which has long been identified with this county, and his grandfather, Lewis Booth, was born in the town of Trumbull, where he died in 1833, after many years spent in agricultural pursuits, and predeceasing his father, Isaac Booth, who passed away at the advanced age of eighty years. Lewis Booth married Electa Gregory, and reared a family of five children: (1) Walter G., our subject's father. (2) Isaac, a farmer of the town of Trumbull. (3) Jeannette, who married Titus Hungerford, and went west. (4) Samuel L., a farmer by occupation, who served as a soldier during the Civil war; he married Abigail Coan, of Trumbull, Conn., and their only child is Rev. Eugene L. Booth, who is principal of a seminary in Yokohama, Japan. (5) Mary Delia, who died in childhood.

The late Walter G. Booth, our subject's father, was born in Trumbull October 13, 1812, and grew to manhood upon his father's homestead. He married Miss Elmira C. Beardsley, a native of that town, a daughter of Levi Beardsley, and for a number of years they resided at the Booth homestead. In 1869 they removed to a farm in the town of Huntington, where the father died in 1876. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife, who survives him, united many years ago with the Congregational Church, Trumbull, Conn. Of their ten children, the eldest, Electa, married Rev. Frederick Adams, a Congregational minister in New York State; they have had four children—Walter Booth Adams, principal of a college at Beyrout, Syria, Asia; Fredric J., a physician in Bridgeport, Conn.; Grace, living in Rhode Island; and Edith May, deceased. (2) Samantha married (first) Charles Davidson, of Milford, Conn., and (second) Thomas Post, a mechanic in Huntington. (3) William G., a resident of Shelton, is engaged in the meat business. (4) Mary D. married Frank Franklin, a millwright at Shelton. (5) Julia died at the age of fourteen years. (6) Lewis W. is a plumber at Shelton. (7) Arthur C., our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (8) Frank H. is a grocer at Akron, Ohio. (9) Jennie I. married George Fulton, a mechanic in New Haven. (10) Edgar D. is an electrician in New York City.

Arthur C. Booth, our subject, was born March 9, 1855, at the old homestead in Trumbull township, and his education was obtained chiefly in the district schools of that locality. He was about fifteen years old at the time of the removal to Huntington township, and he remained under the parental roof until he reached the age of twenty-two; then went to Stratford in the meat business. On June 29, 1876, he married Miss Fannie L. Blakeman, daughter of Ezra C. Blakeman, a well-known resident of Huntington, and a member of one of the old families of that town. In 1881 Mr. Booth removed to Shelton, and engaged in the meat business, which he has since continued successfully. He has always taken keen interest in local affairs, his support being given to the Democratic party, and for three years he served as selectman in Huntington. Socially, he and his wife are prominent, and he is identified with Ousatonic Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., in which he has held every office. His home is brightened by four children: Walter C., Maud I., Florence M. and Edith Marian.

CHARLES HENRY CAREY, a well-known resident of Stratford, has been engaged in business there for a number of years as a painter and decorator, and many of the pleasantest homes in that charming little city owe much of their attractiveness to his skill and artistic taste.

Through his paternal ancestry Mr. Carey has inherited the excellent qualities of the Scotch-Irish race, from which so many able and enterprising citizens trace descent. Dennis Carey, our subject's father, was born May 10, 1800, at Claremont, N. H., and followed farming as an occupation, the latter part of his life being spent in Vermont. He died in 1873, and his wife, whose maiden name was Minerva Wheeler, was

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born December 17, 1810, and died March 13, 1850. She was of English descent, and was born in New Hampshire, a daughter of Artemus Wheeler. This worthy couple had eight children: (1) Clara Sidney, born February 22, 1829, died September 14, 1829; (2) Marcia Ann, born December 28, 1831, married December 28, 1851, a Mr. Wentworth, later a Mr. Trumbull, and is now deceased; (3) Isabella Alsina, born December 22, 1834; (4) Abel Wheeler, born December 2, 1838 (whereabouts unknown); (5) Susan Anna, born January 31, 1841, married (first) Peter D. Irish, of New London, and (second) Capt. H. N. Crocker, a retired sea captain, now residing in New London; (6) Laville Francena, born May 13, 1844; (7) Sarah Jane, born June 16, 1847; and (8) Charles Henry, born February 22, 1849.

Our subject was born at Weathersfield, Vt., and his early life was spent there and in Springfield, Vt. At the age of eighteen he went to Lowell, Mass., where he worked for a year at the confectioner's trade. In 1868 he located in Stratford, this county, and for six years he was engaged in the manufacture of candy and corn cake. He then became interested in carpentering and house painting, and as time passed the latter occupation occupied his time to the exclusion of the other. Later he added paperhanging and decoration of interiors, and for about eighteen years he has been the leader in those lines of work in his locality. Politically, Mr. Carey is a Republican, as was his father before him, and he and his family are prominent in religious work in Stratford as members of the M. E. Church. On June 1, 1871, he married Miss Louisa C. Gray, a native of Stratford and a daughter of George Gray, a respected citizen of that town. Two sons have blessed this union: (1) George W., a member of the law firm of Hawley & Carey, of Bridgeport, married Miss Bertha I. Clark. (2) Paul A. resides in Stratford, and is employed as loading clerk for the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad.

HON. DIETRICH E. LOEWE, one of Danbury's most respected citizens, has risen to prominence by means of his own efforts, and from his present enviable position, as a leader in business circles, can look back upon the time when he was glad to work as a day laborer, shoveling dirt on a railroad. His history is of unusual interest as showing the possibilities before a man who possesses intelligence, energy and thrift.

Mr. Loewe was born June 21, 1852, at Lippe-Detmold, Germany, where his family have resided for several generations. His father, Adolph Loewe, was a native of that place and passed his life there, dying in 1866; his wife, Charlotte (Schalk), who was born near the same place, died in 1891. Both were members of the Dutch Reformed Church, and their children were reared in the Protestant faith. They had a family of six sons and three daughters: Adolph inherited the old homestead, and resides there with two sisters; August, an agriculturist, is the administrator of a large estate in Prussia; Pauline married a Mr. Meirjohann, now deceased; Carl (deceased) was a tutor in a college; Louise, now at home, is the widow of August Vogelsang; Edward is a hatter in Danbury; D. E., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Gustavus, an agriculturist, manages a large estate in Prussia; and Marie, who is not married, is at home.

Mr. Loewe, our subject, remained in his native land until he was about eighteen years of age, attending school and assisting in the work at home. In 1870 he came to America, landing in New York City, where he remained for some time looking for employment. Unable to find work there, his money having given out in the mean time, he, with some acquaintances from aboard the ship, secured work on a railroad at Middletown, N. Y., where the company was then digging a bedway. Mr. Loewe remained there three months, and then returned to New York, but later went to Long Island, where he found employment for a time on a farm. On returning to New York City he became a shipping clerk for a wholesale grocery firm, with whom he remained until November, 1871, when he located in Danbury and began to learn the hatter's trade. Until the fall of 1874 his time was spent with the Tweedy Manufacturing Company, except that during the summer months, when business was dull, he engaged in painting in the town and vicinity. In 1874 he entered the employ of the Beckerle Company, with whom he worked until November, 1875, when he returned to the Tweedy Company for a time. Afterward he took charge of the making department for the Beckerle Company, but later was employed by J. G. Meeker, a hat manufacturer, and remained until 1879, being promoted to the position of foreman during the latter part of the time. In 1879 he engaged in business for himself, forming a partnership with Edwin Targett and Herman Beardsley, under the firm name of D. E. Loewe & Co. They continued until February, 1880, when Mr. Targett and Mr. Beardsley retired, their interests being taken by Matthias Hienzelmann and Charles Muetschele, under the same firm name. In April of that year they removed to their present location on River street, and continued to manu-

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facture soft fur hats until 1885, when they added stiff hats to their product. At this time they took in another partner, Martin Fuchs. In 1896 they dropped the manufacture of stiff hats, found necessary by the increased demand for their soft hats. These they now produce in all styles, shapes and colors, from a light weight pocket to a heavy Cow-boy hat. Besides supplying the home market, they ship largely to Canada, Mexico, the West Indies and Japan.

On June 21, 1877, Mr. Loewe married Christina Heinzelmann, a daughter of Christian Heinzelmann, of Danbury. They have a pleasant home, brightened by six children: Charlotte, Matthias, Ernest, Carl, Melanie and Percival. The family are identified with the German Lutheran Church, and take a prominent part in various social movements.

By his uprightness and ability Mr. Loewe has won the confidence of the people of his locality, and he has held a number of public offices, serving as assessor of Danbury, and in 1887 representing his district in the State Legislature. In 1889 he was elected councilman from the Fourth ward, and in 1892 he was appointed alderman to fill an unexpired term. Until recently he was a Democrat in politics, but in 1896 he voted to maintain an honest currency.

CHARLES MUETSCHELE, one of our leading German-American citizens, is a member of the well-known firm of D. E. Loewe & Co., of Danbury, Fairfield Co., Conn., who are extensively engaged in hat manufacturing. Each of the members of this enterprising firm is of German blood, and shows the characteristic thrift and industry of that race.

Mr. Muetschele was born October 2, 1847, at Wurtemberg, Germany, where his father, Benjamin Muetschele, was a prosperous dyer. His mother, Margaret Barbara Muetschele, was also of German birth, and both parents died in the Fatherland. They were devout Lutherans in religious faith, and reared their family in the same belief. Of their children, three came to America. Emanuel is a dyer in Paterson, N. J. Christian followed the same business in Philadelphia.

Charles Muetschele remained in his native land until he reached the age of twenty-one, and received his early education there. He also learned the hatter's trade, and in 1869 he sailed for South America, landing at Buenos Ayres, where he followed his trade about four years. In 1873 he came to the United States, locating first in Newark, N. J., where he worked at his trade until 1876, the year of his removal to Danbury. Here he entered the employ of the Tweedy Manufacturing Company, and after two years with them he was engaged by Henry Crofut, in the same business. Later he formed his present partnership, which has continued successfully, notwithstanding the hard times which have lately affected all lines of trade.

In 1882 Mr. Muetschele married Miss Carrie Heinzelman, and one daughter, Dorothea, brightens their home. He and his wife are prominent members of the German Lutheran Congregation at Danbury, and are held in high esteem socially. Since 1877 Mr. Muetschele has been a member of the Germania Society, of Danbury, a German benevolent society. He is keenly interested in all that pertains to the welfare of his adopted country, and is an earnest student of political affairs. Until 1896 he supported the Democratic party, but in the fall of that year he voted for McKinley and sound money.

MARTIN FUCHS, one of the intelligent, enterprising foreign-born citizens, is a highly respected resident of Danbury, where he is engaged in the business of hat manufacturing as a member of the firm of D. E. Loewe & Co.

Mr. Fuchs is of German birth and ancestry, and his grandfather, John Fuchs, was a well-to-do wine gardener in the Fatherland. Martin Fuchs, his father, was born in Wurtemburg, Germany, and always resided there. He married Franziska Bernhardt, a native of the same town, and they had two children: Clara, the elder, married Frank Kuhner, of Germany, and died in December, 1896.

Martin Fuchs was born in Wurtemburg, December 11, 1842, and received his early education there. He learned the brewer's trade, and in 1868 came to America, locating first at Atlantic City, N. J., where for six months he worked as a waiter in a hotel. For the next three months he was employed in a brewery in Philadelphia, and on leaving that city he went to New York, but was there taken sick and was confined to hospital two months. On recovering he followed the carpenter's trade for a time, after which he went to Catskills, N. Y., to work on a farm for a couple of months. He then returned to New York City, and in 1869 he removed to Danbury, where he first found employment on a farm near by, spending about two months in agricultural work. For two years afterward he was employed in a dye shop in Danbury, but the advantages of the hatter's trade becoming manifest, he decided to enter the factory of the Tweedy Manufacturing

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Company, where he spent fifteen years, serving as assistant foreman, and foreman during the latter portion of that time. While working for this company he resided upon a farm three miles from town, making the journey back and forth each day. In 1885 he formed a partnership with D. E. Loewe, Charles Muetschele and Matthias Heinzelmann for the manufacture of hats, and he has since been a member of that successful firm.

Mr. Fuchs has a pleasant home in Danbury, where he and his family are highly respected. On June 13, 1871, he married Mary Dittus, a native of Germany, and a daughter of John Dittus, a well-known farmer. Four children were born to this union: John, Fannie, Caroline and Ernest, all of whom are living. Mr. Fuchs and his family are identified with the German Lutheran Church, and socially he is a member of the Germania, one of the leading German societies of the city. Politically, he has been a Democrat for a number of years, but in 1896 he cast his ballot for sound money and protection.

C. M. SCOFIELD is a well-known contractor and builder of Riverside, of whose skill many notable examples are to be seen at various points in that region. Thoroughly reliable in all things, the quality of his work is a convincing test of his own personal worth, and he conscientiously fulfills his part of every contract.

Our subject is a member of the old Scofield family of Stamford township, Fairfield county, where his grandfather, Phineas Scofield, reared his family and spent his entire life; at his death his remains were interred at Scofieldtown, in the same township. He was twice married, his first wife being Mercy (Finch), by whom he had three children, who reached years of maturity, namely: Hiram, Nathaniel and Mary. His second wife bore the maiden name of Mercy Seely. The mother of Mercy (Finch) Scofield, first wife of Phineas Scofield, was Rachael Bishop, the daughter of Benjamin Bishop, the son of Benjamin Bishop, who was the son of the Rev. John Bishop, the first minister in Stamford; he walked from Boston to Stamford with his staff and Bible. Benjamin Bishop's mother was Susanna Pierson, daughter of Rev. Abraham Pierson, Jr., who was one of the founders and the first president of Yale College.

Nathaniel Scofield, our subject's father, was a farmer by occupation. In early manhood he married Polly A. Ferris, a native of Sound Beach, and for a short time they made their home at Wilton, Conn., where our subject was born March 25, 1839. During his childhood they removed to North Stamford, Fairfield county, and later to a farm near Stamford. The father supplied timber for the construction of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, and in delivering the timber used ox-teams. It was always conceded that he kept the best ox-team in this section. He carried on farming in connection with the lumber business, and although able to perform much labor, his death is attributed to overwork. He was taken ill very suddenly while out with his ox-team, and was brought home helpless in the lumber cart. He died at the age of forty-five years, and was buried in the North Field burial plot. In his political affiliations he was a Whig. His widow was left in rather limited circumstances, but she managed to support her family and keep her children together, bringing them up to be excellent citizens. She died in Stamford, in 1889, at the age of eighty-two years, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband. She was a consistent member of the Congregational Church, a highly respected lady and the best of mothers. In the family were six children: Sarah F., who married Capt. William W. Hoyt, and lived in Stamford, but died in New Jersey; Mary E., widow of Alexander Weed, of Stamford; Susan E., widow of Holly Scofield, and a resident of Stamford; C. M., subject of this sketch; Harriet, wife of Sylvester Scofield, of Stamford; and Edwin N., a carpenter of Cos Cob, Fairfield county.

The father of Mrs. Polly (Ferris) Scofield was Asa Ferris. His mother, Mary Lockwood, was the daughter of Gershom Lockwood, who was a son of Lady Ann Millington, Lord Millington's daughter. The story goes that she came from England to find her lover, and being unsuccessful in her search she married Gershom Lockwood, Sr. They settled in what was then Old Greenwich, now Sound Beach. Her friends sent to her a carved chest containing among other things, amber beads, and a quantity of gold guineas; the beads and chest are still in the possession of some of the Ferris family.

Being the eldest son of his parents, C. M. Scofield, our subject, early began to assist his mother in the support of the family, much to the detriment of his education. In an old-fashioned school house, with slab benches for seats, he pursued his studies, his education being only such as the district schools of his day afforded. He was desirous of learning the machinist's trade, but his means would not permit him to take it up. During his boyhood he worked for neighbors, and at the age of eighteen, having been able to purchase some tools, he went to Port Chester, N. Y., to learn the carpenter's trade; but a few

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months later the shop in which he worked was burned and his property was destroyed. Returning to Stamford, he entered the employ of Jonathan Buxton and Charles Bishop, who were building the Congregational church at that place, and with them he remained for twelve years, during which time he also worked on the Methodist and Baptist churches and many of the best residences in Stamford, including about all that were built on Noroton Hill in those days. On leaving that firm he began contracting and building on his own account, his first contract being a store building on the present site of Fitch Hoyt's store in Stamford. He purchased lots, built houses thereon, and then sold the property, carrying on this business quite successfully for many years. On May 31, 1865, Mr. Scofield was married in Southport to Miss Hannah M. Weeks, who was born in Stamford, August 7, 1841, a daughter of James W. and Hannah M. (Guernsey) Weeks. She was reared in her native village, and completed her education at Miss Anna Hoyt's boarding school in New Brunswick, N. J. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children: William W., a carpenter of Sound Beach, and Marion V., at home.

During early life Mr. Scofield always lived with his mother on the place left by his father, and he did much to improve it. In 1864 he purchased the old home, and continued to live there for a few years after his marriage. The city of Stamford was his next home, but since 1878 he has resided in Riverside. Here he purchased a mill which he conducted for some time, and also built a large ice house and engaged in the ice business quite extensively, selling in New York City and Long Island. In the meantime he was still interested in the planing-mill and lumber business, his brother being at one time his partner. Being thrown down a steep embankment and seriously injured, he sold his business, and several months later again turned his attention to building houses on lots which he owned. He has considerable property at Sound Beach and two houses at Riverside. He is a public-spirited, enterprising man, one who has always taken a deep interest in the improvement of his locality and is numbered among his town's most useful and valued citizens. In politics he is a stanch Republican, but he cares nothing for the honors or emoluments of public office. His wife holds membership in the Congregational Church at Stamford.

Mr. Scofield has recently erected a residence on his property at Sound Beach, to which he removed with his family early in the present year. His son, William Weeks Scofield, was married October 9, 1895, to Gussie H. Ferris, of Sound Beach, where they now reside. They have one son, Floyd Millington. In 1897 he purchased the well-known "Greenwich Point House" property of about eighteen acres, which has been a popular boarding house for years. Mr. Scofield has sold several shore front lots to New York City people; has also erected a new house directly on the shore where there is a fine beach and view of Long Island Sound for miles. He intends to continue its improvement along various lines.

WILLIAM E. ACKLEY. A long and useful life has won for this well-known resident of Sandy Hook the esteem of a large circle of acquaintances and friends, and in his declining years he is comforted by the consciousness of duty done. For more than thirty years he was a foreman in the factory of the New York Belting & Packing Company at that place, having charge of about fifty men, and so faithfully did he meet the requirements of the position that his employers and workmen were equally satisfied with his management.

The Ackley family is of French origin, but became identified at an early date with New York City, where Jonathan Ackley, our subject's grandfather, was born May 20, 1779, and died July 2, 1813, having passed his life there, following shoemaking as an occupation. He married Miss Mary Smith, and had seven children, viz.: John, our subject's father; Stephen, born January 4, 1801; Hiram, born March 25, 1803; James, born May 12, 1805; Mary, born January 5, 1808, and married, June 14, 1823, Asa Whitaker; Emeline, born October 15, 1810, and died November 14, 1825; and Angeline, born July 29, 1813, and died January 26, 1814. Mary Smith, our subject's grandmother, was born March 16, 1781, and died December 2, 1834. Her father, Jabez Smith, was born September 21, 1746, and her mother, whose maiden name was Hannah Burchard, was born August 28, 1749. Jabez and Hannah Smith had eleven children as follows: Phœbe, born October 9, 1770; Isaiah, June 18, 1772; Hannah, July 23, 1774; Samuel (1), February 20, 1777; Tamson, March 9, 1779; Mary, our subject's grandmother; Josiah, born December 19, 1783; Daniel, April 26, 1786; Andrew, February 26, 1789; Uriah, June 17, 1791; and Samuel (2), July 16, 1793.

John Ackley, the father of our subject, was born in New York City, January 18, 1799, and when only fourteen years old enlisted as a soldier, the war of 1812 being then in progress.

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He learned the shoemaker's trade in Philadelphia, and for many years worked as a journeyman for Andrew Smith. During the greater portion of his life he made his home in the town of Lloyd, opposite Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and, as he was a superior workman, he was kept constantly employed by customers up and down the river. His mental abilities were of a high order, and through private reading he secured a wide range of information on the topics of his day. In politics he was a devoted follower of Andrew Jackson, and in religious faith he was a Universalist. He died August 14, 1857. In 1821 he married Phœbe Morgan, who was born March 9, 1800 (a daughter of William Morgan, of New York), and died September 6, 1896; for many years she drew a pension on account of her husband's patriotic services as a soldier. Both were held in the highest esteem by all who knew them, and Mrs. Ackley was a model woman, worthy to be emulated by the mothers of to-day. They had the following children: Catherine A. (1), born January 22, 1822, died in infancy; Mary A., born January 22, 1824, married D. W. VanRapper, and about twenty years ago removed to Georgia, where they now reside; James H., born September 27, 1826, became a sailor and died in New York City May 3, 1867; William E., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Charles H., born April 9, 1831, was a butcher in Jersey City, where he died July 15, 1872 (he was a soldier in the 71st New York State Militia, and fought in the Civil war); Catherine A. (2), born October 28, 1833, married (first) Simon Rose, and (second) Henry C. Chamberlain, and her death occurred December 25, 1877; Emeline, born December 10, 1835, died April 17, 1858; John Morgan, born February 17, 1841, who was a soldier in the 7th New York State Militia, and fought in the Civil war, died October 6, 1865; and George Washington, born March 17, 1844, died January 11, 1845.

Mr. Ackley, our subject, was born January 28, 1829, in New York City, but from the age of five years his boyhood was spent in the town of Marlboro, Ulster Co., N. Y., in the village of Milton, where he received his education. About 1845 he engaged in business as a butcher, later learning the art of manufacturing rubber goods, especially combs. After two years spent in New York City he went to Marlboro to work for Sweet & Tibble, with whom he remained about four years, his time being devoted to comb making. In 1851 he removed to Sandy Hook, where for two years he was employed in the same line of work for Martin Reed. The next two years he spent in Williamsburg, N. Y., and one year in Brookfield, this county; then in October, 1856, he entered the employ of the New York Belting & Packing Company. In the following year he was made foreman of the machine belting department, and this position he held continuously for thirty-two years, resigning in 1889 in order to enjoy in peace the rewards of his years of toil. As he has always been fond of reading he keeps well informed upon the issues of the time, and his opinions are regarded with deference by his associates. Politically, he is a Republican, but he has never aspired to official honors. Socially, he and his wife are popular, and they are leading members of St. John's Episcopal Church at Sandy Hook, in which he has served as warden and vestryman. He is also an active and faithful worker in the Masonic Fraternity, belonging to Hiram Lodge No. 18, F. & A. M., at Newtown.

On June 4, 1854, Mr. Ackley married Miss Martha Ann Roberts. No children have blessed the union. Mrs. Ackley was born September 21, 1834, a daughter of James and Maria Roberts, formerly of Huddersfield, Yorkshire, England. Her father, who was a manufacturer of woolen goods, came to this country and located first at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., later at Bridgeport, this county, where his death occurred in 1847. He had six children, as follows: Mary, born January 30, 1825, died in October, 1896; Abram, born November 24, 1826, died in May, 1855; James, born January 17, 1829, is now a resident of Woodbury, Conn.; Martha Ann (Mrs. Ackley) was fourth in the order of birth; Sarah Jane, born March 27, 1837, died November 22, 1858; Charles Henry, born May 20, 1839, met a soldier's death at Gettysburg, July 3, 1863.

EDWIN SHORT, a prominent representative citizen and hat manufacturer of Bethel, Fairfield county, progressive and public spirited, is a native of Connecticut, born in the town of Newtown January 30, 1838.

Charles Short, grandfather of our subject, was born in Derby, Conn., where he followed the trade of blacksmith. He married Elizabeth Daniels, and they had four children, as follows: Nancy, deceased; Amelia (Mrs. Riggs), of Fairhaven, Conn.; Ephraim, deceased; and Charles.

Charles Short, father of our subject, was born at Derby, Conn., in 1813, and died at Newtown, same State, in 1879. He attended the public schools of his native place and New Haven, and at Newtown learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed the greater part of his life, as a contractor and builder in a small way, putting

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up many houses in Bethel. He was a member of the M. E. Church at Stepney, Conn., and in politics was first a Whig, later a Republican. In 1837, at Newtown, Conn., he married Julia Parmalee, daughter of Levi Parmalee, and a descendant of one of the early settled families of Newtown. To this union were born children as follows: Edwin; Mary E., a resident of Bethel; Rufus, who died at the age of fifty years (he served in the United States navy during the Civil war, on the cruiser "Harriet Lane"); Loesa (deceased), who was the wife of Robert Brown; Alfred, a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y., with the Boynton Furnace Company; Emily (Mrs. Robert Dauchy), a resident of Bethel; Levi, a resident of Bethel; Arletta, living at Meriden, Conn., the wife of George Welch; and Charles, a resident of Bethel.

Edwin Short received a liberal education at the schools of Newtown, Conn., and his father having given him the choice of going to Newtown Academy or entering a wool hat factory at Sandy Hook, he chose the latter, remaining there three months. He then clerked in a store at Hattertown, Newtown, for a year, after which he worked at carpentry with his father for two years, and in 1856 he moved to Bethel, entering Orrin Benedict's hat factory, where he remained for some two and one-half years. He next proceeded to Orange, N. J., and there found employment in Porter & Crofut's factory for nearly a year, or until he was twenty-one years old, at which time he went to Ridgefield and became a a partner of Mr. Borden, the style of the firm being Borden & Short, manufacturers of hats. This arrangement continued some twelve months, at the end of which period he came to Bethel, where he commenced in the hatmaking industry for his own account in company with Charles Shepard, under the firm name of Shepard & Short. The factory was located on the spot whereon the town hall now stands. Four months later Mr. Short gave up active work, on account of ill health, and returned to Newtown for three months. He then took charge of the trimming department in James H. Prentice's factory at Brooklyn, N. Y., some eighteen months, when, returning to Bethel, he worked there three months as a journeyman hatter, after which he took charge of the trimming department for Orrin Benedict & Co., remaining there until 1878. In that year Mr. Short and George Lane formed a partnership as hat jobbers, furnishing stock to other hatters, and also making and selling hats for eight months, when they started a factory known as the "Willows." In the spring of 1880 Mr. Lane retired, and our subject ran the factory one month alone, then receiving his brother Levi into partnership, this arrangement continuing for five years, Levi at the end of that time selling his interest to William Ohler, who remained with Mr. Short a year, after which the latter carried on the factory alone some four years. In the fall of 1890 Mr. Short bought the Orrin Benedict factory, which he has since carried on, manufacturing stiff hats, and giving employment to from 150 to 175 hands.

On May 19, 1858, Edwin Short was married, at Bethel, to Harriet A. Blackman, daughter of Abel B. Blackman, and three children were born to them: William Seymour, Lucy and Grace Edna. Rev. William Seymour Short is rector of Grace Church, Astoria, Oregon; he married Lottie Wheeler, daughter of Thomas B. Wheeler, of Bethel, and has four children: Carrie Elizabeth, Edwin Thomas, Seabury Tuttle and Frederick William. Our subject and the entire family at home are members of St. Thomas Episcopal Church at Bethel. In politics Mr. Short has always been a Republican. Socially, he is a member of the F. & A. M., Eureka Lodge No. 83, Bethel, and of Eureka Chapter and Crusader Commandery, at Danbury.

FRANKLIN M. GREELEY. This prominent resident of Bridgeport, who for many years has held a responsible position with the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company, is a representative of an old and honored family, the name having been prominently associated with the history of the country from early Colonial times. Different ancestors served with gallantry in the wars of their respective times, and while in business and professional life the members of the family have displayed marked ability. Horace Greeley, the famous editor of the New York *Tribune*, and candidate for President of the United States in 1872, was a second cousin to our subject, and letters now in the possession of the latter show the cordial friendship which existed between them.

The first ancestor of whom a definite record has been preserved was Andrew Greeley, one of the three brothers who came from England about 1600. He settled at Salisbury, Mass. Joseph Greeley, son of Andrew, and the next in the line of descent to our subject, was born in 1652. Benjamin Greeley, son of Joseph, was born in 1700. He married Ruth Whitter, and had three children, among whom was a son, Ezekiel.

Ezekiel Greeley, our subject's great-grandfather, was born October 21, 1725, and became a farmer by occupation. He served from July 30,

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1745, to August 27, 1745, as a member of a scouting party between Merrimac and Connecticut rivers, under the command of John Coffee. He married Ester Senter, and had twelve children.

Joseph Greeley, our subject's grandfather, was born May 14, 1756, in Hudson, N. H., where he made his permanent home, engaging in agricultural pursuits. During the Revolutionary war he took an active part on the side of freedom, and was wounded at the battle of Bunker Hill. He died May 13, 1840, and his wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Greeley, died in 1834. They had five sons: Joseph and Ezekiel, who were merchants in Nashua, N. H.; Samuel, a farmer by occupation; Alfred, a merchant at Nashua; and Seneca, our subject's father.

Seneca Greeley was born May 29, 1794, at Hudson, N. H., where he followed agriculture for many years, and he died at Nashua, N. H., November 26, 1886, aged ninety-two years. His wife, Priscilla (Fields), who also lived to the age of ninety-two years, was born January 25, 1793, at Merrimack, N. H., a daughter of Marston Fields, also a native of Merrimack, N. H. This worthy couple had ten children: Elizabeth, deceased; Alfred H., a farmer at Antrim, N. H.; Sarah P. and Adeline M., both now deceased; Emily F., widow of Hiram D. Preston, formerly a government surveyor, who died in the West while surveying Indian lands; Samuel F., deceased; Gen. Edwin S., vice-president of the Yale National Bank at New Haven, Conn.; Franklin M., our subject; and Emily H., and Elbridge O., both deceased.

Franklin M. Greeley was born at Nashua, N. H., January 7, 1835, and his education was secured in the schools of that locality. At the age of twenty-one he went to New Haven, where he was employed three years by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, and on June 24, 1859, he located at Bridgeport. Since that date he has been in the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company, and since March, 1868, he has been inspector in their extensive establishment, his long term of service speaking volumes for his efficient work. Politically Mr. Greeley is a Republican, and for many years he has been active in religious work as a member of the Park Street Congregational Church at Bridgeport. He and his family are much esteemed socially, and among the organizations with which he is connected mention may be made of the Connecticut Society of Sons of the American Revolution.

In 1858 Mr. Greeley married Miss Inez Byington, and three children have blessed the union: Susie E., George F., and Freddie, deceased. Mrs. Greeley was born in Bristol, Conn., a daughter of Dr. Charles Byington, of New Haven, and granddaughter of Noah Byington, a leading farmer at Bristol in his day. The late Rev. Swift Byington, Mrs. Greeley's brother, was a clergyman at Exeter, N. H. Her mother, whose maiden name was Evelyn Barnes, was a daughter of Thomas Barnes, a prominent resident of Bristol.

ABSALOM E. BOUNTY commands an extensive trade in Fairfield county, and in this section of Connecticut as a dealer in marble and granite work, also in lime and cement, and is a resident of Stamford, this county, where he came when a young man to learn his trade.

Mr. Bounty was born November 7, 1852, at Quaker Ridge, Westchester Co., N. Y., where his father, Joseph Bounty, was engaged in farming. The father was a native of Canada, but he lived in the United States from boyhood, and was a lifelong farmer, following that calling in Westchester county, N. Y., and Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn. He married Celestia Peck, of Quaker Ridge, and they became the parents of four children: Kate, who is the wife of Joseph Mammell, of Riversville, N. Y.; Absalom E.; Jabez P., deceased; and Charles E., who is a grocer in Stamford. Mr. and Mrs. Bounty died in Stamford. He was originally a Whig in politics, but he changed his sentiments in later years, becoming an adherent of the Democratic party.

Absalom E. Bounty received his rudimentary training in Stanwich, Conn., and later attended the district schools of Stamford. He learned his trade with George W. Dean, of that place, commencing to work for him when nineteen years of age, and remaining in his employ nine years, until, in 1881, he and his partner established the business which has since occupied his attention. The firm of Reilly & Bounty started in a small way at the corner of Atlantic street and Cottage Place, dealing at first only in monumental and blue stone; but as their custom increased they added masons' and builders' material to their stock, and also took contracts for grading and laying tar walks. Mr. Reilly dying in April, 1892, Mr. Bounty bought his share in the concern from the heirs, and has since continued the business alone, about one year ago removing from his old location to his present commodious quarters. He has a constantly increasing patronage, and does a very profitable business, which he has built up by honorable dealing and an earnest desire to please his customers, small or great.

Mr. Bounty was married in Stamford to Miss

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Emma Kate Provost, daughter of Charles Provost, and they have had two children: J. Walter and Harry J. The family live in a comfortable and pleasant residence on Summer and Fifth streets, which was built by Mr. Bounty in 1886. Socially, our subject was once a member of Puritan Lodge, I. O. O. F.

GEORGE WILBUR NORTHROP, an agriculturist residing near Newtown, has made a notable start as a breeder of registered livestock, making a specialty of Chester White swine, upon which he is regarded as an authority. For five years past he has been connected with W. B. Ruppert & Son, of Seneca, N. Y., handling all varieties of stock and fruit trees, and in this, as in other enterprises, his energy and ability have gained for him some reputation in business circles.

Mr. Northrop's family is well-known in this section, and his grandfather, Captain Oliver Northrop, was at one time the owner of the largest amount of real estate held by any one person in the town of Newtown. Heman G. Northrop, our subject's father, was a natural mechanic. His education was limited to the English branches as taught in the common schools of the district of Palestine, in the town of Newtown. He inherited from his father a portion of the farm now occupied by our subject, about one hundred and fifty acres, and farming was his chief occupation throughout his life, but his skill as a mechanic was put to use at odd times in various ways, especially in the winter seasons, when he engaged in the manufacture of wooden plows and two-wheeled ox-carts, in all which lines he enjoyed the work of the town. In politics he was a Democrat, but he never took an active part in local affairs, and in religious faith the family are Episcopalians. He died April 6, 1877; his wife, whose maiden name was Fannie (Dimon), still living.

The subject of our sketch was educated in the schools of the town of Newtown, in Palestine and "Head of the Meadow" Districts, attending until he reached the age of seventeen. He then went to Waterbury, where he spent about three years working in different factories, and on his return home he engaged in carpentering, which he followed successfully for nearly eight years. During a part of this time he worked with F. C. Sanford, George W. Stewart and J. Terrill, of Roxbury, Conn., but for four or five years he was engaged in working on his own account. In April, 1893, he lost the sight of one eye, which compelled him to give up his trade, and since that time he has followed agricultural pursuits at the old homestead. His herd of swine, mentioned above, contains only registered stock, and includes some of the best specimens in the country, premiums having been granted on them at various exhibitions. He is a member of the Grange, and takes an interest in everything that pertains to the development of his locality, but he is not active in political affairs, although he is a supporter of the Democratic party.

PATRICK GORMAN, who has resided in Southport, Fairfield county, Conn., for over forty years, is one of the industrious, respected citizens of that place. He is a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, born in March, 1831, a son of Michael and Mary (McKagney) Gorman, who were well-to-do farming people and passed all their lives in the country of their birth. Their family consisted of eight children, all of whom grew to adult age, four coming to America, namely: Daniel, whose death occurred in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Peter, a resident of Brooklyn; Catherine, living in New York, unmarried; and Patrick.

Patrick Gorman attended the public schools during his boyhood, obtaining a very good practical education, and afterward helped his father on the farm until he left Ireland, at the age of twenty, to try his fortune in America. He set out in the spring of 1851 with little more than his clothes, and the amount required to pay his passage to New York City, where he arrived April 19, after a voyage of twenty-three days in the vessel "Albert Gallatin," and his first employment in this country was with a farmer on Staten Island, with whom he remained some time. Subsequently he worked as gardener and coachman for a gentleman on the Island, after two years going to Yonkers, N. Y., where he worked as coachman and gardener until his removal to Southport, Conn., in 1855, when he engaged as coachman for George Palen. In 1861 he entered the employ of Capt. George Bulkely, as coachman, continuing with that gentleman during the latter's lifetime, and since then working with the family, who have occupied the estate. Mr. Gorman has the best of reputations for steadiness, industry and faithfulness, and his long service in this, one of the leading families of Southport, is ample evidence of his trustworthiness and reliability. He and his wife have, by dint of unceasing industry and economy, managed to acquire a comfortable competence, and

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they are respected by all who know them as deservedly prosperous people.

In 1856 Mr. Gorman was married to Miss Eliza Carson, who was born October 17, 1833, in County Antrim, Ireland, a daughter of James and Ann (Johnstone) Carson, and came to the United States in 1853, sailing on the "Kossuth," bound for New York, where she landed after a voyage of seven weeks. The young couple commenced housekeeping in Southport, and some time later bought a home near the town, where they resided nineteen years, after which for two years they lived in Bridgeport, Conn., and they have since had their home in Southport. Five children blessed their union, namely: Mary J., who died at the age of twenty-seven years; Elizabeth (Mrs. James Trainor), of Southport; Daniel J., of Southport; Joseph, of Bridgeport; and Thomas H., living at home. Mrs. Gorman is a member of the Congregational Church. Politically, Mr. Gorman was originally a Democrat, but he is now a Republican, and he cast his last Presidential vote for McKinley.

AARON WARNER WALLACE. One of the foremost citizens of Bridgeport is the well-known business man whose name here appears. Those men are truest to the interests of the community in which they live, who stake their possessions upon its prosperity, and, judged by that standard, Mr. Wallace has amply proved his loyalty to the city of his adoption. Leaving his father's home when a young lad, to seek his fortunes in the busy world, he went from place to place for a few years, gaining experience and ripening his judgment; then, settling upon Bridgeport as his future home, he bound himself to its fortunes by property ties which he from time to time increased, and, as the years have come and gone, he has grown steadily in the estimation of his fellow citizens, and in various ways received public recognition of that esteem.

Mr. Wallace is descended from one of the oldest families of New England. Back in the early Colonial times (about 1620) the ancestral Wallace left his native heath in Scotland for America, and settled at the head of the Connecticut river in Vermont. Later one branch of the family emigrated to New York State, and from that branch descended the subject of this sketch. His grandfather, Maj. Uriah Wallace, was a major in the Revolutionary war, and served in the army commanded by Gen. De Witt Clinton.

Gilbert Gates Wallace, the son of Maj. Uriah Wallace, was born in North Salem, N. Y., in December, 1802. He married Sarah Ann Warner, daughter of Aaron and Euphemia (Post) Warner, whose ancestors were among the earliest settlers along the Hudson river. Twelve children were born to this couple: Uriah (and an unnamed twin who died in infancy), Aaron W. (subject of this sketch), Sarah Elizabeth, William Henry, Oscar, Gilbert Drake, James, Minot M., Minerva, Addie A. and Sarah. The father, Gilbert Gates Wallace, was for many years an extensive carriage manufacturer at White Plains, N. Y. He died in 1881.

Aaron Warner Wallace, of the firm A. W. Wallace & Son, general bakers of bread, cake and crackers, Nos. 73 to 79 State street, Bridgeport, was born at Yonkers, N. Y., October 13, 1827. He was educated in the public schools of Westchester county, N. Y., and also for a time attended the schools in New York City, to which city his father had removed his carriage factory from Yonkers. Filled with that restlessness which often presages success in life, the young student, at the age of fifteen years, left home and came to Bridgeport, where he learned the baker's trade. Then he began his pilgrimage for a few years; he spent a year at his trade in Newark, N. J., then for a year conducted a bakery of his own at Sing Sing, N. Y., then for three years he followed his trade at Rhinebeck, and for four years was in business at Winsted, Litchfield Co., Connecticut.

It was now 1855, and Mr. Wallace made another change, one that became permanent; he was twenty-eight, and had made his choice. Locating in Bridgeport he opened a bakery on Water street, purchasing the property extending from State street to Gilbert. He built his present store in 1862, the baking plant being located in the rear between State and Gilbert. Mr. Wallace now has a large property. He owns two stores and three dwellings on State street between Broad and Lafayette, two large four-story brick buildings on Gilbert street, and eight buildings between Pine and Spruce streets. The firm of A. W. Wallace & Son enjoys a wide and lucrative trade, established for over forty years, and now extending through a radius of fifty miles.

Mr. Wallace was married in 1850 to Miss Martha E. Near, daughter of Jacob and Harriet Near. They have a family of three children: Aaron W., Jr., who married Miss Lillian Godfrey, of Weston, Conn., daughter of Joseph S. and Hattie (Platt) Godfrey: Hattie A., who married Almeron T. Hale, proprietor of the "Crocker House" at New London, Conn., a well-known hostelry, which his father kept before him; Belle,

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who married W. E. Liengburgh, Jr., and lives at No. 11 Courtland street, Bridgeport, with her husband and two children — Mildred E. and Gerald. Mr. Wallace, his wife and family are members of Christ Episcopal Church, of which he has for several years been vestryman.

Mr. Wallace has not applied himself so closely to business that he has not had time to devote to the public service when called upon in any capacity of trust or responsibility. In 1858, '59 and '60 he served as a grand juror. He was a member of the common council in 1868–70, and served as assessor from 1885 to 1889. He is now, and for three years has been, serving on the board of apportionment of taxations. In politics he is a Democrat. He has been a member of St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M., since 1862, and is now a thirty-second-degree Mason. Previous to the Civil war, Mr. Wallace was a major in the 8th Conn. State Militia. His brother, Uriah, was a colonel of the 8th Conn. He raised a company and enlisted in the war of the Rebellion, serving as captain in the Peninsular campaign under General McClellan. After the war Captain Wallace removed to California. He died at San Francisco in 1894.

CHARLES FOX, the well-known proprietor of the "Atlantic Hotel" at Stamford, is one of the leading German-born citizens of that locality. Coming to this country as a lad of fifteen, he has made his own way in life, his present prosperity being due to his shrewd management rather than to outside aid.

Mr. Fox was born April 18, 1853, in Borek, State of Posen, Germany, where his early boyhood was spent, his education being obtained in the local schools. In 1868 he came to the United States, and at once made his home in Stamford, securing employment in a clothing store there. This position he held for about two years and, later, after he had gained a knowledge of the language and people of this country, he decided to engage in business for himself. In 1875 he open a saloon in Gay street, Stamford, in partnership with his brother Peter, and not long afterward they established another saloon in Railroad avenue. Their partnership continued until 1890 when they divided the property, Charles taking the establishment in Railroad avenue, and Peter the other. In the summer of 1897 our subject built his present store and hotel on the corner of Atlantic and State streets, and both enterprises have been carried on with success, the hotel, which contains twenty rooms, being well patronized.

In June, 1877, Mr. Fox was married in New York City to Miss Bertha Feldman, and their home has been brightened by three sons: Henry C., a graduate of the National Conservatory of Music at New York, established himself in business in Stamford March 28, 1895, as a dealer in gents' furnishing goods, the store being located in the First National Bank building in Atlantic street; Isadore C. graduated from the Stamford high school with the class of '98, of which he was president; and Jacob, a talented pianist, who devotes much of his time to music, and graduated June 25, 1899, as president of the class of '99. Mr. Fox has a pleasant home at No. 30 Forest street, Stamford, and is popular among his associates.

WILLIAM H. WEED, JR., a prominent resident of Springdale, has been identified for many years with different business interests, and although now retired from active participation in financial undertakings he is justly regarded as one of the substantial citizens of the town.

The ancestors of the Weed family located in the town of Stamford at an early date, and James Weed, our subject's grandfather, who served as a soldier in the war of 1812, was a native of the town. James L. Weed, father of our subject, was born in Darien, Fairfield county, in September, 1805, but the greater portion of his life was spent in Stamford, his education being acquired in the common schools of the town. He was a man of much energy and engaged in business as a shoemaker, manufacturer, drover and, later, as a butcher, while for a time he conducted a flour business. His wife, Martha S. (Bates), who died in August, 1896, was a native of the town of Stamford. James L. Weed still survives. They had six children; Emily S., William H., Jr., and Addie M. still living, and Minerva A., Mary Ellen and Hannah M., deceased.

William H. Weed was born April 25, 1835, and was reared upon his father's farm, his educational opportunities being limited to the common-school course in the Hope District, or District No. 8, and others in the town of Stamford. As a young man he learned the carriage maker's trade, later proceeding to Wisconsin, where he was employed for a year and a half in that business. On returning to Stamford he engaged in the flour business with his father, and after a time he established himself in the meat business, driving throughout Stamford and the surrounding country with a wagon, following this line for

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thirty-five years successfully, and in connection therewith engaging to some extent in farming; he retired about 1894. For some time he was interested in the real-estate business in Stamford in addition to the interests just mentioned, buying and selling quite an amount of property, and in all his enterprises he has met with uniform success.

In 1865 Mr. Weed was married, in the city of Stamford, to Miss Sarah A. Bell, daughter of George Bell, of Stamford. Three children have blessed this union: Emmett L., who married Miss Jennie Barmore, and resides in Springdale, where he carries on a wholesale and retail milk business; George W., who is now conducting a grocery, feed store and meat market in Springdale; and Elmer H., who is a clerk in his brother's store. Mr. Weed is a stanch Republican, but has never been an office-seeker. He has won success by hard work and good sound business judgment, and he is respected accordingly in the community in which his useful life has been passed. He is a man of strong physique, and enjoys general good health.

JOHN J. PERRY, of Westport, Fairfield county, was one of the brave boys who went forth at their country's call when disunion was threatened, and battled for its preservation.

Born March 16, 1839, in the town of Westport, Mr. Perry is the son of Daniel S. Perry, and is of Revolutionary stock in both paternal and maternal lines. Jonathan Perry, his grandfather, who was of English extraction, was a native of Fairfield and a farmer by occupation. In the struggle of the Colonies for independence he was a participant, and served nearly two years in that war. He married Hannah Jackson, also of Fairfield. (Daniel Jackson, brother of Hannah, served conspicuously throughout the Revolutionary war). Her mother was a Sturgis, and she received a grant of land from King George. After their marriage Jonathan Perry and wife located in the town of Fairfield. Their children were: Abel was a farmer in the town of Stratford; Alva, a currier and tanner, resided in Newark, N. J.; Daniel S., referred to below, was the father of our subject; Betsey, who married Isaac Downs, of Weston, died in the West; Sally married Amos Dickinson, a millwright, and lives in Litchfield county, Conn.; Elenor, who married, died in young womanhood; and Fannie married Daniel Patchen, of Weston. The parents were members of the Presbyterian Church.

Daniel S. Perry was born August 14, 1803, in the town of Fairfield. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade, and followed it throughout his lifetime. He married Eliza Partrick, who was born February 12, 1806, at Compo, in the town of Westport, a daughter of Peter and Polly (Moyer) Partrick, the father born January 8, 1778. (George Moyer, the father of Polly Moyer, served on a ship in the Revolutionary war). After the marriage of Daniel S. Perry he settled in the town of Westport, and there both died, he on December 29, 1873, and his wife on March 10, 1889. In politics he was a Democrat. They were most estimable people, and lived lives that it would be well for others to emulate. Both were identified with the Presbyterian Church. They had ten children, namely: Eunice A., born in 1826, married Dudley W. Bradley, a watchmaker of Westport; Charles, born in 1827, was a seafaring man throughout his lifetime, dying December 29, 1886; Nancy J., born in 1829, married Francis Young, a shoemaker of Danbury, and died May 5, 1859; Benjamin F., born in 1832, a carpenter by trade, died November 13, 1865; Daniel S., Jr., born in 1834, a shoemaker by trade, died August 5, 1856; Edward, born in 1836, is a farmer residing in Kansas; John J., our subject, is next in order of birth; Mary F., born in 1841; Martin, born in 1844, died July 13, 1860; and Peter L., born in 1846, who served three years in the Civil war, is now residing in Illinois, a mason by trade.

John J. Perry passed his boyhood in Westport, and there attended the public schools until fifteen years of age, then went to Rome, Peoria Co., Ill. At Rome he learned the mason's trade and followed it until in 1861, when, on September 27, he enlisted in Company M, 11th Ill. V. C., and for four years shared the fate of his company, participating in many skirmishes and battles. He bore an honorable part throughout his term of service, for enlisting as a private soldier he came out a captain. He was discharged September 30, 1865, at Memphis, Tenn. Shortly after this event he went to Chicago, Ill., and worked at his trade some three years, then returned to Westport, Conn., where he has since remained. He is a member of the G. A. R., and in politics is a Republican. He is among the highly respected and esteemed citizens of Westport. Mr. Perry has never married.

JOHN LUCAS KNAPP, the junior member of the firm of Marsh & Knapp, contractors and builders at Danbury, is prominent among the younger business men of that city. He was born in Danbury, May 27, 1864, the son of John and Nancy (Young) Knapp, and was educated in

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the public schools and in W. A. Schell's Business College. When about sixteen years old he spent a year as a clerk in the office of the Danbury & Norwalk railroad, and on leaving that position he began to learn the carpenter's trade with Foster Bros. For some years after his term of apprenticeship ended, he worked as a journeyman for different contractors, but in 1890 he formed his present partnership with Frederick D. Marsh, and has since been actively engaged in business on his own account, the shop of the firm being located on East Franklin street.

On November 20, 1890, Mr. Knapp married Miss Alice R. Booth, youngest daughter of Dwight Dane and Sarah M. (Clark) Booth, of Pittsfield, Mass. Two children have blessed the union: Dwight Rufus, born May 8, 1894, and Florence Amanda, born January 15, 1896. The family reside in a pleasant home at No. 46 Division street, Danbury. In 1885 he united with the First Congregational Church of Danbury, and was made deacon in 1897. Mrs. Knapp joined by letter after marriage. Mr. Knapp is an active worker in the Christian Endeavor Society, of which he has been president for three terms. He is a strong advocate of temperance, and his influence and his vote are given to the Prohibition party.

The Knapp family, of which our subject is a member, has been identified with this county from a very early day, and an account thereof will be found in the biographical sketch of his uncle, Ezra P. Knapp, of Danbury, elsewhere in this volume.

John Knapp, our subject's father, is a well-known resident of Danbury, where he has been engaged in carpentering for many years. He is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in 1862 in Company B, 23d Conn. V. I. On May 16, 1855, he was married, in Fall River, Mass., to Miss Nancy H. Young, who was born July 8, 1836, at Seekonk, Mass., and is still living: They have had five children: Emma Caroline, born April 5, 1857, died September 10, 1872; Susan Elizabeth, born May 10, 1859, married Frank P. Wanzer, and has had six children—Carrie E., John F., Nellie O., Charles L., Alice E. and Grace; John L., our subject; Ernest L., born December 19, 1869, now a carpenter; and Frank Y., born July 13, 1872, died June 16, 1873.

LIEUT.-COL. MERRITT FREMONT WHITE, manager of the firm of L. S. White & Co., makers of all kinds of harness, trunks, satchels, etc., Bridgeport, is a native of Massachusetts, born June 13, 1856, at Barre, Worcester county. He traces his ancestry to Peregrine White, the first white child born in New England, whose parents came over in the "Mayflower."

Jonathan S. White, father of our subject, was born in Franklin county, Mass., in 1819, a son of Jonathan White, who was a tanner by trade. Jonathan learned the same line of business with his father, but when a young man took by harness making, serving an apprenticeship there in Greenfield, Mass. In 1840 he opened out a business in that line in Barre, Mass., which he conducted until 1868, in that year removing to Lakewood, N. J., where he followed his trade five years. In 1873 he came to Bridgeport, and established the present flourishing business near where the shop now is.

On April 27, 1844, Jonathan S. White was married at Leyden, Mass., to Miss Mary J. Wildes, daughter of Amariah Wildes, and children as follows were born to this union: Alonzo and Estes, who both died in childhood; Mary J.; Merritt F.; and Mabel, married to John H. Mott, an insurance adjuster of New York City. The mother of these departed this life in 1878, a member of the Universalist Church, with which her husband was also identified. Socially, he was affiliated with Samuel Harris Lodge No. 99, I. O. O. F., Bridgeport, and in politics he was a Republican. He took quite an interest in Odd Fellowship, being a past grand in the lodge. He died November 29, 1898.

Merritt F. White, whose name opens this sketch, received a liberal education at the public schools of Barre, Mass., and Lakewood, N. J., leaving school at about sixteen years of age. He has also been a great reader of history, fiction, etc., and is a well-informed man. On coming to Bridgeport with his father, in 1873, he learned the saddle and harness trade with him, and continued working for him as journeyman until 1880, in which year he was admitted into partnership in the business, the style of the firm becoming J. S. White & Son.

On October 19, 1888, Colonel White was married in Bridgeport, Conn., to Miss Lena Steinmetz, a native of Bavaria, Germany, and four children have blessed this union, namely: Estes W., Harold, Jesse and Clarence. Colonel and Mrs. White attend the Universalist Church, and are much esteemed wherever known.

On February 18, 1884, our subject enlisted in Company B, 4th Regiment Connecticut National Guard, since when he has been promoted consecutively as follows: corporal, November 17, 1885; sergeant, April 17, 1888; discharged February 18, 1889; re-enlisted February 18, 1889; second lieutenant, June 3, 1890; first lieutenant,

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January 12, 1892; captain, August 9, 1892; major, January 18, 1897, of the First Battalion, 4th Regiment Conn. National Guard; lieutenant-colonel Fourth Regiment, April 27, 1899. During the Spanish American war only one company of the First Battalion was called out for service, viz: Company I, of Winstead. In military matters the Colonel is the highest officer in Bridgeport. In his business he has been quite successful. He is a Republican, and further than conscientiously recording his vote at the polls he takes but little interest in politics.

HORACE M. OSBORNE, a well-known business man of Bridgeport, is a member of the firm of Osborne Bros., leading grocers of that place, and his enterprise and sound judgment are recognized in the rapid development of their trade.

Mr. Osborne belongs to an old Connecticut family, his ancestors having settled in Brookfield at an early day. It is known that the family originated in England, but the first of the name of whom we have a definite account was David Osborne, our subject's great-grandfather, who was born in Brookfield March 2, 1766, and lived to the age of eighty-one. He was a farmer, but in early life learned the trade of carpenter and builder, and worked at same mostly through life. His original sayings were quoted for many years after he was gone. His wife, Matilda, lived to be seventy-four. Ezra Osborne, our subject's grandfather, was born and reared in Brookfield, where he engaged in farming. He married Rachel Kellog, a member of one of the pioneer families of New Fairfield, and they had four sons, viz.: Martin K., of Bethel, a farmer and stock dealer; Henry B., a carriage manufacturer of Danbury; Burton, a farmer, of Brookfield; and Orrin H., our subject's father, who is now the only surviving member of the family.

Orrin H. Osborne was born July 25, 1832, in Brookfield, and learned the carriage maker's trade with his brother, Henry B., of New Fairfield. After becoming of age he removed to Bridgeport, and was connected with the Wheel and Wood Bending Company for five years, afterward engaging in the grocery business. He then removed to Bethel, and carried on the milling, flour and feed trade for nearly twenty-eight years. At present he is with his sons, Osborne Brothers. His wife, whose maiden name was Amanda Griffith, was born at Huntington, Long Island, daughter of William H. Griffith, a highly esteemed citizen of that place. Our subject is the eldest of four children, the others being Frank H., who is connected with the Graphophone Company in Bridgeport; Fannie P., wife of George A. Platt, of Bridgeport, and Robert M., a partner of our subject.

Horace M. Osborne was born on Kossuth street, near Washington Park, Bridgeport, April 2, 1856, and when three years old his parents removed to Brookfield, where they remained about five years, our subject's education being begun in the public schools of that town. The family then returned to Bridgeport, where he attended school for two years, but his course was completed in the schools of Bethel. On leaving school he went to Bridgeport, and was employed for seven years as a clerk by William H. Griffith, a grocer on Fairfield avenue, and for six years by George E. Cleveland, a grocer on State street. In March, 1892, he bought a grocery store on the corner of Noble avenue and Jane street, which he conducted alone for five years, or until 1897, in which year he admitted his brother, Robert, as a partner, under the firm name of Osborne Bros.

On November 30, 1882, Horace M. Osborne married Miss Christina W. McCormick, a native of Springfield, Mass., and a daughter of Edward McCormick, who was born in New York, of Scottish ancestry. One son, Chester W., brightens the home. The family is much esteemed socially. Mr. Osborne is a member of the Park Street Congregational Church, and of various organizations, including Arcanum Lodge No. 4, I. O. O. F., at Bridgeport. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

STEPHEN E. KEELER is one of the progressive, well-to-do farmers of the town of New Canaan, and a member of one of the oldest families of that town, of which he himself is a native, having been born there June 24, 1859.

Ralph Keeler, the first of the family of whom we have record, was an active citizen of Norwalk, Conn., in the early days. His son, Samuel, was a soldier in the Indian war and was in the "direful swamp fight" of 1680, receiving for his service twelve acres of land in the Clapboard Hills District of this county. Daniel Keeler, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, was probably a son of that Samuel, and at an early date received land from his father in New Canaan parish, his home being south of John Benedict's. He and his wife became members of the Church when it was first organized.

Capt. Isaac Keeler, son of Daniel, was born May 2, 1756, in Canaan parish, and died in his eighty-first year, on January 27, 1837. When

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the Revolutionary war broke out he became a member of the Fourth Company, Seventh Regiment, under Capt. Joseph Hoit, Col. Charles Webb commanding; served at Winter Hill under Gen. Sullivan; was at Valley Forge during the memorable winter of 1777-78, and subsequently took part in the battle of Monmouth. His military record is as follows: Commissioned ensign in Second Regiment (formation of 1777-80), January 1, 1777; second lieutenant, February 4, 1778; first lieutenant, August 1, 1779; quartermaster, 1781. He was a government pensioner, and a member of the Cincinnati. After the war closed he commenced in business for himself, later removing to New York City, where he received the appointment of city marshal, and he also served at one time as police justice in that city. He was afterward given a position in the Custom House, which he retained until his death. During the war of 1812, when New York City was in danger of being attacked by the British, he volunteered for three months service in the Veteran Corps of Revolutionary soldiers to guard the arsenal, and was made an officer in the corps. He bravely attempted to discharge the duties which fell to his lot with his old-time fidelity, but the labors and exposures of camp life proved too much for his years and enfeebled constitution, and he contracted a severe cold which deleloped into consumption, though he lived for many years afterward. Captain Keeler was married September 24, 1779, to Sarah St. John, who was born May 11, 1755, and died September 21, 1793, the mother of five children, viz.: Esther, born April 22, 1781; Naomi, September 24, 1783; Isaac, July 19, 1786; Isaac, May 25, 1789; and Sally, June 16, 1791. The father, on December 15, 1793, married for his second wife Catherine Tuttle, who was born September 9, 1774, and died July 7, 1854. She had two children: Bradley, born September 26, 1794, and Edward E., born November 28, 1796.

Bradley Keeler, son of Capt. Isaac and Catherine (Tuttle) Keeler, was born September 26, 1794, in Canaan parish, Norwalk, and died July 6, 1855. He was a carriage manufacturer by occupation, carrying on a business in New Canaan, where he also owned what is now the "Birdsall House." He married Polly Hoyt, who survived him many years, dying April 26, 1872, and they had three children—Stephen E., who is our subject's father; Sylvester H., living in Mendota, Ill.; and Isaac E., who died August 2, 1885.

Stephen Edward Keeler, father of our subject, was born December 28, 1819, in New Canaan, and was there reared and educated, attending the school in District No. 5. He was married in Lewisboro, N. Y., to Ann Augusta Raymond, who was born September 2, 1828, a daughter of Amos N. and Lucy Ann (Olmstead) Raymond, and they became the parents of eight children, of whom we have the following record: Julia Bradley, born February 13, 1847, married Dr. William W. Cummings, and lives in Brooklyn; they have two children—Clara A. and Parker Pond. Jane Augusta, born November 8, 1849, married Carodyne O. Hanford, of Lewisboro, N. Y., and has three children—Edith N., Samuel K. and Stephen E. Pollie Hoyt, born October 24, 1851, is the wife of Hiram Wakeman, and has one child—Bertha L. Stephen E., born December 18, 1853, died January 20, 1857. Warner Hoyt, born October 14, 1857, died January 30, 1893; he married Mary E. Stevens (died January 28, 1892), by whom he had two children—Bradley W. and Fannie W. Stephen Edward, born June 24, 1859, is the subject proper of our sketch. Alice Bushnell, born April 20, 1867, died May 16, 1868. Agnes Brownson, born December 9, 1869, married Edward Burr Adams, of New Canaan; they have one son—Warner H., who died in August, 1897. The father of this family passed away November 2, 1878. He followed farming all his life, and was an industrious, prosperous man. During his youth his health was very delicate, and he tried working in a store, clerking in the grocery of Weed & Hoyt; but he was soon obliged to give it up and return to the farm, agricultural life evidently being best for his physical well-being. He was a captain in the Wooster Guards, and served his town as superintendent of roads at one time, but he was not particularly active in public affairs. In religious connection he was a prominent member of the New Canaan Episcopal Church, of which he was vestryman.

Stephen E. Keeler was brought up on the home farm, which he now cultivates, in his boyhood attending the village and country district schools. During his early manhood he was engaged in mercantile business, commencing as clerk in the store of R. W. Rockwell in New Canaan, with whom he remained one year. For the four succeeding years he was with J. F. Silliman in the same capacity, and then for six months sold goods on the road from Newburg, N. Y. He now went west, and for a time gave his attention to the sheep business at Colorado Springs, Colo. On his return east he commenced the meat business in New Canaan in partnership with his brother, Warner H., under the firm name of Keeler Bros., and continued this for two years, after which he was foreman for two years of

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Johnson & Raumond's livery. Since that time he has carried on farming on the home place, which under his care and able management has been improved and cultivated in the best possible manner.

Mr. Keeler was married October 16, 1884, in New Canaan to Annie Demorest Husted, daughter of James T. Husted, and they have a family of three children: Stephen Edward, Katherine Augusta and Warner Hoyt. They attend the Episcopal Church, of which Mrs. Keeler is a member, and he is at present serving as clerk. He is an enterprising, public-spirited citizen, has served as selectman of his town for two years, and is a member of the Grange at New Canaan, where he is well-known.

CHARLES ROHRBACH, a military veteran, is a well-known resident of Bridgeport, where he is extensively engaged in the bottling of beverages for the local trade.

Born January 21, 1830, in Gotha, Saxe Coburg, Germany, Mr. Rohrbach is a son of Nicholas and Sophia (Gender) Rohrbach, lifelong residents of that locality, and where his father was engaged in business as a weaver and dyer. This worthy couple had eleven children, of whom five are now living, our subject being the youngest. Hironymous, Louis, Augusta and Eliza are all residing in the Fatherland.

During his youth our subject learned the cabinet maker's trade in Germany, and in 1854 he came to America, locating first in New York City, where he followed his trade for several years. In 1858 he removed to Bridgeport and continued in the same line of work, but in 1876 he engaged in the bottling business in connection with a saloon. Later he withdrew from the saloon business, continuing, however, the bottling works, and making a specialty of soft drinks. In 1861 he gave evidence of his loyalty to his adopted country by enlisting in Company H, 1st Conn. V. I., the first regiment sent out from Bridgeport, and served his term of three months. Politically, he is an Independent; socially, he is prominent as a member of the I. O. O. F., and of the Concordia and Germania Arion Societies, while his interest in military matters is kept up by his active work with the Bridgeport Sharp Shooters and the G. A. R.

In 1857 Mr. Rohrbach was married in New York City to Fraulein Tetje Koeppen, a native of Germany, and seven children have blessed the union, five of whom are now living: Caroline, who married George Eckhart, a brewer in Bridgeport; Anna, wife of Adolph Ide, a painter in Bridgeport; Charles, a piano maker in New Haven; Matilda, married to Charles B. Schmidt, who is engaged in photography as a marbleizer; and Miss Laura, who is at home.

HENRY N. BEARDSLEY has for many years been closely identified with the business interests of Fairfield county as a member of the Beardsley Building Company, which was organized in 1869.

Our subject is a son of Hiram Beardsley and a grandson of Dr. Gideon Beardsley, of Monroe township, this county, who was one of the leading citizens of the town in his day. He was a physician in active practice up to his death, which occurred when he was a comparatively young man, being caused by injuries he received through falling from a horse. He married Sarah A. Curtis, who was a sister of Henry T., Lucius and Hiram Curtis, of Fairfield, and they had two children, Hiram and Henry. The last named followed his father's footsteps, becoming a physician, and first practiced his profession in Lyme, Conn. In 1848 he "went West" and settled in Painesville, Ohio, where he engaged in the active practice of his profession until his death, attaining a high rank among his medical brethren in that region. He passed away in 1892 or 1893. For his first wife he married Harriet Hawley, of Barn Hill, Fairfield Co., Conn., and of his children we have mention of Maria and Augusta.

Henry N. Beardsley was born June 25, 1835, in Monroe township, Fairfield Co., Conn., and commenced his education in the public schools, finishing with a two-years' attendance at a private school kept by a Miss Wheeler, from Stratford. Leaving school when about sixteen years old, he commenced to learn his trade with the Derby Building and Lumber Company, with which he served an apprenticeship of over four years, being thoroughly drilled in the details of the business. For the following eight years he was engaged at his trade as journeyman in Derby and Ansonia, principally the latter place, where for two years he was in partnership with another man. Since the formation of the Beardsley Building Company, in 1869, he has given his entire attention to the interests of that concern, which is considered one of the most substantial, reliable firms in the Naugatuck Valley, and through good management has prospered from the start. Among the larger contracts filled by this firm may be mentioned the Ansonia school house, a school house in Seymour, and the Methodist Episcopal church in Derby.

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Mr. Beardsley's first wife was Martha Botsford, daughter of Sheldon Botsford, and three children were born to them, namely: Frances, who is deceased; Marian E. (Mrs. George Cogswell), of Derby; and Harry, deceased. For his second wife Mr. Beardsley in December, 1881, wedded Grace Botsford, a sister of his first wife; they have no children. He has always been a Republican in political sentiment, but has taken no active part in politics in the sense of office seeking, although he has served his fellow citizens as a member of the board of burgesses, and one year as warden. Fraternally, he affiliates with King Hiram Lodge No. 12, F. & A. M., Solomon Chapter No. 3, R. A. M., New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and Naugatuck Lodge, I. O. O. F. In religious connection he is a member of the Congregational Church of Shelton.

STEPHEN FRENCH. There is no wider or more favorably known citizen in Stepney, Monroe township, than this gentleman, who as a merchant, station agent, postmaster and public servant has been active in the life of the community for many years.

Mr. French is a grandson of Thomas C. French, who farmed in Monroe township on the place now owned and cultivated by Wilbur French. He was an extensive landowner in this section, and left quite a large estate, Sterling French, the father of our subject, inheriting the homestead. Thomas French married a Stratford lady, and their family consisted of five sons and two daughters, all of whom are now deceased, viz.: Stephen, who was a farmer of Stepney, died in 1873; Elijah, who located for a time in western New York, thence removed to Chagrin Falls, Ohio; Sherman died in 1872 at his home in Long Hill, Trumbull; Hoyt, a farmer of Stepney, died in 1844; Sterling, sketch of whom follows; Sally married Wakeman Turney; and Elesia married Lewis Penfield, a member of the firm of Penfield Bros., who engaged in the manufacture of wagons in Stepney before the Civil war. Of this family, Sterling was the only one who had children.

Sterling French was born in Stepney in about 1812, and passed his entire life in his native place. He owned a tract of about ninety acres, to the cultivation of which he devoted all his time and attention, and he took an especial pride in the neat and thrifty appearance of his place and surroundings. His industry brought to him success above the average, and he was regarded by all as a substantial, worthy man, such as any community might be glad to claim. Public affairs and service had no charm for one of his retiring disposition, but he entered heartily into religious and charitable work, and was a fine example of the Christian citizen in his daily life and habits. An active member of the Methodist Church, he was one of its strongest supporters, and served for many years as one of its trustees. Politically, he gave his support to the Democratic party.

Mr. French was married November 28, 1832, to Maria Hemenway, who was a daughter of Chandler and Amy (Jordan) Hemenway, of New Haven; they also lived in Monroe and Newtown. Four children blessed this union, namely: Stephen; Sarah, born in January, 1841, married Frederick S. Shelton, of Trumbull; Francis, born in January, 1845, who is unmarried and lives on the old homestead; and Wilbur, born in May, 1843, who married Elizabeth Sheppard, and had one son, Morris, and one daughter, Jessie. Mrs. Maria French died in 1850, and Mr. French subsequently wedded Hannah Beardsley, of Trumbull. There were no children by the second union. He died in April, 1887, she in 1889.

Stephen French was born February 19, 1837, at Stepney, where he has always had his home. In his youth he had no other advantages than those afforded by the Cutlers Farms District school, but what he lacked in his early training has been more than supplied by his course in the school of experience, and he is to-day a well-informed man, abreast of the times and conversant with the important questions of the day. In the fall of 1852 he was apprenticed to the firm of Penfield, Hubbell & Co., to learn the trade of carriage trimmer, at which he served five years, becoming a thorough mechanic in his line. From 1858 to 1873 he followed the business as a journeyman in Stepney and Long Hill, and during the latter year he abandoned his trade for agricultural pursuits, to which he gave his entire time until 1885. He operated the Stephen French farm. In 1885 he was appointed postmaster under Grover Cleveland's administration, by Postmaster-General Don M. Dickinson, and in the same year purchased the general mercantile business of William M. Geer, which he has ever since carried on, his being the principal general store in the place. In 1888 he was appointed station agent at Stepney for the Housatonic railroad, and he has continued to fill that position up to the present time with credit to himself and universal satisfaction to the road and its patrons. On June 3, 1893, during Cleveland's second term, he was again appointed postmaster, this time by Postmaster-General Bissell.

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Mr. French has in him the elements of thrift and good management shown by the entire family, and by his careful, conservative business methods he has become one of the well-to-do men of his town, where he is highly thought of in business, public and social circles. That his fellow citizens have the utmost confidence in his integrity and good judgment is shown by the fact that he has been called upon to act as trustee in the settlement of different estates, and his continuous service for fourteen years as first and second selectman of Monroe, to which office he was elected and re-elected from 1872 to 1886. He has always taken an active and patriotic interest in public matters, especially of a local nature, and has rendered many services to his town. During the building of the Zoah bridge across the Housatonic river, Mr. French, as first selectman of Monroe township, acted as chairman of the building committee for the town. During the Civil war he was drafted for service, but he never entered the army, as he did not pass muster.

In 1858 Mr. French was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Briscoe, daughter of James and Harriet (Clarke) Briscoe, of Stepney; the mother was from Bedford, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. French have no children. They are prominent members of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, of Monroe, of which Mr. French has been an official for some time, and he takes a strong interest in its work. Socially, he is a popular member of the Masonic Fraternity, affiliating with Washington Lodge No. 19, of Monroe, and Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, of Bridgeport. He has been master seven terms. He is also a member of Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., of Bridgeport, and also of Hamilton Commandery No. 5, of same place. His political sympathies are with the Democratic party.

JAMES WILSON, one of the substantial and popular business men of Stamford, Fairfield county, and who for a decade or more was a member of the firm of Stark & Wilson, plumbers, gas and steam fitters, etc., is a native of the City of New York.

Mr. Wilson is one of five children born to James and Elizabeth (Dixon) Wilson, both natives of Scotland. They were married there, and before coming to this country the father was a weaver of Paisley shawls. On coming to the United States he became a weaver of carpets in the City of New York, where he died at the age of seventy-two years. He was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church. His widow survived him many years, dying in September, 1896, in the eighty-fourth year of her age. Two of their five children—James and Robert A.—are residents of Stamford. Of these, James Wilson was born November 7, 1851, in the City of New York, where he passed his boyhood. He attended the public schools, and in 1866 he began to learn the trade and business of plumbing, gas and steam fitting, tinning, etc. In 1872 he located at Stamford, and for twelve years worked for James L. Lockwood & Co., who were engaged in that line of business. By good management, industrious habits, and the practice of economy Mr. Wilson saved some money, and in 1884, in company with A. R. Stark, he formed a partnership and bought out the business of James L. Lockwood & Co. This partnership continued until in 1892, when it was dissolved. Mr. Wilson is one of the enterprising and progressive business men of Stamford, and as a citizen has the esteem of his fellow-citizens. His place of business, No. 11 Atlantic street, is fitted out with a complete stock of everything requisite for his business, and he has in his employ fully as many men as (if not more than) any one in his line. His careful, painstaking, personal supervision of all work done in his name has contributed to its high excellency, and it is noteworthy that certain pieces of work done by him twenty-five years ago are to-day in good condition and have never needed repairs.

Socially, Mr. Wilson is identified with a number of Orders. He is a member of Union Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M., of Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11, R. A. M., and of Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M. He also belongs to Stamford Council, No. 999, Royal Arcanum; to Stamford Lodge No. 114, New England Order of Protection; to Ponus Lodge No. 68, A. O. U. W.; to Puritan Lodge, No. 43, I. O. O. F.; to Stamford Tent, No. 6, K. O. T. M., and to Stamford Court No. 3415, I. O. F. He is a Republican politically, but takes no special interest in party affairs.

In October, 1872, in New York, Mr. Wilson married Jannie McWilliams, a native of that city, and to them have come the following named children: Jennie E., Minnie E., Stella B., and Howard D., who died in childhood.

DAVID S. WALKER, whose patriotism and loyalty to his country has never been questioned, for during the dark days of the Rebellion he did his part nobly toward the preservation of the Union, is one of the leading farmer citizens of the town of Trumbull.

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The Walker family, of which our subject is a worthy member, has been identified with Fairfield county from an early period, his great-grandparents, Eliakim (born in 1738) and Susan (Shelton) Walker, having been residents of the town of Trumbull; where, in 1767, was born David Walker, the grandfather of David S.

David Walker, father of our subject, was born in the same locality in 1803, and became a farmer and merchant there. By his wife, Eliza Edwards, he had a family of eight children, as follows: John O. lives in Bridgeport; Eliakim L., in Huntington; Elizabeth is the wife of William Mallett; Webster W. is a merchant in Bridgeport; Francis M. is deceased; David S. is our subject; Charles H. is deceased; and Ida E. is the wife of John Turney. The father of these died in 1845, the mother in 1853; they were members of Grace Episcopal Church of Trumbull.

David S. Walker, our subject, was born March 24, 1837, in Long Hill District, town of Trumbull, where he received a liberal education. He has all his life, excepting during his service in the Union army, been engaged in farming, in which occupation he has met with well-merited success. In 1862 he enlisted in a Bridgeport company of light artillery, served three years, and was mustered out in New Haven, Connecticut.

In 1866 Mr. Walker was married in Monroe, Fairfield county, to Miss Julia Maria Seeley, and five children blessed their union: Caroline Eliza, David Alson (deceased), Frances M., Sherwood S. and Herbert E. The mother of these died in 1885.

Mr. Walker is a member of Grace Episcopal Church; socially he is affiliated with the F. & A. M. and with the Elias Howe, Jr., Post; G. A. R., of Bridgeport. He takes a deep and commendable interest in everything calculated to advance the moral, educational or material interests of the community.

JAMES E. REILLY. Few young men of this section are as well known in business circles as is the subject of this sketch, the leading newsdealer of Stamford, whose energy and thrift have already won for him a substantial success. While the management of his business interests occupies most of his time and attention, he does not neglect the duties of citizenship, and his fellow-townsmen, recognizing his ability and public spirit, have recently chosen him to fill the responsible post of auditor.

Mr. Reilly was born in Stamford May 3, 1870, and has always made his home there. His father, James W. Reilly, was born in County Cavan, Ireland, coming to this country when three years old. His boyhood days were spent in the western part of New York State. Later he moved to New York City, and at the age of seventeen came to Stamford, where he has since resided. He is now connected with Searles' livery establishment. His mother, whose maiden name was Fox, belongs to a well-known family of Greenwich, Conn. She was born in County Meath, Ireland, and came to this country when very young.

Our subject's education was obtained in the schools of Stamford, later being supplemented with a course in the International Correspondence School of Scranton, Penn. At an early age he began to learn the hatter's trade in the shop of T. B. Smart, with whom he remained nine years. In October, 1896, he established a news-stand at a suitable location on Atlantic street, and later he removed to Cottage Place, where he now conducts an extensive business in that line, having the exclusive agency for the New York *Evening Journal*, and handling a large list of periodicals. To this he has also added a fine stock of cigars and tobacco, in which he commands a good trade.

In politics Mr. Reilly is a free-silver Democrat, and as his popularity with all classes makes him an available candidate for municipal office, he was elected in the spring of 1898 to his present position of city auditor. So far he has not joined the ranks of "the happy Benedicts," but he is popular socially, being an active member of the Bachelors' Club, Order of Red Men, Haymakers, Rienzi Circle Companions of the Forest (a ladies' society), and Court P. H. Sheridan, Foresters of America.

SAMUEL J. SHERMAN, one of the prominent agriculturists of the town of Danbury, was born on his present farm April 22, 1838, of the Sherman family whose names have been prominent in Colonial history, and whose genealogy is traced in the sketch of the Hon. Samuel Sherman, of Brookfield, elsewhere in this volume.

Ornan Sherman, the father of our subject, was born in the town of Newtown, Fairfield county, December 10, 1792, and passed his childhood on a farm. He married Clara Lake, of the same town, a daughter of a farmer there, and when Mr. Sherman was about thirty years of age he brought his wife and children to the farm in this town. They had a family of eleven children, two of whom were born in Newtown: Charles, a carpenter by trade, also carried on farming in

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this town, where he died; Fannie the wife of William Platt, of Newtown, Conn.; Sarah, the wife of A. L. Platt, of Waterbury, Conn.; Jane, who became the wife of L. L. Platt, of Newtown (both are now deceased); Phœbe, the wife W. D. Summers, of Newtown; Harriet, who died unmarried; twins that died in infancy; Clara, who became the wife of William Hoy, of Newtown, and died at the age of nineteen; Samuel J., our subject; and Esther, who died in infancy. Mr. Sherman made farming his occupation until his death in 1862. In politics he was a stanch Democrat, and in his religious faith he adhered to the tenets of the Protestant Episcopal Church; his wife died in 1859.

The boyhood and youth of Samuel J. Sherman were passed on the homestead with the usual routine of school and work, and with little time for play, as was the ordinary lot of the average farmer's son in those days. At the age of seventeen his school days were over, and his active work in farming began. All the apprenticeship necessary for this work had been served long before, and he was capable of doing a man's full share of labor. When twenty-five years of age he began to learn the carpenter's trade, and has followed that in connection with agriculture. In his farm are fifty-four acres located in the town of Danbury, and four in Bethel, all devoted to general farming. In earlier times Mr. Sherman raised a large quantity of fine tobacco. The general appearance of the entire farm, the modern improvements, would indicate to the most casual observer that a progressive, thrifty farmer was in control there.

On November 26, 1861, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Samuel J. Sherman and Miss Caroline A. Benedict, who was born in 1842, and died September 5, 1873. Two children were born of this union: Philo B., who died August 5, 1896, and Charles A., a clerk, who married Isabel McArthur, and lives in Waterbury, Conn. For his second wife, Mr. Sherman, on September 22, 1875, married Sarah E. Wildman, a native of the town of Brookfield, who died February 7, 1879. On November 16, 1881, our subject was again married, this time to Mrs. Jane A. Lockwood, a daughter of Hawley Olmstead, and the widow of Theodore Lockwood.

Hawley Olmstead, the father of Mrs. Sherman, was born in the town of Wilton, this county, a son of Alfred Olmstead, of English descent. Mr. Olmstead married Miss M. Elizabeth Sturges, and in their family of children were the following: Oscar, a farmer in Redding; Charlotte, the wife of Henry Olmstead, of Norwalk; Mary E., the wife of Orange B. Plumb, of Nichols, Conn.; Charles, deceased; Legrand, of Norwalk; William, deceased in youth; Georgiana, of Wilton; George B., deceased; Frank, a farmer in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and Jane A. (Mrs. Sherman). The father of this family died in July, 1877, and the mother died in April, 1861.

Theodore Lockwood, the former husband of Mrs. Sherman, was born in Weston, this county, a son of Isaac Lockwood, a farmer of that town. He married Jane A. Olmstead, and by her had two children: Minnie F., and Lena A., who married George Knapp, of New York, a son of Smith H. Knapp, a prominent real-estate agent of Danbury. Mr. Lockwood died January 20, 1879.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman are prominent and highly respected citizens of the community, and take an active part in Church work, being members of the First Congregational Church. Our subject was always a Democrat in political faith, but at the last national election cast his vote in support of William McKinley. He has always been a worker in local affairs, and a generous advocate of all measures calculated to promote the general welfare.

DANIEL LYON (deceased), who in his lifetime was one of the leading agriculturists of the town of Greenwich, Fairfield county, and a member of an old Connecticut family from which came some of the best men and women of the county, was born May 28, 1798, on the family farm at East Port Chester.

Benjamin Lyon, his grandfather, was a native of Byram, Conn. Benjamin W. Lyon, father of our subject, was born in Byram, and married Phebe Merritt, of King Street, by whom he had children as follows: Benjamin Wollsey, James, Mary, Sally, Daniel, Thomas and Merritt. Mrs. Phebe (Merritt) Lyon died March 31, 1855, in her eighty-seventh year.

Daniel Lyon was reared on the farm where his birth occurred in a section long known as Byram Shore. His boyhood days were passed in a manner not unlike that of the ordinary farmer's son, working on the farm through the summers and attending school during the winter seasons. He received his primary education in the Byram District school, and on reaching manhood married Miss Ann E. Davis, a native of the town of Greenwich, who was born December 16, 1798, daughter of Walter and Ruth (Ferris) Davis. They went to housekeeping at the Lyon homestead, and at that time where now are the elegant residences and beautiful lawns were waving fields of grain, with here and there tracts

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of timber that have long since given way to the onward march of progress. This marriage was blessed with thirteen children, of whom the following are named: Caroline M. (Mrs. Sherman Smith), who is deceased, having passed away at Byram Shore; Amy M. (Mrs. Chauncey Rawson), of East Port Chester; Benjamin W., deceased in October, 1897, at East Port Chester; Thomas M., a resident of East Port Chester; Anna E. (the first wife of Chauncey Rawson), deceased; William H., deceased; Mary A., deceased; and Phœbe A. The father of these passed his long and useful life of a little less than eighty-eight years on the home place, which is beautifully located, overlooking the sound. His death occurred January 10, 1886. He was one of the good citizens of the community, a kind neighbor and a most estimable man. Politically, he was a Democrat, but not active in party affairs, never aspiring to office. His farm, as the years passed by and the country was developed, became valuable, Byram Shore land being sought for residence property, and Mr. Lyon retired from active life some years before his death. His wife died August 26, 1840, and the remains of both rest in the cemetery on Byram Shore.

MISS PHŒBE A. LYON, the youngest daughter of Daniel and Ann E. (Davis) Lyon, resides on the old Lyon homestead, and is a most estimable lady. She was born and reared where she is now residing, and is a familiar figure to the community for miles around. Her kind and affable manners have endeared her to many friends and acquaintances. She completed her education, after having attended the home schools, in a boarding school at New London, Conn., and is a lady of intelligence and refinement, as well as good business ability.

BRADLEY BURR MEEKER, senior member of the well-known firm of Meeker & Terry, owners of the West End Livery & Boarding Stables, on State street, Bridgeport, is not only a leading stock dealer of this section but is one of the most extensive agriculturists of Fairfield township. His large estate near Bridgeport affords an opportunity for operations on a wide scale, rivaling those of the great Western farms, and every meritorious, labor-saving device that can be obtained is brought into use to facilitate the work. He grows large crops of rye, and owns a threshing machine, while among the most notable features of the place are his gristmill and sawmill, which, like all of his buildings, are fitted up with all the latest improvements in their line.

Mr. Meeker is connected by birth and marriage with some of the leading families of this county. Joseph Meeker, the grandfather of our subject, was a farmer at Westport, and Seth Meeker, our subject's father, was a lifelong resident of Westport, where he followed farming as an occupation, beginning life poor and gaining a fair competence through his own industry in spite of occasional reverses. He was a large man, weighing more than 200 pounds, and his death occurred at the comparatively early age of sixty-five years, his remains being interred at Greens Farms. In politics he was a Republican, but he neither sought nor held office. He was married three times, his first wife, Abby Ruth (Gould), being a member of one of our oldest and most highly respected families. She died when our subject, the only child of the union, was but an infant. By the second marriage, to Eliza Goodell, there were four children: Lewis, Lucius, Edgar, and Mary E. (now Mrs. Josiah Hawkins, of Southport). For his third wife Mr. Meeker married Margaret Perry, by whom he has no children.

Our subject was born May 23, 1843, at the old homestead in Westport, and bears the name of Judge Bradley Burr Meeker, of Minnesota, for whom Meeker county in that State is named. He (the Judge) was an uncle of our subject, and lived in Minnesota all his life. The latter was raised as a farmer boy, his education being obtained in the local schools, which, unfortunately, were not of a sort to command his approval even in boyhood. He remained at home until his marriage, in November, 1868, to Miss Mary E. Sherwood, daughter of Alva Sherwood (who died January 22, 1858, aged forty-eight years) and his wife, Eliza A. (Merchant) Sherwood, formerly well known residents of Stratfield, where the family has long been prominent. She was born December 7, 1840, at the present farm, which was the old Sherwood homestead, and at her father's death the farm was inherited by her and her brother, T. M. Sherwood; about 1880 Mr. and Mrs. Meeker bought the brother's interest, he going to Bridgeport to engage in business. He speedily demonstrated his executive ability by his efficient management, and in addition to his work at the farm he engaged in cattle dealing and butchering, the latter business developing into a large wholesale trade for which he slaughtered many hundreds of cattle purchased in the vicinity. For twenty years he has also been associated with the William M. Terry Beef Company, and for some time he has dealt extensively in poultry, shipping from the West, where he makes frequent visits to superintend the killing and pack-

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ing. He has now been identified with the live-stock business for a quarter of a century, and has maintained the reputation of a fair and honest dealer, a fact which is much to his credit, and he is doubtless one of the best known business men of his town. In 1896 he and Benjamin Terry bought out the livery business of Henry Patchen, on State street, and they still conduct that business. Politically, he is a stanch Republican, but his business cares are too many and too urgent to permit him to do more for the cause then to cast his vote regularly. He is one of the successful men of Fairfield township, and he attributes his success to hard work and energy.

Two children brighten our subject's home: Alva Sherwood and Alice M. On October 8, 1897, his beloved wife passed to the unseen world, her burial taking place at Mountain Grove cemetery. Her mother, who continued to reside at the homestead during life, breathed her last on December 12, 1897.

WILLIAM BADGER COGSWELL, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Stratford, is one of the leading citizens of that pleasant town, and outside of professional lines, as well as within, he is held in high esteem.

The Doctor comes of good old English stock, and his ancestors settled at an early day in New Hampshire. Dr. Joseph Cogswell, of Tamworth, N. H., his grandfather, was one of eight brothers, all of whom served in the Revolution with distinction, filling a term of service aggregating thirty-eight years—the longest rendered by any family in the country. These eight brothers all survived the war, and became eminent in professional and civil life.

Dr. William Cogswell's father, Rev. Elliott Colby Cogswell, was born at Tamworth, N. H., graduated at Dartmouth College, and entered the Congregational ministry, in which he served ably for nearly fifty years. He was principal of Coe's Academy, Northwood, N. H., for twenty years; was the author of several historical and genealogical works, and in the great reforms of the last half-century he gave his influence by advice and example. He died in 1888, sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends and former pupils. His wife, who survives him, was Sophia Adams, of Gilmanton, N. H., a woman of great refinement and most interesting social qualities. Of their nine children, five are living: Mary U., wife of Prof. G. W. Bingham, principal of Pinkerton Academy, Derry, N. H.; Ellen N., widow of John Mead, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Elizabeth G., wife of Charles H. Prescott, of Deerfield, N. H.; William B., our subject; and Henry B., a physician in Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Cogswell attended Coe's Academy, at Northwood, N. H., and also studied at Denmark Academy, Iowa, after which he entered Bellevue Medical College, New York City, from which he graduated in 1881. He located at Stratford, Conn., where he now has a large and lucrative practice. In 1898 he bought a large residence, in which are his offices, most convenient and attractive.

He is a member of the Connecticut Medical Association, the Fairfield County Medical Society, and the Bridgeport Medical Society. He is non-resident consulting physician for the Bridgeport Hospital. He is a member of several fraternal organizations, including St. John's Lodge No. 8, F. & A. M., and Oronoque Lodge No. 90, I. O. O. F., both of Stratford. He is much interested in local progress, and has been a member of the board of education for nine years, serving now as president. He is a member of the Congregational Church, and is an earnest supporter of every movement that has for its object the well-being of the community.

The Doctor married, in 1882, Harriet A. Sanborn, daughter of the late Hon. Henry F. Sanborn, of Epsom, N. H., and a sister of Hon. Walter H. Sanborn, of St. Paul, U. S. Circuit Judge. They have two children: Eliot Sanborn, and Marguerite Adams, who are in the Stratford Graded School.

ABRAM STORMS RIKER, a well-known citizen of Greenwich township, Fairfield Co., Conn., has lived retired in East Port Chester for many years, building the elegant home which he now occupies in 1893. He is a native of New York City, born December 16, 1830, a son of John Jay and Eliza (Berrian) Riker, and grandson of James Riker, who was of Dutch extraction.

James Riker was a blacksmith by vocation, and he followed his trade in New York City at what is now the junction of West Broadway, Reed and Hudson streets, owning the site of Thurber's large grocery house. He amassed a comfortable competence during his active years, and passed his closing days in retirement, living to be over ninety years of age. Physically, he was a large man and powerfully built. He was twice married, and his second wife survived to the advanced age of eighty-four years; she, too, was unusually robust and healthy, was never sick a day, had not lost a tooth, and died in her chair. By his first union Mr. Riker was the fa-

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ther of four children: John Jay, Sophia, Ann and Susan. Of these Ann married a Mr. Herring, and lived in New Jersey. There were four children by the second marriage: William, James, Abigail and Elijah.

John Jay and Eliza (Berrian) Riker, parents of our subject, were both born in New York City, the former in 1800 in West Broadway, the latter in Hudson street, near the canal. The mother was of French descent. John Jay Riker learned the blacksmith's trade under his father, and followed it for a number of years, meeting with such success, however, that he was enabled to retire from active business at a comparatively early age and enjoy the means which he had acquired. He was over six feet tall, well built, and was quite an enthusiast in military matters, to which he devoted much of his leisure. He was the father of twelve children, as follows: John P., who succeeded his father in the blacksmith business, and died in New York City at the age of sixty years; James, deceased in New York, who in his day was an active politician and an officer in the State militia, in the affairs of which he was deeply interested; William, a retired druggist of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Elizabeth B., deceased wife of A. T. Brown, of East Port Chester, N. Y.; Catherine, Mrs. J. E. Howard, living in Fordham, N. Y.; John, a resident of New Jersey; Andrew J., who died in New Jersey; Louisa, Mrs. Alva Hotchkiss, who died in East Port Chester; Abram S.; Albert, a druggist of Piermont, N. Y.; and two sons, both named William, who died in infancy. The mother died at the age of forty-seven years, the father in 1857, in Reed street, New York City. In religious connection they were members of the Methodist Church. He was a Whig and Republican in political sentiment, but he took no interest in party affairs beyond voting.

Abram Storms Riker received the advantages for education afforded by the public schools of the city of his birth, attending the Duaine street school. When fourteen years old he commenced to work with his brother-in-law, who was engaged in making gold pens, but he only remained with him a short time, and subsequently, for another brief period, he was employed at brush making. Shortly after leaving this he caught the "gold fever" which was then raging over the country, and joined a party bound for California, making the trip via New York and Galveston, Texas, whence they proceeded overland to their destination, only thirteen of the fifty-two original members of the party arriving at the gold diggings. Mr. Riker remained in the New Eldorado altogether for about five years, engaged in mining and also in other occupations, for some time as an employe of the "Parker House," in San Francisco. From there he went to Stockton, where his brother John was following blacksmithing, and there began to "pack" to the mines, drifting into mining in this way, and continuing to dig for the yellow metal for about two years. In the meantime he made a trip to New York to buy wagons and other supplies, and was delayed in the East for a time by an attack of fever, but he returned to California after his recovery. He has made the trip over the Isthmus three times. Mr. Riker met with gratifying success in the gold fields, and since his return to the East he has lived a retired life, enjoying to the full the competence which he gained under such difficulties during his early years. After his marriage he took up his residence in East Port Chester, and in 1893, as above stated, he erected the elegant and commodious home, overlooking Byram river, which he now occupies. He finds much pleasure in reading and the light work around his home, and leads a life of enviable leisure and contentment. Mr. Riker was at one time an inveterate smoker, but he has abandoned the habit completely and has not used tobacco for thirty years.

On April 8, 1875, Mr. Riker was united in marriage, in Port Chester, to Miss Sarah E. Smith, who was born on Cherry Hill, in East Port Chester, daughter of Sherman and Caroline M. (Lyon) Smith. One child was born to this union, Sherman S., who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Riker are highly respected by their fellow citizens in and around East Port Chester, where they are well known. Mrs. Riker is a member of the Episcopal Church of Greenwich. Mr. Riker was originally a Whig in political faith, changing his allegiance to the Republican party on its formation, and he has remained loyal ever since; in local affairs, however, he supports the best men regardless of party lines. He cast his maiden vote, in California, for Zachary Taylor, and although he was not of age he thought he had a right to vote when Indians and "greasers" were taking the privilege, and acted accordingly.

CHARLES E. PALMER, of Sound Beach, has demonstrated the true meaning of the word success as the full accomplishment of an honorable purpose. Energy, close application, perseverance and good management—these are the elements which have entered into his business career and crowned his efforts with prosperity. He is, with one exception, the most ex-

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tensive oysterman in Fairfield county, and does a larger business in his line than any other resident of Sound Beach.

Mr. Palmer was born June 14, 1847, on Staten Island (where his father was a gardener at the time), a son of Darius and Susan (Jones) Palmer, the family afterward returning to Sound Beach, where they had previously lived. He was educated altogether in private schools, and among his early teachers at Sound Beach were Maria and Isaac Lockwood. For a time he attended the graded school at Stamford, and was a student in Professor Glendenning's school at that place. At an early age Mr. Palmer began assisting his father, who was a large raiser of onions, and had plenty of work to keep his son busy. He continued to work at home until seventeen years of age, when he embarked in the oyster business, which has since claimed his attention. He built his first sailboat himself, and the first sloop he owned was the "Emma," which, before he altered her, had borne the name of "J. B. Thurber." Later, at Glenwood, L. I., he built the "Clara A. Palmer," one of the largest sloops in the oyster business in her day, and this vessel he still owns. He owned the steamer "Adaline," and also the steamer "Ithiel," built at Port Jefferson, L. I. He is a most extensive operator in the oyster business, having over 850 acres of oyster beds on both the north and south shores of Long Island, which he operates either alone or in partnership with his sons.

At the age of twenty-four years Mr. Palmer married Miss Emma E. Wilson, and to them were born five children, of whom four are still living: Charles F. and Clarence E., both oystermen of Sound Beach; and Harry and Elmer I. Cortland, both at home. The mother of these dying, he married Anna S. Fuller, and after her death he wedded Miss Mary L. Hatter. All of his children are of the first union.

During the Civil war Mr. Palmer was a strong Abolitionist, and though at present he is independent in politics, his sympathies are usually with the Republican party. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Labor. Throughout his entire business career he has only worked for his father and himself, and he has risen to an exalted position in the business world through his own efforts. He is thoroughly familiar with every detail of his calling, and the success that he has achieved is certainly well-merited, and he commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact, either in business or social life. Despite his long years of toil, he is still a hardy, rugged man.

SAMUEL S. SCUDDER is a prosperous agriculturist of Newtown township, and by the application of business methods to his work he has shown that scientific farming can be made to pay. His success is the more notable because it has been gained through his own efforts, and his fine farm near Newtown is a substantial evidence of thrift and industry.

The name of Scudder has been well known in this section from an early date. Capt. Isaac Scudder, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Newtown August 11, 1776, and was a lifelong resident of that town, his home being on Sugar street. He was the leading carpenter and builder of this county in his day, and in filling his contracts kept many apprentices and workmen employed. Among the buildings constructed by him was the court house in Danbury, while many of the best of the old residences of Newtown were erected by him. He also owned large tracts of real estate, and carried on farming to some extent. His sound judgment and force of character made him a prominent figure in local affairs, and he was especially active in religious work, being a noted exhorter in the Methodist Church. His name is found in the list of trustees of the first church of that denomination built in Newtown. As early as 1805 he had been one of a class which was formed as a nucleus of a Church organization to secure the occasional services of itinerant ministers of the faith. At the time of building the church, which was dedicated in 1831, he was one of the chief promoters of the enterprise, the edifice being constructed by him. It has now fallen to secular uses, and is occupied by Charles Gay as a wagon shop. On December 29, 1797, Captain Scudder married Miss Sarah Banks, who was born March 31, 1779, in Greenfield, Conn., and they had three sons, of whom Isaac B. Scudder, our subject's father, was the eldest. 2. William S., born March 5, 1812, married Miss Laura Platt, and had two children—Theodore, married to Miss Sarah Robinson, and Emma, who married a Mr. Milham, of Kalamazoo, Mich. 3. Samuel, born November 14, 1816, became a leading citizen of Grand Rapids, Mich., and acquired considerable wealth as a lumberman. He married Miss Mary Jane Miller, but no children blessed the union. Capt. Isaac Scudder died May 20, 1845, at the age of sixty-eight, and his wife passed away in 1856.

Isaac B. Scudder, the father of our subject, was born May 23, 1809, and became a successful agriculturist in the town of Newtown, owning the farm now occupied by William C. Northrop. He was a believer in the political principles of the Whigs, but did not take an active

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part in local affairs. He attended the Methodist Church, while his wife was an Episcopalian. His death occurred September 7, 1842, in his thirty-third year. On May 12, 1830, he married Miss Lucinda Hickock, who died June 21, 1831, leaving one daughter, Lucinda, born June 12, 1831, now a resident of Bethel. On October 28, 1832, he married Miss Betsey Skidmore, daughter of Wheeler Skidmore, of Brookfield, this county. She died January 13, 1878, leaving three children —(1) Samuel S., our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (2) Sarah, born December 5, 1834, was married April 3, 1854, to Charles Lamoureaux, of New Haven, Conn., but now of Rochester, N. Y., and had four daughters—Lucy, born July 16, 1855, died December 31, 1875; Julia, born June 3, 1858, died October 3, 1878; Susie, born September 3, 1860; and Hattie, born November 2, 1862. (3) Lucy, born December 18, 1838, was twice married, first on October 10, 1860, to Henry Lake, of Brookfield, Conn., by whom she had one son, William, born August 4, 1861, died October 18, 1864. Henry Lake died March 3, 1873, and Lucy was married October 5, 1876, to William Smith Lamoureux, of Rochester, N. Y., and they have one daughter, Lillian M., born August 6, 1880.

Samuel S. Scudder, our subject, was born August 7, 1836, at the old homestead in Newtown, and received a fair education in the common schools and the academy, the latter institution being then under the direction of Elijah Keeler. At the age of sixteen he left school and went to New Haven to learn the art of silver plating. From 1853 to 1857 he worked as a journeyman in Quincy, Ill., and then conducted a business in Danbury, Conn., until 1863. Farming attracted his attention next, and from 1863 to 1864 he had charge of his grandfather's farm on shares, but in the latter year he rented a farm from Zera Judson. A year later he purchased his present homestead, consisting of about one hundred acres of excellent land, and since that time he has devoted his time exclusively to its cultivation and improvement, the result being that it is regarded as one of the best estates in the locality. He raises grain, and for eleven years past has been interested in dairying, while he has also engaged extensively at times in fattening cattle. He has always been in sympathy with progress, and politically is a stanch Republican, but he does not aspire to prominence in party work.

On June 30, 1858, Mr. Scudder married Miss Jennie Wright, daughter of Samuel Wright, of East Bloomfield, Ontario county, N. Y., and their home is brightened by three children: Susan Jennie, born November 1, 1863; Mary Elizabeth, born July 3, 1865, and Frances Carolyn, born January 4, 1874, married, May 26, 1897, to Arthur Judd Smith, the business manager of *The Newtown Bee*. The family is identified with the Congregational Church of Newtown, in which Mr. Scudder has at times held office.

STANTON COLEY, a prosperous farmer of the town of Wilton, Conn., was born in the town of Westport, Fairfield Co., Conn., December 17, 1864, and obtained his early education in the district schools of the town of Wilton, to which place his father had removed his family when the subject of this sketch was two years old. Afterward he attended and graduated from the high school, and still later graduated from Professor Olmstead's academy.

After thus completing his education, our subject returned to his father's farm in Wilton, and upon it obtained a thorough, practical knowledge of farming, continuing in that business ever since at Cannon's Station with unusual success. Politically, he is a strong Republican, but has never sought or desired office. In 1889 he united with the Congregational Church of Wilton, and is assistant collector of his Church. Mr. Coley is a good deal of a vocalist, and was at one time a member of the Temperance Division of Wilton. On May 1, 1890, he married Miss Susie M. Hubbell, who was born February 21, 1866, a daughter of John W. and Emily (Adams) Hubbell, the former of whom is a prosperous farmer of Wilton, formerly a successful lumber merchant of Wilton. To this union have come the following children: William Stanton, born December 13, 1891, and Emily Eleanor, born February 10, 1897.

Ebenezer Coley, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in the town of Westport, Conn., then known as Coleytown. He received a much better intellectual training than most boys and young men of his times, his early education being obtained in the district schools, and for several years during his earlier life he taught school with success in various parts of the surrounding country. After removing to Wilton, as mentioned above, he had charge of a school in that place. Retiring from this profession, he purchased a farm, and has since contented himself with conducting this farm, which he is doing with success. During the Civil war he was drafted, but was too ill to attend to the matter, and consequently furnished a substitute. Politically he is a Republican, and has served as tax collector, and also as contractor on the roads. In early life he united with the Congregational

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Church of Westport, being for many years a prominent and leading member of the Church. He married Miss Eleanor O. Gregory, daughter of Samuel and Ellen (Fillow) Gregory, of Wilton, in which place she was born. To their marriage there came two children: Stanton and Chester E.

Chester E. Coley was born on Chestnut Hill, in the town of Wilton, December 1, 1874, and his education was obtained in the common schools of the town of Wilton, also at Professor Lambert's school in the same place. Since completing his education he has always been engaged in farming with his father. He married Miss Edna C. Bradley, daughter of Arthur Bradley, a farmer of Weston. They have no children.

WHEELER FAMILY OF STRATFORD.*

I. Moses Wheeler (1) was born in England, probably in the County of Kent, in 1598, where the Wheeler family had resided for over four hundred years. He left London in 1638, and coming to America joined the New Haven Colony, and was among the first to receive an allotment of land in that Colony. Here he married Miriam Hawley, a sister of Joseph Hawley, one of the first and most influential settlers in this Colony.

Here he resided until 1648, when he was expelled from the Colony, because of a slight infringement of one of the Blue Laws, for which this Colony was so noted. According to tradition he had been absent from home for several months. The day on which he returned from his long journey was Sunday. The happiness, which he naturally felt on being united to his family once more, completely banished from his remembrance all idea of the Blue Laws, and he accordingly kissed his wife and children. This act coming to the knowledge of the authorities, he was immediately expelled from the Colony. He then joined the little settlement of Stratford. Here he purchased his home lot from the Indians on the Shore, near what is now known as Sandy Hollow. He afterward bought a vast tract at the upper part of the town, extending from the river to some distance above the present site of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad.

In those days all these first settlers pursued some trade or occupation, and Moses Wheeler worked at the trade of a ship carpenter—which occupation according to history was then sorely needed—besides cultivating his land. Shortly after his arrival at Stratford, Roger Ludlow presented to the General Court a request that Moses Wheeler should be allowed to keep the ferry at Stratford, and the decision of the matter being referred to the next Fairfield Court, the request was granted.

It appears from the records that the ferry was already established, and this application was only to secure the privilege as legal property. What the conditions for the privilege of the ferry were are not stated, but seventeen years after its establishment the town saw fit to lease to Moses Wheeler the ferry with thirty or forty acres of upland adjoining it, for twenty-one years, without tax or rate except sixpence per annum during the time of said lease. The inhabitants were "to be ferried over for one half penny per person and two pence for horse or beast." If he should leave the ferry at the end of twenty-one years, the town agreed to pay him for any improvements he might have made, and then take the property. By the will of Moses Wheeler (2), proved January 23, 1724-25, it is ascertained that he received the ferry from his father (Moses 1), and left it to his own Elnathan; therefore it remained in the family at least three generations, or over one hundred years.

Ten years previous to his death, Moses Wheeler disposed of most of his property to his sons—Moses, to whom the homestead descended, Samuel, and his son-in-law, Joseph Walker, the last named receiving the large tract of land he had bought of the Indians at Derby, Connecticut.

Besides being one of the largest land holders, he was one of the leading and most influential men in the town. He was a strong, powerful man, of whom the Indians are said to have stood in mortal terror. In 1665 he returned to England, but on his arrival in London he found the "Great Plague" raging there, and consequently did not remain long, but returned again to Stratford. He died on the 15th of January, 1698, and enjoys the distinction of being the first centenarian white man in New England. He is buried in the old Congregational churchyard at Stratford. A rough stone, cut from the rocks at the homestead, marks his grave, with the inscription as follows:

MOSES WHELER,
AGED 100,
DYED JAN. 15TH.
1698.

By his will, proved February 19, 1698, after disposing of his real and personal property generally, he says as follows:

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I give to my daughter Miriam two pewter dishes, to my son Moses, his wife, ye pewter platter, and to my daughter Mary, a bras kitle houlding ten to twelve gallons, the Abridgement of the Marter Booke, and Mr. Brooks His Devices of Satan, and to Elizabeth ye wife of my son Samuel, ye great kitle, and to Mr. Israel Chauncey twenty shillings in silver.

Jane, a sister of Moses Wheeler, also came with him to America. She married the Rev. Adam Blakeman, the first clergyman of the Church of England in Stratford. She was two years younger than her brother, having been born in 1600. She died in 1674. After the death of her first husband, she married Jacob Walker, son of Robert Walker, and brother of Rev. Zachariah Walker, pastor of the Congregational Church in Stratford. The Rev. Adam Blakeman was rector of the Church from 1639 to 1665. A son of his married Elizabeth, daughter of Moses Wheeler. Moses Wheeler had six children as follows: 1. Elizabeth, who married Samuel Blakeman (first), and Jacob Walker (second), and was the grandmother of Gen. David Wooster. 2. Miriam, who married James Blakeman, and was the mother ancestor of all the people named Blakeman or Blackman in the towns of Huntington, Monroe, and Newtown; 3. Samuel, who left no children; 4. Moses, the ancestor of a numerous people; 5. Mary, who married (first) Samuel Fairchild, and (second) Benjamin Beach; and 6. Joanna, who died in 1694, unmarried.

II. MOSES WHEELER (2), son of Moses and Miriam (Hawley) Wheeler, was born at Stratford, July 5, 1651. He married Sarah, daughter of Caleb Nicholls, October 20, 1674. He inherited from his father the ferry, together with the homestead. In time he removed the stone house which Moses (1) had erected, and replaced it with one of wood, which remained standing until May 12, 1891, when the old ruin was blown up with dynamite. Agricultural pursuits, together with the duties of the ferry, claimed the greater share of his attention. He died January 30, 1724. He is buried at the side of his father, and a similar stone marks his grave, evidently taken from the same place. The epitaph on his headstone is as follows, and the inscriptions on both are still quite legible:

HERE LAYS
THE BODY OF
MR. MOSES WHEELER
WHO DEPARTED THIS
LIFE JAN. THE 30TH.
1724, IN THE 74TH.
YEAR OF HIS AGE.

His estate inventories 1,463 £. 5s. 6d. making him among the wealthy men of Stratford.

The following is a copy of the will of Moses Wheeler (2):

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Moses Wheeler, of Stratford, in the County of Fairfield, in New England, in the Colony of Connecticut, yeoman, being in Old Age and Weak of Body, But of Sound Mind, memory, and understanding, Thanks be given to God for the same, and considering the Uncertainty of Life and the Certainty of Death, do make and ordain This my Last Will and Testament in Manner and form following (that is to say) first I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who Created me, hoping through the merits of my Beloved Savior Jesus Christ, who redeemed me, to be made Partaker of Everlasting Life, and my Body I commit to the Earth from whence it was taken, to be Decently buryed at the Direction of my Executor hereinafter Named, and touching all what Temporal Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with, I Give, Devise, and Dispose of as followeth: First—I will that all my just Debts and funeral charges are paid and satisfied. Then I give unto my Wife, five Pounds above what our agreement was before marriage. Then I give unto my Son James Wheler forty Pounds money. Then I give unto my son Nathan Wheler and Robert Wheler and my Daughter [illegible here where the documents are folded] * * *; unto my Son Samuel's Children and Granddaughter Sarah, wife of Jessup, forty shillings to each of them (that is to say four pounds, two pounds for the Children and two pounds unto Sarah Jessup).

Then I give unto my Son Elnathan Wheler, whom I likewise Constitute, Make and Ordain my only and sole Executor of This my Last Will and Testament all and Singular, my land, houses, tenements, Mortgages, ferry, and all movable Goods, chattels, household Goods, plate, Jewels, Debts, Credits, and Personal Estate of what kind, nature, circumstances soever is mine. To him my Loving Son Elnathan Wheler, to him, his Heirs, administrator, assigns forever, that is to say if my son Elnathan Wheler shall have Lawful Heirs born in Wedlock, if not, then the Tenements after his death to Return to the above said Brother and Sisters and Children in Eaquil Heirship, to the Sons of my children and Grandchildren, unto them and their Heirs forever, and I do hereby utterly Disavow, Revoke, and disallow all and every former Testaments, Wills, and Legal Writing heretofore Maid, Declaring this to be My last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this first Day of January 1724, and in the Eleventh year of the reign of our Soverign Lord, George, by the Grace of God of Great Britain King.

MOSES WHELER (Seal)

Signed, Sealed, Published.

To Moses Wheeler (II) and Sarah (Nicholls) Wheeler were born eight children as follows: 1. Moses, 2. Caleb, 3. Sarah, 4. Nathan or Elnathan, 5. Samuel, 6. James, 7. Robert, and 8. Elizabeth.

Sergeant Francis Nicholls, the grandfather of Sarah Nicholls, who married Moses Wheeler (II), came from England in 1635, and was in Stratford in 1639, among its first settlers. He was closely related to Col. Sir Richard Nicholl, the first English governor of New York, who established the first Episcopal Church in New York, and who, under the command of James, Duke of York, commanded the fleet that took New Netherlands from the Dutch in 1664, and named the place New York.

Francis Nicholls was a military man in England, and was a member of one of the famous regiments of Horse Guards in London; but the

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title of Sergeant was conferred upon him at Stratford. He was a member and communicant of the Church of England, and the ancestor of a pious, wealthy and distinguished family, whose fortunes are closely linked with the subsequent history of Stratford, and with the settlement and growth of Bridgeport. His son, Caleb, married Anne, daughter of Andrew Ward, of Fairfield, and died in 1690. He was the father of Sarah, who married Moses Wheeler (II) October 20, 1674.

III. MOSES WHEELER (3), son of Moses Wheeler (II) and Sarah (Nicholls) Wheeler, was born July 8, 1675. He married Ruth Bouton in December, 1698. To them were born two sons, as follows: Elnathan, and Nathaniel, who was drowned at the ferry. After the death of his wife he married Mercy, widow of Thomas Lattin and daughter of Henry Wakelyn.

IV. DEACON ELNATHAN WHEELER, the elder son of Moses Wheeler (III) and Ruth (Bouton) Wheeler, was born January 31, 1703. On December 8, 1726, he married Martha De Forest, daughter of David and Martha (Blagge) De Forest. He died March 14, 1761. His estate inventoried 1,619 £. 11 s, 1 d, and included "one negro man, Will., 30 £, twelve Silver Knee Buckles, a part of a set of china dishes, 4 Bibles and a number of books."

To Deacon Elnathan and Martha (De Forest) Wheeler were born eight children, namely: Ruth, Martha, Sarah, Nathaniel, Elizabeth, Mary, Elnathan and Eunice.

The following is a brief sketch of the De Forest family into which Deacon Elnathan Wheeler married: "This family first appears in Avesne, France, where from 1559 for many years a Spanish Garrison was maintained, so that any tendency to the Protestant faith was especially subject to cruel persecution; but here, however, the De Forests and several other families embraced the reformed doctrine. Successive persecutions led to several removals to Le Couteau, to Ledau, and to Leyden. In the last named place, in 1606, were living four brothers: Jean, Jesse, Michel and Girard De Forest and their sister, Jeanne."

Jesse, ancestor of the Stratford Wheelers, married, at Leyden, Marie du Cloux. He with others, soon after the Plymouth Pilgrims left Holland, corresponded with the English authorities relative to the settling of Virginia; but this project was never consummated, and in 1623 he joined an expedition for the conquest of Brazil, where he died in 1624, probably at St. Salvador.

Isaac, son of Jesse and Marie (du Cloux) De Forest, sailed with his brother for New Netherlands, October 1, 1636, in the yacht Rensselaerwick. At New Netherlands, June 9, 1641, he married Sarah du Trieux, daughter of Philip and Susanna (du Chiney) du Trieux, who were Walloons of the earliest migration.

David, son of Isaac and Sarah (du Trieux) De Forest, in 1696, married Martha Blagge, daughter of Samuel Blagge, of New York, who was the son of Capt. Benjamin Blagge. David came with his wife to Stratford, where they "covenanted with the Church" August 7, 1697. He was a glazier by trade, and died April 20, 1721.

Martha, daughter of David and Martha (Blagge) De Forest, was born April 13, 1700, and married Deacon Elnathan Wheeler, December 8, 1726.

V. ELNATHAN WHEELER, the son of Deacon Elnathan and Martha (De Forest) Wheeler, was born May 20, 1740, and married Charity Frost, January 26, 1765. Charity Frost was the daughter of Stephen Frost, son of Joseph Frost, of Charlestown, Mass. She was born in 1740. Her sister, Esther, married Solomon Plant, the father of David Plant, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Connecticut from 1823 to 1827, and from 1827 to 1829 a member of Congress, and one of the most influential men of his day in political circles. To Elnathan and Charity (Frost) Wheeler were born six children, whose names and dates of birth and death are as follows: Elnathan, March 5, 1766, November 1, 1805; Charity, July 8, 1769, in 1797, unmarried; Elisha, July 26, 1772, May 5, 1853; Reuben, July 1, 1775, October 24, 1852; Ruth, May 15, 1780, September 23, 1860; Stephen, March 1, 1782, September 18, 1847.

Elnathan Wheeler lived at the Wheeler homestead, which he inherited from his father. He occupied himself, as his ancestors had done for four previous generations, with farming. By this time the occupancy of the ferry had passed out of the family, and in 1813, when the first bridge over the Housatonic river, between Stratford and Milford, was built, the custom of ferrying people across the river was discontinued altogether. He was a man of firm principle, upright and honest in all his dealings, and greatly respected by all his associates. He was a large landholder, as may be seen from the fact of his liberal provision for his four sons. For his eldest son, Elnathan, he provided a large farm at Harvey's Farm, a short distance north of his own home. Elisha was given a farm adjoining that of his father on the north. To Reuben he

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gave a farm in Putney, in the northern part of the town, and at his death, February 14, 1809, he left the Wheeler homestead to his youngest son, Stephen. His wife survived him several years, and after his death lived at the homestead with her son Stephen. She died March 6, 1816, in her seventy-seventh year.

VI. ELNATHAN WHEELER, eldest child of Elnathan and Charity (Frost) Wheeler, was born at Stratford, March 5, 1766, and died November 1, 1805. He married Phebe Peck, and to them were born two children: Johannah, who married Curtis Lewis, of Stratford, and was the mother of several children; and Capt. James Wheeler, a sketch of whom follows. Elnathan Wheeler was engaged in agricultural pursuits, living at Harvey's Farm until his death, November 1, 1805. After his decease his widow resided with her son, Capt. James Wheeler, until her own death in 1840, at the age of seventy-two.

VII. Capt. James Wheeler was born in Stratford, Conn., in 1792, and passed his life there as a prosperous farmer, dying January 3, 1875. He was prominent in local affairs, being active in the Democratic organization of his day, and he took a leading part in the founding of the M. E. Church in his locality, his homestead on the "River Road" being the first place of meeting for the society. He also manifested much interest in military matters, his title of Captain being gained by service in the State Militia. He died January 3, 1875, and his wife, Hannah Wilcox, a daughter of Gideon Wilcox, passed away May 24, 1841. This worthy couple had eight children as follows: (1) Stephen Lewis (known as Lewis) died in the West, where he was engaged in farming. (2) Esther died at the age of seven years. (3) Stiles W. died in infancy. (4) Phebe (deceased) married David Curtis, a carriage maker and blacksmith in Trumbull. (5) John Peck is fully spoken of farther on. (6) James died in childhood. (7) Stiles (2), a farmer, married Jane Stitson, of Newtown, and died at the age of sixty-eight leaving two children: Cortez, a farmer; and Jane, wife of Samuel Lessey, who is connected with the Birmingham Bank at Derby. (8) Elnathan died in infancy.

Charity, the second child of Elnathan and Charity (Frost) Wheeler, was born July 8, 1769, and died May 1, 1797, unmarried.

Elisha, the third child of Elnathan and Charity (Frost) Wheeler, was born July 26, 1772, and died May 5, 1853. He married Dorothy Birdseye, who was born in 1776, and died January 12, 1847. She was the daughter of Ezra Birdseyse, of Oronoque, and a granddaughter of the Rev. Nathan Birdseye, who lived to an extreme age; in fact he preached a sermon in the Congregational Church in Stratford, on his one hundredth birthday! His tombstone bears the following inscription.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF THE
REV. NATHAN BIRDSEYE, A. M.
HE WAS BORN AUGUST 19TH. 1714.
GRADUATED AT YALE COLLEGE IN 1736,
ORDAINED AT WEST HAVEN, 1742,
DISMISSED AND RECOMMENDED BY THE
CONSOCIATION 1758 AND DEPARTED
THIS LIFE JANUARY 28TH. 1818.
AGED 103 YEARS, 5 MONTHS, AND 9 DAYS.
THE MEMORY OF THE JUST IS BLESSED.

To Elisha and Dorothy (Birdseye) Wheeler, were born three children: George, Ralph and Ezra. George was born at Stratford in 1800. He married Betsy C. Booth, of Stratford, October 23, 1829, and died July 16, 1835. To George and Betsy (Booth) Wheeler were born three children as follows: Mary Curtiss, born December 26, 1831, and died July 29, 1833. Lucy Birdseye, born September 4, 1830, now residing at Stratford; and George Birdseye, born June 6, 1835. He married and removed to Kansas City, where he still resides. Ralph, the second son, was born in 1807. He married Elizabeth Gall, of Hudson, N. Y., and to them was born one son, Elisha, who died several years ago. He married (second) Mary ———, and to them were born two children: Phebe, who married and resides in New York City; and William, who went to the West, where he settled. Ralph died a few years since.

Ezra, the youngest son, was born in Stratford November 18, 1809, and died at New York City December 18, 1885. At an early age he went to New York City, where he engaged in business, and amassed a fortune of over one million dollars. He married (first) Caroline Darrow, of New York City. To them were born two children: Sarah Ellen, who married Dr. Walter De F. Day, of New York City; and Caroline, who is unmarried. He married (second) Celia Vischer, of Albany, New York. To them were born two children: John Vischer, who resides in New York; and Celia Vischer, who died several years ago. He married (third) Emily Curtiss, of Stratford, who survives him. Their children were: (1) Emily Curtiss, born in 1852, and died August 28, 1872. (2) Arthur De Forest, who married Caroline May Dunbar, of Stratford, in 1884. (3) Laura. (4) Walter and (5) Edward, who both died in infancy.

Reuben, the fourth child of Elnathan and Charity (Frost) Wheeler, was born at Stratford,

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July 1, 1775, and died at his farm in Putney on October 24, 1852. His first wife was Phebe Booth, who was born in 1779, and died July 12, 1819. To them were born eight children, namely: Charity, Harriet, Elnathan, William, Jane, Charles, Catherine and Phebe. He married for his second wife, Juliette Wilcox, of Stratford, and to them were born four children, namely: (1) Emily, who married Samuel McCarthy, of Chicago, but who died shortly afterward. (2) Jane, who married the Rev. Thomas Oakley, a Methodist clergyman, but lived only a short time afterward. (3) Betsy Ann, who after Jane's death married the Rev. Thomas Oakley, and who is also dead; both she and her sisters are interred in Mountain Grove Cemetery, Bridgeport, Conn. (4) Frank A., who was born in 1825, and died February 27, 1827.

Charity, the eldest child of Reuben and Phebe (Booth) Wheeler, was born August 9, 1801. In August, 1824, she married Nathaniel Wheeler Curtis, a grandson of Nathaniel Wheeler, who was a son of Deacon Elnathan Wheeler. To them were born two children: Edwin W., who resides in Bridgeport; and Cornelia I., who lives in Stratford. Harriet, the second child, was born in 1804. She married (first) Philo Hawley, a wealthy farmer of Putney, and to them was born a son, Lewis Henry, who died at about the age of twenty. After the death of Mr. Hawley, she married Nicholas Northrop, of Bridgeport, Conn. She died in March, 1888.

Elnathan, the third child of Reuben and Phebe Wheeler, was born in 1806. He married Maria Elizabeth Wells, daughter of Judson Wells, of Stratford. He settled in Westport, Conn., where he engaged in business, and where he now resides. To Elnathan and Maria Elizabeth (Wells) Wheeler, were born four children, namely: (1) Emeline Augusta, born in August, 1829; (2) Sarah Maria, born in December, 1831; (3) Henry A., born about 1835, who resides in Bridgeport, where he is engaged in business; and (4) Elbert Lewis, who was born about 1837.

William, the fourth child of Reuben and Phebe Wheeler, was born at Stratford, Conn., November 25, 1809. In December, 1833, at London, Canada West (now Ontario), he married Caroline Milinda Flanegan, daughter of Joseph and Milinda Flanegan, who was born at London, C. W., November 19, 1814. In 1838 they removed to Chicago, and were, therefore, among its first settlers. He was engaged in the hardware business at both London, C. W., and Chicago until 1856, when he retired from business, having amassed a fortune of $300,000. He was an earnest Christian, both he and his wife being great workers in the Methodist Church, where he held high offices, being first president of the board of trustees of the First Methodist Church in Chicago, which office he held until the time of his death. He also held other offices of trust. He was elected as an alderman in 1843. He was held in high esteem by his neighbors and associates, and was never known in his life to have an enemy. He died November 10, 1878. His wife died in Chicago, March 6, 1875.

To William and Caroline Milinda (Flanegan) Wheeler were born eight children as follows: Phebe, born in London, C. W., May 9, 1835, and died at the same place May 19, 1835. Charles Gilbert, born in London, C. W., July 23, 1836. William, born in London, C. W., August 8, 1837, and died January 29, 1844, at Chicago. Mary Jane, born at Chicago, May 31, 1839. Louise W. (Brown), born at Chicago, April 10, 1842, and died June 30, 1878, at Chicago. Augustus William, born at Chicago, November 9, 1843. Edward, born at Chicago, August 3, 1845, and died there June 10, 1846; and Henry, born at Chicago May 20, 1848, and died at the same place July 28, 1854.

Jane, the fifth child of Reuben and Phebe Wheeler, was born at Putney (Stratford) in 1811, and died August 26, 1822.

Charles, sixth child, was born March 9, 1812. He married, November 29, 1837, Ruth Ann Nichols, of Nichols Farms, Conn. To them were born two children as follows: Charles Beach, born December 5, 1840, married Julia Bradley, of Westport, Conn., where he was for a time engaged in business, and where he now resides; and Phebe Maria, born May 3, 1852, married Winfield Kellogg Hoagland, and resides at Elgin, Ill. Charles Wheeler died September 29, 1867.

Catherine, seventh child of Reuben and Phebe Wheeler, was born in 1816, and died in 1874. In 1840 she married Charles Curtiss, of Putney, and they afterward removed to Bridgeport where she died. He died in March, 1888. To them were born two daughters: Mary Kate, who married Dr. A. E. Fones, a dentist in East Bridgeport, where they reside; and Hattie Louise, who married (first) the Rev. Mr. Hughes, a Methodist clergyman, who died a few years since, and (second) in 1890 wedded the Rev. Mr. Bassett, also a clergyman of the same Church).

Phebe, the youngest child of Reuben and Phebe Weeeler, was born in June, 1819, and died in December, 1819.

Ruth, the fifth child of Elnathan and Charity (Frost) Wheeler, was born at the Wheeler homestead May 15, 1780, and died at Derby, Conn., September 23, 1860. In January, 1806, she was

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married to Elijah Booth, of Stratford, who was born in May, 1776, and died in September, 1868. He was one the wealthiest and most influential men of his day in Stratford, and was universally known as "Squire Booth." He was a pious, cultivated man, much respected by the community in which he lived. They had one daughter, Charity Wheeler, born in October, 1806, who in April, 1835, married Urban H. Swift, of Derby, Conn., son of the Rev. Mr. Swift, who was pastor of the Congregational Church at Derby for over thirty years. She was a saintly woman of an exceptionally lovely character, who ministered lovingly to her parents in their declining years.

Her father and mother both died at her home, the former in 1868 and the latter in 1860. She died in May, 1886. A local paper said of her at the time of her death: "The deceased was a lady of most exemplary and inestimable worth. While modest and retiring in her manner, her hand was ever open to acts of benevolence and kindness, and she will be greatly missed in this community, where she has lived since her marriage to Mr. Swift, fifty-one years ago. She was a devoted member of the Derby Congregational Church, where her loss will be keenly felt. She was a lady of more than ordinary ability, and in her own home the blow will fall very heavily." To Urban H. and Charity (Booth) Swift was born one daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, who was born December 30, 1842, and who resides with her father at their residence at Derby.

Stephen, the youngest child of Elnathan and Charity (Frost) Wheeler (so named for his grandfather, Stephen Frost), was born March 1, 1782, and died September 18, 1847. In 1811 he married Phebe Beardslee, daughter of Curtis and Mary (Allen) Beardslee, who was born December 12, 1790, and died September 12, 1868. He inherited from his father the Wheeler homestead, which he was the last of his name to occupy, for at his death it passed into the hands of his daughters (he having no son), who in 1875 sold it to the Hon. D. M. Read, of Bridgeport. The house, which was built by Moses Wheeler (II), sometime between the years of 1698 and 1724, after it ceased to be occupied by the grandmother of E. Louise Scott, who and her sister, as just stated, transferred it in 1875 to Hon. D. M. Read, rapidly fell into a ruined state, and on the 12th of May, 1891, it was blown up with dynamite, and nothing now remains of the house which sheltered the heads of seven generations, except a heap of stones and a few pieces of timber and some charred shingles.

Mrs. Phebe Wheeler possessed great personal beauty, which, added to a fine intellect, ease of manner and affability, made her the belle for miles around; and these girls as they arrived at maturity, became as noted for their charming manner as their mother had been before them. Margaret and Louisa particularly were great beauties. Mary and Elizabeth resembled the Wheeler family more, but were none the less attractive, and their society no less sought after, being brilliant conversationalists. Both Stephen Wheeler and his wife were very hospitable, and their house was constantly filled with company. Among others who used to delight to visit there were James Scott (great-grandfather of E. Louise Scott), with his three sons, William, James and Henry. Mrs. Wheeler was quite a favorite of Mr. Scott, and he used to take delight in telling her, and she in listening to him, about his former home in Scotland, and of his father's family, and his relatives, the family of the Duke of Buccleuch. He lived to the age of ninety-three, and maintained the same friendly feelings toward her to the last.

Stephen Wheeler was a man of a mild, amiable disposition, well read, priding himself upon his knowledge of current events, polished in his manner, of an exceedingly social disposition, and was famed for miles and miles around for his unbounded hospitality; and not for his friends alone, but the usually unwelcome guest and the "poor relation" were always accorded a warm welcome at his fireside. He died September 18, 1847, and was buried in the Union cemetery at Stratford. He was bred a Presbyterian, in common with the rest of the Wheeler family, but after his marriage to Phebe Beardslee, who had been educated in the Church of England, he with his wife attended the Episcopal Church, of which she was a communicant, and into which all their children were admitted by the holy sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. It was commonly said of him in Stratford that he never had an enemy, so great was the esteem in which he was held. His occupation was farming, and several old account books owned and used by him which are still in the possession of the family, show the methodical way in which his business was conducted.

To Stephen and Phebe (Beardslee) Wheeler were born four children, as follows: Mary Curtis, born November 14, 1813, died March 5, 1836; Louisa Anne, born May 10, 1815; Sarah Elizabeth, born February 12, 1818; Margaret Eleanor, born March 13, 1820, died October 15, 1884.

Mary Wheeler, eldest daughter of Stephen and Phebe (Beardslee) Wheeler, married, May 15, 1832, Henry Clancy Scott, son of James and

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Elizabeth (Clancy) Scott, of New York. To them were born two sons, namely: Henry Clancy, born at Stratford, May 7, 1833, died at Derby, Conn., July 13, 1856; and Stephen Wheeler, born at Little Bay Side (Flushing), L. I., June 11, 1835, and now residing at Osakis, Douglas Co., Minnesota.

Louisa Anne, the second daughter of Stephen and Phebe Wheeler, married Charles Gilbert, of Stratford, in 1842. He died March 3, 1877; she still resides in Stratford. To them were born four children: Mary Louisa, born in 1847, died December 22, 1868. Margaret Allen, born February 11, 1848, married Frederick C. Beach, son of Alfred E. Beach, of Munn & Co., publishers of the "Scientific American;" they reside at Stratford. William Howard, born in 1851, died April 17, 1864. Fanny Louise, born in 1856, died March 13, 1873.

Sarah Elizabeth, the third daughter, married, November 26, 1837, Henry Clancy Scott, of New York City, son of James and Elizabeth (Clancy) Scott, who was born in 1808, and died January 19, 1848. She now resides at Bridgeport, Conn. To them were born two sons: James Griffith, born at Stratford, January 9, 1839, married February 13, 1872, at Garnerville, N. Y., Caroline Louisa Garner, daughter of Henry and Caroline (Wheeler) Garner. For thirteen years he held the position of secretary of the Rockland Print Works at Garnerville, and then became a member of the firm of Bennett, Rowan & Scott, brick manufacturers at Haverstraw, N. Y., of which Garnerville is a suburb.

Thomas Carnley Scott, the younger son, was born at "Moscow" (Stratford), September 4, 1841, married December 20, 1865, Margaret Jane, daughter of William M. and Amelia Louisa Dunning, of Bridgeport, Conn. She died at Bridgeport, Conn., December 17, 1876. To them were born two children: Emme Louise, born April 14, 1869, and Bertha Frances, born April 28, 1874.

Margaret Eleanor, the youngest daughter of Stephen and Phebe (Beardslee) Wheeler, was born at Stratford, March 13, 1820. She married James Clifford Allen, son of James Clifford and Hanna (Hinmon) Allen, of Bridgeport. They resided in Brooklyn, N. Y., where they both died in 1884, the former on October 15, and the latter in November of the same year. To them were born five children: James Clifford, Jr.; Francis Hamilton, who died in 1875; Margaret Eleanor, married to William B. Gould, who is in business in New York City; they reside at Montrose (Orange), N. J. Theodore Hinman, who resides in California. Harriet White, who married Henry W. Raymond, son of the late Henry Jarvis Raymond, of the New York *Times*; they now reside in Washington, D. C., Mr. Raymond being private secretary to Benjamin F. Tracey, Secretary of the Navy.

VIII. JOHN P. WHEELER, in his lifetime a prominent resident of Stratford was, as will be seen by the foregoing, of the eighth generation in descent from I. Moses Wheeler (1), the immigrant. He was born August 30, 1825, in the old Wheeler homestead on the Ferry road, in the town of Stratford, where he attended the common school and the academy. Reared to farm work, he was always interested in agriculture.

In 18— Mr. Wheeler was married to Harriet A. Baldwin, daughter of Noah Baldwin, of Milford, and settled upon a farm which he had purchased in Derby. This farm he shortly after sold to good advantage. He then moved to Stratford, where he bought several different farms, and sold each one at a profit. He finally bought a large tract of land on the Ferry road nearly opposite the old homestead, where he built a large, comfortable house. Here he lived until shortly after his wife's death, which occurred April 19, 1892.

Their union had been blessed with six children: Emma, Noah, Sarah, Harriet, Lewis and Sterling. On December 7, 1893, Mr. Wheeler was again wedded, this time to Miss Elizabeth I. Clark, who was born in Stratford, Conn., a daughter of Nathan W. and Mary J. Clark, the former a native of Milford, the latter of Stratford. At this time he built a handsome residence in the center of Stratford, upon the main street, where he enjoyed the comforts of life in his declining years. By this marriage there was one child whose memory was sacred and sweet, a daughter named Miriam Elizabeth, born September 22, 1894, and died December 2, 1897.

Although Mr. Wheeler had sold a good portion of his property, he still retained the old Wheeler homestead, which had been in the family for so many generations.

The death of Mr. Wheeler occurred January 27, 1899, as a result of injuries received from being thrown from a wagon, caused by the running away of a pair of horses. He was seventy-three years old at the time. In religious faith he was identified with, and enrolled upon, the membership of the M. E. Church, to which he contributed regularly during his life, and of which at the time of his death he was a member of the official board, serving on the board of

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stewards. By his will the M. E. Church at Stratford received about seven thousand dollars, one-sixth of the residue of his estate, to be constituted a permanent fund to be known as "The Miriam E. Wheeler Memorial Fund," in honor of the little daughter whom he dearly loved. In politics he was a Republican, but never sought public office or engaged in active party work.

WATSON E. RICE, M. D., one of the new comers to Stamford, Fairfield county, where he has just been established in the practice of medicine, was for twenty years a successful and leading physician at North Grafton, Massachusetts.

Born December 15, 1848, at Shrewsbury, Mass., Dr. Rice is a son of Rev. Gardner Rice, who was an educator of considerable note. He was a regularly ordained minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but never took a charge. For years he conducted academies at Holliston, New Salem, and Shrewsbury, all points in Massachusetts. Nathan Rice, the father of Rev. Gardner Rice, was a physician at Wayland, Mass. Our subject passed his boyhood at New Salem, Athol, Berlin and Shrewsbury, Mass. He was schooled principally under the tuition of his father. He prepared himself for teaching, and for six years was engaged in that profession in his native State. He also taught some in Parkersburg, W. Va., and while teaching there he began the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. Willliam Gilman, of that place. Later he entered the Medical Department of the University Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he took a three-years' course, and was graduated in 1872. After his graduation he located in practice at Plymouth, Mich,. remaining only two months; from there he went to North Grafton, Mass., where for nineteen years and six months he made for himself the reputation of being an intelligent gentleman, a useful citizen, and a skillful physician. He sold his practice at that point and went to Seattle, Wash., where he passed the winter of 1891–92. In May, 1892, he located at Stamford, Conn., where he has since been actively engaged in his professional duties.

The Doctor is a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, of which he was counselor for twelve years, and of the Fairfield County Medical Society, of which he was elected vice-president in the spring of 1898. He was elected a member of the General Assembly in November, 1898. Doctor Rice since coming to Stamford has taken much interest in the public schools, and he is now a member of the school board. He is also a member of the Stamford board of health. Fraternally, he is identified with Rittenhouse Chapter, also with the Commandery, F. & A. M., at Worcester, Mass., and is a member of the Royal Arcanum at Stamford.

Doctor Rice was married, at North Grafton, Mass., to Miss Emma F. Pierce, West Brookfield, Mass., and their home has been blessed with the following named children: Winthrop Merton, Philip Bernard and Rowland Granville.

ANDREW B. CURTISS, a resident of Stepney, Monroe township, Fairfield county, has since early manhood been connected with some of the most important business enterprises of that place, and as the successor of his father, has made the name of Curtiss a synonym in Stepney for progress, industry and honorable conduct in all matters, business or otherwise.

Mr. Curtiss is a native of the town, born July 25, 1844, and is the son of Barnum Curtiss, who founded the business now carried on by his son, and is still remembered by the people as a most deservedly successful business man and a public-spirited citizen. Barnum Curtiss was born January 31, 1807, in Southbury, New Haven Co., Conn., and was one of the five children of Lewis and Polly Curtiss, viz.: Barnum; Mary (Mrs. Northrop), born October 6, 1808; Samantha (Mrs. Styles Johnson), born August 27, 1813; Alfred (now deceased), born July 8, 1818; and Lewis, born April 17, 1825, living in Huntington, Fairfield Co., Conn. Lewis Curtiss, Sr., married a second time, and by that union had one son, Stiles, who was born November 6, 1838, and died April 5, 1842. The father passed away September 12, 1839. The great-grandfather, Samuel Curtiss, married Hannah Sears. He had a sister Allie and a brother Doremus.

When sixteen years old Barnum Curtiss commenced to learn the blacksmith's trade with a Mr. Kelsey, of Southbury, and after serving a five-years' apprenticeship worked at the trade two and one-half years as a journeyman. He then became interested in milling, which he subsequently made the principal business of his life. For three years he followed it at South Britain, Conn., for the next eight years worked at Southford, and then went to Plattsville (so named for the Platt family), where he remained a year and a half. In 1840 he came to Stepney and bought a half-interest in the mill property of Captain Leavenworth, in partnership with whom he carried on milling until the Captain's death, when he bought out the heirs and became sole owner. The original mill erected

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on this site was probably one hundred years old, but Mr. Curtiss replaced that and all the other buildings on the property with modern structures, erecting the mill now conducted by A. B. Curtiss. At the time of his death, in 1891, he was probably one of the oldest millers in Fairfield county, having been engaged in that business from the time of his settlement here in 1840. Soon after his removal to Stepney he bought the depot business and store, which he carried on until Captain Leavenworth's death, when he sold it, and later, in connection with his son, Andrew B., he built a store and resumed mercantile business, continuing this until his death. In addition to their mercantile and milling interests, B. Curtiss & Son had at one time an extensive plaster business, which was carried on in a most successful way. Barnum Curtiss was a strictly business man, devoted to his commercial affairs, and he acquired a wide reputation for ability, unswerving integrity, good judgment and shrewdness in financial matters, characteristics which he had plenty of opportunity for displaying in his own career. These traits were made doubly valuable, however, by his persistent industry, which was probably of the most practical account to him.

On November 25, 1828, Barnum Curtiss was united in marriage with Levina Platt, who was born March 4, 1802, daughter of Amos Platt, and died November 1, 1850, leaving two children: Ann Eliza, born January 5, 1832, who married Charles W. Northrop and died January 23, 1864; and Andrew Barnum. On July 13, 1851, Mr. Curtiss married (for his second wife) Eunice M. Morehouse, who passed away February 25, 1862; she had no children. By his third wife, Martha L. (Allen), whom he wedded August 26, 1862, Mr. Curtiss had one daughter, Jennie L., born April 21, 1865, now Mrs. Clarence J. Willett. Mrs. Martha L. Curtiss died December 10, 1883, and on July 26, 1885, Mr. Curtiss married Mrs. Mary A. Cowles, who survives him. He departed this life December 25, 1891. A devout member of the Baptist Church, he was one of the trustees of that society at Stepney. In political sentiment he was a Whig originally, and after the formation of the Republican party he united with that body.

Andrew B. Curtiss received a thorough practical education during his early years, attending the common school of Stepney for a time, and the private school kept by Elisha Booth for one year, leaving when about sixteen. Since that time his life has been one of constant industry; but being fond of reading he has succeeded in keeping abreast of the times, and is a well-informed man. After his school life was over he had to "buckle to" and assist his father in active business, the latter giving him a partnership share in April, 1865, just a few months before he reached his majority. The firm name was changed to B. Curtiss & Son, and the partnership was only dissolved by the father's death, though for several years prior to that event the son was the responsible member of the firm and shouldered all the work. This firm has for the past three or four decades enjoyed the reputation of being the oldest and most important one in the town, and the son has not been less energetic than the father in pushing his way along the road to success. His commercial interests have of course absorbed the greater share of his time and attention, and leave little room for other affairs, though he has always taken a patriotic interest in the welfare of the community in general. He has served one year as selectman, and in 1882 was honored with election to the State Legislature, representing his district for one term.

On February 11, 1868, Mr. Curtiss wedded Miss Hattie A. Banks, daughter of Morris and Amelia M. (Mallett) Banks, of Easton, Conn. Three children bless this union, the eldest of whom, Lillian Gertrude, born July 7, 1872, died September 11, same year; Royal Barnum, born February 17, 1874, was graduated from Worcester Academy in the class of '94, and now fills a responsible position as head bookkeeper for Marsh Bros., of Bridgeport; Arthur Banks, who is successfully following the photographic business, was born July 19, 1875. Mr. Curtiss is an active member of the Baptist Church of Stepney, of which he formerly served as deacon some years, and is also a member of the regular Church committee. Socially, he and his son, Royal Barnum, are members of the Masonic Fraternity, in which each has attained to the degree of Knight Templar. Royal Barnum is also a member of the I. O. O. F.

W L. GRISWOLD, M. D., of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., has more than a local reputation as a skillful physician and surgeon, especially the latter, in which connection he is known and consulted over quite an extensive territory. Doctor Griswold has apparently been endowed by nature with those special qualities without which no one, however learned, could succeed in his profession, and it is not at all unlikely that he has inherited these tendencies, for he is the son of an even more widely known physician, Dr. R. B. Griswold, of Banksville, N. Y. He is descended from hardy New England ancestry, a brief record of which will not be out of place here.

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Daniel Griswold is the first of the family in this country of whom we have any mention. He had a son, also named Daniel, and the latter's son, Seth, was the great-great-grandfather of Dr. W. L. Griswold. Seth Griswold died about 1813. His son, Roswell Griswold, was a farmer by occupation, and died at New Marlboro, Conn., in middle age. He was a large man, six feet tall, well built, and possessed of unusual physical strength. He was three times married, and was the father of eleven children—seven sons and four daughters—viz.: Willis, who died in Indiana; Hiram, a lawyer, who died in Leavenworth, Kans.; Lucretia (Mrs. Ishmael Northway), deceased in New York State; Lucius; Joel Grant, who died in Winsted; Almira, who was twice married, and died in Tuscarora, N. Y.; James, of Auburn, Ind.; Nelson, who died in Cleveland, Ohio; Ellen A. (Mrs. Phillips), living in Winsted, Conn.; Edward, of Cleveland, Ohio; and one daughter who died young.

Lucius Griswold was born July 12, 1810, in Colebrook, Conn., a son of Roswell and Jerusha (Grant) Griswold, the latter being a daughter of Joel, a kinsman of Ulysses S. Grant. He received a common-school education, and was reared at his native place, remaining under the parental roof until he reached his majority. On March 27, 1834, he was united in marriage with Miss Julia E. Barnard, who was born November 22, 1811, in Colebrook, a daughter of Asa Barnard. The young couple commenced housekeeping in their native town, Mr. Griswold engaging for a time in cheese making and farming on a small scale. In the early "forties," however, he began selling scythes for Boyd & Son, of Winsted, Conn., and later for Williams & Burbank, who were in the same line, finally entering the employ of the Winsted Manufacturing Company, for whom he traveled thirty years, his territory touching six States of the Union. He at length abandoned this life on account of his invalid wife, and settled down at his home in Winsted, whither he had long ago removed his family, remaining there until her death, which occurred July 12, 1884. Their family consisted of three children: Ralph B.; Ward W., who died when four months old; and an adopted daughter, Ellen E., who is now the wife of J. Edgar Pine, of Winsted. Shortly after his wife's decease Lucius Griswold went to make his home with his son at Banksville, where he still resides, a remarkably active and well-preserved old gentleman, with memory and faculties unimpaired. Originally a Whig in political sentiment, he joined the Republican party on its organization, and is a loyal member thereof to this day. He is a Methodist in Church connection. He has been a member of the Masonic Lodge at Winsted for many years.

Ralph B. Griswold was born January 18, 1835, at Colebrook, Litchfield Co., Conn., where he received his elementary education, attending a private school in that town. Later he was a pupil in the public schools of Winsted, and during his early manhood he engaged in teaching for a year, at Stroudsburg, Penn. He began his medical studies in the office of Dr. H. B. Steele, a successful practitioner of Winsted, subsequently entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City (the medical department of Columbia College), and in 1856 graduated from the Eclectic Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio. For one year following he was resident physician in Doctor Strong's Sanitarium, at Saratoga, N. Y., locating in April, 1857, at Banksville, where he has ever since been engaged in general practice. Success beyond the average has attended him in his profession, for he has acquired a most extensive practice, due no less to his many admirable personal qualifications than to his thorough knowledge of medicine and his wide experience. The upright physician's influence is always peculiarly effective for good in a community, and that this has been true of Doctor Griswold is but shown by the resolutions tendered him on April 15, 1897, the fortieth anniversary of his settlement in Banksville, testifying to the high esteem in which he is held. The document, which came as a surprise to him and entirely unsolicited, expressed appreciation of his worth and excellent and creditable services, etc., and bore the signatures of one hundred of the leading citizens of the neighborhood. No higher tribute could be paid to any man!

Doctor Griswold has been very active in the social, religious and civic life of the town of which he has so long been an honored resident, and has been foremost in supporting every measure and project for progress or improvement. He is a stanch member of the Republican party, in whose success he takes a deep interest, not, however, as a politician in the ordinary sense of the term, for he has never sought office, though he has been elected road commissioner, and served in that position for years. As an efficient worker and liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal Church he is well-known all over the section, being a prominent member of the Eastern New York Conference (in which he is a steward), vice-president of the Westchester County (N. Y.) Bible Society, and one of the leaders in the work of the Banksville congregation, where he has held various offices; he has

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been chorister of the Church for a number of years. During the existence of the Sons of Temperance he was one of its most enthusiastic members, and served as grand worthy patriarch of New York State; at present he belongs to Kisco Lodge, F. & A. M., of Mt. Kisco, N. Y., and is an honorary member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., of Banksville.

In 1858 Dr. Griswold married Miss Mary J. Derby, of Winsted, Conn., the daughter of Andrew Derby, who died when she was a mere child. Four children have blessed this union, two of whom are living: W. L., and Julia Alice, the latter of whom was married in April, 1898, to Wilbur W. Cooper, of the Strong Manufacturing Company, of Winsted. The Doctor and his family occupy a commodious modern residence at Banksville, which he erected. He is an excellent judge of fine horseflesh, and it would be difficult to find any one who thinks more of a good horse, or admires one more ardently; he has owned several excellent animals.

William Loomis Griswold was born February 12, 1861, near Banksville, in which village he received his first schooling, being sent to both public and private institutions. Later he attended the private school at Long Ridge, Conn., conducted by Rev. Mr. Shepherd, and, for two years, the public high school at Winsted, Conn., in the fall of 1878 entering the Scientific Department of Yale College, from which he was graduated with honor in the class of 1881, with the degree of Ph. B. In the year following he taught school in his native town, matriculating in the fall of 1882 at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in New York City, and graduated therefrom in the spring of 1885. In July of that year he settled in Greenwich. In surgery and obstetrics he has met with especial success, his services in these lines being sought far and near, making him prominent among the medical men of Fairfield county.

The Doctor is a prominent member of the Masonic Fraternity in Fairfield county, belonging to Acacia Lodge No. 85, of Greenwich; Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11, R. A. M., of Stamford; and Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M. On April 4, 1889, Doctor Griswold married Mrs. Mattie (Kingman) Conkey, daughter of Frank Kingman, Esq., of Enfield, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM H. NORRIS, cigar manufacturer, No. 66 Keeler street, Danbury, Conn. (established 1891), is a native of Norwalk, Conn. having been born there July 8, 1860, locating in Danbury May 1, 1883.

Mr. Norris married Miss Kate J. Kulm, of Matteawan, N. Y., at Danbury, July 27, 1884, and three children resulted from said union: The first, a son, died in infancy; the second, also a son, is now thirteen years of age, being born July 29, 1886; and a daughter, eleven years old, having been born June 23, 1888. Mr. Norris established his present business in May, 1891, at No. 128 Liberty street, Danbury, removing to his present factory in March, 1898.

HENRY H. KNAPP. In the early part of the eighteenth century came from England four brothers by the name of Knapp, who settled first in Danbury, Conn., and then, separating, became pioneers of various places in the Eastern States. One of these four brothers, Caleb Knapp, born in 1709, settled in the town of Norfolk, Litchfield county, and there married, and reared a family of children, among whom was a son Samuel, born in 1746. Caleb Knapp died in 1788.

Samuel Knapp married Miss Mercy Holt, of Litchfield county, and with his bride began life on a farm there, continuing to follow agricultural pursuits to the end of his days. He died November 16, 1824. There, too, was reared their family of eight children, of whom we have the following record: (1) Ezekiel followed farming at East Candor, N. Y., and also practiced his profession, that of medicine; he married Ruth Pyke, and they became the parents of seven children—Homer, Harmon, Laura, Sarah, Mary, Ezekiel W. and Mercy. (2) Bushnel was a farmer in Norfolk; he married Dency Hall, and they had five children—Horace, Desire, Lucy, Ann E. and Lorella. (3) Caleb was a farmer; he married, and was the father of the following named children—Orin, Highland, Lyman, Philander, Charlotte, Amy and Harriette. (4) Francis is mentioned more fully below. (5) Isaac married and had two children, Isaac and George; he was a Presbyterian minister, located at Westfield, Mass., where he died.

Francis Knapp married Amelia Benedict, of the town of Canaan, Litchfield county; she was a daughter of Francis K. Benedict, who was the son of James, who was the son of Thomas, who was the son of Samuel, one of the earliest pioneers from England. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Francis Knapp began their home life on the farm in Canaan, and he engaged in teaching school and taught singing. He was also a carpenter. To their union two children were born: Henry Holt, the subject proper of this review; and Alpheus. The father died Novem-

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ber 6, 1826, and on May 20, 1839, the mother married Joshua B. Trowbridge, who died February 22, 1870. She survived him, passing to her eternal rest October 30, 1879. In politics Mr. Knapp was a Democrat, and religiously both he and his wife were members of the Baptist Church. Alpheus Knapp was born June 22, 1822; he married Lydia Carpenter, and settled on a farm in Columbia county, Wis., where he died in June, 1868. He was the father of five children —Francis B., Phœbe, Charles, Ann Janet and Samuel.

Henry H. Knapp, whose name opens this sketch, was born on the old farm in Canaan, Litchfield Co., Conn., February 3, 1819. Here he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the neighboring district schools, and here he also learned the carpenter's trade. In 1844 he came to Danbury, following his trade until about 1860, when he bought the farm of 150 acres on which he now resides, devoting his time to general farming and the nursery business. In early life he was in the tobacco business for a short time. In his chosen occupation Mr. Knapp has met with remarkable success, his business acumen and rare judgment proving good guarantees for financial success.

On February 3, 1852, Mr. Knapp was married to Miss Lois J. Andrews, a native of the town of Bethel, and a daughter of Aaron Andrews and granddaughter of Eden Andrews, of the same place. Three children have come to bless this union: Mary Viola, Hannah M. and Frances J. Mary married Elijah Betts, a farmer of Wilton, Fairfield county, who died September 28, 1878; she has two children—Henry B. and Alpheus E. Mr. Knapp is considered one of the most substantial men in the county, and his advice on financial questions is often sought by his friends and acquaintances. He is conscientious in the performance of duty. Firm in his convictions, and determined to do right, at the national election in 1896 he rose above party and petty strife of mere partisanship, and although for years a Democrat in politics cast his vote with the people, for William McKinley. He is public-spirited and progressive, and liberally endorses any movement tending to advance the moral and material interests of town or county, State or Nation.

RUMSEY I. FANCHER, member of the firm of Fancher & Co., shoe manufacturers, is well-known among the prosperous business men of New Canaan, and the products of the Fancher factory are known to retail shoe dealers throughout the country.

Mr. Fancher was born September 7, 1854, in the town of Lewisboro, Westchester Co., N. Y., a son of Eleazer L. Fancher, who was also a native of Lewisboro, and a grandson of Rumsey B. Fancher, who was a carpenter at Vista, in that town. Eleazer L. Fancher was originally engaged in general mercantile business, and commenced the manufacture of shoes at Vista, in his native town, making them by the old hand process. After a few years he commenced to turn out machine-sewed shoes, and in 1884 he removed with his son, Arthur W., to Norwalk, Conn., where they founded the firm of Fancher, Ruscoe & Co., for the manufacture of machine-made shoes, using power and machinery. Sixteen months later (in 1885) the Fanchers came to New Canaan, and established themselves in business at the old academy in Park street, operating under the firm name of Fancher & Co. (Eleazer, Arthur W. and Eugene Fancher). In 1887 they removed to Bridgeport, Conn., in which city they formed the Fancher & Ten Eyck Shoe Company, located in East Washington avenue. This co-partnership was dissolved in 1891, when Eleazer L. Fancher and his two sons, Arthur W. and Eugene, returned to New Canaan, here forming a partnership, on October 1, 1891, with Rumsey I. Fancher, and they have since been engaged in the shoe business in the factory in Railroad avenue, under the firm name of Fancher & Co.

On January 25, 1848, Eleazer L. Fancher was married, in New Canaan, to Elizabeth Raymond, daughter of Arza Raymond, of New Canaan, and they had four children, namely: Arthur W., Eugene, Rumsey I. and Emma L. Of these, Eugene married Bessie G. Moseman, who died leaving two children — Carleton and Hazel. Mr. Fancher took an active interest in public affairs while living in his old home in the town of Lewisboro, and he served as postmaster at Vista for twenty-eight years; he was also a notary public.

Rumsey I. Fancher was reared at Vista, and received his education there in the public schools. He learned shoemaking with his father, and after mastering the trade worked at same for different manufacturers, being with the H. W. Merriam Shoe Company, Newton, N. J., for a short time, and with Robert Dix, of Darien, Conn., for about a year, and then went to work for the firm of E. L. & A. W. Fancher at Vista. On February 28, 1888, he came to New Canaan and commenced the manufacture of shoes in the old Ayres place, corner of Maple street and South avenue. In August following he became a partner with Alva L. Dickens, the firm style being

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R. I. Fancher & Co., and the factory was removed to the brick building in Railroad avenue, where the Adams Express Company is now located. This partnership was dissolved September 1, 1889, and Mr. Fancher resumed business in the old Ayres place, where he remained until November 1, 1891, the date of the removal to the present location of the Fancher factory. It is fully equipped with the latest and most improved machinery, and the output, consisting of ladies', misses' and children's shoes, has a ready sale among the best retailers all over the country, who find it a most satisfactory line to carry. The sales department is under the management of Eugene Fancher.

Rumsey I. Fancher was married, in New Canaan, to Frances J. Raymond, daughter of Andrew J. Raymond, of that town, and one child has been born to them, named Florence L. Mr. Fancher is a member of Harmony Lodge No. 67, F. & A. M., as are also his father and brother Eugene. The latter is also a member of St. John's Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Norwalk, and of the Commercial Travelers Mutual Accident Association of North America. Grandfather Rumsey B. Fancher was a charter member of Friendship Division No. 10, of New Canaan, Sons of Temperance.

NATHANIEL EUGENE WORDIN, M. D., one of the leading physicians of Bridgeport, is of an ancestry long identified with the business interests and public affairs of Bridgeport.

Born May 26, 1844, in the city of which he is still a resident, Dr. Wordin is of the fifth generation from Capt. William Wordin, who was probably the son of Thomas and Jemima Wordin, of Stratford, the line of his descent being through William (2), Thomas C. and Nathaniel S.

Capt. William Wordin was prominent in the settlement, being society's committee, school committee, and captain of the Freeholders or Home Guards. He bought land of Ezra Kirtland, May 2, 1772, in what is now Bridgeport, corner of State and Park avenue. He died in 1808, aged seventy-five years, and his wife, who was formerly Anna Odell, of Fairfield, died in 1805, aged sixty-eight.

William Wordin (2) married Dorcas Cook. He died April 15, 1814, aged fifty-four, and she died July 25, 1854, aged ninety-one years. Their children were: Daniel, who died in New York; Abijah, whose descendants live in Bridgeport, N. Y.; Susanna, Anna, Thomas Cook, Levi and William.

Thomas Cook Wordin was born in 1787 in the Wordin homestead that stood on the ground alluded to above, on the northeast corner of State street and Park avenue. From the time he was quite a lad until he was twenty-one he was a clerk in the drug store of Samuel Darling, of New Haven, and from the time he was twenty-one throughout his active life he was in the drug business in Bridgeport in a store on State street just west of the old post office, the building being erected by him in about 1816. He was trained in Puritanical ideas, and believed in them, and his integrity, high personal honor and unpretending life were the consequence. He was the owner of the Norwalk flouring-mills, and after some years he remodeled them for grinding spices, and the first ground spices in the market in this vicinity were from his mills. He offered two thousand dollars toward establishing a public square west of Cortland street, but the offer was not acted upon. He died November 20, 1852, aged sixty-five. In 1812 he had married Ann, daughter of Philemon Sherwood. About the close of the war of 1812 he left his wife and infant son (Nathaniel S. Wordin, still of Bridgeport) for a trip to Boston on the sloop "Othello" commanded by Capt. Joel Thorp. They were captured by the British, and Mr. Wordin had great difficulty in being released and returning home. While he was gone his wife, becoming alarmed at the frequent reports that the British had landed to pillage Bridgeport, took her infant son before the morning dawn and walked to her father's house, some three miles away. The children born to this couple were: Nathaniel S., born July 12, 1813; Lucy S. married Edmund S. Hawley; Susan married Charles Kelsey; Thomas, born April 14, 1823, died May 31, 1823; Elmer and a twin brother (unnamed), born September 23, 1824, both dying in infancy; Mary; Ann B. married Deacon John W. Hincks; Caroline married W. W. Naramore; Thomas C., born October 21, 1826, married Betsey Ann Plumb, of Trumbull; and Elizabeth died in 1852, aged twenty-three years.

Nathaniel Sherwood Wordin was born July 12, 1813, in the Wordin homestead. He attended the district school taught by Rev. Asa Bronson, pastor of the Stratford Baptist Church. Another of his early teachers was Rev. Mr. Wilcox. He next attended the Easton Academy, taught by the Rev. Nathaniel Freeman, pastor of the Congregational Church. When fifteen years of age he became a clerk in his father's drug store, and at the age of twenty-one became a partner in the same. Some years later the father retired from the business and gave his attention to his

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farm and his Norwalk flouring-mills, leaving the son in full control of the drug business. This drug store was the local point for calls by physicians out of town, and seafaring men needing medicine. He prepared medicine chests, with a little book giving the name, dose and purpose of each drug, which earned for the druggist quite a reputation and the title "Doctor." About 1850 he retired from active business, leaving the interests of the store to his brother. On May 29, 1839, Nathaniel S. Wordin was married to Fanny Augusta, youngest daughter of Dr. Frederick Leavenworth, of Waterbury, Conn., and there were born to them children as follows: Frederick Augustus (deceased in infancy), Helen Caroline, Nathaniel Eugene, Fanny Leavenworth, and Thomas Cook (in the Customs department, New York City).

On his mother's side Dr. Wordin is descended from Thomas Leavenworth, of Southwark, England, who came to America soon after the restoration of Charles II. His name appears of record at Woodbury, Conn., in 1664. The line of our subject's descent is through Dr. Thomas, Mark, Jesse L., Frederick and Fanny Augusta. Dr. Thomas Leavenworth was a man of position, influence, energy and wealth, and one of the founders of the first Church at Ripton (now Huntington), Connecticut.

Rev. Mark Leavenworth, son of Dr. Thomas, was born in 1711 at Stratford, Conn.; was graduated from Yale College in 1737; was appointed in 1760 chaplain to the 2nd Conn. Regt., and went with it to Canada.

Col. Jesse Leavenworth, son of Rev. Mark, was graduated from Yale College in 1759. He became a lieutenant in the Governor's Foot Guards under the captaincy of Benedict Arnold. When the news from Lexington reached New Haven, the company volunteered and marched by Pomfret, taking "Old Put" along with them.

Frederick Leavenworth, son of Col. Jesse and the grandfather of Dr. Wordin, was born in 1766, at Waterbury, Conn. He studied medicine with Dr. Isaac Baldwin, of that town, and practiced there for several years. He was not fond of the drudgery of practice, and for upwards of twenty years prior to his death held the office of postmaster. Dr. Nathaniel Eugene Wordin, the subject proper of this sketch, received his elementary education in the public schools of his native city, then took the academic course at Wilbraham, Mass. He next entered Yale College, and was graduated therefrom in 1870. After his graduation he began the study of medicine, and after having completed a full course at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1873, he began the practice of that profession in which he has since continued and been successful. Liberally educated in the sciences and classics, with a natural aptitude from the start for the study of medicine and a love for reading and study, the Doctor is a man of culture and superior attainments. He has kept abreast with the advancement made in the science and practice of medicine, and is to-day master of his profession. He has high standing in the community, both professionally and socially.

In 1862, then a mere boy, young Wordin, feeling that his country was in need of his services, enlisted in the United States Army, and was mustered in the service on August 9, of that year, as a member of Company I, 6th Conn. V. I. The Sixth Regiment was in the Department of the South, and for much of the time during the latter part of his service formed a part of the Tenth Army Corps. On May 20, 1864, it was attached to Col. Howell's brigade, First Division, Tenth Army Corps, and from that time until January, 1865, it continued its operations in southeast Virginia, taking part in several engagements before Petersburg and Richmond. It is worth mentioning, for its historic value as well as to the credit of Dr. Wordin, that he entered Richmond the day of its capture, and that it was his hand that drew up Gen. Shepley's order placing that city under martial law. The principal engagements in which the regiment participated were: Pocotaligo, Florida, October 22, 1862; Morris Island, S. C., July 10, 1863; Fort Wagner, S. C., May 10, 1864; near Bermuda Hundred, Va., from May 10 to June 18, 1864; Deep Run, Va., August 14 to 18, 1864; and Fort Fisher, January 15, 1865. Serving under Generals Birney and Butler, young Wordin bore an honorable and gallant part throughout his term of service. He was mustered out at City Point, Va., June 3, 1865.

The Doctor has been secretary of the Connecticut Medical Society from 1888 to the present time, and has compiled the reports of the same. In 1892 he issued the Centennial Volume of 1,068 pages, which he compiled and edited throughout. He is a member of the following: The Fairfield County Medical Association; the Bridgeport Medical Association, being secretary thereof several years, and its president from 1883 to 1885; the staff of Bridgeport Hospital; the American Academy of Medicine since its organization; of the American Public Health Association, a Pan-American association embodying the United States, Canada, Mexico, etc.; the board of management of Fairfield County Temporary Home; and (since 1890) of the Connect-

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icut State Board of Health. He is physician to the Bridgeport Protestant Orphan Asylum, and visiting surgeon of the Bridgeport Hospital. The Doctor's practice is a general one, though he makes a specialty of the diseases of the eye. Socially, he is a member of the United Order of the Golden Cross; of the Sons of the American Revolution; of the Fairfield County Historical Society; and of the Contemporary Club. In religious faith he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church of Bridgeport.

On December 25, 1879, at Wilmington, Del., Dr. N. E. Wordin was married to Eliza Woodruff Barnes, daughter of Julius S. Barnes, M. D., a graduate of Yale College in 1815, and of Yale Medical College in 1817. One child, Laura Barnes, was born to them May 9, 1882.

HENRY A. BARRETT, a prominent farmer of the town of Wilton, was born in 1832, in the town of Bedford, Westchester Co., N. Y., and there obtained his education in the common schools.

Immediately after leaving school Mr. Barrett engaged in farming, and in the spring of 1859 he removed to Wilton, Conn., where he purchased his present farm (which now consists of about 120 acres, though the original purchase was of but 75 acres), which he has since successfully conducted. During the Civil war he was drafted, but furnished a substitute. In politics he is a strong Republican, and has served as selectman, assessor and as a member of the board of relief for two or three terms. In religious matters he is a member of the Episcopal Church of Wilton, of which he has served as vestryman for a number of years. He married Miss Annie M. Raymond, daughter of Alfred and Harriet (Smith) Raymond, the former of whom is a successful farmer of New Canaan, Conn. She was born June 30, 1831, and died June 1, 1887. By this marriage Mr. Barrett had children whose names, with dates of birth, &c., are as follows: Ella, born February 10, 1858, and died May 5, 1864; Hattie A., February 27, 1860, died May 5, 1864; Maria, April 16, 1864, died May 3, 1864; Georgia A., October 1, 1867, died March 31, 1869; William H., December 12, 1861; Minnie F., July 21, 1865; and Herbert A., February 13, 1870. Of these, William H. Barrett was born in the town of Wilton, and was educated there in the common schools. After leaving school he learned the machinist's trade, and is now an engineer in New Canaan. Politically, he is a strong Republican, but has never aspired to public office. Socially, he is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men. He married Miss Eliza Hoyt, by whom he has two children: Clarence M. and Leon H. Minnie F. Barrett was born in the town of Wilton, and was educated there in the common schools. She married Carl Tyler, a prosperous farmer of West Brookfield, and they have two children: Emma B. and Estelle. Herbert A. Barrett was born in the town of Wilton, was educated there in the common schools, and since completing his education has been engaged in farming and dairying. He is a young man of character and ability, industrious and enterprising, and is successful in his calling. Politically, he is a Republican, but has never aspired to public office. Socially, he is a member of Our Brothers' Lodge No. 10, I. O. O. F. His wife, formerly Miss Sarah E. McMahon, is a daughter of Joseph McMahon, a carpenter of the town of Wilton. They have one child, Elsie M., born April 25, 1894.

Samuel Barrett, grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Bedford, N. Y., and was educated there in the common schools. From his early boyhood he was engaged in farming, following that occupation during the greater portion of his life. During the Revolutionary war he was a soldier, and fought bravely for the freedom of his country, and met with many narrow escapes, his clothing being penetrated by bullets many a time, though he came through the war uninjured. Politically, he was an Old-line Whig, but he never was in any sense an office-seeker. He married and had children as follows: Phineas, Joseph, Frederick, and Jesse, who was lost at sea.

Frederick Barrett, father of the subject, was born in 1781, in the town of Bedford, N. Y., and died in 1856. He was educated in the common schools of his native place, and, like his ancestors, engaged in farming, which occupation he followed most of the active portion of his life. During the war of 1812 he rendered valuable service to his country, and for his bravery in that conflict received a grant of land in one of the Western States. Formerly a Whig, he later became a Republican, eschewed public office and was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Bedford. He married Miss Polly St. John, daughter of Abijah St. John, of Bedford, which was her native place, and to this marriage there were born the following children: Hiram, who married Mary A. Knapp; Angeline, who married Ard Reynolds; Delia J., who married Francis E. Chichester; Harvey, who married Ann Brown; Abigail A., who married Leandor Horton; Loretta S., who married Samuel Dixon; and Henry A., the subject of this sketch.

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Hiram Barrett, eldest brother of the subject, was born in the town of Bedford, N. Y., was educated there in the common schools, and ever since completing his education engaged in farming, which he followed during life. As a Republican, which he always was, he held several of the minor town offices; but he was never in any sense of the word an office seeker. By his wife, Mary A., he had the following children: Frederick St. John, Loretta, Phebe, Clara and Elizabeth, all bright, intelligent children. Hiram Barrett died December 14, 1897, preceded to the unseen world by his wife.

CHARLES H. LOUNSBURY. The subject of this sketch is the senior member of the well-known firm, Lounsbury & Soule, manufacturers of shoes. He was born in Stamford, Conn., August 19, 1839, son of George and Louisa (Scofield) Lounsbury, and grandson of Silas Lounsbury, who was a farmer of Stanwich. George Lounsbury was a prominent citizen of Fairfield county. He served as a selectman, assessor, and as a member of the State Legislature. He was engaged in mercantile pursuits at Long Ridge, in the town of Stamford, and later became a farmer. He married Miss Louisa Scofield, daughter of Benjamin Scofield. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lounsbury: Mary, who married Seth S. Cook; Sarah, who married James H. Rowland; Susan, widow of Philip Clark; Harriet (deceased); George, who was master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of Illinois, and who is now deceased; Charles H., subject of this sketch; Jane E.; and Elizabeth, deceased. Mrs. Lounsbury, the mother, is still living at the age of ninety-two.

Charles H. Lounsbury spent his boyhood days at Long Ridge, and at the age of nineteen years entered into partnership with Scofield & Cook. Three years later, in 1861, F. B. Scofield retired, and the business was then continued under the firm name of Cook & Lounsbury, until 1884, when changes in the general trade made a re-organization desirable. The first step was the removal of the business' rural remoteness to the populous end of the town and to the vicinity of the railroad tracks. At the same time George H. Soule, who had been connected with the sales department, was admitted to the firm, and the senior member, Seth S. Cook, withdrew, the firm name becoming Lounsbury & Soule. The following year the firm took possession of its new and present factory on Broad street, equipped with the most improved machinery. In 1894 the firm purchased a retail store at No. 26 Atlantic street, and there, under the name of the Stamford Shoe Company, conducts a retail business.

Mr. Lounsbury was married in Stamford to Miss Anna Perry Samuel, a native of St. Louis, Mo. They have three children: Alice, Mary and Louise, the latter of whom is Mrs. William P. Hudson, and the mother of two children—Florence and Charles H. L. Mr. Lounsbury is a prominent member of Union Lodge, F. & A. M. In politics he is a Republican. He has been a member of the board of burgesses and of the city council. He is at present president of the Stamford Board of Trade, and has been prominently identified in all movements for public improvement and benefit. He is a director of the Stamford Trust Company and of the Stamford Savings Bank, and is secretary of the Gas and Electric Company.

GEORGE W. HOLMES, one of the leading well-to-do farmers of the town of Stratford, is the owner of one of the best farms in his locality.

A native of Connecticut, Mr. Holmes was born March 25, 1838, in the city of Bridgeport, whence he was brought to Stratford by his parents when young. In the latter borough he received a liberal education, attending the old Stratford Academy, after which he worked on farms and in factories, for some six years making his home in Nichols, town of Trumbull, Fairfield county. About 1886 he came to the farm of Benjamin Wheeler, who was his uncle, but on January 7, 1897, Mr. Wheeler died, leaving Mr. Holmes, by will, his present farm. The place comprises some fifty acres of land, and is under a good state of cultivation.

In April, 1863, Mr. Holmes married Miss Sarah E. Lathrop, who was born in the East, and two children have blessed this union, both sons: William, a clerk in a grocery store at Stratford; and George L., who died in 1897. He was junior partner of the firm of Clinton & Holmes, grocers of Stratford, who have two stores in the place. The mother of these passed from earth November 6, 1892, and June 21, 1894, Mr. Holmes wedded Miss Carrie B. Plumb, a daughter of Orange B. Plumb, of Nichols, this county. On May 15, 1895, a son, Pelton Plumb Holmes, was born, who died August 17, 1895. In religious faith our subject and his wife are Methodists; in politics he is a Democrat.

William Holmes, father of George W., was born in Vermont, and when fourteen years of age he left home to make his own way in the world.

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For several years he drove the mail stage through Connecticut, finally settling in Stratford, where he died. He married Abigail Coley, daughter of Sturgis Coley, of Weston, this county, and seven children were born to them: George W. is our subject; Benjamin is a carpenter and contractor in Stratford; John E. is a market gardener in Stratford; Alfred B. is a clerk for Clinton & Holmes, of Stratford; Samantha A. married Harvey E. Atwood, of Watertown, Conn.; Lucy wedded Horace Osborn, of Watertown, Conn.; and Priscilla is single. All are yet living.

NATHAN BULKLEY CURTISS. This well known business man of Bridgeport, is deserving of especial notice as an enterprising citizen whose influence is always cast upon the side of progress.

Mr. Curtiss comes of good pioneer stock, his ancestors having been among the first settlers of this county, and a more complete account of the early generations of the family is given elsewhere. William Curtiss, the first of the name to come to America, left England in 1632 in the ship "Lion," and made his home in Roxbury, Mass., where he died late in the year 1634. Our subject traces his descent from this worthy pioneer through William (2), who located at Stratford in 1639; Zachariah who died in June, 1748, aged eighty-nine; Zachariah (2), who died June 12, 1748; Mitchell, who was married February 11, 1753, to Phœbe Peet; Daniel Mitchell, who was married June 24, 1779, to Hepsey Burr; Justus Burr, born January 27, 1780, who married Huldah Edwards, of Chestnut Hill, this county; and Elliott Plumb Curtiss, the father of our subject. Three of our subject's ancestors served in the war of the Revolution with distinction, each receiving an honorable discharge at its close.

The late Elliott P. Curtiss was born April 22, 1814, at Nichols, this county, where the greater portion of his life was spent. In his youth he became interested in the business of manufacturing saddletrees, then a prosperous industry at Nichols, and for one year he worked at his trade in St. Louis, Mo. When the factory at Nichols was abandoned he engaged in farming, which he continued until his death, on March 10, 1896. He was prominent in local affairs, being a member of the militia for many years, and he was especially active in religious movements, having been one of the founders and builders of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Nichols. He married Miss Clarissa Bulkley, of Greenfield Hill, and had five children, our subject being the youngest; the others were: Hamilton died in infancy; Lizzie did not live to adult age; Isabel married Horace P. Nichols of Nichols; and Elliott Plumb, Jr., deceased, resided for some time at No. 224 Kossuth street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Our subject was born May 14, 1857, at the old homestead in Nichols, and was educated in the schools of that neighborhood. At the age of twenty-one he was employed by Lewis W. Booth, a druggist in Wall street, Bridgeport, with whom he remained three years, and later he spent three years in the grocery business at Shelton. He then formed a partnership with his brother under the firm name of Curtiss Brothers, and for ten years they carried on an extensive business as plumbers and dealers in stoves and furnaces. His health failing, Mr. Curtiss gave up active work for five years, remaining in Nichols during that time and interesting himself in town politics. His popularity made him an enviable candidate for local office, and he served as assessor and school visitor for some time, performing his duties with characteristic faithfulness. In the fall of 1897 he engaged in business at No. 173 East Main street, Bridgeport, in partnership with Abram Wellington, and they conduct an extensive trade as plumbers, dealing also in stoves, furnaces and similar goods. On October 20, 1882, Mr. Curtiss was married at Cornwall Bridge, Litchfield Co., Conn., to Miss Mary Ann Gilbert, daughter of Rev. William T. Gilbert, a Methodist clergyman. Four children have blessed this union: Clifford Gilbert; Elizabeth Bulkley; John Burr; and Cornelia, who died in infancy. Mr. Curtiss and his wife are popular socially, and are leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Nichols.

BLAKEMAN OR BLACKMAN FAMILY has been identified with this section from pioneer times, its head, Rev. Adam Blakeman, having located at Stratford in the spring of 1639. It has been stated that there were settlers at that point as early as 1638, but according to the best authority Rev. Adam Blakeman, with his wife Jane and their six children, constituted one of the first seventeen families to locate there, the little colony numbering sixty-five persons in all. This worthy pioneer was born in 1598, in Staffordshire, England, and on May 28, 1617, in his nineteenth year, entered Christ's College, where he pursued a course of study. For some time he preached in the counties of Leicester and Derby and about 1638 he came to America. His death occurred in September, 1665, when he was sixty-seven years of age, and his widow died in 1674.

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aged seventy-four years. They had one daughter, Mary, and five sons, John, James, Samuel, Deliverance and Benjamin.

Of the second generation, (1) Mary was born in 1636, and in 1651, when only fifteen years old, married Joshua Atwater, of New Haven, who seems to have purchased considerable property at Stratford and to have resided there for some time, but later he removed to Boston, where he died in 1676, leaving several children. The widow afterward married Rev. John Higginson, then of Salem, Mass., but formerly assistant to Rev. Henry Whitfield in England and in Guilford, Conn.; his first wife was a daughter of Mr. Whitfield. Mr. Higginson was an interpreter of the Indian language while in Connecticut, and prepared a valuable paper in the settlement of the claims of Stratford territory in 1639, in which year he removed to Salem. He died in 1708 and his widow died March 9, 1709. Her character is effectively described as an example of the noble women of that day in a paper entitled "Thoughts on the Sleep of Death," by Cotton Mather, D. D., in 1712. (2) John and (3) James will be mentioned more fully below, as this sketch deals chiefly with their descendants. (4) Samuel was married in November, 1660, to Elizabeth, daughter of Moses Wheeler, and died in 1668. His widow was married in 1670 to Jacob Walker, a lawyer, who was a son of Robert Walker, of Boston, and a brother of Rev. Zachariah Walker, pastor of the Second Congregational Church of Stratford, later of Woodbury. Samuel Blakeman had four children: a son, born in 1661, died unnamed; Abigail, born December 11, 1663, married Hezekiah Dickenson in 1697, and later Thomas Ingersoll, of Springfield, Mass., and died in 1719; Adam, born September 14, 1665, and Johannah, born December 4, 1667. (5) Deliverance was a heedless youth, causing his mother and others much trouble, but afterward corrected his ways. About 1685 he married Hannah Bonfield, and made his home in Stonington; his death occurred in April, 1702. He had three children—(1) Adam, baptised in May, 1687; (2) Hannah, baptised in March, 1693-94, and (3) James, baptized in 1696, who married Abigail, daughter of Daniel and Deborah Beardsley, and in 1731 both were members of the Stratford Church. (1) Adam resided in Stratford in 1708, but later removed to Newark, N. J. He was married, June 9, 1719, to Ruth Beecher, by whom he had the following children—Samuel, born March 4, 1720; Jacob, born January 24, 1721-22 (was married May 22, 1746, to Jemima Nichols, who died in Huntington in 1800, aged eighty-four, and they had one child, Phœbe, Mrs. Joseph Pulford, baptized July 6, 1747); Joshua, born February 14, 1723-24; Samuel, born in 1728; Ruth, baptized in June, 1729; Hannah and Miriam (twins), baptized in May, 1790, in New Jersey; Ephraim, baptized in September, 1734; Dinah, baptized in August, 1732, died in Ripton, in 1806; Jeremiah, baptized in August, 1732, is probably the one mentioned in the records of Ripton for 1781 as having died in Virginia in the army at the age of forty-nine. (6) Rev. Benjamin Blakeman, youngest son of Rev. Adam Blakeman, sought an education after his father's death, in accordance with the wishes of the latter, and in 1663 was graduated from Harvard College. After teaching at Stratford for a few years he entered the ministry. In 1674 he removed to Malden, Mass., where he preached until 1678, and afterward he preached at Scarborough, Saco and Boston. He owned a large tract of land at Saco, and represented that town in the General Court of Massachusetts. He died before 1698. On April 11, 1675, he married Rebecca, daughter of Joshua Scotton, a merchant of Boston, and her death occurred in 1715, at the age of sixty. Their two children were baptized at the Third Church, Boston, the Old South Church: Benjamin, baptized September 13, 1685, died in childhood, and Rebecca, baptized April 14, 1689, was married in June, 1715, to Thomas Goodwill, a shipwright of Boston.

John, eldest son of Rev. Adam Blakeman I, was married about 1653 to Dorothy Smith, daughter of Rev. Henry Smith, of Wethersfield, and made his home in Fairfield, where he died in 1662, leaving three sons, John, Ebenezer and Joseph, all of whom left descendants and are mentioned below. Concerning his widow, Dorothy (Smith) Blakeman, we quote the following: "She appears to have possessed remarkable charms, either of person, intellect or heart, for besides passing through a case of litigation in court for her hand she was married four times, twice after she was over fifty years of age." Rev. Adam Blakeman, who survived his son John, in his will—1665—says: "I give to my daughter (Dorothy) Blakeman if she marry not John Thomas and shall take her friends consent in the matter, or continue a widow, five pounds," and the General Court, October 10, 1665, recorded "The magistrates do order that in case John Thomas and the widow Blakeman do not issue their difference now included on that the said Thomas shall make good his claim to that woman at the next court at Fairfield, otherwise the widow shall have liberty to marry upon this." John Thomas seems to have abandoned his claims instanter, for Francis Hall, of Stratford,

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who had been the attorney for the widow of Rev. Mr. Blakeman in this case before the court, became charmed with his opponent, and married that same month, October 31, 1665, his former wife having died on July 6, previous. Twenty-two years afterward, before the decease of Francis Hall, his son Isaac Hall entered a claim in Fairfield to recover a certain amount of money, which was his own mother's estate at marriage, and guaranteed to her in writing by her husband, Francis Hall, when he sold the estate in England in 1664, the apparent object being to keep it from the possession of the brilliant step-mother. Francis Hall died apparently in Stratford, but this is not certain, in 1690, and his widow Dorothy, still possessing charms too attractive to be confined to widowhood, married Mark Sension (St. John), of Norwalk, who died in 1693, after which she married Dea. Isaac Moore, of Farmington. She died in 1706.

III. John Blakeman, son of John II, married Mary Kimberly, and had one son, Abraham, to whom his property, inventoried at more than 119 pounds sterling, was left in a will dated September 30, 1706, and proved November 18, of the same year.

IV. Abraham Blakeman was born October 25, 1694, and was married February 27, 1717 or '18, to Elizabeth Barton. In 1751 they were residing in Trumbull. They had three children: (1) Abraham, born February 26, 1718 or '19, married Eunice Sarah ———, and had three children—Mehitable, baptized in October, 1743; Phineas, baptized in November, 1745, who married Elizabeth ———, and had one child, Frances Sarah; and Elijah, baptized in June, 1748. (2) Edward, born in April, 1721, married Eunice ———, and had the following children: William, baptized November 19, 1751; John, born in June, 1757; Elizabeth, born in April, 1760; Nehemiah Smith, baptized May 3, 1761, and Nehemiah Smith (2), baptized October 31, 1762. (3) Mabel was born February 1, 1723 or '24.

III. Ebenezer, son of John II, was married first on October 24, 1681, to Patience Wilcoxson, and from this union has descended the Blakeman families of Newtown and Monroe. He was married a second time, on November 3, 1692, to Abigail, daughter of Nathan Curtiss, and his death occurred in 1715. By his first marriage he had four children: Dorothy, born March 18, 1682–83; John born April 4, 1685; Elizabeth, born February 10, 1688 (Mrs. Edward Fairchild); Ebenezer, born August 9, 1693. By his second marriage he had six children: Jonathan, born April 24, 1696; David, born January 6, 1697–98, died in 1703; Abigail, born November 20, 1700, died in March, 1702–03; Nathan, born September 29, 1702; Sarah, born April 3, 1705, and David, born about 1707, dismissed to Ripton Church in 1724, who married Mary ———, and had one child, Hannah, baptized in September, 1734.

IV. John, who settled in Newtown, married Abigail Beers, and had the following children: Martha, born November 29, 1714 (married Abel Botsford); Abigail, born October 1, 1716 (married Samuel Bears or Beers); Sarah, born September 20, 1718, died in June, 1721; John, born September 27, 1720 (married Margery Glover); Ebenezer, born March 3, 1723–24 (married Molly Smith); Joseph, who is mentioned below; and James, born June 1, 1730 (married, first, Huldah Griffin, second, Hester Hitchcox). The father of these died January 25, 1764, aged about seventy-five. Abigail, his wife, died March 27, 1762, aged seventy. His will is dated July 15, 1759, probated January 30, 1764.

V. Joseph, son of John and Abigail (Beers) Blakeman, was born May 23, 1726, and was married October 7, 1757, to Elizabeth Glover, who was born January 28, 1728, daughter of John Glover. She died January 31, 1821, aged ninety-two, and his death occurred April 15, 1817, at the age of ninety-one. His will was made January 1, 1805, and proved May 17, 1817. His children were: Abigail (Mrs. John Turner); Huldah (Mrs. Liffe Sanford); Olive (Mrs. Oliver Summers); Elizabeth, born in 1760, who married James Jessup; Jerusha (Mrs. Elnathan Peck); Joseph, who is mentioned below; Lucy, born in 1769, who married Amos Peck; and Bethiah, born in 1771, who married Elijah Terrill, and died August 19, 1855, aged eighty-four.

VI. Joseph, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Glover) Blakeman, was born April 29, 1762, married Huldah Toucey, granddaughter of Rev. Thomas Toucey, a grandson of Richard Toucey, who came from Towsland, England, to Wethersfield, Conn., about 1635. She was born August 10, 1774, and died August 10, 1837, and his death occurred October 11, 1844. His will was made February 18, 1842, and proved December 5, 1844. Of his children, (1) James Glover, born March 3, 1797, died February 11, 1842. (2) John Toucey, born October 15, 1798, died November 7, 1823, leaving a widow, Sally (daughter of John and Sally Hatch Baldwin), and one child, Sally Delia. His widow afterward became the second wife of Chauncey Noble (son of David and Jerusha Bull Noble), whose first wife was Caroline Boardman. (3) Ziba, born October 25, 1800, is mentioned in the next paragraph. (4) Donald, born September 15, 1804, was married

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February 10, 1833, to Louisa Platt. (5) Joseph, born September 19, 1806, is mentioned more fully below. (6) Maria, born May 21, 1809, married first Abner P. Blakeslee, of Plymouth, Conn., and about 1850 they removed with their eight children from Newtown to Iowa. Her second husband was Samuel Fuller. She resided in Iowa twenty-eight years, and died at DesMoines November 16, 1883. Her children were Delia, who died at Davenport, Iowa; James; Emily (Mrs. Henry J. Ferguson); John; Joseph, who married Mary J———; Jeannette (Mrs. Dr. H. C. Darner); Elizabeth and David. (7) Delia, youngest child of Joseph VI, died at the age of eight years.

VII. In this branch of the family we will mention especially in this generation (3) Ziba and (5) Joseph, sons of Joseph VI. Ziba was married May 28, 1823, to Augusta, daughter of Ziba Blakeslee. She was born April 15, 1805, and died May 28, 1885, and his death occurred March 28, 1875. Of their children, (1) Sarah Maria was born May 24, 1824. (2) Huldah Delia, born July 1, 1826, died March 11, 1827. (3) Eliza Jane (1), born May 22, 1828, died January 22, 1832. (4) John Toucey, born September 27, 1830, died October 23, 1857. (5) Eliza Jane (2), born January 26, 1833, was married May 17, 1855, to Delos B. Smith, and died August 15, 1861. (6) Mary Augusta, born November 15, 1836, was married August 18, 1859, to William H. Taylor, and died July 4, 1877, at Oakland, Cal. (7) Martha Theresa, born November 10, 1839, died November 23, 1844. (8) Harriet Brown, born May 22, 1841, was married September 10, 1860, to James M. W. Terney, and had one daughter Maud, now Mrs. Ammon Taylor. (9) Sarah was married May 1, 1844, to Dr. Monroe Judson, and died February 25, 1867.

VII. Joseph, fifth child of Joseph VI, born September 19, 1806, was married on Christmas Eve, 1836, at Trinity Church, Newtown, by Rev. S. C. Stratton, to Mary (Botsford) Bailey, daughter of Theophilus Botsford. She was born December 25, 1811, and died February 28, 1872, and his death occurred June 3, 1885. Of their children—(1) Julia Esther, born July 1, 1843, died November 11, 1862. (2) Miss Ann E., born July 14, 1844, is a highly esteemed resident of Newtown. (3) Joseph A., born May 9, 1846, was married March 5, 1867, to Mary Eliza Warner, daughter of Henry S. and Eliza (Hill) Warner, of New Milford, Conn. They have had seven children: William, born September 18, 1868; Joseph H., born January 18, 1870, died October 27, 1872; Mary Eliza, born October 6, 1872; Stanley Joseph, born April 27, 1875; Albert Francis, born June 13, 1881; Henry Warner, born August 2, 1884, and Eva Hutchinson, born June 25, 1886. (4) Mary F., born February 16, 1851, at Newtown, was married September 11, 1879, to Rev. Francis Walter Barnett, who was born at West Haven, Conn., December 26, 1849. They have had four children, who were born at North Canaan, Litchfield Co., Conn., at the dates given: Francis Blackman, May 29, 1882; Mary Pritchard, March 20, 1886; Joseph Noyes, March 21, 1891, and William Edward, October 8, 1893.

IV. Ebenezer, son of Ebenezer III, left a will dated May 28, 1753, and proved June 23, 1753, in which he names his wife Mehitabel and the following children: (1) Samuel was born September 22, 1726. (2) Ebenezer was born May 1, 1728. (3) Abigail (Mrs. Wooster) was born January 28, 1729–30. (4) Jonas, a resident of Huntington, married Elizabeth Smith, and had five children—Lemuel, Jerod, Charity, Anna and Betsey. (5) Peter was married October 18, 1746, to Abigail Beers, and they had three children—Eunice, born June 10, 1747; John, born July 5–15, 1749, both of whom were baptized at Greenfield Hill, and Nabby, born February 16, 1755. (6) Enoch was married (first) on July 5, 1782, to Abby Clarke, who died at Huntington, in 1802, aged forty-two, and (second) to ——— Covell. He had five children—Nathan Clarke, born December 27, 1782; Abby Betty, born November 6, 1784; Enoch, born in 1785; Jane Charlotte, born March 21, 1787, and Elizabeth Sarah, born December 16, 1789. (7) Nathaniel appears to have left no record.

IV. Jonathan, son of Ebenezer III and Abigail Curtis, was married December 20, 1722, to Mary Beecher, and they were dismissed to the Ripton Church in 1724. They had one son, William, baptized in October, 1723, died in Ripton in 1802, aged seventy-nine.

IV. Nathan, son of Ebenezer III and Abigail Curtis, was married December 20, 1732, to Sarah, daughter of Samuel Wells, and settled in Monroe. They had five children—Eunice, born October 8, 1733; Sarah, baptized in July, 1735; Gersham or Gurdon, baptized in April, 1737; Ephraim, born in 1746, who is mentioned again; and David Wells, born in 1748, died in 1784.

V. Ephraim, a resident of Monroe, was married in 1777 to Sarah, daughter of John Willcoxson. She died in 1828, aged seventy-one, and his death occurred in 1811, at the age of sixty-five. They had eight children: Augur, Sarah, Lemuel (who married Rebecca Wells), John, Eli, Philo, Ira and Rufus (a physician at Greenfield Hill). This ends the record of the descendants

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of Ebenezer III, and we will now trace that of Joseph III, youngest son of John II and Dorothy Smith.

III. Joseph Blakeman was a cooper by trade. He was married on July 14, 1674, to Hannah Hall, who was living in 1701. She was a daughter of Francis Hall, who married Dorothy Smith Blakeman for his second wife. Joseph and Hannah Blakeman had seven children: (1) Joseph, born April 12, 1675, was married first on September 14, 1697, to Elizabeth Seeley, and second on January 27, 1704 or '5, to Hester Wheeler. His children were Sinasah and Andrew, both baptized in April, 1723; Ephraim, baptized November 3, 1723, and John, who was baptized in 1731, at the age of eighteen. (2) John, born in 1677, was married April 29, 1701, to Jemima Holibert, of Fairfield, and died in 1732. They probably resided in Fairfield, and they had five children—John; Adam; Jemimah; Ebenezer, who was born in 1729, and died in Huntington in 1789; and Peter, born in 1725. (3) Josiah was married November 5, 1735, to Judith Cady. He had three children—Nathaniel Cady, born March 27, 1737; Charity, born May 6, 1742, and Benajah, born December 12, 1743. (4) Samuel appears to have left no record. (5) Abigail, born August 12, 1680, was married previous to 1701, to William Smith, of Stratford. (6) Rebecca was married in December, 1708, to William Curtis. (7) Benjamin was married March 26, 1706, to Rebecca Smith. This completes the list of descendants of John II, and the remainder of the sketch is devoted to those of James, the third child of Rev. Adam Blakeman.

II. James Blakeman was a farmer and miller by occupation. He purchased first the tide mill at the Eagle's Nest, and then the one at Old Mill Green, but he afterward sold out and removed to the Near Mill River, and built the first mill at what is now called Peck's Mills, receiving a large grant of land from the town to recompense him in part. He was one of the most active business men of that locality in his day. In 1657 he married his first wife, Miriam, daughter of Moses Wheeler, and in April, 1708, he married Bathsheba, daughter of Stephen Pensin, of Derby. His last days were spent at Farmill, where he built a mill, and he was probably buried on the top of the hill north of the present paper-mill there. His will was dated at Orenoque July 18, 1689, and proved November 7, 1689, the estate being inventoried at 402 pounds 18 shillings. His children were—Sarah, born April 25, 1658, wife of John Todd, of New Haven; Mary, born April 21, 1661 (Mrs. Seale); Hannah, born January 21, 1664 (Mrs. Gilbert); Jane, born October 26, 1668, and married June 12, 1687, to Joseph Russell, of New Haven; Miriam, born February 8, 1670 (Mrs. Joseph Northrup); Zachariah, born May 26, 1678, who is mentioned below; Adam, born January 1, 1683, and married April 6, 1708, to Bathsheba Pierce, of Derby; James, born December 4, 1686, and died unmarried, leaving his property to his brothers, Zachariah and Adam, in a nuncupate will presented for probate May 24, 1709, in which he also mentions his sisters, Jane Clarke, Miriam Smith and Martha Stebbins; Elizabeth; and Martha (Mrs. Stebbins).

III. Zachariah, son of James II and Miriam Wheeler, was married December 24, 1704, to his first wife, Elizabeth Denman, of Derby. She died in 1732, and on June 19, 1733, he married Mrs. Dinah Sherman, of New Haven. His death occurred July 11, 1779. He had four children: Mary, born September 2, 1705 (Mrs. Ebenezer Coe); Elizabeth, born July 28, 1708; James, born October 28, 1713, and Zachariah, born July 14, 1720.

IV. Zachariah married Elizabeth Hull, and died March 23, 17—. He probably removed to Unity in his later years. His children were Abijah, baptized in November, 1750; Zachariah, born about 1753; Mary, baptized in March, 1756; Elizabeth, born July 28, 1768, who married John Burritt, and removed to Monroe, and Mercy, who married Agur Curtis.

V. Zachariah died April 23, 1835, aged eighty-two. He was married (first) on November 12, 1777, to Anna Hawley, of North Stratford, who died March 23, 1789, and he afterward married Sarah Beard. By his first marriage he had six children: Abijah, born September 17, 1778, died in August, 1807; Sarah, born February 16, 1780, died May 10, 1782; Philo, born January 1, 1782, was married in 1811 to Hepsa Wooster, and settled in New York State, where he died in 1830; Sarah, born June 25, 1784, married Eli Curtiss; Treat, born June 29, 1786, is mentioned below; Robert, born May 16, 1788, died July 11, 1788. By the second marriage there were three children: Elizabeth (Mrs. David C. Booth); David and Beard, baptized in April, 1799, died July 15, 1875.

VI. Treat, son of Zachariah and Anna (Hawley) Blakeman, was married January 8, 1811, to his first wife, Hannah Birdsey, who was born January 16, 1790, the daughter of Ezra Birdsey, and died June 20, 1849, aged fifty-nine years and five months. In November, 1850, he married Rebecca Ann Wills, who died August 20, 1873, aged eighty-four. His death occurred August 1, 1877, at the age of ninety-one years and

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one month. Of his four children, Abijah, born June 21, 1812, was married November 15, 1836, to Sarah Tomlinson; Mary Ann, born February 25, 1819, was married June 3, 1846, to S. P. Tomlinson; Birdsey, born January 25, 1824, is mentioned below; and Benjamin, born June 12, 1826, was married October 25, 1848, to Caroline Fairchild.

VII. Birdsey Blakeman, son of Treat and Hannah Blakeman, married Ann Maria Tomlinson, and had five children: (1) Frederic Tomlinson, born November 30, 1850, died November 5, 1873; (2) Marianna, born March 15, 1852, was married June 21, 1881, to John V. B. Lewis, and has had one daughter, Anna Blakeman Lewis (born February 2, 1883); (3) Theodore, born August 26, 1856, died October 22, 1856; (4) Louis Henry, born May 30, 1858, was married October 4, 1881, to Eleanor Leal Greenleaf, and has had one son, Frederic Tomlinson Blakeman (born July 25, 1883); and (5) Emily Morrison, born October 6, 1863, died March 8, 1868.

Timothy Blakeman, married Buela ——. Chil.: Huldah, baptized May, 1737; Zadoc, baptized July, 1739; Timothy, baptized September, 1741; Abel, November 22, 1748, in Trumbull; Benjamin, baptized January 10, 1753; Diantha, baptized March 1, 1758.

John Blakeman married Martha ———, and (second) Eunice Worden, September 28, 1750. Chil.: Andrew, born January 3, 1740; Josiah, born April 28, 1741; Sarah, born March 25, 1743; Martha, born March 1, 1749. By second wife: Martha, baptized March 29, 1752; one unnamed, baptized November, 1753, in Trumbull; Mary, baptized April, 1756.

James Blakeman married Sarah Hawley, of North Stratford, January, 1773. She died in 1775, aged twenty-six years. He married (second) Widow Ann (Beard) Curtiss, in May, 1784. She died in 1843, aged eighty-one years. He died in 1835, aged eighty-eight years. Of his children, Miller, born October, 1773, died in 1781. Sarah was born December, 1775. By second wife: Eben, born February, 1785, married Sarah Wheeler in 1809; Anna, born August, 1787; Ard, born June, 1789; Catee, baptized November, 1794.

Asa Blakeman married Hannah Curtiss, 1791. She died in Huntington in 1799, aged twenty-seven years. He married (second) Betsey Wheeler in 1803. He was born in 1765, and died in 1813. Children: Louisa, born 1792; Ursula, born 1793; Alanson Curtiss, born 1794; Melissa, born 1795.

Elijah Blakeman married Mary Hubbell, April 27, 1807. She died November 22, 1809. He married (second) Abiah Curtiss, August 26, 1810. Chil. by this wife: Henry, born May 3, 1811; Phineas, born February 16, 1813; Curtiss, born September 22, 1814.

John Glover, probable son of John of New Haven, was in Stratford as early as 1702. He married, November 27, 1700, Mrs. Margery Hubbard, of New Haven. She died in March, 1703-4. He married widow Bethia Bickley, July, 1767. She was the daughter of Benjamin Beach. "John Glover, joiner, of Newtown, Conn., in 1711 sells to Mr. Moss his lands in Stratford." Children: John, born December 30, 1701; Henry, born October 3, 1703. By wife Bethia: Benjamin, born May, 1708.

ANDREW J. PALMER is one of the progressive business men of Sound Beach, whose energies are devoted to the oyster business, and by his ability, enterprise and upright methods he has established for himself an enviable reputation. Although he is comparatively a young man, he has already won a success in his chosen calling.

On his father's old homestead at Sound Beach, Mr. Palmer was born June 18, 1863, a son of Isaac B. and Armenia (Jones) Palmer, and in the district schools of that village he acquired his education. At the age of fourteen years he left home and began the battle of life for himself as a gardener's helper for a Mr. Hhout, in Stamford township, Fairfield county. Later he worked for Hanford Briggs as a farm hand at $15 per month, spending the winters at home and attending school. At the age of sixteen he became interested in the oyster business, and after working for others for one year, he went to New York City, where for a year and a half he was employed in the round house of the Sixth Avenue Elevated railway. The following two years he was fireman on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, and gave up that position simply on account of failing health. He then worked at oystering until his health improved, when he returned to the Sixth Avenue Elevated Railway Company, New York, and remained with that company nearly two years, working his way upward to night engine dispatcher, with four hundred men under him. Returning to Sound Beach, he embarked in the oyster business on his own account, and so successful has he been that he is now quite extensively engaged in oyster growing, and owns considerable grounds.

On February 16, 1893, Mr. Palmer was married at Stamford to Miss Alice Davis, who was born and reared at that place, and is a daughter of Theodore and Phœbe (Bedell) Davis. The same

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year of his marriage Mr. Palmer built a pleasant residence at Sound Beach, where he has since made his home. He has always been an ardent Republican in politics, but not an office seeker. Socially, he belongs to Empire Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Greenwich; his wife is a member of the Congregational Church.

SETH STEVENS DANN is one of Stamford's most enterprising and successful business men, and in addition to extensive agricultural operations he has carried on a large trade as a cooper, also acted as local agent for the Cove Mills, while since 1889 he has been a successful manager of the Mount Pleasant Dairy in Stamford.

Mr. Dann was born February 19, 1830, at Hunting Ridge, in the town of Stamford, where his family settled in Colonial times. Squire Dann, our subject's grandfather, who served as a soldier in the Revolutionary army, was a resident of Hunting Ridge, and he and his wife, whose maiden name was Rachel Lockwood, were much respected in the neighborhood. Jonathan Dann, the father of our subject, was born at the old homestead at Hunting Ridge, and his life was spent in agricultural pursuits in that locality. In politics he was a Whig, and he took great interest in religious work as a leading member of the Methodist Church near his home. He also served in the war of 1812. He married Miss Mary Stevens, a daughter of Jacob Stevens, and had a large family of children, as follows: George, the eldest, located in Wisconsin, and was very successful in business; Julia is deceased; William resides in California; Emeline is deceased; Sellick and Charles are residents of Stamford; Ann Eliza is a resident of Wisconsin; Henry is deceased; Joseph, whose occupation in his younger days was that of school teacher, later was engaged quite extensively in the brick business in Wisconsin; Betsey is deceased; and Seth S. is our subject. There were thirty-two grandchildren who came to majority, among whom were three doctors and three school teachers.

Mr. Dann, our subject, remained at the old home until he reached his majority, his education being obtained in the local schools. On December 28, 1851, he was married in North Stamford to Miss Mary Slater, daughter of Charles Slater, a prominent citizen of that locality, and soon after his marriage he made his home upon a farm adjoining his father's estate, which he now owns. Later he removed to another farm on Hunting Ridge, and since September, 1889, he has resided at what was formerly known as the Alfred Hoyt farm in Stamford. For twenty-five years he was the agent of the Cove Mills, and the greater portion of the product of his cooper shop was disposed of to that company, the remainder going to New York City. While he is not a politician, he takes much interest in public questions, and is a stanch supporter of Republican principles. In religious faith he is a Methodist and for many years he has been a prominent member of the local society of that denomination.

His first wife passed to the unseen world June 23, 1861, and November 22, 1862, Mr. Dann married Miss Emily Jane Webb, daughter of Alfred and Sarah (Weed) Webb, well-known residents of Stamford. By his first marriage he had two children: (1) Sarah A., who married John W. Holly, to whom three sons were born—Roy and Howard (both born in Wisconsin), and Walter; and (2) Valaria O., a school teacher, who married W. M. Holly, brother to John W., and they have one son—Willie Mason. John W. and W. M. Holly are sons of Charles Holly, a much respected and successful farmer. By his second marriage Mr. Dann has one son, Herbert Irving, a prominent young agriculturist and dairyman of Stamford, who owns and operates the W. H. Weed farm. He was reared to farm work under his father's direction, remaining at the old home on Hunting Ridge until he reached the age of sixteen, and was given the best educational privileges to be found in the vicinity, graduating in 1893 from the high school at Stamford. During the past year he has devoted considerable attention to general farming, but for four years he has been chiefly interested in dairying, in connection with the Mount Pleasant Dairy, which is now the largest business of the kind in Stamford. He was married April 28, 1898, to Miss Nellie Lounsbury, daughter of James H. and Cecelia E. Lounsbury, of Stamford.

C. A. MEEKER. When one reaches, in years, the age anywhere beyond the three-score limit, there can be no keener satisfaction than that given by a life of usefulness, spent in contented labor in one's appointed sphere, and marked by the approval of one's own conscience and the respect and affection of those with whom one's lot is cast. To an agricultural worker, living "close to Nature's heart," such a retrospect must show long years of peaceful routine toil; and assuredly this is the case with the subject of this sketch, who is considered, by all in the position to know, to be unexcelled, if equalled, in

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the State of Connecticut as an all-round agriculturist and scientific farmer.

Mr. Meeker is a native of the State, born February 1, 1832, a son of Aaron and Abigail Platt (Saunders) Meeker, the former of whom was an oysterman by occupation, and throughout his brief life "followed the water." He died in October, 1833, at the early age of twenty-seven years, leaving a widow and three children: Aaron, who was a shoemaker by trade, and died in Southport, leaving a son and a daughter; David, a resident of New Jersey; and C. A., our subject. The widowed mother subsequently married Nehemiah Jennings (a sketch of whom appears elsewhere), and by him had a numerous family.

C. A. Meeker received but a slender education, not many months altogether, as his attendance at school was limited many times to three winter months, sometimes not even that, and when he was fourteen his schooling ceased. He lived with different farmers, was always industrious and steady, and for nearly three years was with Capt. Ed Taylor, at Greens Farms. Locating at Westport, he followed farming at times, also oystering, and being a skilled oarsman he frequently put to sea in a gale when others would not even venture. He made money, and as he was also a good shot he often brought in quail along with oysters—combining business with pleasure. In 1863 Mr. Meeker enlisted in Company C, 28th Conn. V. I., saw first duty in Florida, and participated in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged up to Port Hudson, La., where he was taken prisoner, and held twenty-eight days, after which he rejoined his regiment. He served one year, and in September, 1864, he was honorably discharged and returned home to his farm work.

In 1866 he bought a lot at Westport for $1,200, paying $200 in cash, which he had made in two weeks' oystering. He leased other land, and in 1884 he began farming on Sasco Hill, at Meeker's Point. He commenced with twenty-five acres, which he secured in a business transaction, one year later removing to Meeker's Point, and by later purchase he now has fifty-six acres of the best land obtainable in the vicinity of Southport, and for which he claims he has refused $1,000 per acre. He built his residence upon one of the most delightful locations on Long Island Sound, situated as it is on a knoll and point of land commanding a magnificent view of the Sound as far as the eye can reach, both east and west, and easily as far as the Long Island shore, opposite. He has also put up other dwellings in Southport, which he still owns, and moreover is the possessor of several farms in Southington, all under a high state of cultivation. So thoroughly versed is he in the art of farming, both scientific and practical, and so thorough a master is he of all the details connected with it, that he confidently asserts, and without fear of challenge, that he can take any one of the thousand of abandoned farms in Connecticut, and make money out of it.

Mr. Meeker has been twice married, first time in 1853, before he was twenty-two years of age, to Miss Frances J. Northrup, daughter of Alvin and Sarah (McKinnon) Northrup, a sketch of whom appears elswhere, and children as follows were born to them: Hattie E. (Mrs. John J. Lee), of Newark, N. J.; Frank M., of East Bridgeport; John H., of Southington, Conn.; Jennie (Mrs. Charles Parsell), of Southington; Louise (Mrs. Fred Parsell), also of Southington; Freddy, deceased at the age of eleven years; Mary, deceased at five; and Charles A., Jr. The mother of these died March 13, 1875, and June 11, 1877, Mr. Meeker wedded Miss Sarah E. Hubbell, a native of Greenfield, Conn., but reared in Fairfield, a daughter of William and Mary (Sturgis) Hubbell. By this marriage there is one son, Henry H., at home with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Meeker are consistent members of the Methodist Church at Southport, of which he is trustee. "In the village one of the most active, enterprising and noblest hearted men is C. A. Meeker. But for his sagacity, enterprise and generosity, the new M. E. Church would hardly have been a possibility at this time. It was he who had the forethought and courage to purchase the site for the new church, on his own responsibility, in order to make certain of securing an advantageous location, a site that is now deemed by many the finest for the purpose." In his political predilections Mr. Meeker was originally a Democrat, but after casting a few votes in the interest of that party he joined the Republican ranks, and has ever since been one of its stanchest supporters. He has frequently been offered nominations for office, but he has invariably declined such honors and his time and attention are completely absorbed with his farm work.

Not alone is Mr. Meeker a scientific and practical farmer, second to none in the State, but he is also an inventor of no little fame, his ability in that line being directed, as would naturally be expected, to agricultural implements. In 1879, the Fairfield Agricultural Society gave him a diploma for a harrow which he invented, and which has become one of the most popular and valuable farm tools in existence. Inde d, his inventive genius has contributed several farm implements

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to the country, his greatest reward being the appreciation he finds everywhere for their usefulness. He, himself, is among the foremost in having on his premises up-to-date machinery of the best make, which, no doubt, in a great measure accounts for his unqualified success as a grower of crops, and as producer of potatoes and onions, which require the highest class of farming. In this specialty he is one of the best known growers in Connecticut. As a business man, also, his integrity is on a par with his pre-eminence as an agriculturist, and he is, withal, a man of almost inexhaustible energy and irrepressible industry.

Mr. Meeker has always been an original thinker, and an investigator working along with independent lines, He is one of the self-made men of our times, and in business matters has proven himself to be a man of unusual foresight.

CHARLES H. HARTMANN (deceased). Much indeed has been written and said about "what we owe the Mother country," but in very truth we owe much more that is substantial and real to the Fatherland, for the class of citizens she has given us. Among our citizens most useful in peace, most loyal in times of trouble, and at all times ready and willing to advance the interests of our country, are the German-Americans. Not that they have forgotten their old home, nor that they love it less, but because of the manly principles engendered in the minds and hearts by the educational system there, and we have Germany to thank for much that is good in America. To this class of citizens belonged the late Charles H. Hartmann, a native of Neuftardt-en-Hardt, Germany, born May 11, 1844, a son of George Frederick and Elizabeth (Prinz) Hartmann.

George Frederick Hartmann was a native of Germany, where he always made his home. For years he conducted a large wine business, and was ranked among the wealthy citizens in his home. He married Elizabeth Prinz, of the same place. In the family of children that resulted from this union, was Charles H., who early learned the details necessary to the brewing of beer. His education was all received in his native country, and the thorough systematic habits taught in the German schools fully disciplined him for the struggle in life's battles that ultimately placed him in the front rank of citizenship in this country, noted for his business ability and for his success as a financier.

When twenty-one years of age (1866) our subject came to this country, landing in New York City. He was literally without a dollar, but armed only with a pair of stout hands and a willingness to work to earn an honest livelihood, he started out in the New World. He first worked for Conrad Stein, later entering the employ of the Crescent Brewing Company, of New York City. His next employment was at Morrisania (now called Morris), Otsego Co., N. Y., where he served in the capacity of foreman of a brewery, and then for six years he carried on a successful business for himself at a saloon on First avenue, between 58th and 59th streets. This he closed out in order to become foreman for the A. Hepfull Brewing Company, of New York, with which concern he remained four years. At the end of this time he determined to enter business for himself again, and much against the wishes of his employers he resigned. Then in 1888, he came to Bridgeport, Conn., and bought out the Bridgeport Brewing Company, afterward known as the C. H. Hartmann Brewery, which controlled the largest trade in this section of the country. This plant he improved and enlarged, until at the time of his death he had the largest in the country.

On August 28, 1872, Mr. Hartmann was united in marriage with Susanna, daughter of Ludwig and Margaret Schonsiegel, of Neuftardt-en-Hardt, Germany, the former a prominent painter of that place. Mrs. Hartmann came to this country some time before her marriage, landing at New York, November 7, 1871. The happy home of our subject and his noble wife was brightened by twelve children, five of whom are living: Fritz, Margaretta, Charles H., William and Annie.

Mr. Hartmann's success in life was due wholly to his own exertions. The honesty, industry and frugality inherent in his race were his only aids, and his remarkable success makes him truly one of our self-made men. At his death he left an estate of at least $150,000. His employes had for him that respect which a just but kind-hearted employer always inspires, and he was accustomed to look upon them, not as mere machines that run so many hours per day, but as men, and among them he had many warm personal friends. With the mind to see, and the ability to execute, his business affairs were always in good shape and his executors found little to do. Socially, he was a member of the Brewing Masters, Odd Fellows, Heine Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Bavarians, Germania, and in fact, of all the German lodges and societies in Connecticut.

When on January 30, 1896, the rumor spread that Charles H. Hartmann was dead, it seemed as if the entire city was in mourning, so well was

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he known, and so greatly was he beloved. Long months of pain and suffering left no trace on his disposition, and the callers in the sick room could not realize that their sunny, genial friend was slowly dying, bearing his intense suffering without a single complaint, ever as thoughtful for those around him as in the days of his health. At the last the end came peacefully, and the well-known smile still hovered about the lips that would speak no more. Long before the hour of the funeral great throngs of people crowded the street, and it is estimated that over three thousand persons were in attendance, and among them, very, very few who came but because of a friendly interest in the deceased. Banked with flowers the casket lay in state as hundreds passed slowly by to catch the last glimpse of that kindly face; those whom his generosity had aided came in large numbers, and with them those who were proud to be called his "friends." Quiet and attentive, the dense crowds listened to the impressive services at the house, and again at the grave, and at the close, all that was mortal of Charles H. Hartmann was consigned to its last resting place; and amid the solemn stillness there seemed to be spoken in comforting tones:

"Life is ever Lord of Death, and Love can never lose its own."

The faithful wife, whose loving ministrations soothed his last hours, is still living with her children in a handsome home on the East side, devoted to her family, and, as only a true woman can, is carrying on the charitable work begun by her noble husband.

JOHN M. HAWLEY, the leading merchant tailor of Bridgeport, is a member of one of the oldest and most highly esteemed families of Fairfield county, and his excellent standing as a citizen shows that he is worthy of his ancestry.

The family originated in England, the first to cross the ocean being Joseph Hawley, who was born in 1603 in Derbyshire, and in 1629 set sail for America, landing at Boston, Mass. A few years later he settled in Connecticut, and his death occurred in 1690 in Stratford. He had five children: Ebenezer, Joseph, Samuel, Ephraim and John, the first two of whom left no descendants.

Abijah Hawley, our subject's grandfather, was born January 26, 1769, and became one of the prominent citizens of Bridgeport. For some years he was engaged in the coasting trade from Bridgeport to New York City and Southern ports, and later he was interested in railroad business, being one of the promoters of the Housatonic Railroad Company, in which he was probably an officer. He married Polly Somers, and had three children: Thomas, a merchant at Bridgeport; Munson, our subject's father; and Abijah, who was engaged in the dry-goods business.

The late Munson Hawley, the father of our subject, was born in Bridgeport, April 10, 1803, and was always identified with that town. Beginning his business career as a poor boy, he made his way to a leading place in financial circles in this section. He was the first to take command of a vessel from Bridgeport, and for many years he was interested in shipping between that point and the Southern and Metropolitan markets. During this time he also conducted a wholesale grocery on Water street, and on his retirement in 1870 from that line of business he engaged in banking. For ten years he was president of the Pequonnock Bank, at Bridgeport, and he was then elected president of the Bridgeport National Bank, a position which he held until his death in 1892, which occurred when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-nine years. In politics he was first a Whig, later a Republican, and while he was not especially active in party work he was frequently chosen to important local offices. In 1865–66 he served as alderman, and in 1866 and 1869 he was elected mayor of Bridgeport. He was prominent in religious work, and although he was a member of the Presbyterian Church in early life, he afterward united with the Episcopal Church, becoming one of the leading members of St. John's parish, at Bridgeport. He married (first) Susan M. Hubbell, and (second) Jane Kirtland. By the first marriage he had the following children: Miss Adaline; Miss Susan; Fannie (Mrs. Edward W. Marsh); Louise, wife of John B. Hubbell, of the Bridgeport Steamboat Company; Levi, who is now in California. By the second marriage there were three children: John M., our subject; Harriet K., wife of Rev. Ernest Matthews, of Erie, Penn.; and Charles A., deceased.

Mrs. Jane Kirtland Hawley, our subject's mother, was a daughter of Samuel Kirtland, and granddaughter of Bostwick Kirtland. Her family was one of the oldest in Bridgeport, and her father was the owner of the greater portion of Golden Hill. He married Harriet Bostwick, and had four children: Harriet (Mrs. Joseph Thompson); Charles A., who made his home in New York City; Frederick K., and Jane (Mrs. Hawley).

John M. Hawley was born November 22, 1851, in the city of Bridgeport, and was educated in the public schools of the town. On leaving

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school, at the age of twenty-two, he engaged in clerking for Sammis, Robie & Fairchild, clothiers at Bridgeport, and when the firm was re-organized as Sammis & Fairchild he continued in the same capacity. In 1880 he became a partner under the firm name of Sammis & Hawley, and in 1889 he purchased the interest of Mr. Sammis. He carried on business alone for a short time, but in 1891 he sold out to Jones, Keane & Co. Later he engaged in business as a merchant tailor at his present stand, and from the first he has enjoyed a large patronage, his previous connection with the business having gained for him the confidence of the best people of the vicinity. In 1881 he married Miss Stella Way, daughter of Jarvis Way, a well-known resident of Waterbury, Conn., and they have one child, Natalie. The family is prominent socially and Mr. Hawley is an active member of the Masonic Fraternity, belonging to Corinthian Lodge, F. & A. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; and Pyramid Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine. Politically, he is a Republican, and for a number of years he served as vice-president of the Republican League of this State, and as chairman of the Republican Committee of his town. As a good citizen he is interested in municipal affairs, and he served on the board of police commissioners in 1886-87, also on the board of charities in 1893.

WILDMAN ADAMS, for many years a highly skilled carpenter, and of later years a prosperous farmer of the town of Weston, Fairfield county, has earned a success in business by his enterprise, his natural shrewdness, and his well-established reputation for integrity.

Mr. Adams is a native of Fairfield county, born March 6, 1823, and received his education at the district schools, after which he learned carpentry, working at same in the principal cities of Connecticut until 1890, in which year he abandoned his trade and took up farming in the town of Weston. In his political preferences he is an ardent Democrat, at one time was second selectman of his town, and also served in other town offices.

On January 14, 1871, Mr. Adams was united in marriage with Miss Eunice J. Smith, who was born July 31, 1847, a daughter of Peter and Mary A. Fitch, highly respectable farming people of the town of Weston, and three children have blessed their union, as follows: (1) George W., born December 29, 1871, was for a time employed in a steam sawmill, but of late years has been engaged in farming; Mary J., born April 16, 1874, and Lizzie, born April 13, 1878.

Silimon Adams, grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Weston, Fairfield county, and was a lifelong farmer. In the Revolutionary war he beat the bass drum, which drum afterward as a family relic was hard to beat. He had a family of seven children, to wit: Squire Adams, a sketch of whom follows; John, married to Eunice Raymond; David, married to Polly Lockwood; Arita, wife of Samuel Fairfield; Mary, wife of Sherwood Gray; Polly, who died unmarried, and Nancy, wife of John Crossman.

Squire Adams, father of our subject, was born in 1789, in the town of Weston, and all his life engaged in farming. An Old-line Democrat, he was active in the party, but no office holder. By his wife, Parmelia Waterbury, daughter of Thaddeus and Polly Waterbury, he had children as follows: Mary married David French; Wildman is our subject; Rufus married Esther Lockwood; Sherman married Maria Banks; Taylor J. married Caroline Disbrow; Sarah married William H. Davis; Nancy married Charles H. Sherman; and William H. died in infancy.

Lyman Smith, grandfather of our subject's wife, was born in the town of Weston, Fairfield county, and, like his father, was a lifelong tiller of the soil. He married, and had children as follows: Maria S. married David Sturges; Peter, sketch of whom follows; Isaac married Priscilla Edwards; Delia never married; Silas married (first) Eliza Godfrey, and (second) Sylvia Hotchkiss; Lyman married Sallie J. Fitch; and Harriet died in infancy.

Peter Smith, father of our subject's wife and a farmer by occupation, was born in the town of Weston August 4, 1813, and is yet living. In politics he is an ardent Democrat. He married Miss Mary A. Fitch, who was born August 14, 1822, a daughter of Hezekiah and Eunice L. (Godfrey) Fitch, farming people of the town of Weston, and children as follows came of this union: Silas and Edwin (1) both died in infancy; George E. married Orpha Gregory; Eunice J. married Wildman Adams; Elizabeth E. married William Goodban; Lyman P. died single; Mary J. died young; Rachel A. married Lawrence Walker; and Edwin (2) married Jennie Werts.

PETER H. MORGAN, junior member of the well-known drug firm of E. C. Goulden & Co., of Stamford, Fairfield county, is one of the rising young men of his community, and bids fair, in time, to place himself in the ranks of her prosperous and substantial citizens.

Mr. Morgan was born in Stamford, October 28, 1875, a son of Francis Morgan, who held a

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position in the Yale & Towne Factory in Stamford. He, Francis Morgan, was born in Belfast, Ireland, in which country he was reared, coming thence to America in his early manhood. In New York City he married Margaret Hefferman, by whom he had three children, namely: John F., who is a member of the firm of Brennan & Morgan, plumbers, of Stamford; Peter H.; and Thomas, who is deceased. The entire family are members of St. John's Church, of Stamford, and Mr. Morgan was president of the Catholic Benevolent Legion until his death, which occurred January 29, 1899, from pneumonia.

Peter H. Morgan has always lived in Stamford, where he attended the public schools in his earlier years, acquiring a good practical education. When seventeen years old he entered the drug store of E. C. Goulden, where by steady habits and hard work he rose in time to the position of manager. Mr. Goulden died in 1896, and since July 1, 1897, the business has been carried on under the firm name of E. C. Goulden & Co., the members thereof being Mrs. E. C. Goulden and Peter H. Morgan. Mr. Morgan has already established for himself an enviable reputation for reliability and business talent, which, coupled with unceasing energy and a progressive disposition, cannot fail to make his career useful and honorable, as well as successful in the best sense of the word.

PATRICK J. DOWLING, for the past decade a well-known resident of Bridgeport, is a native of Connecticut, having been born September 19, 1859, in the city of Derby, New Haven county.

Joseph Dowling, father of our subject, was born in Kilkenny, Ireland, and coming to this country settled in Derby, Conn. He married Mary Campion, also a native of Kilkenny, and eleven children were born to them, seven of whom are yet living, viz.: James is a resident of Derby, and is in the employ of the city corporation; Patrick J., our subject, is the next in order of birth; Mary married John Ford, a mechanic, of Derby; Catherine wedded Frank Ford, a wine merchant of Derby; Alice is the wife of B. J. McMannus, also a wine merchant; Joseph is a machinist in Derby; Agnes married William Knight, who is engaged in the Weiss-beer business in Derby.

Patrick J. Dowling attended the public schools of Derby, and in 1878 he went to Chicago, where for two years he worked in a corset manufactory. Returning to his native town he there engaged in the liquor business some six years and on August 14, 1889, he came to Bridgeport, here opening out in the same line of trade. Removing hence to Black Rock, Fairfield county, he there conducted a grocery and liquor business, combined, till 1895, in which year he returned to Bridgeport, bought three lots and erected his present fine building at No. 635 Fairfield avenue, where his place of business has since been.

On January 1, 1887, Mr. Dowling married Mary Kelley, who was born in Bridgeport, a daughter of John Kelley, and one child, Joseph, has come to brighten the home. In politics Mr. Dowling is a Democrat; socially, he is a member of the Foresters of America, and of the Knights of Columbus; in religious faith he and his wife are members of the Roman Catholic Church. Our subject is looked upon as a man truly upright and honorable in all things, and one whom his acquaintances can depend upon as a friend.

CHARLES BOTSFORD. The Botsford family has been prominent in Fairfield county from an early day, the village of Botsford having been named in their honor, and the thrift and business sagacity of its members have become proverbial.

The subject of this biography, a prosperous agriculturist and blacksmith residing near Botsford, is a great-grandson of Philo Botsford, and a grandson of Capt. Sherman Botsford, who was born in 1775 and made his home in Newtown township, on a farm just above that now occupied by his grandson, Sherman Botsford. Captain Botsford gained his title by service in the militia; he was a man of great influence in his locality, his large real-estate holdings in the vicinity of Botsford giving him rank among the wealthy citizens of that time. He died January 27, 1815, in his forty-first year, and his wife, Ann (Beardslee), died November 26, 1822, aged forty-eight years. They had three children, viz.: Josiah, our subject's father; Jerard, who married Juliette Beardslee, and Louisa, wife of Philip P. Porter.

Josiah Botsford, the father of our subject, was born October 13, 1798, and inherited from his father a fine homestead near Botsford, comprising more than one hundred acres of land, part of which is now the property of our subject. Although he had only a common-school education his excellent mental abilities enabled him to acquire a wide range of information on general topics, and he was especially noted for his good judgment. As an agriculturist he was successful, and for some time he was engaged in surveying

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roads in this section in addition to his other lines of work. He was a Democrat in politics, but was not particularly active in public affairs. In religious faith he was a Universalist, and he is still remembered as a man of large heart, his generous sympathy with the poor being shown in many ways. He died October 1, 1857, and his wife, whose maiden name was Polly Ann Sherman, passed away March 22, 1887. Our subject was the youngest in a family of three children. Mary Ann, born April 2, 1825, at the old homestead, married John Curtis, and Sherman B., born May 13, 1826, married Cornelia A. Wakely.

The mother of our subject was born in Newtown in 1798, and was married November 25, 1823. In religion she was an Episcopalian, as her family has been connected with that Church from early times. Her father, Lyman Sherman, was a well-known resident of this county, and he and his wife, Hepzibah (Mallory), reared a large family of children, as follows: Zerah, born March 6, 1786; Aby, January 6, 1788; Nathan B., November 16, 1790; Marcia, November 6, 1792; Dellany, November 16, 1794; Sally, May 9, 1797; Polly Ann, October 9, 1798; Joel, October 3, 1800; and Laurison, April 17, 1803.

Mr. Botsford was born February 25, 1833, on the farm which he now owns and occupies as a homestead. He was educated in the common schools of the "Walker's Farm" District, having no other advantages, and as his help was needed at home during the summer his attendance was limited to the winter sessions. When about sixteen years old he went to Oxford, Conn., to learn the blacksmith's trade with Nicholas French, and served an apprenticeship of five years, gaining a thorough knowledge of the business in all its details. At the expiration of his term he worked for some time as a journeyman, being employed first by Mr. French, at Wolcotville, now Torrington, where he spent two years, and later he secured a position in Hallock's shipyard, Derby, Conn. In 1857 he went west, and after spending some time at Pepin, Wis., he worked for one summer at Walnut Ridge, Washington Co., Ind. In the fall of the same year he returned to Newtown on account of the death of his father, and he spent the following winter in working for his old employer, Nicholas French. He established his residence at the old homestead, in the fall of 1858 opening a shop across the road from the house. Mr. Botsford is considered one of the best workmen in this section, and his high reputation has drawn a large custom, extending to Birmingham, Norwalk, Derby and Danbury, and his forty years of active business life have given him a stand among the leading men of the locality. F. J. French, a son of the Mr. French above mentioned, served an apprenticeship of three years with our subject.

On July 2, 1863, Mr. Botsford married Miss Adelia Jordan, who was born December 7, 1835, a daughter of Marshall and Delaney Sherman Jordan, of Newtown, and their home is brightened by one child, Mary Gertrude, born July 25, 1882. The family is identified with St. Peter's Episcopal Church, of Monroe Center, and Mr. Botsford is in sympathy with all movements that tend to promote the welfare of the community. Politically, he is a Democrat so far as National issues are concerned, but in local affairs he votes independently. While he is not an office seeker he does not shirk his duties as a citizen, and at times he has served as juryman.

CLARENCE LEROY MORGAN, of Danbury, is an enterprising and successful business man, and conducts an extensive trade in groceries, meats, coal, wood and other commodities at No. 224 White street.

Mr. Morgan is a native of Danbury, and his family is well-known in this county. His great-grandfather, Joseph Morgan, was a resident of New Fairfield. Peter Morgan, our subject's grandfather, married Clarissa Taylor, and settled in the town of Bethel, in this county. Their son, George, our subject's father, was born there July 12, 1826, and is now living in the Great Plain District, town of Danbury, where he is engaged in farming and in the hatter's trade. His wife, Ann M. Morris, who is also living, was born in 1827, in Brookfield, Conn., a daughter of Alfred and Hannah (Starr) Morris, and granddaughter of Bethel Morris. This worthy couple have had eight children, seven of whom grew to maturity. Of these, the eldest, Charles S., died at the age of thirty-nine, while the following survive: George R., Alfred M., Clarence L., Evelyn E., Georgianna and Susan E.

Mr. Morgan, our subject, began his earthly career November 2, 1856, and has always resided in his native town. He obtained a common-school education during boyhood while assisting his father in the farm work, and remained at home until the age of twenty-two. About 1878 he spent a year in the meat business, but after his marriage, in 1879, to Miss Jennie J. Chase, he made his home for a time upon a farm and devoted his attention to agriculture. In 1884 he again established himself in the meat business, and has ever since continued in that ever-increasing custom. As time passed he added a stock of groceries, and that venture

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proving successful, he engaged in the coal and wood business, in 1893, and in all of these varied lines he has built up a large and profitable trade. He has a high reputation in business circles, being prompt to settle all obligations, and his excellent qualities have won for him the esteem of all classes. While he is not especially active in local politics, he takes an interest in all public questions, and is a strong adherent of the Democratic party.

In 1879 Mr. Morgan married Miss Jennie J. Chase, daughter of Walter and Eunice (Barnum) Chase, of the town of Danbury, and three children have blessed the union: George W., who now assists his father in the business; Eunice M. and Rena I., who are at home. Mr. Morgan and his family attend the Church of the Disciples, of which his wife and son are active members.

SAMUEL A. PATTERSON, a successful horticulturist and florist of Stratford, is a man whose sound judgment and energy have won for him an enviable reputation in business life.

Mr. Patterson brings to his enterprises the keen insight of his Scottish ancestry, sharpened by generations of New England life. The first of the name to come from Scotland was Andrew Patterson, who, with two brothers, located in New Jersey at an early day, later settling in Massachusetts, where many of his descendants are now to be found. James Patterson, great-great-grandfather of Samuel A., was a descendant of Andrew Patterson, and was born August 13, 1707, in or near Northboro, Mass., and followed farming in that vicinity. He married Lydia Fisk. David Patterson, great-grandfather of Samuel A., was born in Northboro, May 17, 1739, and married Beulah Clark. Their son, Jonathan, grandfather of Samuel A., was born at Northboro, September 3, 1765, and died there November 28, 1846, aged eighty-one years. In 1794 he went to Canada, and there took up a farm of 400 acres in the wilderness, and built the first frame house at Three Rivers, Province of Quebec. In 1812, on account of the war breaking out between the United States and Great Britain, he returned to Massachusetts. He married Sarah Rice, also a native of Northboro, daughter of Deacon Seth Rice, and a cousin of Governor Rice, of Massachusetts. They had the following named children: William, David, Anson, Franklin, Lawson, Isaac, Sally, Mary and Sophia, all of whom settled in Massachusetts, where many of their descendants are to be found. The mother of this family died March 28, 1844.

Anson Patterson, the father of our subject, was born in 1801 in Canada, but his early life was mainly spent at Northboro, Mass., where he followed the blacksmith's trade in connection with farming. He married Maria Garlick, a native of Huntington, Fairfield Co., Conn., a granddaughter of Dr. Samuel Garlick, who was born at Stratford, and died at Galen, N. Y., at the patriarchal age of one hundred and ten years. Capt. Samuel Garlick, her father, was born at Stratford in 1764, and died at Rose, N. Y., in 1843, aged seventy-nine years. He married Huldah Gilbert, daughter of Lemuel Gilbert, a Revolutionary soldier. She was born at Huntington, Fairfield Co., Conn., and died at Galen, N. Y., in 1878, at the advanced age of ninety years. Great-grandfather Gilbert was born in Huntington, and died there, and all the descendants of Dr. Samuel Garlick settled in Wayne county, N. Y., whither he had removed in 1815, settling in the wilderness at the site of the present village of Galen, where he built the first frame house.

Soon after his marriage Anson Patterson removed to Derby, Conn., and engaged in raising seeds for the market, being a pioneer in that industry. Later he made his home in Huntington, where he died in 1888, aged eighty-three years. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife Maria (who died in 1837) were devout members of the Congregational Church. For his second wife Anson Patterson married Sally Gilbert, and they had one child, John.

Samuel A. Patterson was born October 3, 1834, at the old family home in Northboro, Mass., and was about a year old when his parents moved to New Haven county, Conn., to reside. He attended schools in Huntington and Trumbull, and on completing his course of study in the latter named place he learned the saddler's trade there. For fifteen years he followed that business, and for two years he was employed in carriage manufacturing, while other two years he spent at the carpenter's trade. He then conducted a grocery in the same town for two years, but in 1869 he removed to Stratford, where he engaged in the manufacture of hoop-skirts. After two years he became interested in the meat business in partnership with E. Whiting, with whom he continued nine years under the firm name of E. Whiting & Co. His next venture was in the oyster business as a partner in the firm of Patterson, Batterson & Co., retiring after two years and settling upon his present farm near Stratford. For some time he devoted his attention to the raising of fruits and vegetables, but recently he engaged in the culture of flowers, in which he finds gratifying results, his specialty in this in-

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dustry being pinks and violets for the Bridgeport market. Politically, Mr. Patterson is a Democrat, aud he takes an active part in local affairs, having served as selectman and as member of the school board. Socially, he and his family are much esteemed. He is past master of St. John's Lodge No. 8, F. & A. M., at Stratford, and past master of Housatonic Grange No. 79.

On January 1, 1857, Samuel A. Patterson married Miss Elizabeth Gray, a native of Stratford, and daughter of George Gray, a well-known citizen. Their only child, Ella, is now the wife of C. F. Axtell, of Morristown, N. J., by whom she has had four children: Roland P., Rachel E., Merritt F., and Kenneth E., who died February, 8, 1892.

WILLIAM A. AMBLER, a highly respected citizen of Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn., is a worthy representative of the "Land of Steady Habits," as he has been continuously in the employ of one firm since 1865. However, he first tested the desirability of a roving life before settling down to his present occupation, and both on sea and land had his full share of adventure and change. His experience in the army during the Civil war was well adapted to arouse in him a longing for a quiet mode of life, wounds and imprisonment being added to the ordinary trials of a soldier's career.

Mr. Ambler was born December 26, 1836, in this county, in the town of Weston. Uriah Ambler, our subject's father, was a native of New York State, where he grew to manhood, learning the carpenter's trade and preparing to engage in business as a contractor and builder. He married Miss Augusta Hemson, a native of New Jersey, and soon afterward came to this county to reside. About 1838 he located in Norwalk, where his remaining years were spent, his death occurring in 1848. In politics he was a Whig, and he and his wife, who died in 1892, were devout and consistent members of the Methodist Church. Our subject was the youngest of four children, the others being Mary E., who married Henry K. Selleck, of Norwalk, both now deceased; Sarah, wife of James Sherman, a resident of Rochester, but formerly from Troy, N. Y.; and Rosena, wife of Silas B. Meeker, a coal dealer of Norwalk.

The schools of Norwalk furnished our subject an opportunity to gain a practical education, and on completing his course of study he began to learn the business of making mathematical apparatus and surveyors' instruments at Troy, N. Y., and Westport, this county, with one of the same firm. After four years in this employment he went to sea, where he spent about four years, having a glimpse of life in the navy and taking voyages on various whaling and mercantile vessels. He then returned to Norwalk and learned the carpenter's trade, but on July 22, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, 5th Conn. V. I., and went to the seat of war. He took part in a number of important battles, and August 9, 1862, was wounded in the engagement at Cedar Mountain, and captured by the enemy. The following month he spent amid the horrors of Libby prison, but fortunately he was exchanged at the end of that time, and discharged on December 14, 1862, his physical condition being such that he was discharged from the service on account of wounds. He then returned to Norwalk, where he soon afterward found employment as a lock maker in a factory. In 1865 he became connected with the Morrison & Hoyt Shirt Company, with which he has ever since remained, the fact speaking more plainly than words could do of his fidelity and industry. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and he is prominent in different social orders, including the I. O. O. F., the I. O. R. M., the Norwalk Club, and the G. A. R., Buckingham Post No. 12, at Norwalk. He is also a member of the Norwalk fire police, and he and his wife are active workers in the Methodist Church.

On April 15, 1861, Mr. Ambler married Miss Eliza Cole, and two children blessed their home, one of whom died in infancy. The survivor, Frederick S. Ambler, a promising young business man of Norwalk, is a dealer in extracts, and the agent there for the Columbia bicycle. The mother died January 5, 1898, and March 30, 1899, our subject wedded Miss Lucy Jenning, of Norwalk, Connecticut.

The late Mrs. Ambler was a member of a well-known family, and her grandfather, Thomas Cole, was a soldier in the Revolutionary army. Her grandmother, whose maiden name was Mary Ressigue, was a daughter of Alexander Ressigue, whose wife was a daughter of Pierre Boutecue, a Huguenot, and a native of France. Thomas Cole made his home in the town of Wilton, this county, and his son Sherman, Mrs. Ambler's father, was born there in 1804, and for many years was a leading manufacturer of that town. His wife, Susan Hurlbutt, was a daughter of Louis Hurlbutt, of Wilton, and their union was blessed with twelve children: Emily, Jane, Eliza, Ira, Mary E., Harriet, Lydia A., Theodore, Henry, Allee, Lester S. and Victor. The mother of this family passed from earth in September, 1897. The father died in Norwalk in 1879 after

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a life of more than ordinary usefulness. At one time he represented his district in the State Legislature, receiving the indorsement of both parties for the position, and he held various township offices, which he filled in a manner to command public esteem. In religious affairs he was also active as a member of the Methodist Church.

EDWARD H. FOSTER, of Stamford, has been prominently identified for a number of years with the business interests of that place, and the following account of his career and family is appropriately included in this collection of biographies of the leading men of Fairfield county.

Mr. Foster's ancestors were early settlers upon Long Island, and his grandfather, Justus Foster, was a native of the town of West Hampton, N. Y. Josiah Foster, our subject's father, was born on Long Island, in the town of South Hampton, but the greater portion of his life was spent in West Hampton. By occupation he was a shoemaker, and as a citizen he was held in high esteem, being active in religious work as a member of the Presbyterian Church in his locality. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth L. Griffing, was a descendant of another old and respected family of Long Island. They had eight children, of whom the following are now living: Mary, wife of Thomas Cloyd, of Webster, S. D.; Nathaniel G., a resident of Cranford, N. J., Edward H., our subject; Josiah, who settled in Plainview, Texas; Susan F., widow of George Meeker, of West Hampton, N. Y.; and Harriet H., widow of Hiram Wines, of West Hampton.

Our subject was born December 31, 1837, at West Hampton, N. Y., and his education was obtained in the schools of that section. At the age of seventeen he went to Washingtonville, Orange Co., N. Y., to learn the builder's trade, and later he went to New York City, where he completed his apprenticeship. During the Civil war he remained in the metropolis, working at his trade, and he afterward spent some time at Mortonville, Orange Co., N. Y., and at Cold Spring, Putnam Co., N. Y. He then returned to New York City where he was employed in the enrolling bureau for a while, and later he engaged in the building business in Cranford and Elizabeth, N. J. In 1874 he removed to Stamford, this county, where he has ever since resided. For twelve years he was engaged in the hardware business at the corner of Canal and Atlantic streets, and he then transferred his store to the town hall building. At present he is interested in pump manufacturing, making a specialty of rubber bucket pumps, also the Ingersoll self-dumping well curb, and he carries on as well an extensive business in carpet cleaning by steam. He is in sympathy with all progressive movements in his locality, and is an active worker in the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been a trustee for twenty-three years, while he is a charter member of the Y. M. C. A., and served as secretary and treasurer of that society for many years.

In 1867 Mr. Foster was married in Stamford to Miss Jeannette J. Clark, and four children have blessed the union, two of whom are now living: (1) Marion C., married Frank W. Jerman, who is mentioned below, and (2) J. Clark is now engaged in the sub office of the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company, Stamford. Mrs. Foster is a daughter of John Clark, a well-known resident of Stamford, who was born in the parish of Hillside, Dumfries, Scotland, and came to America in 1836, locating first in New York City. For twenty years he was engaged in business there on 9th street, as a carpenter and builder, but in 1856 he removed to Stamford, and after carrying on his business in New York some four or five years retired from active business. He was married first in Scotland to Miss Susan Hunter, and after her death he formed a second union, this time with Mrs. Phœbe Ann Daily. By his first marriage he had six children, two of whom lived to mature age, Mrs. Foster being the elder. The younger, John Smith Clark, did gallant service as a soldier in the Civil war in Company D, 6th Conn. V. I., being distinguished for his bravery, and in 1864 he met a soldier's death at the battle of Strawberry Plains.

Frank Webster Jerman, the son-in-law of our subject, was born in Stamford March 11, 1867, and is a member of one of the old families. His great-grandfather, Rev. James Jerman (or Jarmon, as the name was formerly spelled), was a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for many years resided in the town of Greenwich, this county. Hanford Jarmon, the grandfather of Frank W., was a native of New Canaan, this county, and followed the shoemaker's trade there during his active life. He was a man of excellent character, and was interested in religious movements, being a member of the Methodist Church. He married Miss Mehitable Lockwood, and had four children, viz.: William Henry, deceased; Fannie, who married William Y. Davenport, of New Canaan; Mary Ann, wife of Alonzo Scofield, of Stamford; and Chauncey Lockwood, the father of Frank W. Chauncey

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L. Jerman was born in the town of New Canaan, and after receiving a common-school education he learned the shoemaker's trade. Between 1860 and 1870 he removed to Stamford and engaged in the retail shoe business, which he carried on successfully until his retirement in 1895. He was married in New Canaan to Miss Ann R. Betts, daughter of Captain Betts, of Ellenville, N. Y., and they had two children: Frank W., and Ella Betts, now the wife of Dr. F. H. Barnes, of Stamford.

In his boyhood Mr. Frank W. Jerman attended the public schools of Stamford, and at the age of fourteen he began clerking in his father's store. He has ever since been associated with the business, being admitted to partnership in 1891, when the firm name was changed to C. L. Jerman & Son, and since his father's retirement in 1895 he has conducted the business alone under his own name, his successful management gaining for him a high reputation as a progressive and clear-headed merchant. On September 22, 1891, he was married in Stamford to Miss Marion C. Foster, mentioned above, and they have one son, Herbert Foster, born December 25, 1895.

PETER REILLY, a prominent resident of Shelton, is successfully engaged in business as a contractor and builder, being the junior member of the well-known firm of M. A. Durrschmidt & Co., whose professional skill has been shown in the erection of many of the best buildings of this section.

Like many other successful business men, Mr. Reilly is of Irish birth and ancestry. His parents, Edward and Bridget (Kelly) Reilly, were lifelong residents of Ireland, his father being a wheelright at Longford. This worthy couple had several children, and of the three who lived to maturity our subject is the youngest. Richard, who died in 1889, came to America in early manhood, and after being employed for some time as a coachman on Long Island he came to this county, locating at the present site of the village of Shelton, purchasing the second lot sold and building the first house in the borough. Ann married Capt. Thomas Spring, who had charge of a boat on Long Island Sound, and was drowned in 1883.

Mr. Reilly, our subject, was born August 30, 1848, at Longford, Ireland, and obtained his education in the schools of that town. In 1867 he came to the United States, locating first at Shelton, and soon after his arrival he began to learn the carpenter's trade with William A. Lum, of Birmingham. After completing his term of apprenticeship he remained with Mr. Lum for some time, making ten years in all, and later he was employed for several years as a pattern maker in the factory of the Derby Silver Company. He then engaged in business as an undertaker in Birmingham, in partnership with Joseph P. Colwell; but in March, 1893, he sold his interest to Mr. Colwell. During the following year he was employed as inspector by the Derby & Ansonia Electric Railway Company, which was then constructing a pavilion, boat houses, and other buildings, in Ousatonic Park, and on their completion he was given the management of same for the season. On leaving that position he formed his present partnership with M. A. Durrschmidt, and they have since conducted a large and lucrative business. Politically, Mr. Reilly is a Democrat, while in religious faith he is a Catholic. He is active and influential in local affairs, serving at present as a member of the school board and the local board of relief, being the first Catholic ever elected to either office in his town.

In 1875 Mr. Reilly married Miss Catherine McMahon, daughter of Joseph McMahon, of County Monaghan, Ireland, and three children have blessed the union, viz.: Margaret, Catherine and Joseph, all at home. Socially, Mr. Reilly is identified with the Order of Knights of Columbus, which he helped to organize in 1885, being the first member enrolled. For two years he held office as first grand knight, and he served the same length of time as treasurer. He also, this year (1899), became a member of the Catholic Benevolent Legion.

HORACE GRANVILLE SCOFIELD.—Since the middle of the seventeenth century, when the Colony of Connecticut was but sparsely settled—a little more than a few clearings in the mighty forests—the name of Scofield has been prominent in her history. In each generation of the family some member has attained a prominence beyond that of the ordinary, and his name in consequence been handed down in local history. The family resided at Stamford, and there, on March 7, 1832, Horace Granville Scofield was born, a son of Edwin and Eliza (Bishop) Scofield, both natives of that town.

The public schools at Stamford afforded our subject his earlier education, he completing his literary training at the New Canaan Academy, and pursuing his favorite study—mathematics—under a private tutor, while for some years he

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taught school near Stamford. Beginning at the age of eighteen, he "wielded the birch" for four years, and attained quite a reputation both as an instructor and as a disciplinarian. During the time he was teaching he invented a machine for manufacturing strings for musical instruments, and then for four years he dealt in patent rights.

His taste for mathematics never having deserted him, he now began active work as a civil engineer on railroad work, which he followed until the breaking out of the Civil war. While the country was engaged in the struggle against Secession and Slavery, he engaged in the manufacture of musical instruments. At the close of the war he became chief engineer for the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. In 1868 he was appointed city engineer of Bridgeport, still retaining, however, his railroad position; his connection with the road was severed in 1875, but he still continues as city engineer. Up to 1891 his services were in almost constant demand by the railroads, so great was the satisfaction given by his work. All of the city bridges, and New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad bridges were built under his supervision.

On April 20, 1877, Horace Granville Scofield was united in marriage with Miss Emma Adelia Hubbard, of New York City. Four children were the result of this union, namely: Edith, Frederick, Charlotte and Horace. Politically, Mr. Scofield is a stanch Republican, and has been an active, influential worker in the party for years. He can in no way be classed as an office seeker, though in 1867-68 he was the representative of the Stamford district in the General Assembly. Honorable and upright in all his dealings, he wins and maintains the respect and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact.

CHARLES G. PERRY, a prominent agriculturist and dairyman of the town of Stratford, is a man whose sterling qualities of character inspires respect among even casual acquaintances.

Mr. Perry comes of good New England stock, and his grandfather, Abel Perry, was a native of Seekonk, Mass., where, and in Leyden, Mass., he was for many years engaged in farming and at the blacksmith's trade. This worthy citizen married Miss Elizabeth Frizzell, of Leyden, and had eleven children: Abel, Elizabeth, John, Alvah (who became a physician), Elias, P. Allen, Everett (a physician), Abel (2), Otis, Betsey, and Julia, all of whom were born at Leyden.

P. Allen Perry, our subject's father, was reared at the old home in Leyden, and learned the machinist's trade in which he became an expert. At one time he went to Sheffield, England, to secure workmen in order to start the first cutlery establishment in the United States, at Greenfield, Mass., where he was employed until his death, which was caused October 4, 1837, by an accident while he was at work. His wife, Betsey F. Wright, daughter of William and Lydia Wright, of Northfield, Mass., survived him many years, her death occuring August 20, 1896, when she was aged eighty-seven years, eleven months and twelve days. They had four children: Allen, who died at the age of six years; Elizabeth, wife of Luther Crafts, of Whately, Mass., who served as a soldier in the Civil war; Charles G., our subject; and Mary J., who married Nelson Marsh, of Amherst, Mass., a veteran of the Civil war.

Charles G. Perry was born October 24, 1833, in Greenfield, Mass., and remained at home until he reached the age of sixteen years. There he learned the cutlery business, and for some time followed that trade, removing in 1858 to Bridgeport, this county, where he was employed by the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company. About 1865 he settled upon his present homestead, an attractive place containing fifty acres of land, and since that time he has devoted his attention chiefly to dairying. Politically, he is a Republican, but he has not been especially active in partisan work. On April 7, 1858, he was married at Winsted, Conn., to Miss Susan M. Brown, a native of that town and a daughter of Francis and Maria M. (Hewett) Brown. Of the three children born of this union: the eldest, Francis W., a fine musician, owns a country place in Lexington, Mass., teaches in Boston, and owns orange groves in Florida; Isabella married William O. Beach, a farmer in the town of Trumbull; and Nelson B. is at home.

C. G. Perry has also been for many years a contributor to newspaper literature, upon agriculture, and other matters of public interest. Some of his articles have been used by the papers to which they were sent as editorials, and his work in this line has frequently brought out favorable comment.

SAMUEL PINE is one of those substantial, unassuming, steady-going men who, without display or disagreeable self-assertion, give stability to the communities in which their lot has been cast, and form a social and business element necessary to healthy progress, both material and moral. He has resided on the property known as Rocky Ford, in Greenwich township,

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Fairfield Co., Conn., for many years, and is a native of a neighboring locality, Rye township, Westchester Co., N. Y., where he was born August 31, 1839. The Pine family was one of the earliest in that section of the country, and a record of the American ancestry will not be out of place here.

James Pine, the first member of the family in America, came from England during the seventeenth century, and settled in Long Island, his land grant in that place being dated 1682. At this time the various members of the family were noted sea-going men, but since their location in Westchester county, N. Y., they have belonged to the agricultural class. James had two sons, Samuel and Jacob, who in 1713 sold the Long Island property and migrated to Westchester county, N. Y., locating at New Rochelle, and from them are descended the Pines of that region. In 1736 they made their first purchase of land here, the place now owned by J. H. Shults. One of the descendants in direct line, James Pine, married a Miss Lyon, and was the great-grandfather of Samuel Pine, whose name introduces these lines. He was a saddler by trade, and also engaged in agricultural pursuits. His remains lie in the private cemetery of the Pine family in King Street.

Samuel Pine, the son of James, was a lifelong farmer. He married Hannah Banks, of Byram, and they became the parents of three children: Hannah, who married Wilson D. Slosson, and died in Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn.; Sally, who married Underhill Purdy, and died in Rye township; and James, who is the father of our subject. Samuel Pine passed away in 1833, and was laid to rest in the private cemetery of the family.

James Pine (father of our subject) was born in 1802 in Rye township, Westchester county. He attended the private school conducted by the Rev. Mr. Buffet in Stanwich, and received a very thorough education, having originally intended to prepare for the medical profession, but he did not pursue it. From the age of six years until his death he made his home on the farm in King Street, now occupied by his son, Sullivan M., and he carried on farming to the end of his days. Mr. Pine was married in Westport, Conn., to Elizabeth F. Moulton, who was born in Providence, R. I., daughter of Sullivan M. and Betsy (Longford) Moulton, the former of whom was at one time, prior to his removal to Westport, Conn., one of the owners of the Glenville Cotton Mill; Elizabeth was the eldest in their family of eight children. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Pine, namely: Sarah, who died unmarried; Elizabeth, who died young; Mary, widow of Rev. Dr. Porteus, formerly of St. Louis, where she resides; Samuel; and Sullivan M., who is a farmer. The parents died in 1890 and December, 1864, respectively, the father being interred in the cemetery of the Pine family above referred to, and the mother at Newburgh, N. Y., in the private cemetery of her family. Mr. Pine was a successful man, by persevering labor placing himself in good circumstances, and he was highly respected by all who knew him. He was a man of upright principles, integrity, honesty and straightforwardness in all his dealings, and though not a Church member he never countenanced Sabbath-breaking, and expected his family to keep Sunday strictly. Politically, he was a Democrat, though not an unswerving partisan, and during the Civil war he was what was known as a "war Democrat."

Samuel Pine had better educational opportunities than the average farmer boy of his day, and attended school until he gave it up of his own accord at the age of eighteen years, having studied at district and boarding schools. He always assisted more or less on the farm, and has been a lifelong agriculturist, on May 3, 1870, settling on the Rocky Ford place in Greenwich which he still occupies, and which was known as the "Platt Mead" farm. In Revolutionary days it was the site of a hotel, and the ford there over the Byram river was the first above Byram bridge. There is a valuable deposit of feldspar on the property, which is ground on the farm and shipped all over the United States, Mr. Pine having erected an excellently equipped and costly plant for grinding purposes, which he operates in addition to managing his farm. Evidences of prosperity and thrift abound in the house and all around, and the family are known as hospitable, kind neighbors and obliging friends. Mr. Pine gives all his attention to his private interests, taking no active part in politics or other public affairs.

In October, 1864, Mr. Pine married Miss Louisa A. Seymour, who was born March 12, 1845, in Greenwich, daughter of Thomas and Sarah A. (Banks) Seymour, farming people of that town. The Seymour family consisted of six children: Henry, John, James, Elizabeth, Thomas and Louisa. Of these: Henry lives in New York City; John died in Greenwich, Conn.; James and Elizabeth live in King Street, Greenwich; and Thomas is a resident of Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Seymour passed from earth at the age of eighty-three years, his wife at the age of fifty-two, and their remains rest in Rye cemetery; they were Methodists in religious connection, and he was a Whig politically, though not

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a strict partisan. To Mr. and Mrs. Pine have been born four children, viz.: Sarah E., the wife of G. W. Goodsell, of Brooklyn; Hattie (Mrs. N. S. Johnson), who has two children—Samuel E. and Charles W.; Emma (deceased); and Jessie (Mrs. James W. Davis), of Port Chester. The daughters are all filling good homes.

WILLIAM T. BEARD, a highly respected citizen of the town of Huntington, is prominently identified with the agricultural interests of that locality, being the owner of a fine farm near the village of Shelton. He belongs to a well-known family of Huntington township.

James Beard, the founder of the New England branch of the family, started from England with his family in 1639. He died on the passage over, but his wife and son John arrived here and settled in Milford, Conn. Samuel, the son of John, was born in 1669. James, the son of Samuel, was born in 1702. Samuel, the son of James, was born in 1734; he married Elizabeth Wheeler and had children as follows: Lavinia, Rebecca, Joel, James, Elizabeth, Sarah, Joanna, Samuel and Polly. Of these, Joel Beard, born August 16, 1765, married Marcy Blackman, and had children as follows: Eli, Sally, Nancy, Laura, Lucy, Caty, Polly, Anna, Joel. Of these, Joel Beard, the father of our subject, born in July, 1805, was a lifelong resident of Huntington, and followed farming. He married Maria Chatfield, and had the following children: William T., Theodore E., James H. and Oliver G.

William T. Beard was born December 5, 1831, in Huntington township, and was reared as a farmer boy, although his educational opportunities were better than those enjoyed by many country lads. By the time he reached the age of sixteen he had completed the course offered in the district schools, and he then attended select schools in Derby, also a graded school at Birmingham for a time, later pursuing higher branches of study at an institute in New York State, near Seneca Lake. At twenty he left school and engaged in the work of the homestead, and at twenty-four he became interested in the manufacture of straw paper in partnership with his brother, Theodore E. Beard. For about twenty-five years they operated a mill near Shelton, but in 1880 our subject sold out his interest in the business and engaged in farming, which he has since followed at his present homestead. He is a believer in progress, and is an active member of the Grange. Politically, he affiliates with the Democratic party, and at times he has held local office, serving with ability and fidelity.

In 1855 Mr. Beard married Miss Sarah M. Shelton, and four children have blessed the union: Estella L.; Lucy M.; Nellie E., wife of Frank E. Blakeman, of Stratford; and Harriet S. The family is identified with the Congregational Church, the Beards and Sheltons having been adherents of that faith for generations. Mrs. Beard was born in Huntington in 1830, and is a descendant of Daniel Shelton, an Englishman, who settled in the town of Huntington, where he died at the age of sixty years. The records of Startford show that he was engaged in mercantile business in 1687, but later generations of the family have been chiefly interested in agriculture. Mrs. Beard traces the line of descent from Daniel Shelton, the pioneer, through Samuel; Daniel (2); Daniel (3), who was born in the town of Huntington; Samuel F., also a native of Huntington, who married Hannah Curtis, of the town of Trumbull; and Judson C. Shelton, Mrs. Beard's father, who was born in Huntington, and married Hannah Lewis, daughter of Ephraim Lewis, and a native of Shelton. Dr. Gould A. Shelton, a brother of Mrs. Beard, is a resident of Huntington, and a more complete history of the family is given in connection with his biography.

JOSIAH B. HALLETT was born at Chatham, Mass., November 7, 1833, a son of Samuel and Susan (Blossom) Hallett, who were natives of Yarmouth and Barnstable, Mass., respectively. Our subject is a representative of the seventh generation of the Hallett family in this country. Andrew Hallett, the founder of the family on this side of the Atlantic, came from Dorsetshire, England, whither they had emigrated from Normandy. Samuel Hallett was a sea captain, and after his marriage made his home in West Barnstable, Massachusetts.

Josiah B. Hallett spent his boyhood at home in his native town, and secured a good common-school education in the district schools. At the age of twelve years he entered the business world, going to Boston, where he engaged as clerk, and there he remained for three years. Returning to Barnstable at the end of that time, he worked on the farm for a short period, and then learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for fourteen years. Tempted by the glowing accounts of the West, he left his native hills in New England and went to Prairie City, Iowa, where he was engaged in farming and "trading," remaining in the West five years. In 1861 he came back East, locating at Harwichport, Mass., where he resided for nine years. Mr. Hallett's maternal grandfather was a butcher,

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and before 1870 he entered the retail and wholesale meat business at Clinton, Mass., afterward locating at Leominster, in the same State, and in 1879 coming to Bridgeport with Leonard Wood, engaging in the same line under the firm name of Hallett & Wood. They continued in business most successfully until the death of Mr. Wood, when the name was changed to the Bridgeport Beef Company, and our subject has built up a large and still increasing custom.

On May 5, 1853, Mr. Hallett was united in marriage with Miss Caroline B. Swift, of Sandwich, Mass., a daughter of Capt. William and Sally (Crowel) Swift, natives of Sandwich. Mr. and Mrs. Hallett have become the parents of the following named children: Herbert F. is married to Annie Yutzler, and has five children; Willard F. is married to Carrie N. Fisk; George DeWayne, M. D., is married to Lillian Mandeville, and lives in New York City; Harrison H. is married to Frank D. Dunker, of Chicago, and has one child.

Mr. Hallett is an active member of St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M.; of Jerusalem Chapter; and the Sea Side Club, of Bridgeport. Politically, he adheres to the principles of the Republican party, but is in no way to be considered an office-seeker. His business interests have always demanded the greater portion of his time, and outside of contributing liberally to any measure for the public good he has devoted his attention to his private affairs Religiously, he is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

ELLIOT MILES BEARDSLEY, of the town of Trumbull, Fairfield county, has for many years been a conspicuous figure in the development of Fairfield county, and has been prominent in both business and political circles. He is a man of sterling worth, whose fidelity to duty in all the relations of life has won for him the confidence and respect of the public, and made him a valued citizen.

Mr. Beardsley is a native of Connecticut, having been born in Trumbull, Fairfield county, September 26, 1838, a son of Miles and Eloisa Beardsley. Until he was twelve years of age he received his earlier education at the common schools of the neighborhood of his home; then went to a select school for a time, afterward attending the State Normal School at New Britain, acquiring there an academic education. At the early age of seventeen years he commenced teaching school, passing one year in Savannah, Ga., in that occupation; but when he was twenty-one he abandoned the profession for agricultural pursuits, which he has since successfully followed. In his younger days he also assisted his father in the store.

Our subject is a lifelong, consistent Democrat, and has been called upon by his party to fill various public positions of honor and trust. In 1879 he represented his town in the State Legislature, and served on the committee of Cities and Boroughs. For several years he was school inspector for the town of Trumbull. He has often been a delegate to town and county conventions; for several years was chairman of the town committee of the Democratic party, and in every way, and at all times, has proven himself to be a valuable, active and potent representative of his party.

On June 3, 1863, Mr. Beardsley was united in marriage with Miss Mary J. Beardsley, who was born July 16, 1841, a daughter of Ezra Beardsley. Our subject and his wife attend the services of Grace Episcopal Church at Trumbull, of which they are honored and influential members.

HENRY BURR OGDEN, a leading agriculturist of the town of Fairfield, is a worthy representative of a family which has long been prominent in that locality. His present homestead in Banks South District has been held in the family name for three generations, and aside from its interesting associations it is a valuable and attractive estate, Mr. Ogden's scientific knowledge and skill being shown to good advantage in its management.

Hezekiah Ogden, the grandfather of our subject, was born October 28, 1775, and died January 21, 1844, leaving a large property and an honorable name as a citizen. His wife, whose maiden name was Hulda Merwin, was born December 15, 1779, and died September 24, 1832. Their family consisted of two sons and four daughters, the former being Horace, our subject's father, and Hezekiah, Jr., who followed farming in Banks South District until his death, some years ago.

The late Horace Ogden was born October 24, 1809, and was reared as a farmer boy, his education being obtained in the schools of the district. In early manhood he married Miss Rachel A. Sturgis, who was born January 20, 1812, a daughter of Wakeman Sturgis, a prominent resident of Weston, this county, and after residing for some time at the Ogden homestead he bought an adjoining farm and made his permanent home there, building a new house. He was a successful farm-

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er, and while he met with occasional losses he left a comfortable competence, mainly gained by his own industry. Notwithstanding some accidents at various times, he enjoyed robust health the greater portion of his life. His home was his chief interest, nothing but important business ever calling him away from it for any length of time. In politics he was a Republican, and although he was never an office seeker he voted regularly in the support of his principles. His death occurred January 20, 1891, and his wife, who was a devout Presbyterian, died March 13, 1890, their remains being interred in the Oak Lawn cemetery in Fairfield township. Our subject is the eldest in a family of three children: (2) Hulda E., born June 30, 1844, married Franklin Whitehead, of Greens Farms, and has one son, George Burr. (3) Mary E., born July 25, 1849, married Willis Morehouse (deceased), and now resides in Bridgeport.

Henry B. Ogden was born March 30, 1838, at the old homestead, and in boyhood he attended the common schools of the vicinity for some years, Walter Merwin and Miss Meeker being among his teachers. Later he pursued higher branches of study in the academies at Greens Farms and Greenfield Hill, and at the age of twenty-two he taught for one winter, his wages being $16 per month. He remained at home until he reached the age of thirty-five, when he purchased ten acres from his father and built his present dwelling house. He has prospered, and now owns seventy-one acres of choice land, engaging in the dairy business and general agriculture. As is well known, farming has its uncertainties, but he succeeds when any one else does and when many do not. He is unassuming in manner, of a quiet disposition, and his reputation is of the best. Politically, he affiliates with the Republican party, but he takes little interest in the issues of the day, and does not even vote regularly.

At the age of thirty-five, November 26, 1873, Mr. Ogden married Miss Amelia J. Bradley, of Fairfield township, and one daughter, Beatrice, has been born to them; she has just completed five years' schooling at Greenfield Hill, and she is now at home with her parents. The family attend the Church at Greenfield Hill. Mrs. Ogden was born June 25, 1844, in Deerfield District, Fairfield township, daughter of Seth and Amelia (Burr) Bradley, and in early life she taught school for a time, receiving $8 per month, one term $9, and boarding himself. She has one sister, Mary L., who is the widow of John H. Fanton, and a brother, Thomas, who is a resident of Deerfield District.

CHARLES A. GERDENIER, superintendent of the business of the Bridgeport Gas Company, has won an enviable reputation for ability as manager of large enterprises, and during his thirty-four years in his present position the working force of the company has been increased from four to more than one hundred workmen. His abilities are appreciated by the community at large, and for twenty-one years he has served as chief of the Fire Department at Bridgeport, being the last chief of the old volunteer force and the first chief of the paid department.

Mr. Gerdenier comes of honorable ancestry, and his grandfather, Bernard Gerdenier, came from France about the time of the Revolutionary war, probably with General LaFayette, and is known to have taken an active part in that struggle. This worthy patriot made his home in Rockland county, N. Y., upon a farm near Nyack, where his remaining years were spent. He married Miss Kate Tenure, a descendant of Holland-Dutch stock, and had four children: John, our subject's father; Jacob, a sailor, who never married; Sarah, wife of Mr. Anderson, a coach painter, in New York; and Jane, who died unmarried.

John Gerdenier, the father of our subject, was born and reared at Nyack, and for many years followed farming there, but he was also connected with a line of ships, and at times worked in the shipyards at Nyack. His wife, Eliza (Sarvent), was born at that place, and her father, Philip Sarvent, was a wealthy agriculturist of that locality. Our subject's parents died in Nyack some years ago, and of their eight children, the first three, Philip, Henry and Theophilus, died in childhood. Theophilus (2) is a farmer in Rockland county, N. Y.; Charles A., the subject of this sketch, was fifth in the order of birth; John, a retired resident of Nyack, was formerly a boiler maker by occupation; Miss Julia resides in Nyack; and Mary married Edmond De Baun, a merchant of Nyack.

Our subject was born December 20, 1838, at the old home near Nyack, and passed his early years upon a farm, his schooling being limited to three winter terms of three months each. His summers were spent in farm work, and at the age of fourteen years he became a clerk in a country store where he received a good practical training in business methods. After three years he took a position with a gas company in Nyack, with which he remained some time, becoming thoroughly familiar with all departments of that business, including the rougher portions. Later he worked for a gas company in Haverstraw, N. Y., and on April 1, 1864, he came to Bridgeport

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to take charge of the plant there. On December 25, 1858, he married Miss Catherine Ver Valen, who was born at Nyack, of Holland-Dutch ancestry. Her father, Daniel Ver Valen, was also a native of Nyack, but removed to Haverstraw, N. Y., where Mrs. Gerdenier's girlhood was spent. The two sons of this union, Charles and Harry, are now employed in the office of the Bridgeport Gas Company. Politically, Mr. Gerdenier is a Democrat, and he and his family are prominent in social life of his city. He belongs to the Algonquin Club, the Park City Yacht Club, and the Masonic Fraternity, in which latter he has attained the 32d degree. During his residence in Haverstraw, N. Y., he was initiated into Blue Lodge No. 313, F. & A. M., and the other degrees have been taken since his removal to Bridgeport.

JOHN F. WOODRUFF. Success in mercantile life, in the face of the fierce competition of modern days, demands unusual energy and sagacity, and the subject of this biography possesses both in a marked degree. The well-known clothing store of J. F. Woodruff & Co., at Danbury, gives ample evidence of this fact, its stock of clothing, trunks, bags and everything in the line of furnishing goods affording the largest variety of any in the city. The building has an advantageous location also, being situated at Nos. 177-179 Main street, at the head of West street, directly opposite the city hall in Monument Square, and no possible factor in success has been overlooked by this shrewd, farsighted young business man.

The late Elias N. Woodruff, our subject's father, who was born in New Jersey in 1828, and died in 1870, was for many years connected with the milling business in Danbury, operating what was then known as the Isaac Smith gristmill, now called the Merson mill. Previously he had been engaged in similar business at Hartford and elsewhere. He married Sarah E. Hickok, who was born in Danbury October 17, 1834, a daughter of John and Betsey (Hawley) Hickok, and died July 29, 1893. By a previous marriage she had two children, Henry A. and Adelaide Taylor, and our subject is the elder of two children by the second union. His sister, Carrie J., married Cyrus L. Meade, of Weston, Conn., and has two children, Harold and Sarah Adelaide.

Mr. Woodruff was born January 30, 1861, at Danbury, where he attended the public schools until he reached the age of fifteen. His business ability found early development, as when only ten years of age he had employment during the mornings and evenings in Augustus Hoyt's hat and furnishing store. After leaving school he devoted his entire time to the same work, and so faithful and capable was he that by the time he attained his majority he had full charge of the store, and was entrusted with most of the buying. He remained with Mr. Hoyt until 1895, when he purchased an established clothing and furnishing-goods business from George M. Tallant, which he has since continued at the old location.

On October 24, 1883, Mr. Woodruff married Miss Mary Elizabeth Edgett, daughter of Seneca and Mary Jane (Seeley) Edgett, of Newtown, Conn., the latter being a daughter of Philander and Hattie Seeley, and a descendant of one of the old families of Trumbull, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff have one daughter, Marguerite. The family is identified with the Baptist Church, of which Mrs. Woodruff is a member.

Mr. Woodruff, while not a politician, takes keen interest in the questions of the day, and is a stanch believer in the doctrines of the Republican party. He belongs to a number of fraternal orders, viz.: the I. O. O. F., Progressive Lodge No. 18; the Improved Order of Red Men, Paugussett Tribe No. 3; the F. & A. M., Union Lodge No. 40 (one of the oldest lodges in the State, having received its charter more than a century ago), and Eureka Chapter No. 23, Royal Arch Masons.

HENRY B. ROGERS, one of the prominent business men of New Canaan, was born January 13, 1839, in Bridgeport, Conn., a son of Benjamin C. Rogers.

Benjamin C. Rogers was a native of Westport, Conn., was reared there, and in his youth learned the trade of tanner and currier, at which he was engaged up to the time of his death, which occurred in Bridgeport when he was but twenty-six years of age. He was married in Darien, Conn., to Mary, daughter of Thaddeus Hoyt, of Darien, and they had one child, Henry B. After Mr. Rogers' death the widow married Seymour Comstock, by whom she also had one child, Frank L. She died at New Canaan in 1896 at the ripe age of eighty-four years, and Mr. Comstock is still living at the advanced age of ninety-five.

Henry B. Rogers passed his boyhood and early youth in Darien, where he attended the district school, and he afterward was a pupil in the private school kept by David S. Rockwell, in New Canaan. For two years he clerked in the general mercantile store of Comstock & Co., and in 1855 he entered the seminary at Amenia

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for one year. On his return to New Canaan he resumed clerking, and continued thus until 1860, when he became a member of the firm of Comstock, Rogers & Co., consisting of Albert S. Comstock and Henry B. Rogers, for the manufacture of clothing and the sale of general merchandise. In January, 1868, they sold out their store business to J. V. Rockwell & Co., in order to give their entire attention to their manufacturing interests. In 1876 A. S. Comstock retired from business, which Mr. Rogers has since conducted alone under the firm name of H. B. Rogers & Co. The factory is a commodious brick building, 54 x 80 feet in dimensions, three stories and basement, lighted by gas and heated by steam, and the output consists of men's and boys' clothing, bicycle suits, etc., manufactured from domestic goods. Mr. Rogers disposes of his stock directly to the retail trade through his own traveling men, and he also has an interest in four different stores: Comstock Bros., Norwalk, Conn.; Comstock Bros., South Norwalk, Conn.; The Keene Cash Clothing Store, Keene, N. H., and C. F. Tolles Company, Ansonia, Conn. It is hardly necessary to say that he has been obliged to devote himself unceasingly to the management of his affairs, but the result has been ample reward for his industry and enterprise.

Mr. Rogers was married, in Brooklyn, N. Y., to Mary L. Hoyt, daughter of Charles Hoyt, and they had five children, namely: Mary L., Harry (who died at the age of four years), Charles DeWitt (of South Norwalk), Rosalie and Helen. The mother passed away October 1, 1886, and in 1888 Mr. Rogers wedded, at New Canaan, Miss Edna Hoyt, daughter of Edwin Hoyt. The family occupies a beautiful residence on the corner of Railroad avenue and Park street. They worship at the Congregational Church, of which Mr. Rogers has been a prominent member since 1856, and he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school of that Church for thirty-seven years. He is at present serving as senior burgess in New Canaan, and has been a member of the board since its organization.

CHARLES B. BAKER is one of the prosperous self-made agriculturists of Fairfield township, Fairfield county, where he owns a fine farm of ninety acres, and he is one of the reliable citizens of the town, he and his family being highly respected throughout the neighborhood in which they reside.

Mr. Baker was born June 4, 1838, in New York City, and when a child removed to Westport, Conn., with his parents, who had a family of ten children. Charles received his education in the public schools, which he attended for a few years during the winter season. He was obliged to help in the support of the family from an early age, and was but twelve years old when he commenced to work for Capt. Isaac Bennett, of Westport, as a farm hand. When fourteen years of age he went as cook on the sloop "Emily," Capt. John Gorman, from Southport, and he followed this occupation for three years, between New York and Sound points, and Albany and Providence, finally returning to farming. Entering the employ of Capt. Joseph Jennings, of Southport, he remained with him for twenty consecutive years, a record which speaks more highly than words for his steadiness, reliability and genuine worth, and he subsequently lived in Westport for a time, where he was engaged in general work, and farmed some land of his own. He returned to Southport, however, and after the death of his former employer, Captain Jennings, farmed land belonging to that gentleman's estate on shares, in 1877 settling on the farm of ninety acres which he has since occupied, and which was formerly the property of David Bank, Mr. Baker purchasing it from his estate.

Mr. Baker has been very successful in the cultivation of his soil, and he has by persevering industry and careful management attained an enviable standing among the well-to-do farmers of this section. His reputation in both business and private life has always been above reproach, and he is esteemed as one of the substantial citizens of the town, and as a deservedly prosperous one.

Mr. Baker was married in 1862 to Miss Harriet Allen, a native of Westport, daughter of Edward Allen, and the young couple commenced housekeeping in Westport, later living in Southport, whence, as above related, they returned to their old home. Their union has been blessed with ten children, namely: Ida, who married James Brotherton, and has one child; Charles, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Julia, the wife of Frank Holl, of South Norwalk, who has one child; Jenny, who died in 1869; Albert, who married Kate Sturges, of Stratfield, Conn.; and Herbert, Clarence, Lyllian, Elmore and Eva, all living at home except Elmore, who died in 1878.

In 1862 Mr. Baker volunteered his services for the Union cause, becoming a member of Company C, 28th Conn. V. I., with which he served in all its engagements during his term, except for one month, when he was in hospital at New Orleans, suffering from illness contracted

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while in the army, and from which he has never fully recovered.

Mr. Baker was once a Democrat in political sentiment, but he now supports the Republican party in State and National issues, in local affairs voting as his conscience dictates. He takes no very active part in politics, however, and has several times refused candidacies for positions of trust in this section. Socially, he is a member of McDonald Post No. 63, G. A. R., at Westport.

ROBERT WILLIAM CURTISS. The family of which this well-known resident of Stratford is a representative has been prominent for many years in the business, social and political life of that section, and its members have at all times been noted for the qualities of character which make good citizens. The first of the name came from England at a very early period, and a member of the family settled in the town of Stratford long prior to the Revolutionary war.

The first recorded knowledge we have of the Curtiss family at Stratford is in 1658, at which time the will of widow Elizabeth Curtiss was proved. [Vol. 1648–1656. page 17, Records of Court of Probate within and for the District of Fairfield, Conn.] This will makes mention of her sons, John Curtiss and William Curtiss, and grandsons, John Curtiss and Jonathan Curtiss, sons of her sons, John and William. In item fourth of her will she says: "I doe give unto my grandchild Mary Curtiss ye daughter of Thomas Curtiss forty shillings and to be paid unto her by my sons John and William within a year after my decease." This is the only recorded direct evidence of the existence of a son Thomas, and from this record it will be seen that there were living, at the time the will was made, two sons, John and William, grandsons, John and Jonathan and a granddaughter, Mary, and that she also had a son, Thomas, who died previous to the making of the will. At this time she was a widow, and nowhere in the records of Stratford does the name of her husband appear. In "A note of ye Estates and Persons of the Inhabitants of Rocksbury," about 1638–40, and at a time previous to the date of the above will, appears the name of John Corteis, having fifteen acres, with five persons in his family. This family disappears, and a thorough exhaustive search in the records in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut fails to find them or any of them until the records of Stratford are reached. That it is reasonable to believe the John Corteis of Roxbury was a brother of William of Roxbury, and the husband of Elizabeth of Stratford, is evidenced by the records both of England and America. In the "Memorials of the Pilgrim Fathers of Nazing and Waltham Abbey," by W. Winters, F. R. Hist. Soc., of Waltham Abbey, Essex, England, page 46, are the names of William Curtiss, who married Sarah Eliot, the sister of John Eliot, the Indian Apostle, and one of the original settlers of Roxbury, Mass., and John Curtiss, who married Elizabeth Hutchins April 19, 1610, and had children: John, baptized February 26, 1614-15; William, baptized June 21, 1618, and Thomas, baptized March 12, 1619-20. The ship "Lion" arrived in Boston harbor Sunday evening, September 16, 1632. She brought, so Winthrop says, one hundred and twenty-three passengers on this trip. The names of about thirty only are matters of record, and one of them was William Curtiss, above referred to. We know, however, that the arrivals by the "Lion" were what may be termed the better class. The ministers were well educated and influential, the laity were educated, and possessed a certain degree of wealth that enabled them to live in the enjoyment of comforts.

The records of Massachusetts Colony distinctly show, as stated above, that John Corteis was not only a personality but was a landowner. The recorded passengers of the "Lion" are known to have been persons of means, and it is reasonable from the known worth of John, and his appearance at Roxbury at about the time of William and other "Lion" passengers, to conclude that John was a passenger on the "Lion," and therefore an emigrant from Nazing. If this conclusion is correct there can be no doubt that this John is the John mentioned in the records of Nazing, and the husband of Elizabeth, the recorded ancestress of the Curtiss family of Stratford, Conn. He died probably in Massachusetts, or while *en route* to Connecticut. When or where he died is not a matter of record in either State. John and William came with their mother Elizabeth to Stratford at an early period of its settlement. Trumbull, in his history, Vol. 1, published 1795, page 105, says they came from Roxbury about 1639, and that Stratford was settled by immigrants from Massachusetts, and not by immigrants directly from England, with the exception of Mr. Fairchild, who was a prominent man and the first one in Stratford invested with civil authority. He came directly from the mother country. John and William Curtiss were among the prominent men in the town at this early period. Lieut. John Curtiss, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of Stratford, where he passed his life in agricultural pursuits, interrupted only by the long struggle of the colonies for independence.

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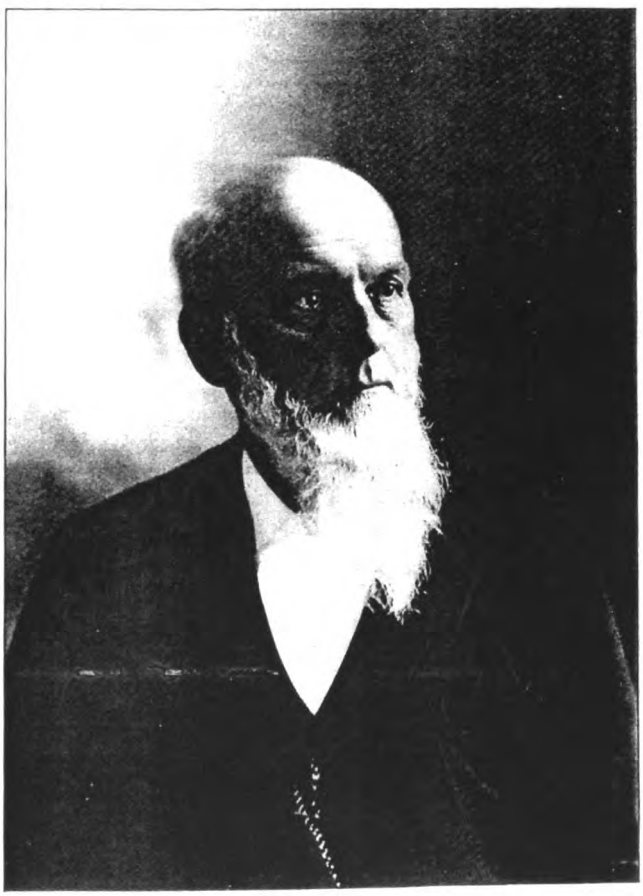

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during which he served as a lieutenant. The names and dates of birth, etc., of his children, are as follows: Sarah, born September 29, 1769; Stiles, April 13, 1771; Judson, February 15, 1774; John, February 8, 1778; Ezekiel, June 6, 1779; Daniel (grandfather of our subject), April 8, 1781; Julia, November 27, 1784 (she married Burritt Curtiss); and Harriet, baptized February —, 1791 (she married Lucius Curtiss).

Daniel Curtiss, grandfather of R. W. Curtiss, was born and reared in Stratford, and after his marriage to Betsey Pixlee settled upon a farm there, where he and his wife both died. Their children were Sheldon P., Peter P., Charles H., Mary (Mrs. Nathan Birdsey), Margaret (Mrs. Morgan Curtiss) and Elizabeth (Mrs. Edward Fitch).

Sheldon P. Curtiss, the father of our subject, was also a native of Stratford, and grew to manhood at the old homestead. He learned the cabinet maker's trade, which he followed in Stratford and Bridgeport in early manhood, but later he located upon a farm in his native town. He was a Republican in politics, and was active in religious work as a member of the Congregational Church. His death occurred in 1876, and his wife, whose maiden name was Sally McEwen, died in 1891. Her family was of Scotch extraction, and her father, Joel McEwen, was a native of Stratford. Robert William was the eldest in a family of four children, the others being: Alfred H. (deceased), formerly a merchant in New York City; Charles B., a leading resident of Stratford; and Frederick (deceased), who was engaged in mercantile business with his brother, Alfred H.

Robert W. Curtiss was born July 30, 1836, in the town of Stratford, where his early life was spent. As a young man he learned the machinist's trade, and for twenty-five years he was employed as a tool maker in the Wheeler & Wilson factory at Bridgeport. During that period he resided for eleven years in Bridgeport, but later he returned to Stratford, where he is now living in retirement. He has a beautiful residence, surrounded by five acres of land, and all the appointments of the place suggest refined and cultivated taste. In 1861 Mr. Curtiss married Miss Mary E. Benjamin, of Stratford, daughter of Henry and Cynthia (McEwen) Benjamin, well-known residents of that town, but they have had no children. Mr. Curtiss has been both active and influential in political work in his locality, being a valued adviser in the Republican organization. He has served five terms as selectman, having been elected in 1889, 1890, 1895, 1896 and 1897, and in 1891 he was chosen to the office of township assessor, serving one year. Mr. Curtiss is a member of the Grange, and he has been treasurer of his lodge for twelve years, ever since its organization.

GEORGE R. OSBORN. Notwithstanding the prevalent idea that American business men are absorbed in the struggle for the "almighty dollar," it is a recognized fact that they are of a high type of citizenship. The subject of this sketch, a well-known manufacturer of hardware at Bridgeport, is a representative of the best element in business life, his fine presence and sympathetic manner lending a courtly grace even to a chance greeting, while his well-stored mind makes his conversation of rare interest. His fluent and choice language makes one wish that he had tested their abilities in some line of effort which would have developed oratorical power. If he has a "hobby" it is mineralogy, in which he has made extensive research, but he shows a wide and accurate knowledge of general topics, especially history, religion and politics.

Mr. Osborn belongs to an old and highly esteemed family. His grandfather, Elisha Osborn, was born and reared in the town of Ridgefield, this county, and became an extensive dealer in horses, collecting thousands annually from all parts of New England and selling them in New Haven, where they were shipped to the West Indies. This well-known citizen passed his last years in Woodbridge, Conn., his death occurring in 1788. His wife, Elizabeth (Peck), was a native of New Haven county, and a member of a prominent family of this State. They had eight children: Elansen, a shoe dealer at De Witt, near Syracuse, N. Y.; Merritt, a draftsman of marked talent, who made a specialty of designs in wood work; Elihu, our subject's father; Elizur, a merchant, who died in early manhood; and Amelia, Clara, Lucinda and Maria.

Elihu Osborn, the father of our subject, was born in Woodbridge, and during his youth learned the comb maker's trade at Bethel with P. T. Barnum. For some years he was engaged in that business at Seymour, Conn., and later he manufactured builders' hardware at New Haven, where he died in 1860. He married Esther Strong, who was born in Southbury, Conn., a daughter of Noah Strong. She was of English descent, and her ancestors were early settlers in this State. Six children were born of this union: (1) Maria died in infancy. (2) George R., our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (3) Charles M., who served in the navy during the Civil war, died in 1875. (4) Frederick B. was in the navy

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previous to the Civil war, making a trip to the Mediterranean Sea during his term of service; he also served on the "Niagara" at the time the Atlantic cable was laid, and helped in that enterprise; when the war of the Rebellion broke out he organized a company and went into active service, taking part in thirty battles, including one of the engagements at Bull Run; he escaped injury and returned home in safety, but in June, 1865, he was killed on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, while in the employ of that road. (5) Eugene F. was drowned in New Haven in 1848. (6) Miss Esther M. resides in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Our subject was born September 4, 1831, in New Haven county, Conn., and his education was mainly obtained in the schools of Woodbridge, although he also attended school in New Haven for a short time. At the early age of ten years he was thrown upon his own resources, and after serving an apprenticeship in the business of manufacturing firearms he worked at his trade nearly thirty years in different places, spending about three years in Kansas. He also made some profitable deals in real estate, especially during the period preceding the Civil war. About 1860 he returned to the East, locating at Ilion, N. Y., where he spent six years working as a contractor in manufacturing guns at the Remington armory. He then went to Chicopee Falls, Mass., to make a sewing machine for the Lamb Knitting Machine Co., and in 1866 he engaged in the manufacture of birdcages there, being the first to make the bright metal cages now so popular. After a few years he sold out his interests there to two parties; in 1867 he removed to Bridgeport with his machinery, and continued in the same line of business for a time. Later he organized the Osborn Manufacturing Company, and opened an establishment in Bleecker street, New York, which is still in operation although he is not now connected with it. After twelve years with that concern he engaged in the manufacture of surgical instruments on Elizabeth street, New York, and afterward he remodeled the plant and began manufacturing art hardware. In the spring of 1889 he removed to Bridgeport, where he built a large brick factory, and he has since made a specialty of fine metallic articles of an ornamental nature, or combining use and ornament. His embossed metalic goods show the highest artistic skill and taste, and among the hundreds of articles to be seen in his shops are album easels, of five different designs, bowl easels, cup and saucer easels, cushion easels, fan easels, frame easels, plan and plate easels, panel easels, picture and photo easels, panel easels, shell and white-wire easels of all kinds, cup and saucer hangers, cup, saucer and plate hangers, plac hangers, series plate hangers, photo hangers, bouquet holders, lamp screen holders, photo holders in ten designs, banner stands, banner rods, nut pix, nut crax and glass medallions. He has offices in New York and Chicago, and his different goods are in demand in all parts of the country, such dealers as Marshall Field & Co., of Chicago, sending large orders.

In 1861 Mr. Osborn married Miss Clarissa Williams, of Syracuse, N. Y., who died in 1876, and in 1878 he formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Miss Sarah Boorman, a native of Sherman, N. Y. By his first marriage he had two children: Frederick E. (deceased), and Howard M., who is general agent for his father's business. Socially, the family is prominent, and Mr. Osborne is connected with the Masonic Fraternity and the Knights of Honor. Politically, he is a stanch Republican, and he has always taken keen interest in the issues of the day, having been especially active in the stirring times in Kansas before the Civil war. While in New York he was always interested in municipal affairs, and since his removal to Bridgeport he has given careful attention to local affairs, his fellow-townsmen showing their appreciation of his ability and public spirit by electing him in 1896 as alderman from the Eighth district.

JOHN C. BOND is one of Stratford's most enterprising business men, and has done much to improve the appearance of the water front of the city, constructing docks and buildings and reclaiming land which was formerly regarded as too low and swampy for business purposes.

Mr. Bond was born October 23, 1839, in Suffolk county, Long Island, where his family has been prominent since Colonial times, his grandfather, Doxie Bond, having been a farmer there during the Revolutionary war. John C. Bond, Sr., our subject's father, was a native of the same locality and passed his life there, being engaged in the market business. He married Miss Elizabeth Soper, a native of Long Island, and had nine children: Harriet, Elizabeth and Ann M., all now deceased; Mary, widow of Thomas Garry, and a resident of Stratford; Emeline, deceased; George S., who is employed as a watchman at the oyster grounds at Southport; John C., our subject; Edward, who is a clerk in our subject's saloon at Stratford; and Ashabell A., a retired resident of Stratford, who was formerly engaged in the oyster business.

John C. Bond spent the first thirty years of his

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life at his old home on Long Island, where he learned the ship carpenter's trade. In 1869 he went to California, and followed farming near the Sacramento river. He was then appointed deputy sheriff of Solano county, for Collinsville, Montezuma district, and this position he held for five and one-half years. In 1883 he came to Stratford, where he purchased property and engaged in the oyster business, which he continued for some time, but later he became interested in the liquor business, opening a saloon on the docks. Since locating in Stratford he has not been active in politics, but he is a firm believer in the principles of the Democratic party. His wife, who was formerly Miss Julia E. Baldwin, is a native of Long Island.

JAMES REILLY, a successful farmer and gardener of Greenwich township, Fairfield county, is a native of Ireland, born in County Leitrim, January 26, 1838, and is a son of Michael and Bridget (McConell) Reilly, farming people, who spent their entire lives in that country. They reared a family of four sons, of whom three came to America, Thomas and Edward both locating in Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., where the former died and where the latter is still living.

On the home farm James Reilly was reared to manhood, early becoming familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, while his literary education was obtained in the common schools of his native land. With his father's assistance he came to the United States in 1859, on the steamer "William Stitson," landing at New York on the 19th of July, thirty-five days after leaving the harbor at Dublin. Coming to Fairfield county, he first worked for Burr B. Lockwood, at Sound Beach, as a farm hand, and being steady and a good worker he was employed by that gentleman for three years. During this time he saved a part of his earnings and bought three acres of land at Sound Beach, on which the Pilgrim Congregational church now stands. However, he never lived upon this place, and afterward sold it. Prior to his marriage he operated land for his former employer, Mr. Lockwood, and afterward worked a farm on shares.

In 1863, Mr. Reilly wedded Miss Mary Haggerty, who was born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1842, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Colbert) Haggerty. At the age of sixteen years she came alone to the New World on the vessel "City of Washington," landing in New York after a voyage of eleven days. In that city she was employed as a domestic for four years. By her marriage to our subject she has become the mother of three children: Lizzie (now Mrs. John Maher), of Greenwich; and Catharine and James B., both at home.

At first it was the intention of Mr. Reilly to return to Ireland, and with that idea in view he sent considerable money back to his old home; but later concluded to marry and remain in the United States. At that time he had saved a few hundred dollars, which he afterward invested in his present farm. His first purchase consisted of twelve acres, a portion of the farm at Sound Beach, which he had previously rented of Simon Brady, and to that tract he has added until he now has a fine place of twenty acres, on which he has erected a comfortable residence. His crop consists principally of strawberries, celery, onions and potatoes, and as a farmer and gardener he is meeting with a well-deserved success. His life is a living illustration of what can be accomplished by industry, perseverance and economy, especially if a sensible wife seconds a man's efforts to secure a home and competence, as his has done. As a citizen he is numbered among the best, and as a business man his integrity is never questioned. He and his wife are members of the Catholic Church at Stamford, and have the respect and esteem of all who know them. He is a regular voter, and usually supports the men and measures of the Democratic party by his ballot, though at local elections he frequently votes independently.

GEORGE S. RAY, who for twelve years past has served the people of Greenwich borough, Fairfield county, as warden, and who for nearly a third of a century has been a respected and honored citizen of the place, engaged in the manufacture of carriages, is a native of the City of New York, born August 7, 1835. He is a son of Hiram and Mary (Marshall) Ray, the former of whom was a native of New York, the eldest son and second child of Jackson Ray, four of whose children reached adult age.

George S. Ray's boyhood was passed partially in New York, and when he was a lad his parents moved to Norwalk, Conn. They returned to New York, however, where the father died before George S. had attained his eighth year. About two years later the mother moved to Greenwich, where she died. Our subject here attended the borough schools, his first teacher being Seeley Lounsbury. While yet in his 'teens young Ray began learning the wood-working branch of the carriage maker's trade, under the

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direction of Joseph E. Russell. The wages for an apprentice were low at that time, and the apprentice in question received in the start twenty-five cents a day for his services, which was increased from time to time by an additional five cents at a time until the maximum figure of fifty cents per day was reached at the close of four and one-half years. After having completed his trade he worked at journey work until in 1870, when he engaged in business for himself at Greenwich, where he has ever since followed this line of work. Of recent years he has built no new vehicles, but has confined himself to making repairs. He is a fine mechanic, and the work that goes out from his place of business is first class. He has the best business of the kind in Greenwich, and as a workman is second to none in Fairfield county.

Aside from his active business life Mr. Ray has found time to give attention to the duties of citizenship that are of a necessity thrust upon men of a community, and usually upon those who manage their own business affairs successfully, and are of that type whose force bring them into public notice. Mr. Ray has served his fellow citizens of Greenwich in various offices through many years, and with the greatest fidelity on his part and to the greatest satisfaction of the public. For four years he was burgess of the borough, one year selectman, and twelve years warden. He is a man of the highest sense of honor, and as a citizen stands deservedly high. He has managed his business affairs successfully. He built a home on West Elm street, and in other ways has evidenced his enterprising and progressive spirit. He is a member of the Second Congregational Church of Greenwich, in which he is a deacon, and chairman of the building committee. Politically, he is a Republican, although his first vote was cast for James Buchanan for the Presidency. He voted for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, since when he has been identified with the Republicans, and in the councils of that party in Fairfield county he wields an influence. He married Miss Sarah Avery, a native of Greenwich, daughter of Everett D. Avery, and to the union was born one child, Annie L., now Mrs. A. C. Peck, of Greenwich.

ROSWELL BOOTH GLOVER, a well-known retired citizen of Danbury, is a man to whom success has come as a reward of his own energy and thrift. Starting in life with no capital, he now owns five houses in Danbury, and the evening of his life will be made pleasant by the wisely-invested returns from past years of toil.

Mr. Glover was born January 23, 1829, in Scotia District, Newtown, Fairfield Co., Conn., a son of Roswell Glover and his first wife, Polly Ann (Ferris). The father, who was a native of Newtown, Conn., born December 28, 1802, became an agriculturist by occupation, his later years being spent in the West. Our subject's mother was twice married, and he was the only child by her first marriage. By her second marriage (to W. Lake) there were five children: Ferris, Isaac, Harriet M., D. Jackson and Walter B.

Until the age of thirteen Mr. Glover made his home with his grandmother Ferris, at Newtown, and his education was begun in the district school of Sugar street, in Newtown, and he afterward attended select schools in Taunton District, taught by Harvey Peck and Philo Clarke, the latter of whom taught the first school, and was afterward president of a bank at Newton. The course of study was somewhat more liberal than that given to the average youth of that day. Deciding upon the carpenter's trade, he passed an apprenticeship of three years and nine months with Hiram Parmalee, of Hattertown, and also learned the sash and blind business in the same place. Later he went to Danbury and worked two years as a journeyman, and six years as a regular employe for Barnum & Starr, but that firm was dissolved in 1861 because of Mr. Starr's death in the army. The business was purchased by Foster Brothers, and two or three years later Mr. Glover entered their service as foreman of the sash and blind department of their factor, a position which he held for nearly twenty years, and only relinquished in 1895, when, having gained a fair competence, he determined to enjoy a well-deserved leisure. His sound, conservative judgment is appreciated by his associates, and he has often been called upon to aid in the settlement of estates, and to advise in other matters of importance. Although he has never taken an active part in local politics, he is a stanch Republican in principle. Socially, he belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men at Danbury, and to the I. O. O. F., though not affiliated to the local organization. He and his family are prominent members of St. James Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Glover, formerly Miss Polly Ann Robertson, is a daughter of Levi and Polly Robertson, highly respected residents of Redding Ridge. Mr. and Mrs. Glover had three children, viz.: Harriet Jane, born February 9, 1856; Ida Ann, born December 8, 1858, died January 18, 1862; and Lemuel Francis, born June 4, 1864, died November 22, 1894. The eldest and only surviving member of this little family is now the

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wife of George B. Hoyt, of Danbury, a traveling salesman for and member of the firm of Hoyt & Olmstead, of Norwalk, Conn., and this union is blessed with four children: Mabel Louise, born July 3, 1882; Julia Banks, born September 27, 1884; Annie Isabelle, June 5, 1889; and Leon Glover, born December 20, 1893. Mrs. Hoyt is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

RUSSELL L. HALL has been a resident of New Canaan for more than forty-five years, and as an active business man and public-spirited citizen has given his material influence and interest to her welfare and progress. He was born August 18, 1832, at Warren, Litchfield Co., Conn., and comes of one of the oldest families of the State.

In the spring of 1639 Francis Hall, the first of the family in this country, arrived in New Haven. He was a son of Gilbert Hall of England. He returned to England for his wife and family, and they settled at Fairfield, Conn., living there and at Stratford, where he died. He was an attorney. His son, Isaac Hall, was a physician. His son, John Hall, had a son Elnathan, who was one of the first settlers of New Fairfield, Conn., and died in 1770. He was an ensign, lieutenant and captain in the militia. Elnathan's son, also named Elnathan, moved to Mt. Washington, Mass., where, in 1776, Elnathan Lewis Hall, the grandfather of our subject, was born. He learned the trades of tanner and shoemaker at Warren, Conn., where he followed the same for many years, dying in May, 1852, at New Canaan, Conn. He married Huldah Stone, and they became the parents of eight children, namely: Norman S.; Maria (deceased), who married Seth Hickok; Herman L., deceased; Elnathan Smith, deceased; Miranda, widow of Isaac Knapp, living at Danbury; Sarah E., widow of James W. Lockwood, late of New Canaan; John N., residing in Mankato, Minn.; and Emily L., widow of H. J. Taylor, late of Sharon, Connecticut.

Norman S. Hall, the eldest of this family, was born at Warren, Conn., and received his schooling there. He learned the tanner's trade under his father, with whom he and his brother, Herman L., were in partnership in Warren for many years, under the firm name of E. L. Hall & Sons. During the "forties" Norman Hall abandoned his trade and followed farming, during the remainder of his life. He was married at Kent, Conn., to Mary A. Stone, who died in July, 1876, and their children were Russell Lewis; Harriet E. (Mrs. Gibson, of Washington, Conn.); Ezra S., of Norwalk; Mary J. (Mrs. Finch), of Norwalk; Laura I. (Mrs. Benedict), of Warren, Conn.; Charles W., and Lucy Ann and Amelia S., both deceased. This family attended the Congregational Church, of which Mr. Hall was a member. Politically, he was first a Whig, later a Republican.

Russell Lewis Hall received his early education at Warren, attending the public school and J. C. Howard's private school, and for one winter was a pupil in a school in the northern part of the town of New Canaan. When sixteen years of age he went to Goshen, Conn., where he worked four years and five months as an apprentice to the cabinet-making trade. During 1853 he worked for E. C. Warren, at Stamford, Conn., thence coming to New Canaan, where he arrived Christmas Eve, 1853, and here he has since made his home. In 1854 he hired a small place, put in a stock and commenced to work at his trade, shortly afterward purchasing a larger place. In 1856 he bought a building on Main street, in which he continued to do business until after the Civil war, when he took his brother, Charles W., as partner. Our subject has been engaged in this line since the year 1849, and has met with continued success, which he has well deserved. Other business interests have claimed his attention during these years, and that he possesses more than an ordinary allowance of good judgment and discernment in financial affairs is a fact well recognized by his associates in commercial life, who have expressed their confidence in him in many ways. Since 1878 he has been president of the National Bank of New Canaan, and also a director in same, and he held the office of treasurer of the Savings Bank for seventeen years. Such a record speaks for itself.

Although his business has had the greater share of his time and attention, Mr. Hall has found time for public service, and much private enjoyment in the field of good literature, which he has always been intensely fond of. He has served in numerous local offices of trust, such as constable, deputy sheriff, assessor, member of the board of relief, registrar of voters for many years, chairman of the Republican town committee, holding this position for twenty-five years, notary public and justice of the peace, in all of which he has discharged his duties with such wisdom and faithfulness that his services could not be other than satisfactory. In 1896 he was honored with election to the post of representative for New Canaan in the State Legislature, and is filling this office with characteristic ability and devotion to duty.

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On December 24, 1857, Mr. Hall was united in marriage, in New Canaan, with Miss Betsey A. Jones, daughter of Reuben Jones, and two children—one son and one daughter—blessed this union, namely: Julia M., who is deceased, and Lewis Carroll, who graduated from Yale College in 1891, and is now bookkeeper in the Fancher factory; he married Viola E. Riley. The mother of these passed from earth February 27, 1898. In 1884 Mr. Hall took up the Chautauqua course of reading, and graduated in same. He is the president of the New Canaan Historical Society, and has held said office since the year 1890. Fraternally, he is a prominent member of Wooster Lodge No. 37, I. O. O. F.; the Order of American Mechanics; the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Sons of Temperance, which last named order he joined thirty-five years ago.

E. C. BURROUGHS, a well-known dairyman and farmer of Fairfield township, is a native of Fairfield county, Conn., born March 21, 1830, in Trumbull township, son of Nelson and Catherine (Middlebrooks) Burroughs.

Nelson Burroughs removed with his family to Bridgeport when our subject was an infant, and there he passed the remainder of his life, engaged at the carpenter trade. Soon after the completion of the Housatonic railroad he commenced work on it, and he remained in that employ for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs were the parents of five children, namely: Elizabeth (Mrs. Lewis Wheeler), who died in Stratford; E. C.; Emily, unmarried, who lives in Bridgeport, a member of St. Paul's Church, and for many years assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school; Catherine, who married Sherman Stirling, and died in Bridgeport; and Oscar, who died in New Mexico. The parents were members of the Episcopal Church, uniting with St. Paul's congregation in East Bridgeport. They died at the age of sixty-two and seventy-nine years, respectively. Mr. Burroughs was a stanch Democrat politically.

E. C. Burroughs was reared in Bridgeport, where he received his schooling, and when fourteen years of age went to live with Jesse Banks, at Greenfield, remaining with that gentleman in all some fourteen years. For the first seven years he received his board and clothing, and when he reached his majority he was given a suit of clothes and $150 in cash, after which he continued with Mr. Banks for seven years longer. In March, 1858, he went to Douglas county, Kans., where his brother Oscar had taken up a claim, and the two farmed in partnership for several years. In October, 1860, our subject was united in marriage, in Douglas county, with Miss Mary J. Houghton, who was born May 27, 1831, in Vermont, and lived up to the age of about twenty near Boston, Mass. In 1855 she came to Kansas with her parents, Josiah and Catherine (White) Houghton, who had two children: Mrs. Burroughs, and George S., who is a teacher in South Boston. Mrs. Burroughs was an eye-witness to the burning of Lawrence, Kansas, by Quantrell, during the Civil war, and Mr. Burroughs, who was at the time suffering with inflammatory rheumatism, was hidden in a cornfield to escape murder by the guerrillas. In the spring of 1864 Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs came east, locating first at Somerville, Mass., where he farmed for a time, and later removing to Bridgeport, where the family lived while he worked as a farmhand for Samuel Morehouse. The following year Mr. Burroughs commenced to work the Jesse Banks farm on shares, and he continued thus for eleven years, until, in 1877, he settled on his present farm. He has since added to his original purchase, and now has thirty-eight or thirty-nine acres of productive land, all of which has been greatly improved during his ownership, and the outbuildings and dwelling-house made more comfortable and substantial. The property is an excellent one, and in addition to general farming Mr. Burroughs has carried on dairying almost from the start, in this line being one of the best-known men in this part of the county. He markets his milk in Bridgeport, and in the great blizzard of 1888, both he and his two sons, being caught in it, were held in Bridgeport, not being able to reach home till the third day, and then only by wading through the snow three miles on foot, nearly exhausted. Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs have attained an enviable degree of prosperity through their combined efforts, and he is known as a thoroughly reliable citizen and a man of the strictest integrity.

Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs have had five children, viz.: Frederick C., who lives at home, is at present engaged in the dairy business, and has also been a highly successful school teacher; Robert N. was a mail carrier in Bridgeport, and is now superintendent of the East Side P. O. Station; Annie H. lives at home (she is a member of St. Paul's Church, Bridgeport); Catherine and Carrie died in infancy. The parents are members of the Episcopal Church at Southport, in which Mr. Burroughs formerly served as vestryman. He is a lifelong Republican in politics. Some years ago an incident occurred which is of interest in the history of the family. John Brown,

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then living in Kansas, but afterward of Harper's Ferry and National fame, called one morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs, where he had his breakfast, and asked to be allowed to lie down and rest, as he was tired from traveling all night. He slept there all day. They did not know who he was, but were impressed by his courtesy and noble bearing, and they were afterward told his name by friends who called to see him.

ERASTUS W. TUTTLE is a well and favorably known resident of the town of New Canaan, Fairfield county, where he has followed the business of stone mason for the last half century. His father and grandfather were also identified with this community, the latter, by name Daniel, being born in what was then known as Canaan Parish, and passing the greater part of his life in New Canaan. He was a blacksmith by trade. He wedded Abigail Pennoyer, and they had one child, Samuel P.

Samuel P. Tuttle was born, in 1800, in New Canaan, at the family home in Oenoke avenue, received his schooling in his native place, and in course of time learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed all his life. He was married in 1823, to Orinda, daughter of Daniel Terrell, of Wilton, and seven children were born to them, namely: Erastus W.; Augustus S., who died young; Sarah (Mrs. James Whitney), of Darien; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Henry Betts; Maria, deceased; Augustus S. (2) (deceased), who was a respected and well-known citizen of New Canaan, where he was a contracter and builder; and Mary (Mrs. Sterling), of Norwalk. Samuel P. Tuttle died in 1877. He was a member of the Episcopal Church at New Canaan.

Erastus W. Tuttle, eldest son of Samuel P. and Orinda (Terrell) Tuttle, was born September 7, 1825, in the house where he still resides, situated in Oenoke avenue, New Canaan. Here during his youth he was given the educational advantages afforded by the public schools, and in early manhood he learned the stonemason's trade, at which he has worked continuously since he was twenty years old. On September 7, 1846, he was united in marriage, in New Canaan, to Lydia E. Mills; no children were born to this union. For his second wife, Mr. Tuttle was married October 2, 1848, at Bedford, N. Y., to Miss Betsey Armstrong, and by her he had five children: Phœbe, who is the wife of Webster Davis, of Wilton, Conn.; Aabbigal B.; Lydia E., of New Canaan; Margaret (Mrs. Asa F. Fancher), of Norwalk; and Sarah, who is deceased. On April 21, 1875, Mr. Tuttle was married at New Canaan to Jane A. Williams, by whom he has one child, Leon E. Our subject is united with the Baptist Church at New Canaan, and is a substantial, thrifty citizen of that town, one whose genuine worth entitles him to the respect of all.

JONATHAN C. TAYLOR, a veteran of the Civil war, whose valor and courage were tested on more than one battlefield, and whose body now bears the scars of wounds that speak louder than words of the sacrifice and heroism of young manhood, is one of the substantial farmers of the town of Westport, and a well-known citizen throughout Fairfield county.

Mr. Taylor was born December 16, 1833, in the town of Westport. His paternal grandfather, also named Jonathan, was a soldier of the war of 1812. He was born in the town of Weston, married Nancy Taylor, of Westport, and in that town engaged in farming. The two children born to this marriage were: Alfred and Paul L., the latter being the father of our subject. Both were farmers of the town of Westport. The father of these children was a Whig in his political views, and in religious faith Alfred was an Episcopalian, Paul L. a Congregationalist.

Paul L. Taylor was reared on his father's farm. He became a school teacher by profession, but later in life was chiefly engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married Matsey Chapman, a native of the town of Westport, and a daughter of Phineas Chapman. This marriage was blessed with four children, namely: Harriet E. married a Mr. Nichols, resided in New Haven, and there died; Charles H., for many years a merchant in Westport, died in Tacoma, Wash.; Jonathan C., our subject, is referred to farther on; and Ann E. married Benjamin Toquet, of Westport. The parents of these died in 1867. They were excellent people, and their deaths were mourned by a host of friends and acquaintances. Politically, the father was first a Whig, then a Republican.

Jonathan C. Taylor was reared on the home farm, attending the local schools during his earlier years, then the private academy of William H. Richards, at Westport. When he had advanced sufficiently to be able to teach, he entered into the work with a zeal that was characteristic of his after life. Beginning the profession in the schools of his home town, he was not content, so later sought wider fields with greater opportunities. He taught at Bethel, Conn., and in the States of New Jersey and Illinois, and in all probably one-third of his life has been given

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to that profession. In the fall of 1861, when the Civil war seemed to be no longer simply a threat, but a stern reality that called for men of nerve and determination, young Taylor became enthusiastic, recruited a squad of men, which became a part of Company C, 28th Conn. V. I., organized in New Haven. The command was assigned to the Army of the South, under General Banks. He participated in all the engagements in which the regiment took part. In the charge on Port Hudson, La., June 14, 1862, in which five out of six were either killed or wounded, our subject was wounded twice through the side and in the sword hand. He was second lieutenant in his own company, and in the company detailed for the charge; was taken prisoner out of a ditch under the breastworks of the Confederates, and was restored to his own command at the surrender, July 11, 1862. His record as a soldier was indeed an honorable one. He was discharged from the service at New Haven, Conn., in August, 1862, and about five years after resumed schoolteaching. Later on he engaged in farming, which occupation has since claimed his attention. He has a well-improved and highly-cultivated farm of eighty acres, and has prospered. He is identified with the Congregational Church, and takes a deep interest in all work looking to the bettering of humanity. He is a member of the Saugatuck Historical Society; also a member of the G. A. R. In his political views he is an Independent.

On April 3, 1861, Mr. Taylor was married to Elizabeth L. Mundy, a native of Somerville, N. J., a daughter of Israel C. Mundy, of Scotch extraction, and to the union were born children as follows: Catherine E., Mary E., and Charles P., a traveling salesman. The wife and mother died in 1869.

WILLIAM WEBB has done general contract work in Stamford, Fairfield county, for many years, and is a respected resident of that place, where he was born August 6, 1836. His grandfather, also named William, was a native of Stamford, and was twice married, the second time to Rhoda———. Epenetus Webb, the father, was born and reared in Stamford, and was engaged in the fish and lobster business for many years. He married Delia Ann Weed, a daughter of Jonas Weed, and they became the parents of six children: Charles R., Henry (of Darien, Conn.), William, and Harriet S., Martha Ann and Alice L., all three also in Stamford.

William Webb attended the district schools of Stamford in his early boyhood, and when eighteen years old was apprenticed to Thomas P. Dixon to learn the carpenter's trade, serving three years with that gentleman. For some years following he worked as journeyman, finally commencing to do contract work, in which he now has an extensive custom. Mr. Webb was married in New York City to Miss Harriet Huested, who was born in Westchester county, N. Y., and at the time of her marriage was living in Sound Beach, this county. Two children have blessed this union: Cordelia, who is the wife of Mortimer S. Brown, of Stamford, and William H., a resident of Stamford, who is in the employ of the United States Express Company in New York City. In political sympathy Mr. Webb is a Republican.

ALFRED BEACH FAIRCHILD, whose career as a business man and citizen of Bridgeport for a third of a century is well and favorably known, is descended from one of the old Colonial families of New England, being of the eighth generation in direct line from Thomas Fairchild, a merchant who came from London, England, and settled in Stratford, Conn., about 1639. His death occurred December 14, 1670. He married (first) a daughter of Robert Seabrook, of England, and (second) Katherine Craig, of London, England. A copy of the last marriage contract, executed in England on the 22d day of December, 1662, is found in the library at the Capitol at Hartford, in Priv. Controv. Vol. 1, Doc. 20. In it Mr. Fairchild binds himself to convey to said Katherine a life estate in his lands at Stratford, or in case of his death before his arrival in New England, to cause to be paid to the said Katherine the sum of 200 pounds sterling. Of his eleven children, three (including Joseph, our subject's next ancestor) were born to the second marriage.

II. Joseph Fairchild was born in Stratford April 18, 1664, and died July 25, 1713. He owned lands in Durham. His wife, Johanna, daughter of Timothy Willcoxson, died August 15, 1713. They had ten children, among whom was a son Timothy, the next in line of descent.

III. Timothy Fairchild, born December 9, 1687, was married November 15, 1715, to Sarah Thompson, of New Haven, and died November 23, 1726. They had four children.

IV. Daniel Fairchild, son of Timothy and Sarah (Thompson) Fairchild, was born February 18, 1719, and died May 9, 1807. On December 6, 1743, he was married to Hepzibah, daughter of Samuel Lewis, of Old Mill, in the town of Stratford, and nine children were born to this

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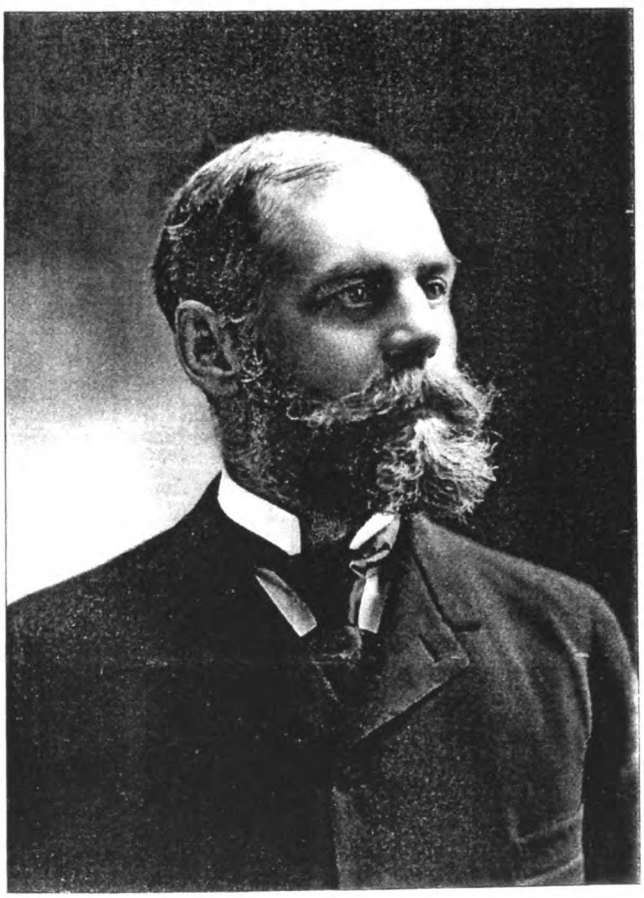

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union. Daniel Fairchild was among the first settlers of North Stratford (now Trumbull), and lived at Nichols Farms. He taught school in his earlier years, but afterward became a merchant, was influential in town and State affairs, being appointed justice of the peace for the Colony of Connecticut for many years. During the Revolutionary war he was also very prominent in the affairs of the Colony.

V. Lewis Fairchild, son of Daniel and Hepzibah (Lewis) Fairchild, was born March 14, 1747, and died May 10, 1817; married Mary Ufloot September 22, 1768, by whom he had six children. His home was at North Stratford (now Trumbull), at a place called Nessha Hill, and he was one of the most successful and influential farmers of that county. He was prominent in the Revolutionary war, and was with General Wooster in the Danbury raid, April 25 and 28, 1777, it being generally understood that he acted as assistant commissary during the time.

VI. Reuben Fairchild, son of Lewis and Mary (Ufloot) Fairchild, was born in 1782 and died October 5, 1855; he resided in Trumbull during the greater part of his life; in 1813 he married Anna, daughter of Robert Hawley of that town. Six children were born to them, viz.: Caroline, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Starr, Lewis and Charles Nichols. Reuben Fairchild was a very ingenious man, and having learned the cabinet maker's trade in his youth he applied his skill in many lines of manufacturing business. He also procured a number of patents during his life. About the year 1810 he took apart an old saddletree, and made one like it; he then made a dozen, had them ironed, and took them to New York where he found a ready sale. He then, in connection with his brother Eben, commenced the manufacture of saddletrees on a large scale at Nichols Farms, Trumbull, and conducted the business for many years, it being very successful. In May, 1817, they purchased the store and dock property near the foot of Wall street in Bridgeport, and conducted a store, in connection with same operating a packet line of boats along the coast from New York to Boston. Eben Fairchild removed to Bridgeport in 1817 to take charge of that branch, and about the year 1818 they commenced the manufacture of saddles there, associating with them Hartford Lyon and Lemuel Coleman, under the firm name of Fairchild, Lyon & Co. Later they opened a branch house in Charleston, S. C., but after about nine years they withdrew from the saddle business, selling out to their partners. In 1826 Reuben, Lewis & Eben Fairchild built the mills at Trumbull, and commenced the manufacture of paper, which was continued by them until 1835, when Reuben sold his interest to his brothers and retired from business with a comfortable competence.

Being a man of progressive ideas, and finding a retired life distasteful, he in 1836 commenced the manufacture of carriages in Bridgeport, associating with him Messrs. Haight, Hurd and Keeler, under the firm name of Haight, Keeler, Fairchild & Co. This business was continued until 1840, when he retired to his farm at Nichols Farms, Trumbull, where he was engaged in agriculture until his death.

VII. Hon. Charles N. Fairchild, son of Reuben and Anna (Hawley) Fairchild, was born in Trumbull October 27, 1818, and died September 6, 1891. He was educated in the district schools at Nichols Farms, and as a young man, learned the carriage maker's trade in Bridgeport. For some years he followed that occupation at Nichols Farms, but later he devoted his attention to agriculture. Politically, he was a Democrat. Being a man of ability and sound judgment, disciplined by practical participation in business and public affairs, he was often called to serve in official positions, which he filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to his fellow citizens. He was selectman of the town in 1859-60, and in 1876 was a representative in the State Legislature. Mr. Fairchild was twice married, his first wife being Louisa, daughter of Alfred Beach, of Trumbull Centre. To them were born two sons: Henry and Alfred Beach, who for years have been closely identified with the business interests of the City of Bridgeport. The mother of these died August 13, 1845, aged twenty-four years, and the father subsequently married Mary B., daughter of S. O. Banks, of Easton, Conn. Two children, Laura Frances and Erwin Starr, were born of the second union.

VIII. Alfred Beach Fairchild, son of Charles N. and Louisa (Beach) Fairchild, and the subject proper of this sketch, was born in the village of Nichols Farms, town of Trumbull, July 13, 1845, and received his education at the common schools of the village of his birth. At the age of eighteen he left his father's farm to take a position in Bridgeport as clerk in the general store of his brother, Henry C. Fairchild, with whom he remained until 1867. Being of age, he then commenced business for himself by purchasing the village store in his native town, where he continued successfully for three years; next venture was the purchase, in 1870, of the general store at North Bridgeport, which was conducted in connection with the woolen-mills of Dean La Monte & Co. Here he was very

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successful until the mills were consumed by fire, thereby in a large measure destroying his business. In August, 1874, he turned his attention to the insurance and real-estate business, and it is in these lines that he is now most widely known, his energy, enterprise and ability having won for him enviable prominence. For about ten years Mr. Fairchild was secretary of the Bridgeport Mutual Life Insurance Association, and is now its president, and he has held the secretaryship of the Bridgeport Board of Underwriters for nearly ten years. In May, 1894, he associated himself in business with the late William C. Mead as a partner, under the firm name of Fairchild & Mead, which is still continued by the surviving partner. In 1897 Mr. Fairchild was appointed, as a Democrat, by Mayor Thomas P. Taylor, as one of the board of fire commissioners of Bridgeport. For many years he has been identified with the South Congregational Church, and socially, he is connected with the Sea Side Club and with the Masonic Fraternity.

On June 18, 1873, Mr. Fairchild was married to Eliza Mills Tomlinson, daughter of Gideon M. Tomlinson, of Stratford, and the marriage has been blessed with the following children: Ralph Tomlinson, born January 24, 1882, and Alfred Huntington, born May 26, 1886.

E. B. WATERBURY, who is known as one of the most progressive, successful agriculturists of Greenwich township, Fairfield county, Conn., was born September 27, 1834, in Pound Ridge township, Westchester county, N. Y., which has been the home of this branch of the Waterbury family for at least a century.

Mr. Waterbury is a great-grandson of Josiah Waterbury, and a grandson of Jared Waterbury, who died of pneumonia in the spring of 1810, leaving a widow and children, of whom four grew to adult age, namely: Samuel, who became a farmer, died in Pound Ridge; Phineas, a shoemaker, died in New Canaan, Conn.; Elmira (Mrs. William Haight) died in Pound Ridge; Ebenezer was the father of our subject. For her second husband the mother married Thomas Potts. She lived to the advanced age of ninety years, dying at Pound Ridge.

Ebenezer Waterbury was born April 9, 1805, in Pound Ridge, and there he was reared, during his boyhood receiving such advantages for an education as the primitive schools of that day afforded. His brothers learned trades, but he began to assist his stepfather on the farm as soon as he was able to be of any use, and he continued to follow agricultural pursuits all his life. When a young man he married Caroline Smith, who was born in New York City, a daughter of Aaron and Betsy Smith, and they commenced housekeeping in Pound Ridge, Mr. Waterbury buying the farm on which they made their home. Later he removed his family to Long Ridge, and there passed the remainder of his days, dying at the good old age of seventy-nine. He was small physically, but he had excellent judgment in farming matters, was an energetic, determined worker, by his own exertions became the owner of a comfortable property, and acquired a competence for his declining years. Mrs. Waterbury passed away at the age of eighty-two years. They were the parents of ten children, viz.: Aaron T., who lives in Pound Ridge (he is an invalid); George P. and E. B., farmers of Greenwich; Sarah E., widow of Isaac Williams, of Bedford, N. Y.; William S., of Stamford, Conn.; Jared W., a farmer of Greenwich; a son who died in infancy; John O., of Pound Ridge; Charles P., who makes his home in Stamford township, and Caroline E., who married Henry Lockwood, and lives in Jersey City, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Waterbury's religious connections were with the Congregational Church, and they were highly esteemed by all their neighbors and friends, who were numerous in Long Ridge and vicinity. He was originally a Whig in political sentiment, in time becoming a member of the Republican party, but, although he took a patriotic interest in the public welfare, he consented to hold office but once, in his later years steadfastly refusing to take any active part in political matters.

E. B. Waterbury was reared to manhood on the parental farm at Long Ridge, and first attended school in that neighborhood, finishing his education in the academy at Bedford, N. Y. He was about twenty-four years old when he decided to start out on his own account, and having by industry and economy managed to accumulate some capital, he purchased a $6,000 farm in North Castle, Westchester county. He had to go in debt for three-quarters of this amount, but he was young and strong, and even at that time had acquired a thorough knowledge of the work of cultivating a farm, so he set bravely about paying it off, turning every hour's work to account. In addition to the ordinary farm work he engaged in buying and selling lumber, cutting considerable from his own property, and also carried on a coopering business, in which at times he employed from sixteen to eighteen men. Constant labor brought its reward, and before many years Mr. Waterbury found himself the possessor of a fine property. He made his home on the old North Castle farm until 1875, when he bought

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and moved to the farm where he has ever since resided, and which consists of ninety-nine acres of good land in North street, Greenwich township, Fairfield Co., Conn. Later he disposed of his first farm, and invested in another in Greenwich township, which he still owns. Mr. Waterbury's home is one of the best in the town, and gives ample evidence of his ability as an agriculturist, and the interest and pride he takes in its cultivation and appearance. He is not slow to adopt new methods whenever practicable, and has an enviable reputation among the neighboring farmers for good management and skill in everything pertaining to the successful conducting of a farm. His integrity and straightforwardness in all matters have gained him universal respect, and he is regarded as one of the deservedly prosperous men of this section.

On March 30, 1869, Mr. Waterbury was united in marriage to Miss Lenwilla Ferris, who was born March 21, 1848, in Greenwich township, where she was reared and educated. She is one of the three daughters of Gilbert and Harriet (Howeth) Ferris. Five children have blessed their union: Edith, who lives at home; Grace, who died at the age of six years; Everett H., who died when twelve years old; and Ellen B. and Frederic G., living at home. Mrs. Waterbury is a member of the Stanwich Congregational Church. Mr. Waterbury believes in the principles of the Democratic party, but he is non-partisan in local affairs, and takes little active part in public matters.

FREDERICK S. STERLING is a representative of the fourth generation of the Sterling family who have made the Chestnut Hill District, town of Trumbull, their home. The house in which he dwells was built by his great-grandfather, Sylvanus Sterling, who died January 6, 1781, leaving his wife Esther (who died July 16, 1811) and six children: Eunice, Elijah, Philip, Nathaniel, Gurdon and Jesse.

Elijah Sterling was born in 1766, and followed farming as his occupation. He married Anna Nichols, and their children were: Nancy, Elam, Sylvanus, Betsey Ann, Starr, Lucetta and Sherwood. The entire family were members of the Congregational Church. Elijah Sterling died June 16, 1844, and his wife, who was born in 1767, died September 19, 1851.

Elam Sterling was born on the old home farm in 1791, and the days of his youth were passed in the manner usual to sons of farmers in those days. For fifteen years he engaged in the coasting trade, which he carried on between Boston and New York. Later in life he returned home, and ended his days in the management of the farm. On September 6, 1829, he married Susan Hurd, a daughter of Frederick and Hannah (Edwards) Hurd, and three children graced their union: Frederick S.; Lucetta and Washington I., the two last named being now deceased. For several years Elam Sterling served as town clerk, and was one of the earnest workers in the Congregational Church. He died July 22, 1861. His wife, who was born December 6, 1801, lived a long life of great usefulness; her bright and cheerful disposition endeared her to all who came within her circle of acquaintances, but there came a day in 1889, when her sweet smile vanished and her chair was empty, for she was no more.

Frederick S. Sterling was born October 12, 1830, and he enjoyed such educational privileges as the customs of the times afforded. The first seventeen years of his life he spent at home, and then he went to Bridgeport to learn the coach-making business, serving an apprenticeship of four years. In 1852 he began firing for the Housatonic railroad, and after nine months was promoted to engineer. This he continued for a year, and then spent two years in the same capacity for the New York Central, running between Utica and Albany. Since 1856 he has found contentment in the cultivation and improvement of the old home.

In 1855, Mr. Sterling was married to Anna Mary Duckels, who was born in England, March 5, 1834, and was brought to America by her parents in 1836. One child has blessed the union of our subject and his wife: Anna Lucetta, who is now the wife of Franklin Sherman, of Long Hill. Mr. Sterling casts his ballot in support of the Democratic party, and has served his party as selectman, town clerk and in several minor offices. He has always been conscientious in the performance of whatever duties fell to his lot. For six years he has been treasurer of the Grange.

WILLIAM O'BRIEN. That oft-repeated phrase "the dignity of labor" has more than a sentiment at meaning with this well-known citizen of Greenwich, who, although he has gained a handsome competence through his work, still declines to spend his days in idleness.

Mr. O'Brien was born September 5, 1837, at Limerick, Ireland, the son of John and Mary O'Brien. His mother died when he was an infant of two years, and the father, who was a farm laborer, survived her but eight years. Our

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subject's only sister, Ellen, died in childhood, and thus at the age of ten years he was left without a near relative. As his father's labor had been the sole support of the family, the little lad received no inheritance, and would have fared badly had it not been that his cleverness attracted the attention and sympathy of a wealthy lady, a Mrs. Barrington, who employed him upon her estates. During the winter the family resided in Dublin, but the summer seasons they spent at Barrington Bridge, where our subject passed the greater portion of his time for six years. His benefactress was a Protestant, and when Mr. O'Brien was about sixteen years old she endeavored to persuade him to renounce the Catholic faith, in which he had been reared. He refused, notwithstanding some tempting offers of help in business, and finally after much discussion his benefactress paid his passage to the United States and supplied him with a small fund for his support while obtaining employment here. In July, 1854, he sailed from Liverpool on the vessel "Constellation," and after a voyage lasting six weeks and three days he landed in New York. Through the help of friends he found work a few days later with Silas Husted, of Round Hill, Conn., at seven dollars per month, which was considered good wages for one of his experience. During two winters he attended school in that section, and while he was usually employed profitably by different persons during the summer he often worked in the dull season for $3.00 per month, and sometimes for board only.

In his twenty-first year he married his first wife, Miss Mary Harrigan, a native of Ireland, and daughter of Patrick and Ellen Harrigan, and they began housekeeping in a small rented house at Round Hill. Mr. O'Brien continued to work at anything that would bring him in an honest dollar, and by close economy and shrewd management he secured a home of his own two miles north of the village of Greenwich. Later, as his prosperity increased, he decided to invest in more valuable property, and in 1880 he purchased his present attractive homestead in Lake avenue, Greenwich village. His industry, integrity and thrift have won for him the respect of all who know him, and he has the satisfaction of knowing that his success has been honestly and honorably obtained. He owes no man a cent, and his well-invested earnings bring him in an ample income. During the summer of 1897 he allowed himself a vacation, the first that he has had since coming to America. In politics, he is a Democrat so far as State and National issues are concerned, but in local affairs he votes independently.

In 1875 Mr. O'Brien's first wife passed to the unseen world, and later he married Mrs. Rosa (McDermott) Foran, widow of Michael Foran. He has had ten children, all by his first marriage, but none are now living except the following: Catherine, who married John G. Merritt, of Greenwich; Ellen, wife of Thomas Johnson, of Greenwich; and Margaret, who married Thomas Driscoll, of Massachusetts. The family is identified with the Catholic Church, at Greenwich, Mr. O'Brien and his wife both being active members.

ABRAHAM SLATER, than whom there is no more highly respected citizen in Greenwich township, is an industrious, thrifty, successful farmer, who, through his own efforts, has reached the enviable degree of prosperity he now enjoys.

Mr. Slater is a native of New York State, born July 1, 1832, in Rye township, Westchester county, where his parents, Abraham and Hannah (Newman) Slater, carried on farming. Abraham was reared to farm life, in his earlier years receiving, when he could be spared from work, such educational advantages as the neighboring schools afforded. At that day the public schools had none of the modern facilities for teaching "the young idea," and the instruction was far from complete even in the elementary branches; but he availed himself of the opportunities, such as they were, and finished his literary training with a brief attendance at a school in the county conducted by Professor Hollis, in Regent Street. When seventeen years old he left the farm for New York City, where he commenced his apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, receiving at first the meager wages of $35 per annum and his board in the family of Samuel Adams, his employer; but he was fortunately able to make a little extra money by doing odd jobs, and managed to support himself until he became a full-fledged carpenter and able to command man's wages. He was economical and industrious, and after commencing work as a journeyman managed to save part of his earnings, which finally amounted to enough to start him in business on his own account. From that time his success was assured, and he worked steadily on, buying lots, building on them and selling, and by honorable dealing and satisfactory work gaining the good will of employes, patrons and all with whom he came in contact. Mr. Slater continued to live in New York City until moving, in 1874, to Greenwich township, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he located on a farm in King Street, and took up agricultural pursuits. In 1880 he came thence

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to his present farm, which is located on the Post road, a short distance west of Greenwich village, and he carries on farming with the same results which attended his work at his trade. Mr. Slater's parents were well-to-do people, but they nevertheless provided no capital for him to start out in life with, so that whatever means or prosperity he can now lay claim to have been won by his own perseverance, frugality and industry. During his long residence in Greenwich he has gained the respect and friendship of all who know him, and is regarded as a man whom any community would be proud to claim.

In June, 1868, Mr. Slater was united in marriage, in his native township, with Miss Eva Schmaling, who was born there March 11, 1845, daughter of John B. and Mary J. (Hopp) Schmaling, whose farm was opposite his parents', and was reared and educated in Rye township. Five children have blessed this union, namely: Hannah M., who died at the age of three years; William N., who is engaged in the lumber business in Harrison township, Westchester Co., N. Y.; Mary G. and Abraham H., who live at home; and John H., who died when two years old. The family are regular attendants at the Port Chester Baptist Church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Slater are both prominent members; he has been especially active in Church affairs, and has served as trustee, deacon and treasurer. Politically, Mr. Slater is a Democrat in sentiment, supporting his party stanchly in State and National issues, but in local affairs he votes as his conscience dictates.

STEPHEN P. HUBBARD is best known in Greenwich township, Fairfield county, as the owner and occupant of the "Josephus Palmer farm." His mercantile interests are in New York City, where he is a member of the firm of S. P. Hubbard & Son. He is descended on both paternal and maternal sides from families old and well known in this part of the county, being a son of Abraham Hubbard and a grandson of Henry Hubbard.

Our subject was born October 7, 1836, on the farm which was also the birthplace of his father and grandfather, the date of the latter's birth being February 13, 1750. Abraham Hubbard, the father, first saw the light February 1, 1800, and carried on agricultural pursuits on the Hubbard homestead during the earlier years of his life. In 1854 he removed with his family to New York City, where he embarked in the feed business, carrying it on in different locations for a number of years. He died in 1885, at the age of eighty-five years and twenty-nine days. For his first wife Abraham Hubbard married Amy Palmer, who was born on the farm which is now the home of Stephen P. Hubbard, daughter of Nathaniel and Rachel (Marshall) Palmer, and she passed away in 1838, leaving two children: Ellen F., who is the wife of Henry Reed and lives in New York City; and Stephen P. The second wife, Mrs. Lydia (Lyons) Hubbard, died in 1877.

Stephen P. Hubbard spent his early life in the usual manner of farmer boys, receiving a good practical education in the common schools, and when a young man removed with the family to New York City. Here he commenced clerking for his uncle, Stephen Palmer, in the grocery business and in the grocery and feed business, finally embarking on his own account in the line in which he has since continued—the manufacture of furniture polish. He has built up an extensive trade in this branch of industry, and the firm of S. P. Hubbard & Son, No. 550 Third avenue, New York City, do a prosperous and profitable business. In May, 1895, Mr. Hubbard returned to Greenwich to reside, having inherited the farm from his uncle, Josephus Palmer, and he engages in agriculture to some extent, at the same time continuing to devote a large share of his attention to his manufacturing interests in New York. His industrious application to work and business, however, have not impaired his health in any way, and he is unusually well preserved and active for one of his years, "Father Time" having apparently dealt very lightly with him.

In May, 1867, in New York City, Mr. Hubbard wedded Margaret A. McFall, who was born in that city, daughter of Henry McFall. Their union was blessed with one child, Albert S., now a resident of Belleville, N. J. He is an electrical and mechanical engineer by occupation, and has the reputation of being more than ordinarily skillful in his line; he is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, of New York. Stephen P. Hubbard is a Democrat in his political sympathies, but he takes no active part whatever in political affairs.

ALONZO D. DAVIS, the prominent manufacturer of ale and porter, Bridgeport, comes of a long line of ancestors who followed the sea as an occupation. He was born in Suffolk county, N. Y, July 9, 1839, a son of William and Ann (Smith) Davis.

James Davis, the grandfather of our subject, was probably a native of Dutchess county, N.

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Y., where he followed farming in his later life. He had been a sailor in his earlier days, was a shipowner, and was familiarly known as "Captain Davis." He married, and reared a large family, among whom were five boys who became seafaring men.

William Davis, the father of Alonzo Davis, was born in Verbank, Dutchess Co., N. Y., in 1808. He passed his boyhood days in his native home, attended the public schools, and then the adventurous blood, the heritage of a long line of hardy seafaring ancestry, was made manifest by his determination to go to sea, which he accordingly did. He became quite a wealthy shipowner, owning at one time five vessels running from New York to the Carolinas. He was noted for his great physical strength. For his helpmeet in life he wedded Miss Ann Smith, a daughter of Capt. James Smith, of Greenport, Long Island. After his marriage he settled in Suffolk county, N. Y., where their family of five sons and one daughter were born, to wit: Charles E., who became a sailor, and was drowned at sea; George M., who is a United States coast pilot, and lives at Camden, N. J.; William S., a carpenter, now deceased; Alonzo D., our subject; Lewis W., who is the captain of an Atlantic sail ship running between the United States and Europe (all Channel ports); and Caroline, who married Daniel L. Robbins, of Bridgeport. The father of this family died in 1878; the mother had long preceded him, having passed away in May, 1848. In politics he was a stanch adherent of the principles promulgated by the Republican party; in religious faith he and his wife were active workers and loyal supporters of the Presbyterian Church.

Alonzo D. Davis, whose name opens this sketch, spent the first twelve years of his life in Suffolk county, N. Y., and attended the public schools, which in those days furnished a practical but limited education. At the close of his school life he, like his father before him, chose the sea as a profession, and entered upon his career on a vessel bound for New Orleans. From there he went to Cuba, thence to Marseilles, France, where he happened to be at the time of the Crimean war. During the Civil war in this country he was second mate of a steam vessel running south. In 1867 he abandoned the sea, and in the following year came to Bridgeport, becoming a carpenter and builder. In this he has been very successful, and the "Hurd House" stands as a monument to his work. He also built the Bridgeport elevators and many refrigerators. He continued at this work until 1895, when he opened his present place for the manufacture of ale and porter. In 1861 he married Miss Ann E. L'Homme Dieu, a lady of French descent and a daughter of Ira L'Homme Dieu, of Suffolk county, N. Y. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Davis, of whom the following is the record: William I. operates a cider distillery at Long Hill, this county; Lewis W. is in the brewery at Bridgeport; Charles E. is also in his father's brewery; Grace E. is at home, and Jessie A. is in Brooklyn, New York.

Surrounded by his interesting family, Mr. Davis finds his true comfort and happiness in his home. In his political relations he is an Independent, voting for the men and measures he thinks best calculated to increase the prosperity of the community, and he has no desire for the honors and emoluments of public office. He is very public spirited, always contributes freely to all worthy matters, and is highly esteemed for his conscientious performance of duty.

WILLIAM HICKEY, a well-to-do resident of Bridgeport, like many of the enterprising, self-made citizens of the county, is of Irish blood, the home of his ancestors having been in County Carlow, Ireland. Patrick Hickey, our subject's father, was born and reared in County Carlow, and during some years of his early manhood he was employed as a laborer there. In 1852 he came to America, locating in Milford, Conn., where his death occurred March 11, 1864. In politics he was a Democrat, and he and his wife were devout members of the Catholic Church. He was married in Ireland to Miss Elizabeth Bahane, a native of County Carlow, who survived him many years, passing away in 1880. Of their eleven children only three are now living: William, our subject; Martin, a partner in our subject's business; and John, a resident of San Francisco, California.

Mr. Hickey, our subject, was born September 26, 1847, at the old home in County Carlow, Ireland, and was about four years old when his parents removed to Milford. In 1864, at the age of seventeen, he removed to Bridgeport, where he was employed for some time in the factory of the Wheeler & Wilson Machine Company. In 1869 he engaged in business in East Bridgeport as a dealer in groceries and liquors, but after continuing it alone for more than twenty years he disposed of it in 1890, and in the fall of that year he opened his present saloon, corner of Water street and Fairfield avenue, Bridgeport, in partnership with his brother. He has always taken an interest in political questions, and he is an active worker in the local Democratic organi-

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zation, having been chairman of the Democratic committee of the Sixth ward, Bridgeport, for many years. For eight years he served as a member of the town board of charities, but he recently resigned. Socially, he is identified with several orders, including the Knights of Columbus, and the Foresters of America.

In October, 1886, Mr. Hickey married Miss Mary Brannigan, a native of Bridgeport.

EDWIN G. TURNER, one of the leading Republicans of the town of Brookfield, was born at Jamestown, N. Y., January 6, 1846, a son of George J. and Jane (Coe) Turner.

The father of the subject of this sketch was born at Laona, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., where he passed his school days, later going to Jamestown where he learned blacksmithing. He made rapid progress at his trade, and soon became one of the experts in that locality, having charge of six fires, finally becoming a wagon and carriage maker. He married Jane Coe, of Union City, Penn., a daughter of Samuel and Sally Coe, and died in 1884, followed six years later by his wife. In politics George J. Turner affiliated with the Whigs, and later, on the organization of the Republican party, voted that ticket. He was a man of very decided views, and it was a difficult matter to produce any effect on his ideas by way of argument. In his religious views he adhered to the faith of the Adventists.

Edwin G. Turner, the only offspring of the above mentioned union, passed his early days at his home in Jamestown, N. Y., and then attended school. On leaving school he, too, learned the blacksmith's trade, serving an apprenticeship under his father. In 1874 he secured employment in the shop of Dick Marill, on Orchard street, Danbury, where he remained for one year. He then moved to Brookfield, Conn., where for eight years he was in the employ of John Barlow, when he went into business for himself.

At Busti, N. Y., Mr. Turner was married to Miss Jennie Sherman, who died in 1871, leaving one child, John, now at Jamestown, N. Y. For his second wife Mr. Turner wedded Miss Ellen Sweeney, and by her has become the father of two children: A. Susie and Andrew J., both at home. His social relations are with St. Peters Lodge, F. & A. M., and Fountain Chapter, both at New Milford. Politically, he has played a prominent part in the organization and management of the Republican party, and has served his neighbors as constable. As an official he has proved himself faithful and conscientious in the performance of every duty, and won the admiration of even his political opponents. In his religious faith he adheres to the tenets of the Episcopal Church.

GEORGE STRANGWARD. Among the most successful of the foreign-born citizens of Fairfield county is the subject of this biography, who is now a prominent resident of Noroton. He is descended from an old English family, the ancestral home of the Strangwards, at Shobden, having been owned and occupied by his people for several generations. His parents, Henry and Susan Price Strangward, were lifelong residents of England, and none of their children came to America except our subject, and a brother, William, who met a soldier's death during our Civil war.

Mr. Strangward, our subject, was born and reared in England, and at the age of twenty came to the United States. He remained in New York City for some time after his arrival, but in 1869 he settled at Noroton, Conn., where he has since been engaged in business as a contractor. He also owns and cultivates a farm in that vicinity, and is regarded as one of the substantial business men of the locality. In 1876 he married Miss Mary A. Snape, a native of England, by whom he has had three children: Phœbe Grace, Mary Ward and William George. The family is prominent socially, and Mr. Strangward and his wife are both active members of the Episcopal Church. He takes much interest in the political issues of the day, and is a firm believer in the principles and policy of the Republican party.

CHARLES F. JUDSON, of Stratford, has been in the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company for more than a quarter of a century, and for a number of years has held responsible positions of foreman, having the oversight of their extensive plant at Bridgeport. This long term of service is in itself a convincing evidence of personal worth and integrity, but as a citizen Mr. Judson has been no less worthy of commendation, his influence being always cast on the side of progress.

Mr. Judson was born January 12, 1846, in Stratford, where his father, Curtis Judson, and grandfather, Ephraim Judson, were lifelong residents. He was educated in that town, attending the public schools, also a private institution and, later, the academy, and on leaving school he became a clerk in the drug store of L. W. Booth, of Bridgeport, with whom he remained eight

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years, being the chief prescription clerk for some time. He then spent one year in Chicago as clerk for Beers & Rockwell, druggists, and on his return to Stratford in 1871 he entered the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Company. He began in a subordinate position, but his ability and skill brought him speedy promotion until he attained his present post of foreman. He has been active in local affairs and in the Republican organization, and his interest in educational matters has been shown by two years of service on the school committee. For eight years he has served as vestryman of Christ Episcopal Church at Stratford, in which he previously held the office of clerk for some time. Socially, he is connected with the Masonic Fraternity, being a member of St. John's Lodge No. 8, F. & A. M., at Stratford.

On December 23, 1869, Mr. Judson married Miss Annie Spall, a native of New York City, whose father, Capt. George S. Spall, came from London, England, in early manhood. Two sons were born of this marriage: John E., bookkeeper for the Bridgeport Copper Company, married to Miss Florence Curtis, daughter of E. O. Curtis; and Bernard S., employed as a brass caster by the Bridgeport Brass Company.

THEODOSIUS FOWLER SECOR, better known in business circles as T. F. Secor. Among the men whose active lives have been spent in wider fields, and to whom the advantages of Greenwich as a residence place have successfully appealed, when the tide of success had warranted and approved a measure of rest and enjoyment, must be enrolled the name of T. F. Secor. He is a self-made man, and the field of his material and masterful achievement has been one which is now commanding the supreme attention of the nation—the construction of a powerful merchant marine. In the years before the Civil war, when American commerce flourished to a degree that has never since been reached, and when opportunity abounded for men of mechanical genius and daring, Mr. Secor rose from the bottom of the ladder of influence to the management of an extensive marine engineering plant, conspicuously famed for the merit and worth of its products. He was associated in business with Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, whose start in founding a princely fortune was gained along these same lines of vessel construction and operation.

Mr. Secor is a native of East Chester township, Westchester Co., N. Y., a descendant of one of the early French Huguenot families who became the pioneer and almost exclusive settlers of New Rochelle, N. Y. Two brothers of this name came with their countrymen to New Rochelle in 1666. One of them subsequently removed to Boston, Mass. The other founded, at New Rochelle, a family of which our subject is now a worthy representative. The latter is the son of Oliver and Jane (Pease) Secor. The father was by trade a carpenter and millwright, but also followed the vocation, common in his day, of farming. He removed to New York City when our subject was a mere lad, and there the boy attained a fair school education. He was one of a large family of children, and now the sole survivor. The parents were of limited means, and early in his "teens" our subject began to earn his own livelihood. He clerked for a time at small wages in a grocery store, and at the age of sixteen began the trade of machinist in making steam engines. Five years he spent in the shops of James P. Allaire on Cherry street, near East river, New York City, as apprentice and afterward as journeyman mechanic. He was naturally gifted along mechanical lines, and had good opportunity for the development of his talent, for the James P. Allaire plant was the then pioneer manufactory of its kind in the United States, and became one of the most famous. It manufactured many of the parts used in the construction of Robert Fulton's first steamboat, the "Clermont."

Mr. Secor showed such ability even while an apprentice that he was given the supervision of important work in the shop, and the erection of the engines in the steamboats at the wharf. Soon after he was of age he was sent to superintend the erection of engines in Mobile, Ala., Charleston, S. C., Savannah, Ga., and also to the Island of Cuba with engines and machinery for large sugar estates. This gave him a large and varied experience and an acquaintance with owners, captains and engineers of steamboats, and with planters and manufacturers which he turned to good advantage when, in September, 1836, he started a small shop on his own account in Washington street, near Morris street, New York City. The first work done by him was repairs to the steamboat "Water Witch" and steamboat "Cinderella," both owned by Commodore Vanderbilt, who afterward became so celebrated. From this time he did all the work of building new engines and the repairs to all the vessels built by Commodore Vanderbilt until he retired from steamships to embark in railroads. For two years he successfully conducted the small shop, and then, in 1838, formed a partnership with Charles Morgan (who

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in his day was one of the largest steamship owners in the United States), and William H. Calkins, under the firm name of T. F. Secor & Co., and erected large shops at the foot of Ninth street, East River, New York. Among the first engines the firm built were those for the ocean steamer "Savannah" for the Charleston trade, and steamboats, the "Troy" and the "Empire," of the Troy line, the "Hendrick Hudson," of the Albany line, the "Columbia," of the Hudson line, and the "Thomas Powell" of the Newburgh line. These were all crack boats in their day developing great speed, and it is a fact worthy of notice, that even at the present time but few faster boats have been built. They prosecuted the business with such success, that in 1846, finding the factory too small, the entire block bounded by Ninth and Tenth streets, Avenue D and East River, was purchased, also a half block on the south side of Ninth street from Avenue D to East River. The firm employed a large force of men, and among the many engines built, were those for the steamboat "C. Vanderbilt," now a towboat on the North river, the steamboat "New World," steamship "United States" (the first steamber built in this country to cross the Atlantic ocean since the "Savannah," which crossed in 1819), and the steamships "Crescent City" and "Empire City," also the United States mail steamships "Georgia" and "Ohio." The latter plied between New York and Isthmus of Panama points, during the early days of the rush to the California gold fields, frequently carrying three thousand passengers per trip.

In 1850 Mr. Secor retired from the firm of T. F. Secor & Co., and immediately, in connection with Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, bought the "Allaire Works," a corporation each having an equal amount of the capital stock, and continued the building of steam engines more extensively than before. Mr. Secor was now at the head of the large concern, which he had years before entered as a poor apprentice. They built all the engines for Vanderbilt's vessels as well as for the steamers "Baltic," "Pacific," "Illinois," "Panama," "Isaac Newton," "Bay State," "Empire City," the "Drew" (built in 1866 for the Peoples line and still in the North river trade), and many others. In 1853 they built the great Cornish engines for the Cleveland (Ohio) Water Works, and which machines are yet doing the best of work after forty-five years' service; its career is without an equal in America. They also built the engine for the New Orleans Water Works. Many engines were also built for the Government. A propeller engine was built for the iron-clad "Puritan," and had two engines, each with cylinders one hundred inches in diameter and four-foot stroke. Mr. Vanderbilt retired from the company in 1862, and Mr. Secor continued the business until 1868, when the destruction of our merchant marine vessels by the action of the Rebel privateers Alabama and others, compelling their transfer to foreign flags, so depressed the ship-building industry that he retired from the business. After the affairs of the company were settled up, Mr. Secor withdrew from business pursuits, and has not since actively engaged therein.

On April 13, 1829, Mr. Secor was married to Miss Mary E. Curtis, of Stratford, Conn., who died December 10, 1869. All their children are now deceased except Mrs. Sarah Jane Miller, wife of Ephraim Miller, of Stamford. Mrs. Mary E. (Curtis) Secor was a daughter of Jabez and Sarah (Buritt) Curtis, the former of whom was a shoe manufacturer, at which time all shoes were made by hand, and he used to supply shoes to the Southern trade. Mr. Secor's present wife, whom he married November 18, 1875, was Miss Sarah M. Husted, daughter of Augustus W. Husted, a representative of one of the oldest families in Greenwich. Her ancestors were of Revolutionary stock. Mr. Secor located in Greenwich. He bought the A. W. Husted homestead, which he has since improved in many ways; he now has one of the most pleasant homes in Greenwich as well as a valuable estate in connection therewith.

In politics, Mr. Secor has affiliated with the Democratic party, usually. He is, however, non-partisan in views and in no sense a politician. His character is steadfast and irreproachable. In manner he is gentle and approachable; he is generous to the deserving, but discerning in his charities. Although he has lived an active and busy life, he has never over-taxed nor abused his splendid abilities. He is remarkably well-preserved, physically and mentally, and exhibits the same keen judgment and intellectual poise which characterized his days of extensive business cares and responsibilities. He was master of his trade, and in the mastery of his business he has developed the sterling character which is now the subject of deep respect and esteem among his friends and acquaintances, the medium for a mellow and genial afternoon of life, which is the full fruition of its earlier promise.

AGUR S. BEACH, a prominent citizen of Trumbull, Fairfield Co., Conn., was born August 3, 1850, on the farm where he now resides, a son of Reuben Wells Beach. In looking

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over the pages of history of Fairfield county, we find no name of more frequent occurrence than that of Beach. For several generations the members of the family have held high places in the estimation of the community in which they live.

Agur S. Beach received his literary training in the public schools of Trumbull, later attending the Business College of Bridgeport. His entire life has been passed on the home farm, where he is now engaged in the dairy business. He is the owner of a large amount of real estate in and around Bridgeport, which is kept in a highly improved condition, which adds much to its constantly increasing value.

Mr. Beach married Juliette R., the accomplished daughter of John Olmstead. Their home is a delightful one, and the genial host and gracious mistress make it a favorite gathering place for both young and old. Mr. Beach is a member of the Grange in Trumbull.

Reuben Wells Beach, the father of our subject, was born December 12, 1821, in the Daniels Farms District, in Trumbull, and there he obtained his education. In 1850 he purchased the present home of our subject, and there he remained the rest of his life actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. In his religious belief he coincided with the doctrines promulgated by the Congregational Church, of which he was an earnest member for many years before his death. He was twice married, his first wife, to whom he was married November 29, 1848, being Miss Sarah Sherwood, a daughter of Amos Sherwood, a representative of a prominent family of Easton, this county. She was born February 18, 1832, and died January 15, 1862. Four children came of this union: Agur S.; Franklin W., born October 1, 1852, died January 18, 1862; Flora, born February 3, 1856, married Henry Seeley, a farmer of North Bridgeport; and Elma, born July 3, 1859, wife of Eli S. Godfrey, of Brooklyn, N. Y. After the death of the mother of these Mr. Beach was married, March 29, 1866, to Miss Laura A. Peet, and of this marriage there is one child: Essie, born November 20, 1871, who married Edwin M. Curtis, of Bridgeport, and has two children—Merritt B. and Edith S. In politics Mr. Beach was an ardent Democrat, and took an active part in the work of his party, but had no desire to hold office. He died May 2, 1874, leaving a host of warm friends to mourn his departure from their midst.

Mrs. Laura A. (Peet) Beach was born August 20, 1828, a daughter of Elijah Peet, Jr. Elijah Peet, Sr., her grandfather, was a native of Bridgeport, where he was extensively engaged in farming. He married Anna Seeley, and in their family was Elijah, Jr., who also followed farming. He married Lacena Stratton, and they became the parents of Laura A. (Mrs. Beach); Harriet L., deceased wife of L. B. Sherman; and Jane E., wife of Elihu Taylor, of Stepney, Conn. Mrs. Laura (Peet) Beach is now living in Bridgeport, and in her kindly way is letting the sunshine of her noble life fall on all who come her way.

The happiest heart that ever beat
Was in some quiet breast
That found the common daylight sweet,
And left to Heaven the rest.

JOHN HADDEN, formerly proprietor of the "Preston House" at Norwalk, is an enterprising business man, and has shown great skill in the management of his extensive property interests in that town.

The Hadden family is of English origin, and the late James Hadden, our subject's father, was born in Preston, England, July 20, 1850. During his boyhood he learned the mason's trade, and became familiar with the shipping business while working in a woolen-mill. At the age of seventeen he came to America, and for some time remained at Holyoke, Mass., where he followed his trade. In 1868 he came to Norwalk, and soon afterward secured employment in the Winnipauk mills, but later he gave up that work and turned his attention to the mason's trade. Finally he became interested in the liquor business, and in 1874 he opened a saloon and dining-room, which he conducted until his death, which occurred July 13, 1894, when he had reached the comparatively early age of forty-four years. He was a self-made man, a hard worker, and he gained a handsome competence by strict attention to business and a careful investment of his income. Socially, he was identified with the I. O. O. F., and he and his wife were both members of the Episcopal Church, while as a citizen he took great interest in all questions of public improvement. He married Miss Elizabeth Highland, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, who died January 13, 1897. Our subject was the eldest of their four children, the others being Jessie, who died in March, 1886, at the age of four years; Elizabeth, who died in the same month at the age of two years; and Isabella.

Mr. Hadden, our subject, was born in Norwalk, Conn., April 14, 1875, and has always made his home there. At the time of his father's death he was attending Professor Wilson's Preparatory School, but he was obliged to discontinue his studies in order to take charge of the

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estate. He owns a valuable piece of business property opposite the post office, and some time since he enlarged the business left him by his father, opening a first-class hotel with accommodations for thirty guests. In June, 1899, however, he gave up the hotel, but has continued the saloon business.

On January 6, 1897, Mr. Hadden was married to Miss May C. Brennan, who was born in Bridgeport, this county, the daughter of Edward Brennan.

EDGAR TAYLOR ANDREWS, a resident of Bethel, Fairfield county, holds a prominent place among the progressive and public-spirited men who have built up that thriving little town, and his energy and enterprise are worthy of emulation.

The Andrews family has been identified with this locality from an early period, our subject's great-grandfather, John Andrews, having been a resident of Bethel. This noted pioneer died September 21, 1825; at the age of seventy-four, and his wife, Eunice (Seeley), died March 31, 1835, at the same age. They had five children: Julia Stow, Anson S., Mary Smith, Seth and John Lyman.

Col. John Lyman Andrews, our subject's grandfather, was born in 1787 in the town of Danbury, and for many years was engaged in farming in the town of Bethel. He died April 12, 1867, aged seventy-nine years, and his wife, Sophia (Taylor), a daughter of Capt. Eli Taylor, died November 26, 1845, at the age of fifty-three; she was born in 1792. Of their ten children, the eldest, Samuel T., born May 20, 1815, married Clarissa Bill, and died August 30, 1898; Harriet T., born May 23, 1817, married Zalmon Bulkeley, and died January 2, 1853; Horatio, born December 3, 1818, died August 19, 1888; Anson S., born June 4, 1820, is residing in Bethel; Julia M., born June 6, 1822, married William Clarke, and died July 5, 1891; Mary Ann, born December 23, 1823, died February 21, 1827; Eliza Jane, born May 20, 1825, married Calvin Bulkeley, brother of Zalmon, and is deceased; Hannah T., born February 6, 1827, married Zalmon Bulkeley, and died January 12, 1863; Eli T. is mentioned more fully below; Frederick, born February 23, 1836, died December 26, 1893.

The late Eli Taylor Andrews, father of our subject, was born in Bethel December 29, 1830, and was reared there upon a farm. He attended the district schools for some years, and then, desiring a collegiate education, entered a preparatory school at New Haven, but as his father's health failed about that time he had to give up his plans and return home. On January 1, 1860, he married Mrs. Jane (Sherman) Tyrel, who was born in 1822, the daughter of Ebenezer and Eunice (Fayerweather) Sherman, of Redding, Conn. She is still living at the old Captain Eli Taylor homestead in Bethel, where Mr. Andrews located soon after his marriage, during the remainder of his life engaging in agricultural work. He was prominent in local affairs, and for many years served as chairman of the Democratic Town Committee, also taking an active part in religious work as a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, in which he held office at various times as vestryman and treasurer. Fraternally, he belonged to Eureka Lodge No. 83, F. & A. M. He died December 1, 1884, leaving three children, of whom our subject is the eldest. (2) Jennie, born January 15, 1865, was married September 2, 1891, to Alfred Belknap, of Jacksonville, Fla., who died in August, 1892, leaving no children; she now resides in Bethel. (3) John Lyman, born December 16, 1866, is a physician in New York City; on June 29, 1892, he married Miss Sophie L. Townsend, a native of Maryland, who is the daughter of Colonel Fiske and Fannie (Loockerman) Townsend, and they have two children—Sophie Townsend, born September 24, 1893, and Eleonore Jane, born December 10, 1895.

Edgar T. Andrews first saw the light May 30, 1862, at the old Captain Eli Taylor homestead, where his boyhood was spent, and after taking the course offered in the local schools he attended Newtown Academy and Sagendorf's private school in Danbury. For some time he carried on the milk business, but in 1887 he became interested in real estate and contracting and building, in which he has engaged extensively. Mr. Andrews at one time owned all the property abutting on Andrews street and Highland avenue, much of which is now covered with attractive and well-kept homes, and he was the only man who had the courage to build a house in Bethel in 1897. In any feasible project for the improvement of the town he has always been a ready and active helper, and he was instrumental in securing the electric railroad extension for Bethel. He constructed the sewers in his end of the town, and at present he is at the head of the Elm Street Sewer Company. In politics he has always been a Prohibitionist, and in religious faith he is a Methodist, being a member of the M. E. Church at Bethel.

On August 17, 1881, Mr. Andrews was married to Miss Jennie L. Todd, daughter of Seth

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and Deborah (Burr) Todd, of Redding, and four children have blessed the union: John Todd, born May 24, 1882; Laura Taylor, May 17, 1889; Alfred Edgar, April 16, 1894, and Wilbur Horatio, June 23, 1897.

EBENEZER W. KEELER. As a member of an old and honored Connecticut family of Puritan descent, this energetic and enterprising citizen of Ridgefield, Fairfield county, is entitled to prominent place in the pages of this volume.

Matthew Keeler, great-grandfather of our subject, lived on what is known as the Whipstick District, where he was the owner of a large farm, consisting of some 500 or 600 acres, as shown in the Church and other records, and was a leading man in the community. Of his children, Matthew was the grandfather of William Keeler; Jonah will be spoken of presently; and Sarah married a Mr. Smith.

Jonah Keeler inherited a portion of his father's large estate, and passed his entire life thereon. He also was a very prominent man in his day, and a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, which afterward became a Congregational Church. By his wife Rebecca (Raymond) he had nine sons, a brief record of whom is as follows: (1) Raymond married Cynthia Osborne, and moved to Chautauqua county, N. Y. (2) Smith married Hannah Benedict, a sister of Andrew Benedict, a jeweler of New York City, and also a sister of Lewis Benedict, whose daughter married a son of Henry Ward Beecher; Smith Keeler was a merchant up to the time he was of middle age, when he went to Jamestown, Chautauqua Co., N. Y. (3) Burr married Mary Nash, of Norwalk, and lived in Ridgefield until of middle age, and then removed to North Fairfield, Huron Co., Ohio. (4) Rufus married (first) a lady from Black Rock, and (second) Ann Eliza Flowler, of New York; he lived in Ridgefield, was a hatter by trade, and kept a hat store in Savannah and New York City. (5) Charles married (first) Henrietta Olmstead, of Norwalk, and (second) Sarah Betts, of Ridgefield; he resided in Norwalk for many years, passing his later years on the homestead. (6) George A. married Clorinda ———, and lived in Chautauqua, N. Y. (7) William lived for many years in Ridgefield, and then removed to Catherine, N. Y. (8) Zalmon was a merchant in Jamestown, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.; he married Johanna Crosby. (9) David C. They were all bright men, successful in business, and much respected.

David C. Keeler, the youngest in the above remarkable family of sons, was born in July, 1811, and inherited a portion of his father's estate, followed farming, in connection conducting a nursery business for some years. He has always been prominent in the Congregational Church, and a devout member therein; in politics first a Whig, later a Republican, he served as a selectman of his town. He married Hannah Wood, and they had one daughter, Margaret E., who married Matthew Betts, a civil engineer in the department of Public Works, New York City; and one son, Ebenezer W., our subject. The parents of this family are still living, the father at the age of eighty-six, the mother being eighty-four years old.

Ebenezer W. Keeler, whose name introduces this sketch, was born October 7, 1841, in Ridgefield, Fairfield county, and received a liberal education in part at the district schools of the village, in part at Rev. Mr. Short's select school in Ridgefield, in addition to which he has been a great reader, and a man of close observation. For some years he has followed farming, and learning surveying, has been much identified with that profession in his locality, doing all the land surveying. He has also done considerable in contracting, making a specialty of laying out and fitting up fine summer places, such as Olcott's, Dutton's, etc., employing usually from twenty to thirty hands.

In 1889 Mr. Keeler was married to Emma J. Paddock, daughter of Archibald Y. Paddock, and one son, Harold, born April 19, 1896, brightens their home. Mr. and Mrs. Keeler are active members of the Congregational Church.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Keeler was elected the first selectman of the town, and in 1865 served in the State Legislature, being at the time the youngest member in the House. In local as in other matters no man takes deeper interest or is more public-spirited than Ebenezer W. Keeler.

WILLIAM SHERWOOD GEDDES, a well-known resident of the town of Sherman, Fairfield county, has been identified for some years with the agricultural interests of his locality, and also carries on an extensive trade as a butcher, his wagon making regular trips throughout the region. His business sagacity has won for him the respect of his associates, and although he does not take a very active part in local affairs he is held in high esteem as a citizen.

John Geddes, our subject's paternal grandfather, was born in Philadelphia, Penn., where he passed his life, becoming interested in business

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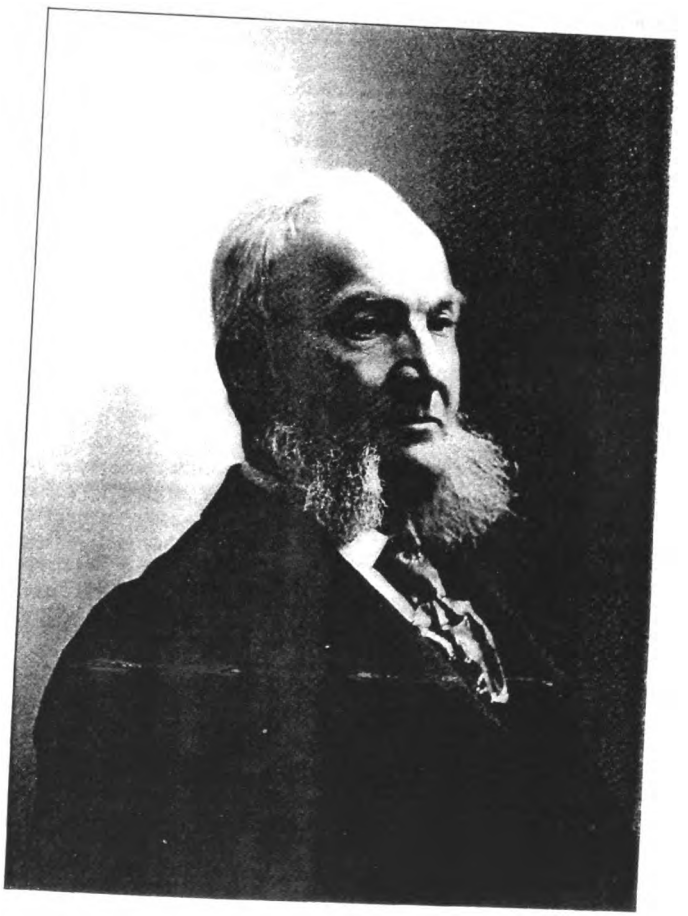

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there He married a Miss Taylor, and they had three children: John, Jr., James H. and Mary. James H. Geddes, father of W. S. Geddes, was also a native of Philadelphia, and after receiving a common-school education in that city he was apprenticed by his father to Hiram Barton, a bell manufacturer of East Hampton, Conn. After learning the trade he continued to work for Mr. Barton for some time, and finally married Philora Barton, his employer's daughter. Mr. Barton made the young couple a present of a farm, and there Mr. Geddes carried on agricultural work for a number of years, devoting his nights to his trade of bell making. Later he conducted a hotel in Greene county, N. Y., where he also took a prominent part in political affairs, serving for some time as sheriff of the county. He and his wife reared a large family: (1) Leroy is a civil engineer in the employ of the United States Government, and is now stationed at Washington, D. C.; he married Miss Antoinette Bennett. (2) Julia married Richard Clow, and in 1842 or '43 went with him to California, where he engaged in gold mining and became wealthy; both are now deceased, and their children—Richard, Dora, Mary, Julia and Rene—reside in Nevada. (3) Valentine E. went to California in 1845, and engaged in mining; he married Miss Mary Friedenburg and had four children. (4) Irving W. is the owner of a quarry at Sawkill, N. Y., and has been for some years engaged in taking out flag stones; he married Miss Annie Burhance. (5) Mary A. married George Bovee. (6) Clark H. who is a farmer near Kingston, N. Y., married Miss Sarah Brink, and has one child, Alice. (7) Cassius M. became a farmer, and for nine years has had charge of ex-Governor Morton's estate at Rhinebeck, N. Y. (8) Sarah C. married William Decker, of Kerhonkson, N. Y. (9) Fannie married a Mr. James, a merchant of Rondout, N. Y., who died leaving one child, Mazie. (10) William S. is mentioned more fully below.

Hiram Barton, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Geddes, was born and educated in Scotland, where he became familiar with the process of manufacturing bells. After following his trade for a number of years in his native land he came to the United States and located at East Hampton, this State, continuing his business there. According to the old method, bells were made in two pieces and then put together, but Mr. Barton, who had much inventive genius, devised a number of improvements, one of which was the making of sleigh bells in one piece.

W. S. Geddes was born June 25, 1855, at Cairo, Greene Co., N. Y., where he acquired a practical education in the common schools. On completing his course of study he turned his attention to farming, and for nine years he had the oversight of Thomas Wheeler's farm at South Dover, N. Y. He then removed to Fairfield county, Conn., and settled in the town of Sherman, where he has ever since resided, his butchering business occupying his time profitably. Although he is the only Republican in his family, he is a firm supporter of the principles of the party, and his indifference to official honors has never affected his zeal. He is a member of the Congregational Church at Sherman, and, fraternally, he belongs to New Milford Lodge No. 21, F. & A. M.

PATRICK T. MONGON, the oldest grocer in the village of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., is a credit to the community where he has made his home since early manhood, and to the country of his nativity, the "Land of Erin." A self-made man in the best sense of the word, with none of the arrogance which so frequently accompanies hard-earned success, he is an example which no young man could go amiss in taking, but which many might find difficult to follow.

Mr. Mongon was born March 15, 1842, in Galway, Ireland, and was the only one in a family of four children—two sons and two daughters—who grew to adult age. He was reared in his native place, and there received an excellent common-school education. At the age of twenty (his parents having died, and his prospects in Ireland being none too brilliant), he took the savings laid by out of his own earnings, and with them a good supply of clothing, came to the United States, making the voyage from Liverpool to New York in seven weeks. On landing he had only $35 in cash, so he lost no time in commencing work, at first acting for a time as bookkeeper for a cousin. Later he found employment with his maternal uncle, in which capacity he proved himself steady and trustworthy, so he had little difficulty in finding employment, though he had no regular occupation up to the time of his marriage, which occurred when he was twenty-six years of age. He then took the grocery and liquor business of his father-in-law, in Greenwich, which he has followed successfully ever since, adding to the size of his quarters as increasing business demanded until he now has a commodious business room. Mr. Mongon has devoted himself assiduously to his business, and if he has gained prosperity beyond the average with his opportunites it is a recognized fact that he is deserving of it, and his popularity in and around Greenwich is sufficient evidence that he has the good wishes of all. He owns nine dwell-

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ings in Greenwich and Port Chester, Westchester Co., N. Y., besides his business room, and he has found time to devote to the advancement and improvement of the village, especially the west end, where he resides, showing himself progressive, public-spirited and generous in that and many other ways. Among his friends he is looked upon as a true hearted and sympathetic man, and he is held in the highest esteem in all circles—business, political and social.

Mr. Mongon was married in Greenwich, November 1, 1868, to Miss Delia Daly, a native of Ireland, who came to America with her parents, John and Anne Daly, when a small child. She was brought up in Greenwich, attended its public schools, and was well-known, beloved and respected by all who knew her as a most estimable young lady. The esteem and popularity which she enjoyed in her youth grew as she advanced in years, and her taking away, on February 18, 1888, was regarded by the people as a public affliction, and occasioned deep regret among the wide circle of her friends and acquaintances. A few days later she was laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery of Greenwich, on which day, as a mark of unusual respect, all the business houses, etc., were closed, something which had never before been done on a like occasion in Greenwich. "Let her own works praise her," is probably the best eulogy of such a shining example of womanly goodness and kindness. She was the mother of nine children, of whom, the eldest, Thomas F., died when three and one-half years old; Loretta A. is the wife of David C. Broderick, of Glenville; Annie is the wife of Dr. W. Burke, of Greenwich; John F. is a clerk in the Greenwich post office; Robert E. is employed in his father's store; Mary L. died at the age of two and one half years; and Walter H., Fred V. and George M. are at home. The sons are steady and reliable young men, and the entire family bid fair to follow in the footsteps of their worthy parents. They are members of the Catholic Church, of which Mr. Mongon has served twenty years as trustee. In political faith he is a stanch Democrat, influential and untiring in his work for the party in this region.

STEPHEN C. OSBORNE. One of the most notable features of modern American life is the rapid development of the business man of large affairs. With a back ground of sterling ancestry, brimming, it is true, with latent capability, but without experience in wide business affairs, it has needed only the occasion or the opportunity to convert a young American into a merchant or manufacturer of influence and position. One of the successes in this line has been signalized in the career of Stephen C. Osborne, a prominent manufacturer of No. 651 State street, Bridgeport, Conn. He is yet a young man, but has won his way quietly from an honored heritage of agricultural pursuits to a proud position in an important manufacturing center.

Mr. Osborne's paternal ancestry is of English extraction, which has been grounded in the wool of American life from an early date. His great-grandfather, Oliver Osborne, was one of the largest landholders in New Milford, Litchfield Co., Conn. His grandfather, John Osborne, followed agricultural pursuits in the same locality. His father, Stephen Osborne, was born in New Milford, May 6, 1826, and followed in his earlier life the occupation of his ancestors. Later, he added carpentering and building to farming, and became in time an extensive contractor. Stephen Osborne married Mary Elizabeth Cruise, daughter of Sir John Cruise, an Irish nobleman, and granddaughter of Sir Edward Cruise, of Cruiseland, now one of the wealthy estates of Ireland. Lord Athenray, of the English House of Lords, is a cousin of Mrs. Osborne. To Stephen and Mary Elizabeth Osborne were born six children—five sons and one daughter—all living, as follows: Stephen C., Daniel J., Henry S., David Francis, John Cruise and Lillian C. The father died May 16, 1890, aged sixty-four years. His widow survived him until November 21, 1895.

Stephen Cruise Osborne, the subject of this sketch, and the eldest child of his father's family, was born in New Milford, September 19, 1863. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, completing the course of instruction at a very early age. He at once entered mercantile life as a young clerk in a grocery store, and later was in a clothing store at New Milford. Then in 1880, at the age of seventeen years, he sought a wider field and removed to Bridgeport. There for two years and a half he was employed by A. W. Wallace, grocer, and by the Village Store Company, having charge of a store for the latter. He returned to New Milford in 1884 to accept a position as general agent for W. B. Bostwick, of Bostwick Brothers, button manufacturers, and with him a little later again took up his residence in Bridgeport, becoming assistant superintendent and shipping clerk. That position he retained for three and one-half years, or until July, 1887, when the factory was sold to Wilison Knight & Co., and with the new firm he remained until January 1, 1888.

Mr. Osborne was now twenty-five years of age, experienced in commercial affairs. The question

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of entering business for himself he seriously considered, and made the resolution to devote his energies and capabilities, whatever they were, in some line which he could himself control. He began by opening an office for rent collecting, insurance and real estate at his present location, No. 651 State street, Bridgeport, and has followed it ever since. He branched out a little in 1889, and started a shoe store. The same year he purchased what is now known as the West End Livery Stable, retaining possession of the former six months and of the latter two and one-half years. Becoming impressed in the fall of 1890 with the idea that there was a market for cheap plated silverware, he established with Smith P. Glover, of Newtown, and William H. Ohara, of Bridgeport, the firm of S. C. Osborne & Co. They started a jobbing business in silverware. The two remaining partners, in July, 1892, purchased the interest of Mr. Glover. Trade flourished, and goods could not be procured to fill orders. To supply the demand, a plant employing one hundred hands was erected by the firm in Wallingford, New Haven Co., Conn., in the spring of 1894. This was disposed of later when an advantageous offer was made, the firm agreeing to take most of the output. The firm, S. C. Osborne & Co., was dissolved January 3, 1896, and since then Mr. Osborne has been sole owner of the business. In September, 1895, the New England Silver Plate Company was organized under the laws of Connecticut for the purpose of jobbing silverware, with principal offices at Bridgeport. Mr. Osborne is president and treasurer. In business he has been very successful, and his prosperous career is all the more notable because of the comparative youth at which it was realized.

Nor has Mr. Osborne confined his talents exclusively to business. In April, 1892, he was appointed, by Mayor Merigold, a member of the board of assessors for a two-year term, re-appointed in 1894 by Mayor Bostwick, and again by Mayor Clark. On this board Mr. Osborne effected a substantial reform in the methods of taxation, by insisting upon and securing a more just and uniform method of assessments. In 1893 he was elected president of the board, and successively re-elected each year thereafter during his term of office, and by his devotion to the public work to which he has been assigned he has become one of the potent and positive forces of the city he makes his home. He is justly regarded as one of the ablest of the younger Democratic leaders in the State. His advice is frequently sought by men prominent in political affairs, and his success as an organizer has been so repeatedly and successfully demonstrated that it has come to be regarded in the councils of the local Democratic party, that without Mr. Osborne at the helm much that is desirable is unobtainable. Prior to the recent municipal campaign he was besieged by representative Democrats to allow his name to go before the convention for the nomination for mayor, but his rapidly-growing business interests influenced him in opposing the desire of his friends. His decision is all the more regrettable because it lost to the municipality a mayor who, besides being a man of the highest probity, would have given the city a business man's administration the like of which it never had before. Mr. Osborne belongs not to that class of politicians that are in politics simply and solely because there is something in it for them. His time, and it has proven to be very valuable in the past, has always been placed at the disposal of his party gratis. Being a man of independent means, courageous and loyal to whatever he professes, he has won the respect of those who differ with him on the tenets of political economy. Mr. Osborne is destined, unless he himself should decree it otherwise, to shine in the local political firmament.

Mr. Osborne was married in 1891 to Miss Edna L. Bissell, daughter of George S. Bissell, of Bridgeport, and their family consists of three children: Margerie, and Stephen Roy and George Robert, twins. Socially, our subject belongs to the Sea Side Club and Algonquin Club, and fraternally, to Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, I. O. O. F.

JOHN RADY, whose place in the mechanical world of the town of Redding is but the debt the world owes to inventive genius, was born in that town in 1853, of Irish descent.

John Rady, Sr., his father, was born in Ireland, whence he came to this country at an early day. The common schools of "old Erin" afforded him his education. He left school when quite young, and not having been trained to any trade has found work of varied descriptions in the different concerns near his home. He married Miss Catharine Walsh, in Ireland, and their children were: Michael; Mary, who died in Ireland; Patrick, who died at sea; Frank, who died in infancy; John, our subject; James; Mary (2), who died young; and Ellen, who married Charles Witherstrom.

John Rady, our subject, was educated in the public schools at Redding, and at the age of twelve years began to work for Gilbert & Bennett Company also learned his trade of them, and is now an expert in his line. His

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interest in his work absorbs all his time, and he has invented some improved machinery that has revolutionized the business.

He has been in Chicago, where he superintended the setting up of the machines and watched the test. From the time his apprenticeship was ended he has continued his connection with Gilbert & Bennett Company, which in itself speaks well for his expert workmanship, and his regard for his employers' interests. As an evidence that he is well thought of outside of the circles that know him best as an experienced mechanic, we may mention that at the time of the strike in Georgetown he was appointed one of the deputy sheriffs.

Mr. Rady was married to Miss Ellen Shay, daughter of Michael and Mary (Gannon) Shay, the former of whom, a prosperous farmer of the town of Monroe, was born in Ireland, in 1836, and early came to America. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Rady has been blessed with ten children, whose names, with dates of births, are as follows: Agnes, June 30, 1879; William (deceased), May 12, 1880; James M., May 16, 1881; Edward T. (deceased), September 19, 1883; Mary E., December 23, 1884; Elizabeth, October 30, 1887; Edward T. (2), July 24, 1889; Ellen G., December 24, 1891; Katie, July 10, 1893; and Ethel I., November 1, 1896. Mrs. Ellen (Shay) Rady was born in the town of Monroe, Fairfield county, and acquired her education in the public schools. Her people were loyal, patriotic citizens, and her mother's brother, John Gannon, fought for the preservation of the Union in the days of the Rebellion, sacrificing an arm on the altar of the country, and now is pensioned by the government.

Our subject and wife are devout members of the Roman Catholic Church, and are educating their children in that faith. Highly respected and genial, they occupy a prominent social position.

GEORGE A. KINNER, one of Danbury's representative citizens, commands the respect of the community as a substantial and prosperous business man, and a gallant soldier of the Civil war, in which he served when a mere youth.

The name suggests Scottish descent, but at a very early period our subject's ancestors settled in western New York and engaged in the lumber business. David L. Kinner, the father of our subject, who was born in New York State May 19, 1817, was robbed and murdered, in 1850, and left a widow and two sons. Mrs. Kinner, whose maiden name was Anna Abbott, was born in Danbury, August 8, 1821, and died October 5, 1881. Our subject's brother, David Augustus Kinner, who is four years older than he, is now a resident of New Haven, Conn., and has for years been in the employ of the New York & New Haven Railroad Company.

Mr. Kinner was born May 21, 1849, at Penn Yan, N. Y., and was but one year old when his father met his death. He was educated in the public schools of Danbury, but his ardent patriotism did not permit him to complete the course, as he left school in 1864, at the age of fifteen, to enlist as a recruit in Company B, 17th Conn. V. I., for three years or during the war. He remained with the regiment until the close of the war, most of the time being passed in Florida, in the vicinity of Jacksonville and St. Augustine. After returning to Danbury, he was employed by his uncle, Amos Stone, with whom he stayed several years, leaving then to start in business in Bethel, Conn., in which he was engaged until 1882, when he formed a partnership with W. B. Curtis and George A. Porter, both of Bethel, for the purpose of manufacturing hat wires from round steel wire, Mr. Curtis being the inventor of both the wire and the machine for making same. Mr. Porter disposing of his interest to Mr. Curtis in 1885, the business was continued successfully by the remaining partners until 1892, when Mr. Curtis, wishing to engage in other enterprises, sold his interest to Mr. Kinner, who has since that time been sole owner of all patents and machinery connected with the business. In addition to this business he is also the proprietor of the City Hall Pharmacy, now conducted by his son, and the "New England House," a well-known hostelry, at New Milford.

As might be supposed Mr. Kinner is too much occupied with his extensive and varied business enterprises to give much attention to practical politics, but his influence and his vote are always given to the Republican party. He was brought up in the Baptist Church, and he is an active member of Putnam Lodge No. 36, K. of P., at Bethel, also a member of the G. A. R. He and his family are prominent in social circles. He has a charming home in Bethel, the three-mile ride to his business in Danbury being easily made on the electric railway or behind some of his celebrated horses. He is a good judge of a horse, and ever since he could afford to gratify his taste in this respect his stable has not been without several fine specimens.

On December 28, 1870, Mr. Kinner married Miss Sarah C. Kinner, whose father, Hudson Kinner, had a stand in the New York City market

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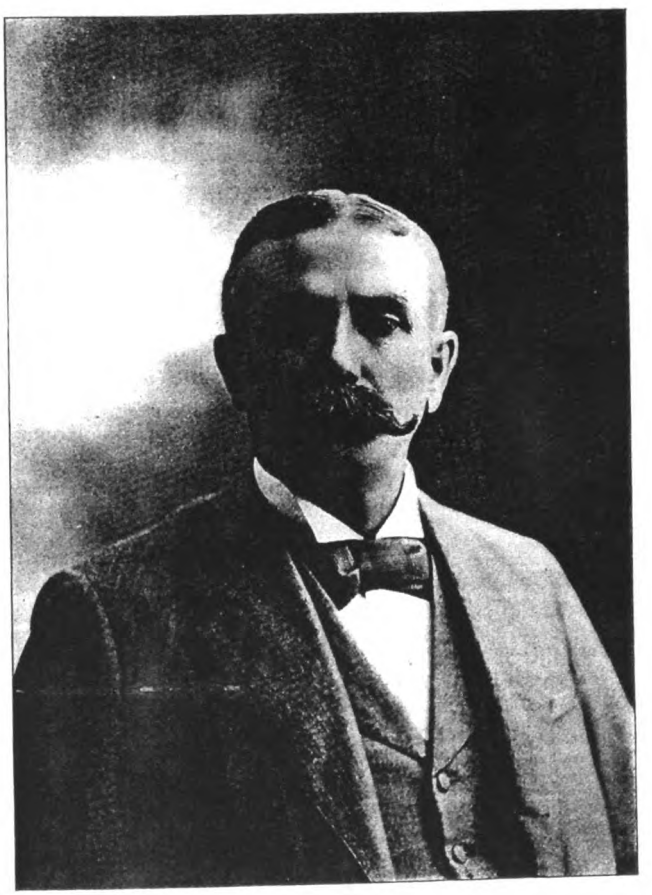

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for many years prior to his death. His wife, Melinda Lusk, was connected with a prominent Orange county (N. Y.) family. Mr. and Mrs. Kinner have one son, Herbert, now a promising young business man of Danbury.

GEORGE W. TAYLOR. Descended from Revolutionary stock, George W. Taylor stands to-day a representative citizen of the county where his family have lived for generations. He was born in Newtown, Fairfield Co., Conn., April 18, 1841, a son of Charles and Mary Ann (Tomlinson) Taylor.

Charles Taylor, father of our subject, was a native of Newtown, a son of Levi Taylor and the grandson of Joshua Taylor, the latter of whom was a soldier in the Continental army. Charles learned the hatter's trade, and followed it until his early death at the age of thirty-one years. He married Mary Ann Tomlinson, a daughter of Timothy Tomlinson, of Woodbury, Litchfield Co., Conn., and to them were born five children: Ambrose, a resident of Bridgeport, Conn.; Mary F., deceased wife of Frank Cross, of New Jersey; George W., our subject; William, who was drowned at the age of eleven; and Andrew, deceased. Mr. Taylor died in 1848, followed three years later by his wife. Timothy Tomlinson, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a farmer of Litchfield county, and was of English extraction. His wife was, in her maidenhood, Miss Nancy Hibbard, and they became the parents of four children: Mary Ann (Mrs. Taylor); Julia (Mrs. Farnam Peck); Horace, of Bethel, Conn.; and Nelson, who went west, and nothing has ever been heard of him since.

George W. Taylor enjoyed the same privileges, in the way of school and work, that fall to the lot of the average farmer's son, though his educational training did extend over a little longer period than was usually allotted to boys at that time. At the age of sixteen he began to learn the hatter's trade, and worked at same steadily for six years. He then began to deal in leaf tobacco, and ever since has been more or less extensively engaged in the tobacco business.

In 1866, Mr. Taylor was married to Miss Mary Dibble, of Bethel, a daughter of Samuel Dibble. For about fifteen years after his marriage he and his young wife lived at Bethel, later removing to Danbury. They have become the parents of four children: Addie B., Martha, Bertha and Sarah, all at home except Addie B., who is now the wife of Lee Hallock, of Danbury.

Mr. Taylor has been exceedingly prosperous in his various enterprises, and has become one of the largest real-estate holders in Danbury. He is the owner of about fifteen houses which he rents, also two hat factories. It is in his political relations that Mr. Taylor is best known. His active work in behalf of the Democratic party continually kept him before the public, but in 1892 he became convinced that his views more nearly coincided with the principles of the Republican platform, and accordingly he has since cast his ballot in the interest of the "G. O. P." He has served the public in various official positions; during his residence in Bethel he was justice of the peace; in 1891 was alderman of the Third ward in Danbury, when he served on the committee on streets; he was then elected councilman from the same ward by the Republicans in 1895. In 1896 he resigned the office of alderman to become superintendent of public works. That his services have given satisfaction to the people as well as to the party he has served, is proven by the fact that he has been chosen to represent both parties with which he has identified himself. His political life has been free from blemish, and he holds the highest esteem and good will of those whom he represents. He is a representative, self-made man, and has only himself to thank for the position he now holds. His family was an old one, but bequeathed him naught save an untarnished name. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

WILLIAM KRUER, foreman of the spinning and turning departments of the Derby Silver Plate Company at Derby, is a prominent resident at Shelton village, where he owns an attractive home. He has been connected with the company for about twenty years, and his long term of service is in itself a convincing evidence of ability and worth.

The Kruer family originated in Germany, and August Kruer, the father of our subject, was a native of the Province of Hanover. In early manhood he practiced law in the Fatherland, and in 1847 he came to America, locating first in New York City, where he continued his professional work for some time. Later he engaged in editorial work at Madison, Wis., and at St. Louis, Mo., and at the time of his death, in 1862, he was editor of the *Anzeiger Des Westens*, a well-known German paper of St. Louis. He took keen interest in all that affected the welfare of his adopted country, and on the organization of the Republican party he gave it hearty support. He took a prominent and active part in support of the Union during the early days of the Civil war, making many loyal speeches to his German

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countrymen, exhorting them to stand by the Union, and it may be said that it was men like August Kruer who helped so well to save the State of Missouri for the Union. He also wrote a book entitled "The Insurrection in Missouri," in the German language, which gives a clear account of the early days of the war in that State. He was a member of the Evangelical Church, to which his wife also belonged. Shortly before coming to America he married Miss Georgenia Bode, daughter of William Bode, and she survived him many years, passing away in 1894. Our subject is the youngest of four sons who lived to maturity, the others being: Mazzini, who has charge of the glove department of William Baar & Co., merchants in St. Louis; Andrew, a draftsman and engraver in St. Louis: and Arthur, a traveling salesman for Schultz & Co., a St. Louis house.

William Kruer was born January 3, 1856, at Madison, Wis., and was about two years old when his parents removed to St. Louis, where he obtained his education. On leaving school he learned the art of turning and spinning with Pelton Brothers, of St. Louis, remaining with them four years. He then spent two years with the Meriden Silver Plate Company, at Meriden, Conn., also two years with the Wilcox Silver Plate Company, of Meriden, and in 1878 he entered the employ of the Derby Silver Company, with which he has since been connected. While he is not a politician, he is a believer in the principles of the Republican party. He and his family attend the Episcopal Church at Shelton, and are prominent in the social life of the place. Mr. Kruer is a member of several societies, including the D. O. H., a German order, the New England Order of Protection, and the Fraternal Order of Connecticut, an insurance society. He was elected burgess of Shelton for the years 1889-90, and the last year (1890) was appointed senior burgess by the board. In 1881 he married Miss Emma L. Martin, who is of German descent, and was born in New Britain, Conn., the daughter of Charles Martin, a well-known citizen of Meriden. Five children brighten our subject's home: Bertha, Josephine, Arthur William, Norman Charles and Elise.

CHARLES W. HOYT, a prominent resident of Norwalk, is a member of the well-known firm of Scofield & Hoyt, merchants, whose establishments at Norwalk and South Norwalk command an extensive and profitable custom. He is a man of much intelligence, and as a citizen is held in high esteem, being active in various lines of work which tend to promote the welfare of the community.

Mr. Hoyt was born in New York City October 30, 1844, but his family has been identified with this county for many years, his grandfather, Elihu Hoyt, having probably been a native of Stamford. Charles E. Hoyt, our subject's father, was born in Stamford, and although his early manhood was spent at Trenton, N. J., in connection with a rolling-mill, he returned to his native place to pass his declining years, and for a half century has resided on a farm in that locality. Notwithstanding his advanced age he takes an interest in the questions of the day, and is a strong supporter of the principles of the Republican party. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Slawson, was born at Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N. Y., but was residing in Stamford at the time of their marriage. She died in 1890, deeply mourned by a large circle of friends. Throughout her life she was an earnest Christian, and she and her husband both united many years ago with the Methodist Church. They had seven children, two of whom who died in infancy. Of the others, Ellen T. married Simon Ingersoll, the famous inventor, who died in 1894; Charles W., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Anna A. married James J. Scofield, the senior member of the firm of Scofield & Hoyt; George W., a resident of New Canaan, this county, is a mason by occupation; and William H., who died in California in 1892, was a carpenter and builder.

The first two years of our subject's life were spent in New York City, but his youth was mainly passed in Stamford, his education being obtained in the public schools of that place. After completing a high-school course, he turned his attention to business, and at the age of twenty-one went to Port Chester, N. Y., where from 1865 to 1875 he was engaged in mercantile business with his present partner, making a specialty of dry goods, carpets, and similar commodities. In 1875 they bought a store in Norwalk, where they have since carried a fine stock of furniture, carpets, crockery, oil cloths, and other house-furnishing goods, and in 1887 they opened a branch store at South Norwalk. There they conduct a similiar business, in addition to the lines named carrying a stock of dry goods.

While Mr. Hoyt does not by any means believe that marriage is a failure in all cases, he is still in a state of single blessedness, which may possibly be accounted for by the fact that he has a very pleasant home with his sister, Mrs. Scofield. In politics he is a Republican, and for about thirty-five years he has been an active

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member of the Methodist Church, in which he has held numerous offices including those of steward and secretary of the official board.

GEORGE W. ADAMS, of the town of New Fairfield, is one of the oldest and most highly esteemed residents of that locality. He represents a family which has long been identified with the best interests of this county, and his own life gives an example of well-directed industry that is worthy of emulation.

The ancestors of our subject settled at an early period in the town of Westport, this county, and his grandfather, Stephen Adams, was born there August 8, 1763. Stephen Adams received a common-school education and became a farmer by occupation, his permanent home being made in the town of Pawling, Dutchess Co., N. Y., where he was a prominent citizen and a leading worker in the Methodist Church. He married Abigail Gorham, who was born April 15, 1767, and they had four sons: Stephen, who married Abbie J. Steadwell; Charles, who married Nancy Hungerford; Samuel, who married a Miss Corbin; and Peter, our subject's father.

Peter Adams was born December 15, 1784, in the town of Pawling, Dutchess Co., N. Y., where he enjoyed the educational opportunities that were usually provided for country lads of his day. He always followed farming, and the business seemed to agree with him as he was seldom or never ill, and his life was prolonged to the good old age of ninety-six years. He took keen interest in political questions, never failing to cast his vote at election time. His wife, Elizabeth (Steadwell), was born September 8, 1784, in Salem, N. Y., a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Brundage) Steadwell. Our subject was the youngest in a family of nine children, the others being Jane, who did not marry; Almira, wife of John Baldwin; Joseph, who died in infancy; Samantha, who remained single; John, who married Elizabeth Peffer; David, who married Esther Newberry; Emily, wife of Milton C. Haviland; and Elizabeth, wife of Samuel A. Barnum. Peter Adams and his wife owned and lived on one farm for sixty-six continuous years.

Mr. Adams, our subject, was born October 9, 1826, at the old home in Dutchess county, and during his youth he attended school there and in New Jersey, receiving a good practical education. For a time he worked on a farm, but as he possessed a decided talent for carpentering he found more profitable employment in that line, and gradually became an expert workman, although he never served an apprenticeship. His own handsome dwelling house is the work of his hands, literally speaking, as are also his farm buildings. In politics he is a Republican, and as a good citizen he has always been active in local affairs, having served in various offices, including those of selectman, assessor and member of the board of relief. He married Miss Clarissa Barnum, who was born February 22, 1834, a daughter of Silas and Clarissa (Jennings) Barnum, of New Fairfield, and a granddaughter of Daniel Barnum.

Dr. Alpheus E. Adams, our subject's only child, is now a successful physician at Newburgh, N. Y., and has made a wide reputation by his special ability and skill in treating the eye and ear. He was born in New Fairfield June 26, 1857, and his education was begun in the local schools. At an early age he made choice of the medical profession, and as his parents encouraged his ambition, he was sent to New York City to take a course of study in Columbia College and the College of Physicians and Surgeons. He graduated on February 8, 1879, after a thorough preparation for practice, which included some months of work in a charitable institution among the sick, and he commenced to practice at Danbury, this county. There he remained seven years, securing a good clientele, but having decided to make a specialty of treating the eye and ear he went to Bridgeport, and spent a year with Dr. Wilson, the oculist. At the end of that time he established an office at Newburgh, at No. 44 Grand street, and from the first he has met with success. Lately he published a valuable work on the eye and ear, in which he gives to the world the results of his experience and observation. He is held in high esteem by his professional brethren, and is a member of the U. S. Medical Association, the Canadian Medical Association and the Orange County Medical Society, of which he was president in 1895. He is also a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, and has been instructor in the Post-Graduate Medical College, assistant-surgeon at the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital, ophthalmic surgeon at St. Luke's Hospital, all in New York City, and consulting ophthalmologist to the Home for the Friendless at Newburgh.

On December 16, 1885, Dr. Adams married Miss Jessie Southworth, daughter of Judge Southworth, of Danbury. He and his wife are prominent socially, and he is an active member of the Masonic Fraternity. He was virtually the founder of the Danbury Hospital, having purchased a site and erected suitable buildings at his own expense with a view to opening a hospital himself. Just as the buildings were nearly completed a

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hospital society was organized in Danbury, and they leased his buildings, since which time Danbury has had a hospital of charity.

PHILEMON WALKER, a well-to-do farmer of Long Ridge, town of Stamford, Fairfield county, Conn., has occupied his present farm for about ten years. He is a native of Massachusetts, born September 6, 1842, in Becket, Berkshire county, where he lived until sixteen years of age.

Mr. Walker's grandfather, James Walker, was born July 3, 1762, in Connecticut. He married Sarah Flint, who was born in February, 1761. Their son Ephraim was born July 25, 1798, in Becket, Mass., where he passed his entire life engaged in farming and lumbering. On January 3, 1828, he was united in marriage with Louisa Rice, who was born November 23, 1806, in Conway, Mass., and nine children came to them, of whom, Philemon, the subject of this sketch, was eighth in the order of birth. On November 10, 1845, Mr. Walker for his second wife married Emily Carter, who was born November 3, 1810, and by her he had three children. He died April 12, 1859, at his home in Becket, a member of the Baptist Church.

In August, 1861, Philemon Walker enlisted in Company I, 49th Mass. V. I. and remained in the service until September, 1862, when he was mustered out at Pittsfield, Mass. Returning to Becket, he engaged in farming and lumbering for about two years, when he went to New York City, and there established a honey, maple syrup and preserve business, which he conducted for some years. In the spring of 1887, finding himself in poor health, he concluded to try rural life again, and accordingly, selling out his New York business, came to Fairfield county, Conn., settling on the farm at Long Ridge which he has since cultivated.

On November 1, 1871, Mr. Walker was married, at Becket, Mass., to Lydia N. Millard, daughter of Orrin Millard, of that place. They have reared a family of eight children, namely: Lucy R. (who is a teacher at High Ridge), Ada L., Sarah C., L. Mabel, Philemon, E. Addison, Orrin Millard and George Wayland. The family were active members in the Baptist Church in which Mr. Walker has served as treasurer and member of the board of trustees. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic Fraternity and Knights of Pythias at Brooklyn, N. Y., and of Barbara Fritchie Post, G. A. R., of New York City.

WILLIAM A. LEONARD, the affable, genial and whole-souled proprietor of the "Newtown Inn," Newtown, Conn., by virtue of his popularity and hospitality, not to speak of his reputation as a prominent business man, well deserves mention in this volume.

Mr. Leonard is a native of Connecticut, born April 10, 1861, in Middletown, Fairfield county, and is descended from a worthy family, being a son of William W. and Amelia Leonard. His childhood and boyhood were passed in the village of his birth, where he received a common-school and business education. Precipitating himself in his early manhood into the arena of business life, we find him, between the years 1878 and 1887, engaged in various occupations, and in the latter year he embarked in the hotel business, in which connection he has ever since held a prominent place among the "Bonifaces" of Fairfield county.

The "Newtown Inn" and its thorough management are too well known to require much if any commendation or eulogy from the writer of this article; suffice it to say, in the true meaning of the words it is a "home" and a "haven of rest" for all who seek the hospitable shelter of its roof. Possessing also, as it does, all the essentials necessary for the comfort and health of its guests—fresh air, a delightful view of the surrounding scenery, sparkling spring water and a cuisine unsurpassed—the house is well appointed and equipped, and will conveniently and comfortably entertain at least one hundred guests. In a word, conveniences and appointments to be found in any other modern hostelry are by no means lacking in the "Newtown Inn," made the more attractive and welcome to the weary wayfarer by its cheery, free-hearted and ever-friendly host.

Mr. Leonard is not only a ne-plus-ultra hotel man, but is even more notable in insurance circles, in which he controls a wide patronage, while at the same time he is interested in all that concerns the development of his town and county.

GERARD H. VERMILYEA, one of Danbury's most enterprising and successful business men, is the proprietor of a popular meat market and grocery at No. 3 Elm street.

Mr. Vermilyea is a native of New York State, and a descendant of a well-known Dutchess county family. His grandparents, Isaac and Catherine (Kipp) Vermilyea, were prominent residents of the town of LaGrange, in that county, and his father, the late Dr. John K. Vermilyea, was born there September 16, 1802. Dr.

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Vermilyea located in Hopewell, Dutchess county, and was for many years a leading physician and surgeon of that section, his death occurring June 2, 1877. He married Miss Catherine L. Hamlin, who was born at Red Hook, Dutchess Co., N. Y., and died at Hopewell in 1844. To Dr. Vermilyea and his wife nine children were born, viz.: Tavenier, Louisa Hamlin, Catherine L., John Peter and Marius C., all of whom are now deceased; Dupuytren, a Presbyterian clergyman, residing at Hackensack, N. J.; Ann Romeyn; Gerard H., and Lucy D.

The subject of our sketch was born at Hopewell, N. Y., November 4, 1839, and acquired his education in the public schools of that place. In 1860 he began his business career as a clerk for Van Wyck Brothers, in their store at Fishkill Plains, and after two years there he went to Cold Spring, N. Y., to take a position as inspector of shot and shell for the noted foundryman, Parrott. There he remained three years, and on leaving he rented a farm and spent a year in agricultural pursuits. For the next six years he was employed as overseer of Stephen Conover's farm, near Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and he then purchased a farm in the town of Beekman, in the same county. While conducting that he took a contract from Albert Tower to haul iron ore from Beekman to Silvan Lake, employing five teams in this work, which he continued for seven years; but growing weary of a country life he engaged in mercantile business in Beekman, remaining two years. His next enterprise was to take a contract on the construction of the dam near Brewster, N. Y., and after filling that contract (which occupied his time for nearly a year), he sold out all his interests in Dutchess county and moved to Danbury. For a year and a half he worked as a hat finisher for Meeker Brothers, and Tweedy & Co., and for six years following he was employed in G. E. Stevens' meat market. Having decided to remain in Danbury, Mr. Vermilyea purchased a piece of property on Montgomery street, where he has built a residence, and a store at No. 62 Elm street, where he engaged in the meat and grocery business on his own account. A year later he sold the business to Frank L. Hatch, and in February, 1887, he bought his present store from I. W. Stillman. He carries a fine stock, including teas, coffees, spices and all kinds of staple and fancy groceries, and enjoys a large and profitable trade.

On November 24, 1865, Mr. Vermilyea married his first wife, Miss Catherine E. Patterson, daughter of Beekman V. and Elizabeth (Barnes) Patterson. She passed to the unseen life in September, 1881, and in 1883 Mr. Vermilyea married Miss Sarah E. Wilcox, daughter of John and Emily M. (Fairchild) Wilcox, of Dover Plains, Dutchess Co., N. Y. Mr. Vermilyea has had two children, Kate Estella, and John K., both by his first marriage. The family is prominently identified with the M. E. Church, of Danbury, and Mr. Vermilyea is also a member of several fraternal orders—the Knights of Pythias, Samaritan Lodge No. 7, I. O. O. F., the Daughters of Rebekah and the Rathbone Sisters. He is a stanch Democrat is politics, and while living in Dutchess county was quite active in the work of the local organization. For three years he held the office of justice of the peace in the town of Beekman, and throughout his residence there he served almost constantly as school trustee.

HENRY BERRY, a designer for the Derby Silver Company, and well known in the town of Huntington, was born July 6, 1846, in Manchester, England. He is a son of John Berry, a blacksmith by trade, who was born about the year 1820, and died about 1850.

Henry Berry was educated in private schools in Manchester, England. The family emigrated to the United States in 1857, when Henry was about eleven years of age, and settled at Taunton, Mass. They crossed the Atlantic in the ship "Dreadnaught," Captain Samuels, who was in command of her when she won her races in England, being at the time owned by Brunell. After reaching Taunton, Mr. Berry attended school there for a year or more, leaving school when thirteen or fourteen years of age. The family on the maternal grandmother's side were manufacturers of rope, twine and hammock cordage, and on account of being unable to re-lease the ground on which their factories stood, they removed to Taunton with the view of renewing the business there; but owing to the panic in business that then prevailed (the panic of 1857), they considered it best to await the return of prosperous times. About the year 1863 he entered the employ of the Silver Plating Company, of Taunton, beginning by learning the process of soldering, which he followed until 1868, when he removed to Meriden, where he continued in the same line until 1876. At this time Mr. Berry went to work in the designing room of the Wilcox Silver Plate Company, where he made up the patterns for the designer and operator. In 1878 he removed to Shelton, and there entered the employ of the Derby Silver Company in their designing department. At that time the company were making only flat ware, but afterward they engaged in

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the manufacture of hollow ware. Mr. Berry was placed in charge of the designing, and has done all the designing for the company for the past twenty years or more. It is only just to say that the output of the Derby Silver Company for artistic finish and beauty of design stands as high as any in the country, and that it is not matched in many other ways. Mr. Berry is the oldest employe of the company in years of service, filling a position of great responsibility to the full satisfaction of all concerned, and in his line he has been eminently successful.

Ever since leaving school Mr. Berry has been a close student of current events, has been a great reader and is well informed. Politically, he has always been a Republican, and has relied to a great extent on the New York *Tribune* for his Republicanism and its defense. While he has never been an office seeker, yet he has always taken an interest in politics, and has been a member of the board of burgesses for the years 1887 and 1888. For twenty-three years he has been a member of Center Lodge No. 77, of Meriden, Conn. He was reared in the Protestant Episcopal Church, and now attends the Church of the Good Shepherd, Shelton. The welfare of Shelton has always had his sympathy and active aid.

Mr. Berry was married in November, 1867, to Miss Mary Anderson, daughter of James Anderson, then of Wisconsin, and by this marriage he has two children: George H., a graduate of the Yale Art School, and now in the designing department of the Derby Silver Company; and Charles A., who is living at home.

C E. LEWIS, undertaker, of Derby, Fairfield county, was born August 25, 1853, in Sharon, Conn., and is a son of Elihu T. Lewis, who was born on the Lewis homestead, near the fair ground, October 13, 1817, and he is a grandson of Capt. Cyrus Lewis, who was also born on the same place (but in a different house), in the year 1778.

Capt. Cyrus Lewis was one of the prominent men of Huntington. He was a prominent Episcopalian, and had charge of the burying ground given to the Church by the Lewises. By occupation he was a farmer, and lived on a large tract of land owned by himself. He was captain of the horse artillery, and was discharged therefrom in September, 1817. As one of the leading men politically and otherwise in the town of Huntington, he was tax collector for many years, and he was the peace maker of the town, settling many disputes which would otherwise have gone in the courts. For many years he was a kind of Father of Israel, looked upon by the entire community as the best friend and adviser they had. Capt. Cyrus Lewis married Miss Alice Hawley, daughter of Thomas Hawley, of Monroe township, and by her had the following children: Miles, George T., Elihu T. and Alice Shelton.

Elihu T. Lewis was by trade a blacksmith, as were also his two brothers. He learned the trade in Monroe township, afterward removed to Derby and worked in the shipyards of the Hallocks. Then removing to Sharon he entered into partnership with his brothers, removing in 1854 to Nichols Farms (now Nichols), working there for some years for Nichols, Peck & Co. Later he worked for the Amblers in the manufacture of saddletrees. Then when the Howes began the manufacture of sewing machines, he went to work for them in Bridgeport, remaining with them until 1875, just after the death of Mr. Howe, of whom he was a strong friend, removing then to Shelton, and was with the Wilkinson paper-mill four or five years. He never engaged in politics, and was everywhere regarded as a good citizen, highly esteemed. He was one of the strongest and healthiest of men, walking, when seventy-three years of age, to his work on Monday mornings and home again on Saturday nights.

Mr. Lewis married Joanna C. Thomas, daughter of Leman and Peeder (Emmons) Thomas, of Litchfield county, Conn.; the Thomas family were of Welch descent. Leman Thomas was born in Unadilla, N. Y. Mrs. Thomas is heir to the Emmons estate in South Wales. The children of Elihu T. and his wife were as follows: Edgar, Elonora, Elihu N., Maria A., Eugene, Cyrus E. and Elbert O.

Cyrus Ellis Lewis, the subject of this sketch, received his education in Nichols, enjoying the educational advantages there afforded. After attaining his majority he went for two years to Wilbraham, Mass., having previously worked for A. B. Fairchild for two years, and then for Brown & Parkington in Bridgeport, until the breaking down of his health. After leaving the latter firm he went to Glendale, Mass., and to Stockbridge, spending about a year in the two places; then spent a year in Great Barrington, Mass. Returning to Brown & Parkington, he remained with them for about two years. For some time he was bookkeeper for the Underwood Belting Company, of Tolland, Conn., and then he served in the same capacity for Charles Bly, of Springfield, Mass., remaining in Springfield for three years, and marrying there. He next moved to Catskill, N. Y., and served as bookkeeper for the Hoponose Knitting Company, one year. Removing aft-

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er this to New Haven, Conn., he was time keeper for the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, in their shell department, remaining there one year, and then removing to Shelton, was with C. P. Nettleton as bookkeeper. On July 22, 1889, he entered the employ of George C. Bediant, who conducted a furniture and undertaking business in Derby. In 1894, on the death of George C. Bediant, Mr. Lewis succeeded to the business, which he has ever since pursued, and he now has the principal undertaking establishment in Derby. Mr. Lewis took a thorough course in the art of embalming the dead, has been unusually successful in this line of work, and has the Protestant undertaking of Derby and Shelton.

While Mr. Lewis has never taken an active part in politics, yet he is still loyal to his party and its principals, and always desires its success. He has been twice elected as a burgess of the borough of Shelton. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for a number of years was superintendent of the Sunday-school. For many years he has taken an active part in Free Masonry, and is a member of Hamilton Commandery of Bridgeport. He is also a member of Ousatonic Lodge, I. O. O. F., and is equally devoted to Odd Fellowship; he is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, and of the Order of American Mechanics, of the Golden Cross, and of the Heptasophs. Of the order of American Mechanics he has been treasurer for eight years, and he is also treasurer of the Heptasophs. He is also a director of the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Lewis was married to Mary L. Skinner, daughter of Walter J. and Frances A. Lathrop Skinner, of Bridgeport, and they have four children: Oliver M.; Clifford E.; Lillian May and Cyrus Harold.

ALBERT GREGORY BENEDICT, one of Danbury's representative citizens, is the proprietor of the leading grocery of that thriving city, and has also taken an active part in other business enterprises, being at present a director in the Danbury National Bank. His store at No. 193 Main street, is a model of its kind, its large and varied stock indicating the progressive ideas and practical business acumen of its owner.

Mr. Benedict is a descendant of a well-known family, and his father, Levi Starr Benedict, who was born in Burlington, Vt., December 24, 1805, established in 1835 the first store in Danbury to be devoted exclusively to groceries and meats. He had previously been a comb manufacturer, but after engaging in the grocery business he continued it without interruption until his death. The firm was first known as Benedict & Nichols, and although both of its members have now joined the silent majority, the property which they held in partnership still stands in the same name, the estate having never been settled. L. S. Benedict died March 13, 1892, and his wife, Mary (Gregory), who was born in Danbury November 21, 1808, passed away September 12, 1895. She was a daughter of Caleb Curtis Gregory, a prominent agriculturist. Her mother, Desire (Sears), who was a member of one of the old families of Putnam county, N. Y., lived more than a century, retaining her faculties to the last, and at a party given at L. S. Benedict's home in honor of her one hundredth anniversary, she seemed to enjoy the occasion as much as any one. At eight o'clock in the evening Mrs. Benedict said: "Mother you must be tired. Hadn't you better go to bed?" but her mother replied with spirit: "Mary, I'm one hundred years old to-day, and I am going to stay up just as long as I want to; I am able to receive my own guests."

Our subject was the youngest of three sons, the others being Charles Henry, late of Orange, N. J., who died February 4, 1899, and James Augustus, who lives at No. 325 Fifth avenue, New York City.

Albert G. Benedict was born August 11, 1841, at Danbury, where he received a good practical education in the common schools and the academy. At the age of seventeen he began his business career as a clerk in his father's store, but his health failing after a few months, he was unable for several years to follow any occupation. On attaining his majority he engaged in the manufacture of wool hats, as a member of the firm of Sturdevant & Benedict, the partnership continuing five years. After disposing of his interest Mr. Benedict remained out of business two years, but in 1870 he became a partner in his father's store under the firm name of L. S. Benedict & Son. Since his father's death he has conducted the business in his own name, which is now a synonym in business circles for enterprise and sagacity. In politics Mr. Benedict is a Republican, but official honors have no especial charms for him. Since 1854 he has been an active worker in the Second Baptist Church of Danbury, and for ten years past he has served as its treasurer. On June 10, 1863, he married Miss Emily L. Sturdevant, daughter of Elijah Sturdevant, a hat manufacturer of Danbury, and his wife, Sarah Maria Lyon. Two attractive daughters, Emma S. and Alberta, bless this union, and both with their mother are prominent in the work of the Second Baptist Church.

The younger daughter was married on June

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17, 1896, to William Francis Gordon, M. D., a rising young physician of Danbury, who was born at Woodbury, Conn., June 15, 1872, a son of William A. Gordon, and grandson of Alexander and Maria (Coggswell) Gordon. His father, who is now a prominent business man of Danbury, married Miss Sarah Blake, and of their five children—Carrie M., Susan L., Alexander I., William B. and William Francis—all are living except Carrie M., who died January 19, 1899. The Doctor has resided in Danbury since childhood, and attended the public schools of that city during his youth. In 1891 he entered Long Island College Hospital, and was graduated in 1896 with the degree of M. D. He at once opened an office in Danbury, where he has met with gratifying success. He is a Republican in politics, and in religious faith is a Congregationalist.

FRANK LE GRAND GRISWOLD. Among the popular young men of Trumbull, who conduct themselves so as to merit the highest commendations of the community in which they live, is Frank Le Grand Griswold, who was born May 15, 1865, the youngest and only surviving child of the late Asael Morgan Griswold.

The father was born at Oxford, Conn., December 25, 1833. In the spring of 1850 he left his old home, and on July 18, 1853, he located in Washington, Litchfield Co., Conn., where he worked for six cents a day and board. By dint of economy he managed to save $100, of which he was robbed by a dishonest room-mate. Nothing daunted by this misfortune, young Griswold set bravely to work to regain his lost foothold. His high spirit, unconquered by adverse circumstances, and his persistent effort were characteristic of his entire life. On June 5, 1856, he went to Bridgeport, and the following February he secured employment with the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company, contracting for them until February 10, 1879. He was married in Bridgeport, December 25, 1860, to Miss Delia A. Hodge, and three children were born to them: Charles A., born November 1, 1861, died August 28, 1890; Henry M., born December 11, 1862, died April 5, 1885; and Frank Le Grand. The mother passed away May 19, 1866, and on November 20, 1866, A. M. Griswold was wedded to Miss Lottie Hurlburt. He acknowledged his faith in God and accepted baptism March 28, 1858, and was a charter member of the East Washington Avenue Baptist Church. Fraternally, he belonged to the Knights Templar. The result of his wisdom and industry, and his acumen in financial affairs, was demonstrated when at his death he left his son an unincumbered estate of $75,000. On September 20, 1890, his weary spirit took its flight, and his mantle fell upon the shoulders of his only surviving son.

Frank Le Grand Griswold was educated in the public schools of Bridgeport, and here his versatility soon attracted the attention of his instructors. He was quite young when he decided to enter mercantile life, and went to work to learn the confectioner's trade. With a persistency equal to that which was one of his father's marked characteristics, he made no second choice, but remained working at that trade until his father's death, in 1890, rendered it necessary for him to abandon a business career in order to manage his large estate. That he has proven himself worthy of this trust is evidenced by the capable manner in which he has since cared for his property. His naturally generous disposition is tempered by a wise judgment, and his assistance to some struggling brother is seldom unworthily bestowed.

On September 9, 1891, F. L. Griswold was married in Kingston, N. Y., to Miss Lizzie, daughter of Frederick H. Arnold. To this union have come three interesting children, Fred L., Charles M. and Lottie M., whose gladsome presence brings much sunshine to the beautiful Griswold home on the Newtown turnpike. Mr. and Mrs. Griswold are both favorites socially, and in their home hospitality reigns supreme. Friend and stranger alike are accorded a hearty welcome, and are made to feel that this is, indeed, a "home." Our subject holds the rank of colonel of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, of Connecticut; is a member of Myrtha Lodge No. 8, K. of P., Bridgeport, and Uniform Rank, Company 4. In politics he is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, and has served as assessor and on the board of relief. In every movement for improvement he takes an active part, and he endeavors in every way to advance all measures that would in any way bring the greatest good to the greatest number.

JOHN CLANCY is the popular and genial proprietor of a well-known grocery and liquor store in Bridgeport, also agent in that city for the Long Island Brewery of Brooklyn, his place of business being at No. 74 Hard avenue. He was born March 11, 1860, in County Roscommon, Ireland, of which locality his ancestors, for at least two generations back, were also natives.

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Patrick Clancy, father of our subject, is still living in Ireland, where he has been a lifelong farmer. He married Miss Anna Lavin, a lady of the same nativity, and a daughter of Luke Lavin, a hatter by trade, carrying on also a farm in County Roscommon. To this union were born twelve children, two of whom died in infancy, the remaining ten being as follows: John (our subject), Mary, Thomas, Luke, Patrick, Terence, Bridget, James, Anna and Jane. Of these, John, Thomas, Luke, Terence and James are all residents of Bridgeport; Patrick is a farmer in Ireland; and all the daughters are still living there, Mary being now the wife of Michael Beirne.

John Clancy, whose name introduces this sketch, remained in his native land until he was twenty-four years old, attending school in his boyhood, and subsequently working on his father's farm. In 1884 he came to the United States, arriving in Bridgeport in the month of March, and has made his home in that beautiful city ever since, where he commenced his New-World life in a comparatively humble vocation, that of driver of a beer wagon. In 1892 he established himself in his present liquor business, and shortly afterward received the agency in Bridgeport for the Long Island Brewery of Brooklyn, doing a lucrative business.

In November, 1887, Mr. Clancy married Eliza Naery, of Bridgeport, and four children have been born to this union, named as follows: John F., Luke, Thomas and Anna. Mr. and Mrs. Clancy are devout members of the Roman Catholic Church, and have the respect of a large circle of friends.

Politically, our subject is a Democrat, and is an active supporter of his party. Socially, he is affiliated with the Ancient Order of Foresters of America, the Ancient Order of Hibernians; and the Knights of Columbus, all prominent organizations in Bridgeport.

CHARLES E. JELLIFF. There is probably no man in Southport more widely or favorably known than the gentleman whose name introduces this review, and who is now living retired after a life of honest and honorable labor.

Francis Jelliff, father of our subject, was born December 8, 1816, at Westport, Conn., a son of David and Polly (Pike) Jelliff, the latter of whom was born in Southport, Conn. They had their home in Westport, where they reared their family of three children: Francis, Eliphalet and Mary. Of these, Eliphalet died young, and Mary married Sellick Sherman. Francis learned the trade of carpenter when a boy, serving a long apprenticeship, as was customary in those days, and followed that business throughout life at Southport, after a period spent in journeyman work in New York and elsewhere, among other jobs putting up cabins on vessels. In all respects he was a superior mechanic. Prior to his marriage he built his home on the corner of Pequot and Center streets, where he spent the balance of his life. In connection with carpentering he did a considerable amount of business in building and contracting, erecting many buildings in Southport and other towns, doing the entire work on the Southport Savings Bank, building the school house in the borough, and was a partner in the construction of both the Episcopal church and Congregational church. Beginning life a poor boy, he, by industry, perseverance, honesty of purpose and economy, became wealthy, at his death leaving a handsome competence.

On April 10, 1842, Francis Jelliff was married, at Southport, to Miss Juliette Wood, who was born May 28, 1819, in Susquehanna county, Penn., a daughter of William and Betsy (Darrow) Wood, both of Groton, Conn. Children as follows blessed this union: Ursula died (unmarried) in Southport; Charles E. is our subject; Oscar died at the age of twenty-one years; and Mary, Frederick, Julia and John are also deceased—Julia when twenty years old, Frederick when nine, and Mary and John in infancy. The father of this family died July 26, 1896, when nearly eighty years of age, and was buried in Oaklawn cemetery. He was a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church, as is also his widow, and he from time to time served as warden, taking a great interest in Church matters. A Republican in politics, he was always loyal to his party, and for several years was selectman of his borough. Socially, he at one time affiliated with the I. O. O. F. His widow, a highly respected and much esteemed lady, is yet living at the old homestead.

Charles E. Jelliff, the subject proper of these lines, was born September 2, 1846, at the old homestead of his parents, and received his education at the public schools, after which he learned the trade of carpentering with his father. In 18— he became a member of the firm of C. O. Jelliff & Co., in mercantile trade at Southport, but at the end of four years he retired from business, and has since devoted his time to looking after his property and other interests in Southport and Bridgeport.

On October 6, 1868, Mr. Jelliff was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Baker, of Greens Farms, daughter of Ebenezer and Jane (Miller)

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Baker, and children as follows were born to them: Edith F. (died at the age of six years), Clara and Everett F. The family are all identified with the Methodist Church at Southport, and in politics Mr. Jelliff is a straight Republican. He is fond of reading, keeping well informed on the issues of the day, and his sterling qualities of character have won for him the respect of all who know him.

GIDEON M. WAKELEE, a highly esteemed resident of Derby, has been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of that locality for many years, and is justly regarded as a representative citizen.

The Wakelee family is one of the oldest in the town of Huntington, and our subject's grandfather, Gideon Wakelee, a native of the town, passed his life there in agricultural pursuits. He married Lydia Morgan, a native of Newtown and a relative of Daniel N. Morgan, and they had two children: Ebenezer; and Nancy, who married Charles C. Tomlinson, a farmer in Huntington.

Hon. Ebenezer Wakelee, the father of our subject, was born in 1806, at the old homestead in Huntington, where he grew to manhood and engaged in farming. He was one of the leading Democrats of the section in his day, and in addition to serving in various township offices, including those of selectman and justice of the peace, he represented his town several times in the State Legislature. He died upon the farm in 1877, and his wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Wheeler, died in January, 1899. She was born and reared in the town of Stratford, and was a daughter of Eli Wheeler, a native of the same town. Six children were born to Ebenezer and Nancy Wakelee, as follows: Frances married Anson Blakeman, a farmer in Stratford; Louise married D. M. Plumb, of Shelton; Gideon M., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Elizabeth married Julius Coe, a leather manufacturer in West Haven, Conn.; Cornelia married John Coe, a leather manufacturer of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Cordelia, a twin of Cornelia, married Colonel Blakeman, of Huntington township.

Our subject was born December 28, 1840, at the old homestead, and was reared to farm work. His education was begun in the local schools, and later he attended school in the village of Birmingham, now Derby. In early manhood he engaged in farming, and although he has recently sold one of his farms to his son he still manages the other. In 1895 he removed to Derby village, where he has a handsome residence. In 1860 he married his first wife, Miss Phœbe Blakeman, sister of Colonel Blakeman, mentioned above. She died in 1889, and on December 12, 1891, he married Miss Priscilla Spader, of New York State, a descendant of a Holland-Dutch family. Mr. Wakelee has three children, all by the first marriage: Alice; Dwight, who married Emma Cook, of Stratford, and resides at the old homestead; and Harriet.

Socially, the family is prominent, and Mr. Wakelee is a member of the Grange; Ousatonic Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., of Derby; and of King Hiram Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M. In politics he is a strong Democrat, and he has often been called upon to fill positions of public trust. For ten years he was a deputy sheriff, and he has served as selectman, justice of the peace, deputy judge of the town court of Huntington, and a member of the board of education. He served as member of State Legislature in 1875.

PHILO W. BATES, manufacturer, at Norwalk, Fairfield county, of fine marble and granite work, which has a wide reputation for beauty, finish and substantialness, is a native of Connecticut, born November 16, 1838, in Stratford, a great-grandson of Rowell Bates, who was also born in Fairfield county, of English extraction.

John Bates, grandfather of our subject, was born at Redding, Conn., was a shoemaker by trade during the earlier part of his life, later following agricultural pursuits in Fairfield county, and died in the village of Branchville. By his wife, Sarah (Scribner), he had two children: Walter, father of our subject; and Rowena, wife of L. B. Wood, of the town of Danbury.

Walter Bates was born in the town of Redding, Conn., was first a school teacher by occupation, and later a stone mason. He married Lorena Wood, who was born in Danbury, a daughter of Philo Wood, of the same locality, and they reared a family of seven children as follows: Oscar died young; Philo W. is the subject of these lines; Mary E. married Albert G. Markham, of East Hampton; Rowena wedded Leroy Taylor, of Norwalk; Amy married Augustus Dodge, of Norwalk; John married Julia E. Diamond, and they live in Norwalk; and Oscar married Lydia Drew, and they make their home in Bethel, Conn. The mother of this family died in 1882, the father in 1883; they were Methodists in religious faith, and in politics he was a Democrat.

Philo W. Bates, whose name introduces these lines, received his education at the schools of Branchville, Fairfield county, working on a farm

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during the summer season. In 1856 he commenced learning the marble and granite industry in that village, which he followed there till 1862, then establishing his present business in Norwalk, but continuing to reside in Branchville till 1873, in that year removing his family to Norwalk. On September 12, 1860, he was united in marriage at Ridgefield, Conn., with with Flora A. Bouton, who was born in that village, a daughter of Burr and Flora Bouton, and one child was born to them: Nellie F., who married Cornelius Howard, of Norwalk.

Mr. Bates is a lifelong Democrat, and at one time, when Norwalk was a borough, was burgess thereof; was also assessor, and member of the board of relief. Socially, he is affiliated with the I. O. O. F. His marble and granite works, situated at No. 42 Water street, Norwalk, are operated by steam, and the product never fails to bring eminent satisfaction from his many customers—far and near.

SMITH FOWLER is ranked among the most prosperous farmers and large land owners of Greenwich township, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he has, by a life of industry, acquired a fine farm of 175 acres, highly cultivated and improved.

Mr. Fowler was born May 28, 1839, in Westchester county, N. Y., a son of Peter V. and Elizabeth (Nash) Fowler, who emigrated to Ohio when he was a mere child, settling at Port Washington, in Salem township, Tuscarawas county. The father was a wheelwright, and found plenty of work at his trade, managing to support his family very comfortably until his untimely death, which was caused by cholera during the epidemic in the latter "forties." This misfortune left his wife and three young sons—Clark, Smith and George W.—in somewhat straitened circumstances among comparative strangers, and the mother concluded that she could do better by returning with her family to her home in the East. Railroads had not yet penetrated that section of Ohio, so the journey was made by canal to Cleveland, lake to Buffalo, and Erie canal to Albany, their destination being Port Chester, N. Y., where they lived for some time with James Nash, the father of Mrs. Fowler. She survived her husband many years, dying in Greenwich township, Fairfield Co., Conn., at the advanced age of seventy.

When about ten years old Smith Fowler came to Greenwich township to live with his uncle, Hanford Lockwood (now deceased), by whom he was reared, and he was fortunate indeed in falling into such kind hands. He did not have as much opportunity for study in his youth as he might have desired, but he was given a practical introduction to all kinds of general farm work, and has become one of the most skillful agriculturists in this region.

On January 1, 1862, Smith Fowler was married to Miss Mary D. Clark, a native of Bedford, N. Y., and they took up their home on his uncle's farm, where they continued to reside for a number of years. In 1891 they moved to the place they have since occupied, the condition of which at that time was not to be compared with its present state. The residence was "rickety" and in need of repairs generally, but Mr. Fowler has changed, improved and added to it until it is now a model of a comfortable country home, pleasant within and without, and an improvement to the property it stands upon. The land has been systematically worked, and brings its owner, than whom there is no more industrious farmer in Greenwich, a competence which enables him and his family to enjoy life and help others to enjoy it. Mrs. Fowler is a capable manager, and has proved herself a worthy helpmeet to her husband, taking her full share of responsibility and care in the conduct of their affairs. Their domestic circle is a happy one, and has been blessed with the presence of one son—Hanford Russell—and three daughters—Mary Agnes C., Edith Lydia and Fanny Lavinia. The eldest daughter, a charming, popular girl, was taken away at the age of twenty years, and her early death was deeply mourned by friends and neighbors throughout the vicinity. All the daughters attended Greenwich Academy and received good educations, for the township has no warmer advocate of the necessity of good schools and teachers than Mr. Fowler. The family belong to the Methodist Church. Mr. Fowler is a Republican, but he takes no part in politics except as a voter.

Mrs. Mary D. (Clark) Fowler was born January 21, 1838, in Bedford, N. Y., a daughter of Uel Clark, who was a descendant of Samuel Clark, Sr., one of the early settlers of New England. The latter was born in 1619, in Devonshire, England, and came to America in his early manhood. Uel Clark was one of the seventh generation, the lineage being traced as follows: Samuel, Sr. (1), William, Sr. (2), Nathan, Sr. (3), Stephen (4), Cornelius (5), Elisha (6), Uel (7). Uel Clark was born June 11, 1804, and died March 10, 1862. On December 28, 1830, he married Phœbe Hewlett, by whom he had one son, Edmund H., who is now a resident of Lurna, Holt Co., Neb. This wife dying, Mr. Clark was married, on December 4, 1836, to

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Derrilla Bunten, and to their union came five children: Mary D. (Mrs. Fowler), Caroline (deceased), Phœbe (Mrs. Dykeman, of Worcester, Mass.), Elizabeth (deceased), and Agnes L. (of Greenwich). Mrs. Fowler was a child of four years when the family removed to Sullivan county, N. Y., where she lived up to the age of sixteen, from that time until her marriage residing in Brooklyn, N. Y. The parents possessed wealth at one time, but they met with reverses, and Mary supported herself by sewing, making her home with the family of Professor Eaton, of Parker Institute, for some years prior to her marriage with Mr. Fowler.

RUFUS L COUCH (deceased), who in his lifetime was a highly esteemed citizen of the town of Bethel, was engaged in agricultural pursuits in that locality for more than half a century, and the strength and vigor which he displayed in his advanced years gives evidence of the healthfulness of that time-honored calling.

Mr. Couch was born June 3, 1817, in the Plum Tree district in the town of Bethel, the son of Jonathan and grandson of Elijah Couch, and is a descendant of an old New York family. Elijah Couch, who was born July 29, 1747, was a resident of Sullivan county, N. Y., where he died March 19, 1816. His wife, Eunice (Copley), was born December 7, 1754, and died May 8, 1845. They had eleven children, whose names with dates of birth are as follows: William, February 18, 1774; Samuel, January 29, 1778; Jonathan, January 15, 1780; Elijah, March 14, 1782; Mary, July 20, 1784; Silas, June 8, 1786; Calvin, August 14, 1788; Daniel, December 15, 1791; Ebenezer, March 23, 1793; Stephen, October 28, 1797; and Harvey, June 1, 1800.

Jonathan Couch, the father of our subject, was born and reared at the old home in Sullivan county, N. Y., but his later years were spent in this section. He learned the shoemaker's trade with Benjamin Knapp, of Danbury, and for many years followed that business in the Plum Tree district, town of Bethel, where his death occurred April 22, 1853. He was married February 10, 1801, to Miss Lydia Hoyt, daughter of Samuel Hoyt. She was born September 20, 1782, and survived him many years, dying on October 13, 1870. They were members of the Methodist Church at Bethel, and were greatly respected by all who knew them. He took an active part in local affairs, and at times held minor town offices. Of their six children: (1) Horace Hoyt, born July 3, 1804, married (first) Lucy Stowe, and (second) Ruanna Wheeler. (2) Charles W., born January 9, 1807, married Lydia Crofut. (3) Mary Mahala (now deceased), born March 23, 1811, married H. H. Hodge. (4) Eunice M., born September 9, 1812, married Clark Polley, and died April 21, 1853. (5) Rufus Levett, our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (6) Henry Elijah, born March 23, 1821, married Lucinda Shelton Post, and resides in Danbury.

Mr. Couch, whose name opens this sketch, was always a resident of the town of Bethel, and his education was acquired in the district schools near the old home. At an early age he was apprenticed to his brothers in Bethel, where he learned the business of comb making, and this occupation he followed until he was about thirty years old. In 1847 he engaged in farming, in which he became unusually successful. On May 12, 1840, he married Miss Laura Trowbridge, daughter of Jabez Trowbridge. She was born October 21, 1813, and died April 30, 1860. On August 22, 1860, he formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Miss Jane Babbitt, who died October 19, 1895. His only daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth, born December 5, 1851, was married February 10, 1876, to S. Ernest Osborn, and they had one son, Richard C., born March 3, 1887. The family has always been identified with the Methodist Church, and Mr. Couch was a leading member of the Bethel Methodist Church. He died May 21, 1898.

The late S. Ernest Osborn, Mr. Couch's son-in-law, was born June 15, 1854, in the Ridgebury District of the town of Ridgefield, this county, and was the second son of Isaac Osborn, a prominent citizen. His education was begun in the district schools of that locality, and later he attended a private school conducted by Hon. William O. Seymour, at Wilton. In early manhood he engaged in farming, and after residing for short periods at Bethel and Redding, he removed to North Salem, N. Y., where he operated a farm known as the William Howe place. Finally he located on a stock farm at Dingie Ridge, near Brewsters, N. Y., where he died August 6, 1893, at the age of thirty-eight. He was a young man of excellent qualities, and his early death caused sincere grief among a large circle of friends.

JOHN W. BUTTERY, one of the enterprising and successful citizens of New Canaan, Fairfield county, was born in that town May 15, 1842. He is a son of Silas Buttery, and a grandson of Hezekiah Buttery, who came from Virginia to Connecticut many years ago, settling in New Canaan.

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Silas Buttery was born in New Canaan, was reared and educated there, and passed his entire life in agricultural pursuits. He married Elizabeth Slauson, who was also a native of New Canaan, and the following named children came to bless this union: Elias (now deceased), who served during the Civil war in the 17th Conn. V. I.; Hannah (Mrs. Henry F. Guthrie), living in the town of Norwalk, Fairfield county; Rufus, who is a resident of the town of Norwalk; Sarah (Mrs. William E. Lane), of Norwalk; John W.; Samuel, of Wilton, Fairfield county; and Frank, of Norwalk. The father was a member of the M. E. Church.

During his boyhood John W. Buttery lived in the Silver Mine District, where he received all his education, attending the neighboring school. Having decided to learn the wood-turner's trade, he served a seven-years' apprenticeship under Henry F. Guthrie, and since 1866 has been engaged in the lumber business on his own account. On April 16 of that year, he purchased the Betts mill, in Silver Mine, which he rebuilt, and in it he has conducted his business ever since with most gratifying success, supplying a profitable and constantly growing trade. He does no custom work, having a regular patronage for the product of his mill. Mr. Buttery deserves to be called a self-made man, for self-made he certainly is, having attained his present honorable and comfortable position in life solely through his own efforts. He has established and built up a business of which he may well be proud, and proved that lack of financial means to start with is not always a drawback to success. His standing in the community is assured, and he is at present serving as first selectman of New Canaan, this being his third term, discharging the duties of that office in a most creditable manner. Mr. Buttery is a firm believer in the principles of the Democratic party.

Our subject was married June 11, 1861, in New Canaan, to Permelia, daughter of William Northrup, of Ridgefield. Two children have been born to them: Minnie F., and Fred, who married Lulu Thompson.

PATRICK V. McDONOUGH, a prominent business man of Bridgeport, proprietor of a well-established grocery and liquor business which he conducts in the building recently erected by himself at the corner of Oak and George streets, is a native of Ireland, born in County Sligo in 1845.

Michael McDonough, father of our subject, and of the same nativity, died there, having never left Ireland, where he was a lifelong farmer. He married Mary Verdon, also of County Sligo, and seven children were born to them, named respectively: Mary, Bridget, Margaret, Catherine, Winifred, Patrick V. and Michael. Of these, Mary is unmarried and is living at No. 10 Oak street, Bridgeport; Bridget married Patrick Reeves, of Bridgeport, who is now deceased; Margaret died in Plattsburgh, N. Y., unmarried; Catherine married Edmund Dailey, and both died in Bridgeport; Winifred wedded Thomas Laydon, of Springfield, Mass.; Patrick V. is the subject of this memoir; and Michael is farming the old homestead in County Sligo, Ireland.

Patrick V. McDonough remained in his native land, working on his father's farm, until he was twenty-three years old, at which time, in 1868, he came to the United States, locating first in Cleveland, Ohio, where he found employment as shipping clerk in one of the freight offices of the Lake Erie railroad, remaining there from 1868 till 1872. In the latter year he came to Bridgeport, where he has since made his home. After working for some time in a spring and axle factory in the city, he opened a grocery and liquor business on Oak street, remaining at that stand until 1897, in which year he built and removed to his present place of business on the corner of Oak and George streets, where he enjoys a fine trade and a wide patronage.

In his political predilections Mr. McDonough is a Democrat, but is no office-seeker, his time being closely devoted to his business interests. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Columbus, of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (American), and of other societies; in religious faith he is a Roman Catholic. Honest and upright in all his dealings, he has won the respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact, and the warm regard of many friends. Mr. McDonough is unmarried.

ABSALOM VINCENT, a prominent agriculturist and dairyman in the King Street District, town of Danbury, owns a beautiful farm of more than two hundred and ninety acres, which he keeps in an admirable state of cultivation. He keeps from twenty-five to thirty-five cows in his dairy, and is the leading milk dealer of his locality, one of his customers, the De Klyn Bakery, at Danbury, having been supplied by him for thirty years past.

Mr. Vincent was born February 9, 1827, in South Dover, Dutchess Co., N. Y., a son of Leon-

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ard and Lydia (Cary) Vincent. His father, who was born in 17— in The Clove, near Poughkeepsie, N. Y., was a farmer in Dutchess county until his death, which occurred in June, 1876. The mother was born in the town of South Dover, in 17—, and died in April, 1880. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Elliot) Cary, and her grandfather Elliot was a soldier in the Revolutionary army. To Leonard and Lydia Vincent five children were born: Egbert, deceased; Job, who died in 1888; Absalom, our subject; Delia, now living at Sherman, Conn.; and Mary Ann, who died in childhood.

Mr. Vincent, our subject, received a district-school education in his native town, and having been reared upon a farm naturally engaged in agricultural work when he began to earn his own livelihood, although he was employed at times in other lines of business. In 1856 he bought a farm at New Fairfield, in this county, two years later disposing of it, however, but continuing to reside there for some time. In 1859 he purchased another farm in the same town, which he sold in 1863, and for seven years following he rented land in the Pembroke District, near Danbury, and conducted a milk route in that city. In 1870 he purchased sixty acres at his present home, and by additions from time to time has increased the size of the place until it is now one of the best farms in the neighborhood. Mr. Vincent is one of the stanch Republicans of his town.

In 1852 Mr. Vincent married Miss Harriet Walker, daughter of Hiram and Alma (Stocker) Walker, and after a long and happy wedded life both are spared to cheer each other and to enjoy the fruits of their past labors in well-earned leisure. They have had two children: Austin, born September 18, 1852, and Albert, who was born August 26, 1861, and died January 13, 1876.

Austin Vincent resides at the farm, and as a successful manager does credit to his early training. He was married in 1881 to Miss Mary Elizabeth Culliton, of Chateaugay, Franklin Co., N. Y., daughter of Pierce and Mary (Graham) Culliton. Five children were born of this union: Harriet, Nettie, Lydia, Albert and Mary Elizabeth. Austin Vincent is a member of Samaritan Lodge No. 7, I. O. O. F., at Danbury, and he and his wife attend the M. E. Church and are interested in its various lines of work.

JAMES FRANKLIN ELWOOD, a farmer of Greens Farms in the town of Westport, Fairfield county, and the general agent, for the State, of the E. Frank Coe Company Fertilizers, of New York, is a native of the town in which he resides.

Born on Christmas Day, 1858, Mr. Elwood is a son of Capt. John B. Elwood, and a grandson of Eliakim Elwood, both of whom were farmers of the town of Westport, where they were born, and where they passed their lives. Eliakim Elwood was born October 24, 1786. He married Lydia Bennett, who was born September 22, 1789. They were a good, upright couple, plain and unassuming in manner, yet the best of neighbors and citizens. In their religious faith they were Congregationalists, and politically he was a Democrat. Both died on the farm. Their marriage was blessed with children as follows: Munson (now deceased), born in 1812, was a shoemaker in Southport; Shelton, born in 1814, was a sea captain and, later, a painter of Westport; John B., father of our subject, is referred to farther on; Charles B. (now deceased), born in 1823, was a sea captain; Edward B., born in 1826, a carpenter by trade, is now a farmer residing in New Canaan; Frederick (now deceased), born in 1828, was a carpenter and resided at Bridgeport; and Mary Cornelia (now deceased) was born in 1831.

John B. Elwood was born December 17, 1820, on the home farm where he was reared, and attended the neighborhood schools. He went to sea, and for a number of years led a seafaring life, then returned to the farm, there reared his children, and there passed the remainder of his life. In 1848, he was married to Margaret D. Van Wagner, and three children blessed the union, namely: Mary C. is a teacher in Norwalk; William F. resides at Southport, but is in business in New Haven; and George E. is a grocer in Bridgeport. The wife and mother died September 25, 1855, and the father was again married, this time, April 24, 1856, to Mary S. Banks, who was born May 13, 1829, in the town of Westport, a daughter of Alson and Lucy (Chapman) Banks, and to the union came five children, namely: John H., born December 24, 1856, is a farmer of Greens Farms, in the town of Westport; James F. is our subject; Lewis E., born February 17, 1863, is in the fertilizer business in Cleveland, Ohio; Lucy B., born May 26, 1866, and Minnie S., born March 8, 1872, reside at Greens Farms. The parents died, the father January 8, 1873, and the mother July 4, 1884. Both were members of the Congregational Church, and were endeared to the community for their many excellencies of character. In politics the father was a Democrat.

James Franklin Elwood, our subject, better known as J. Frank Elwood, was reared on the

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farm on which he now resides, his father having purchased it when the son was four years old. He attended the public schools of the town and also Greens Farms Academy, quitting school at about seventeen years of age. His chief occupation has been farming, although he has in the past been engaged in the fertilizer business, and as he is now traveling much of the time, consequently his farming operations are left to other hands, he looking after the management only. He has a neat and comfortable home, and enjoys life. He is identified with the Congregational Church at Greens Farms, of which Church he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school, an office he has held some eleven years, a longer period than any of his predecessors. He is a member of the Grange; also of the Masonic Fraternity. Politically, he is a Republican, and is at this time a member of the school board of Westport. He is an esteemed and highly respected citizen. Mr. Elwood is unmarried.

THEODORE JUDSON, a highly-esteemed resident of Stratford, is a representative of a family which has been identified with that locality for several generations, and has always been noted for thrift, enterprise and sturdy industry. The first of the family of whom we have a definite account is Ephraim Judson, our subject's grandfather, who was born in Stratford and passed his life there, following farming and weaving for a livelihood. He married, and had two sons: Curtis, our subject's father, and Aguar, who was a farmer in the town of Stratford.

Curtis Judson, the father of our subject, was born in Stratford, March 20, 1804, and for many years he followed the shoemaker's trade, his death occurring April 28, 1888. In politics he was a Republican, and he was active in religious work as a member of the Congregationalist Church. On June 20, 1831, he married Miss Delia Stowe, who was born March 5, 1812, a native of Milford, New Haven Co., Conn. Our subject is the eldest in a family of four children, the others being as follows: William C. (deceased) was employed for many years by the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company, at Bridgeport; Henry (deceased) was a wood turner in Bridgeport; and Charles F. is a resident of Stratford.

Theodore Judson was born September 29, 1833, at the old home in Stratford, and after attending the common schools of the town for a time he pursued a more advanced course in the academy. He then learned the saddler's trade, which he followed for some time, but later he entered the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company, with whom he remained about thirty-three years, his faithful and efficient service gaining for him the entire confidence of the members of that well-known firm. By judicious management he succeeded in gaining a comfortable competence and at present he is living in retirement. While he has not been active in political affairs, he is a stanch Republican, and he is interested in the welfare of the community in which he resides, assisting in various progressive movements and contributing to the work of the Congregational Church. On October 23, 1863, he married Miss Susan Francis Benjamin, daughter of William H. and Cynthia A. (McEwen) Benjamin, of Stratford, and granddaughter of Gideon Benjamin, who conducted the "Benjamin House" in Stratford, and once had Gen. LaFayette as his guest. Two children have blessed this union: Mary E., wife of Sherman B. Mallett, a resident of Hartford, Conn., now in the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company; and Edmund, who is employed in a bank at Bridgeport; he married Miss Ida Atwood, daughter of Charles Atwood, of Stratford.

AUGUST H. LIEBERUM, a leading grocer of Bridgeport, is a man whose energy and practical sagacity have won for him an enviable reputation in business circles, and the following account of his career will be read with interest:

Mr. Lieberum derives his ability from thrifty German ancestry, and his father, Henry Lieberum, a well-known retired resident of Bridgeport, was born in Cassel, Germany, whence he came to the United States when fourteen years old, locating first in New York City. Later he engaged in business there as a grocer, continuing twenty-two years, and then he removed to Bridgeport, where he carried on the same business for two years before his retirement. He married Miss Amelia Guthardt, also a native of Cassel, Germany, and they have had four children, as follows: Anna married Frederick Granau, of New York City; August H. is our subject; Marie is at home; and William is deceased.

Our subject was born in New York City, July 12, 1870, and during boyhood he learned the jeweler's trade there, after which he followed the trade of manufacturing jeweler for six and one-half years. At the age of nineteen he came to Bridgeport, where, on September 4, 1890, he engaged in the retail grocery business at No. 400 Pembroke street, corner of Maple street, with his father, and which continued for two years, his

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father then retiring from business. He has built up a large and lucrative trade.

On February 21, 1898, Mr. Lieberum married Miss Marie L. Rohe, a native of Bremem, Germany. They are both popular in social life of Bridgeport. Mr. Lieberum belongs to Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, I. O. O. F., and in religion he inclines to the Lutheran faith, of which his ancestors for many generations past were devout adherents. Politically, he affiliates with the Republican party.

RICHARD WALDO OSBORN is a descendant of one of the oldest families of New England, his ancestors having come from London, England, to this country as early as 1634, in which year Capt. Richard Osborn located in Hingham, Mass., among its first settlers. The line of descent in the mother country can also be traced far back, one Osborn (first name unknown) having come to England in the train of William the Conqueror. The name signifies "Great Bear," and the family coat of arms carries out the same idea.

Capt. Richard Osborn, above mentioned, did not remain long in Massachusetts, as he is soon heard of in Connecticut, and he served in the Pequot war in 1637. Prior to 1640 he removed to New Haven, and in 1653 took up his abode in Fairfield, where he was still living in 1671. He had two sons: (1) Capt. John Osborn, of Fairfield, who married Sarah, daughter of James Bennett, before 1673, and died in 1709; and (2) David, also of Fairfield, who married Abigail Pinckney (daughter of Philip Pinckney), of East Chester, N. Y., whither he had removed, being a proprietor of East Chester as early as 1665; David Osborn died in 1679, and on November 10, that year, his widow was appointed administratrix of his estate. Beginning with the third generation in this country, our subject traces his descent on the paternal side as follows: (3) David Osborn married Dorothy———; (4) William Osborn married Elizabeth Turney; (5) Isaac Osborn married Martha Higgins; (6) Isaac Osborn married Hannah Knapp; (7) Isaac Osborn, father of R. W. Osborn, married Caroline Priscilla Osborn, daughter of Richard and Ann (Bronson) Osborn. On the maternal side also, as will be seen, his first ancestor was the Capt. Richard Osborn above spoken of; (2) David Osborn married Abigail Pinckney; (3) Richard Osborn married Sarah ——— (he first chose as his guardian his uncle, John Pinckney, of Eastchester, N. Y., and later, in March, 1689 or 1690, chose his uncle, John Osborn, of Fairfield, Conn. He bought land in Ridgefield June 4, 1713, of Richard Whitney, and his ten children are recorded there, though it seems that only three were born there); (4) David Osborn, born in November, 1700, married Rachel Keeler (he was the first of the family to settle on the property at Starrs Plain, which was owned successively by his son, David, grandson James, great-grandson Richard and great-great-grandson James, who sold it some years ago); (5) David Osborn, born September 25, 1729; (6) James Osborn, born December 4, 1766; (7) Richard Osborn, born July 29, 1801.

Isaac Osborn, the paternal great-grandfather of Richard W. Osborn, was born September 6, 1740, and died in 1816. He married Martha Higgins, who was born October 11, 1745, and died in 1823. The record of their children is as follows: Mabel, born February 4, 1764, died April 8, 1847; Hannah, born September 10, 1769, died March 19, 1789; Jasper, born July 19, 1771, died December 11, 1773; Mary, born May 11, 1774; Isaac, born March 11, 1776, died March 25, 1850; Sarah, born April 22, 1779, died April 22, 1843; Aaron, born February 27, 1781, died in 1807; Turney, born May 19, 1782, died September 12, 1855; Samuel, born December 29, 1787, died July 18, 1870.

Isaac Osborn, born March 11, 1776, married Hannah Knapp, who was born March 26, 1781. They had a family of twelve children, as follows: (1) Thier, born April 15, 1800, married Eben Treadwell, of Lyons Plains. (2) William, born June 10, 1802, married Anna———. 3)Knapp, born September 8, 1804, married Katherine Nash; he was a wagon maker by occupation. (4) Aaron, born July 19, 1808, married a Miss Rockwell, and died in Texas; he was a shoemaker. (5) George, born September 4, 1810, married Sarah Goodsell. (6) Polly, born November 16, 1812, married William Nichols. (7) Edmond, born December 26, 1814, married Mary ——; he lived for a time in Philadelphia, but finally removed to Texas at the time of its separation from Mexico, and there passed the remainder of his life, engaged in merchandising, in which he was very successful financially; he took an active part in the Texan war, doing good service under Gen. Sam Houston. (8) James, born December 26, 1817, married Fanny Jelliff. (9) Isaac, born August 16, 1819, married Caroline Priscilla Osborn. (10) Hannah, born March 20, 1822, married Thomas Lounsbury. (11) Samuel, born November 16, 1825, married Harriet Squire; he learned the tailor's trade, which he followed, and in connection with his brothers also speculated in stock to some extent. (12) Charles, born January 30, 1829, married Amelia ———. The

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father of this large family was, like his ancestors, a farmer, and his sons, with the few exceptions mentioned, followed in his footsteps. The entire family seems to have a fondness for the business of stock handling.

Isaac Osborn, father of our subject, farmed on the parental homestead until he was twenty-four years old, when he married. The first farm he bought for himself was in the Bennetts Farms District, and later, in 1858, he purchased of Amos Smith a tract of about eighty acres at Ridgefield to which he added twenty-one acres, the property now occupied by his son, Richard W. Until 1868 he engaged in farming exclusively, and in that year, selling the place just spoken of, bought the Starrs Plain farm, to the cultivation of which he devoted his time for the next three years. His next venture was in the cattle business, which he followed for some years, operating on an extensive scale. He made many trips to northern and western New York, buying stock which he brought east to sell, and was successful in this line, being one of the largest stock dealers in his section of the country. In his later years he became interested, with his son, in the lumber business. During his earlier years Mr. Osborn was a teacher, and the habits of reading and study then formed made him known eventually as a well-informed man. He had strong personal characteristics, was possessed of considerable natural ability as a business man, and was capable, energetic, and determined in all he undertook. As might be expected, he was always active and prominent in the affairs of his locality, but he never sought office.

Isaac Osborn married Caroline P. Osborn, and they reared a family of five children, viz.: Sarah Ann Eliza, born March 6, 1845; Richard Waldo, born November 11, 1850; S. Ernest, born June 15, 1855; Jessie Mandana, born December 28, 1862; and Caroline Winifred, born May 5, 1867. The eldest daughter married Peter M. Osborn, and lives at Danbury, Conn. Ernest was married on February 10, 1876, to Rebecca Couch, and died August 6, 1893, leaving one son, Richard Couch Osborn. Jesse died August 29, 1864. Caroline W. is living with her brother Richard. The father of this family was a faithful member of the Methodist Protestant Church. He died December 1, 1894, being preceded to the grave by the mother, who passed away January 11, 1884.

Richard W. Osborn was engaged as his father's assistant in business until September, 1879, when he took up the lumber interests which have since occupied his attention. The firm was originally I. Osborn & Son, but in March, 1895, William A. Gilbert was admitted to partnership, and the name changed to Osborn & Gilbert. They have a trade which they are constantly increasing, and do a thriving business, being the only firm of importance in their line in this section. Mr. Osborn is a great reader, and keeps well up with the times in every way. In political sentiment he is a strong Republican, as was his father before him; his grandfather was a Whig. Mr. Osborn has been registrar of voters, but has held no other public office, his business affairs occupying all his time and attention.

On August 30, 1893, he wedded Miss Annie Talman, daughter of Alfred Talman, of Spring Valley, Rockland Co., N. Y. They are members of the Ridgefield M. E. Church, in the welfare of which they take an active interest. Fraternally, Mr. Osborn is a member of the F. & A. M., being affiliated with Jerusalem Lodge No. 49, of Ridgefield.

PATRICK KENNELLY. This well known business man of Bridgeport enjoys in a marked degree the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens, his ability, honesty and enterprise in private life, and his loyal support of all measures for the promotion of the public welfare, winning the confidence of all classes.

Mr. Kennelly was born January 15, 1846, in County Kerry, Ireland, in the town of Listowel, where his family has resided for several generations. His parents, John and Catherine (Slattery) Kennelly, who were both also natives of Listowel, came to America in 1862 and settled in Holyoke, Mass., where their last days were spent. They had nine children: Honora, who married Michael Shine, now the oldest member of the police force at Holyoke; Patrick, our subject; Thomas, who died when twenty-one years old; Ellen (deceased), who was a successful school teacher in Holyoke, Mass.; Margaret; Mary, Annie and Catharine, none of whom are married; and Bridget (twin of Catharine), who died in infancy.

Our subject's education was begun in a private school in his native town, and later he attended a national school in same place. At the age of fourteen years (in 1860) he came to the United States, and at Holyoke, Mass., began an apprenticeship with the Whiting Manufacturing Company, but the business being not long afterward sold out he finished his apprenticeship to the machinist's trade with the Ames Manufacturing Company, at Chicopee, Mass. On completing his term of five years he worked at various

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places in New England, and in 1868 settled at Bridgeport, where he was first employed by the Union Metalic Cartridge Company. Later he worked for the Wheeler & Wilson Company as tool maker, for some time, and in 1893 he engaged in the grocery business, meeting with success from the start. For some years he has also been interested in the artesian-well business. Mr. Kennelly is a stanch Democrat, being an active worker in the local Democratic Club, and his interest in political questions led him into public life soon after his arrival in Bridgeport. In 1873 he was elected to the common council from the Third ward, and during his term he served as chairman of the committee on Streets and Sidewalks. In 1883 he was again chosen to the council, and in 1885 he was elected alderman, a position which he held two years, serving as a member of the Roads and Bridges Commissioners. He has also served two years as street commissioner, three years as tax collector, and two years as a member of the board of apportionment and taxation. The temperance movement has found in him an active champion, and at one time he was first vice-president of the Catholic Total Abstinence Association Union of Connecticut. He was also delegate to the National Total Abstinence Union held in Philadelphia in July, 1876, from Connecticut. He is a leading member of the Catholic Church at Bridgeport, and belongs to various social societies, including the Catholic Benevolent Legion, and the Knights of Columbus, of which he was a charter member.

In November, 1869, Mr. Kennelly married Miss Bridget Maloney, a native of Canada, who died in August, 1884. In 1886 he married Mrs. Ellen Hanrahan, *née* Hilley, of Stamford, daughter of John Hilley, a native of Ireland. By the first marriage he had five children: John, Mary, William (who died at the age of twenty-one), Frank and Catherine. There are three children by the second marriage: Honora, Edward and Julia.

CHARLES EDWARD HUNTINGTON, a prominent resident of Shelton, holds the responsible position of inspector and foreman of the packing department of the Derby Silver Company, and is held in high esteem, not only by his employers, but by the people of that community in general.

Mr. Huntington derives his sterling qualities of character from English ancestry, and his grandfather, Thomas Huntington, a manufacturer of calicoes, was the first of the family to come to America, locating at Bridgeport, this county, about 1825 with his wife, Elizabeth (Cotton), and several children. After his arrival he continued the manufacture of prints for many years at Bridgeport.

Charles Huntington, the father of our subject, was born in London, England, in 1810, and became a chemist, devoting much of his time in early manhood to the preparation of dyes for his father's goods. He accompanied his parents to America, and after residing for some years in Bridgeport removed to New York City, where he engaged in the drug business with his uncle. About 1850 he became interested in an electro-silver plating company in New Haven, and ten years later he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where his death occurred in 1873. Politically, he was a Republican, and he was active in religious work as a member of the Baptist Church, serving as deacon for many years. His wife, Frances (Peace), a native of Manchester, England, died in 1891 at the age of eighty. They had four children: Frances, who married William Dunne, of New York, and died in 1884; Mary Jane, wife of John H. Eccleston, of Brooklyn; Charles E., our subject; and Penelope, wife of Charles Phillips, of Brooklyn.

Our subject was born April 28, 1837, in Bridgeport, and was about two years old when his parents removed to New York City. For some time he attended school in that city, then, in 1850, entered a school in Brooklyn, where he pursued higher branches of study. In 1857 he went to New Haven, and there learned the silver-plating business, remaining until the fall of 1860. After spending a short time in Baltimore, Md., he returned to New Haven for a year, and later was employed at his trade in Brooklyn. In 1865 he engaged in the electro-plating business on his own account in New York City, whence, after about fourteen years, he removed to Middletown, Conn., entering the employ of the Middletown Plate Company, with which he remained three years. In 1882 he became connected with the Derby Silver Company, and his skill and efficiency make him one of their most trusted employes. In politics he is a stanch Republican, but is not especially active in party work.

On October 19, 1860, Captain Huntington married Miss Sarah A. Huntley, daughter of Albert and Mary J. Huntley, well known residents of Madison, Conn. Their only son, Edward G., is now a clerk in the office of P. & F. Corbin, manufacturers of hardware in New Britain, Conn. The family is prominent socially, and Captain Huntington and his wife are identified with the Baptist Church. He is a member of the Order of American Mechanics, Lodge No. 26, at Shelton; Wooster Lodge No. 79, F. &

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A. M., at New Haven; Clinton Chapter No. 142, R. A. M., at Brooklyn; and Morton Commandery No. 4, K. T., of New York City. He also belongs to the Union Veteran Union No. 4, at Shelton, and during the Civil war was appointed by Governor Buckingham as captain in the 8th C. V. I. He was detached for special duty in the State, and did not go with the regiment; resigned in 1862, and went to Brooklyn, where he assisted in the organization of the 47th National Guard, State of New York, holding the rank of orderly sergeant. Three days thereafter the regiment was mustered in the State service. It was ordered out for three months, second call for volunteers, and our subject was appointed first lieutenant. He was discharged with the regiment September 1, 1862.

JOHN W. PERRY was born December 14, 1841, on the same tract of land on which he now lives. He is a son of Andrew Perry, who was born October 5, 1793, also on the same place, and he is a grandson of Abner Perry, who was born on the same place in 1758. Abner Perry was a son of Samuel Perry.

The family originally lived at New Haven, thence removed to Southbury and then to Stratford (now Huntington). The property was granted by the King of England to the ancestors of the present Perry family, and it has remained in the family ever since. Samuel, Andrew and Abner were all farmers, and the land passed naturally from father to son. It consisted of over four hundred acres, and was bounded on the north by the river and on the south by the King's Highway. Samuel Perry married, and had two sons, viz.: Abner and Samuel, whose homesteads are still standing. Abner married Elizabeth Davidson March 11, 1783, she being of Milford, and by her had the following children: Sarah, born December 21, 1784, married Samuel Morse; Elizabeth, born November 21, 1787, married Harmon Clark, of Monroe, and died March 2, 1824; Andrew, born October 5, 1793, married Mary Avis Judson November 4, 1827, who was born May 30, 1806; Lucy, born August 28, 1795, married Samuel Morse; Mary A., born May 12, 1798, married Cornelius Peck, of Milford, and died January 16, 1892; Susan, born May 25, 1800, married Thomas J. Burt and died October 30, 1832. Abner Perry died September 11, 1842; his wife passed away in January, 1833.

Andrew Perry and wife were the parents of the following children: Charles Robert, born November 22, 1828, and now living in LaPlatte, Macon Co., Mo., is a farmer by occupation, and is one of the county judges; he married Alvira E. Heaston, of Indianapolis, Ind. Grace A. E., born September 20, 1831, is single. George Judson, born July 16, 1835, lived at Odebolt, Iowa, and died April 11, 1888; he married Sarah M. Murphy, of Southbury, and followed farming. David H., born May 17, 1839, lived at Odebolt, Iowa; he married Aurelia Lane, of Monroe, November 10, 1869, who died February 18, 1886, he dying November 16, 1893. John W., our subject. Harriet Avis, born July 5, 1844, married Nathan Botsford April 5, 1864; he died October 14, 1874. Andrew Perry died June 15, 1851, aged fifty-eight years, and his wife died November 5, 1888, aged eighty-two years. Abner Perry's branch of the family were members of the Episcopal Church, which is the Church of the family for the most part at the present time.

John W. Perry, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the public schools and in the Birmingham high school, in which he received a good English education. Leaving school when sixteen or seventeen years of age, he became engaged in farming, and was thus occupied some eight or ten years, at the same time carrying on market gardening and learning the trade of carpenter. He then engaged in the manufacture of brackets, being the first to use the water from the Ousatonic canal. After following manufacturing for about four years he became engaged in carpentering and building houses of his own, platting his land and erecting houses on the lots thus laid out for sale, all on the ten acres of land he owns within the town site. Mr. Perry has been one of the most successful men in business in his town. While he is a strong Democrat, he has not taken an active part in politics, so far as relates to office holding, but has always been a public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Perry was married December 27, 1866, to Miranda L. Hurd, a daughter of James R. Hurd, and a granddaughter of Alanson Hurd. Alanson Hurd was a son of Ebenezer Hurd, a son of Ebenezer Hurd, who was a son of John Hurd, who was a son of John Hurd. The latter named John Hurd was one of the seventeen families that settled in Stratford in 1640. He married Sarah Thompson, daughter of John Thompson, and John Hurd, Jr, married Abigail Wallace. Ebenezer Hurd, Sr., married Abigail Hubbell, and Ebenezer, Jr., married (first) Elizabeth Newton, (second) a Miss Judson, (third) Polly Bostwick and (fourth) a widow named French. Ebenezer Hurd, Sr., was a post rider, as was also Ebenezer, Jr. Alanson Hurd married Elizabeth Lowe, of New York City, and James R. Hurd married (first) Delia Lane,

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mother of Mrs. Perry, who died November 24, 1856, and (second) Marietta Gregory. He died in 1866.

John W. Perry and wife have four children, viz.: Lucy Maria; Howard Wright, living in Mount Vernon; Louise Hurd and Edith Delia. Louise Hurd Perry was married May 18, 1899, to J. Arthur Haugh, of Derby, Connecticut.

The following is taken from the "History of Stratford:"

"John Hurd, Senior, came from Windsor, Conn., before or not later than 1644. 'A gravestone of John Hurd, 1681, aged 68,' taken from the old Stratford burying ground, is probably his, and hence he was born in 1613, seven years before the landing at what we know as the old Plymouth Rock. Two hundred and three years this plain and often unnoticed stone has borne its unpretentious title, 'John Hurd, 1681, aged 68.'

"John Hurd was a miller, and in connection with Thomas Sherwood built the first mill at Old Mill Green, in 1653, where he himself was among the first residents of the town. He married Sarah, daughter of John Tompson, Dec. 15, 1662, and they came to Stratford probably in 1639. His will, dated Feb. 18, 1679; his estate inventory amounted to £504 10s.

"In 1775 Ebenezer Hurd, a regular post rider, closed a service of forty-eight years, having begun it in 1727. Once in a fortnight in that entire period he had made a journey from New York to Saybrook and back, 274 miles. In other words he had traveled over as much space as twelve and a half times around the world; or as far as to the moon and half-way back. His wife, besides caring for the family, in one year, 1767, spun not less than five hundred yards of wool and flax, all raised on the place.

"Ebenezar Hurd married, in January, 1732, Abigal Hubbell, and they had fifteen children. Their gravestones stand in Huntington burying place, just south of the Episcopal Church, both inscriptions on one stone. They are: 'Mr. Ebenezar Hurd died May 7, 1788, aged 87 years.' 'Mrs. Abigal Hurd, his wife, died April 16, 1783.'

"Ebenezar, Jr., was also a post rider according to the following: 'The 28th of November died at Stratford, in Conn., of a short illness, Mrs. Ebenezar Hurd, wife of Ebenezar Hurd, Jr., Post rider of that place, aged 24 years and 3 months. She was a daughter of the Rev. Christopher Newton of Stratford.'"

GEORGE F. BATTERSON, one of the leading grocers of Georgetown, Fairfield county, is a most capable business man, popular and obliging, ever ready to accommodate his many customers whom he supplies with the best of everything that is found on the shelves of a first-class grocery.

The Batterson family is one of the old families of Fairfield county, Powell Batterson, his great-grandfather, being a native of the county, born in the town of Wilton. He was a farmer most of his lifetime, and served as a soldier in the war of 1812. He married Grace Jackson, and had children: Coleman, Betsey and Wilkie W. Of these, Wilkie W. Batterson is in line of the descent of our subject, and was born in the town of Wilton also, his birth occurring March 5, 1805. By occupation he was a blacksmith, having learned the trade in his youth. Later in life, however, he followed agricultural pursuits. Before the Civil war, in the training days, he was a member of a company of militia. He was in sympathy with the Know-Nothing movement, and was a member of that party. He was an intelligent citizen, and served in several of the town offices, among them that of roadmaster, assessor and selectman. He was a religious man, for many years being quite a devout and zealous member of the M. E. Church; was also a steward in the Church. He married Miss Janette Raymond, who died without issue. His second wife was Eunice Sherwood (daughter of Edward and Patty (Crossman) Sherwood), who bore him children as follows: Aaron was a school teacher and died in early life, unmarried; Edson married Maria Turner; Charles is single; Madora married (first) Lester Bennett, and (second) William Fryer; Alvaretta married William B. Bennett; and George married Lydia Gunn.

George W. Batterson is a native of the town of Wilton, where he was born September 5, 1839. He was educated in the public schools of that town, and there learned the blacksmith's trade, which was his occupation for many years; later in life, however, he became engaged in farming. He is a skilled mechanic, and his work has always given the best of satisfaction; at the same time he is a good manager, and conducts his farming interests in a careful and successful manner. In religious faith he is a member of the M. E. Church at Georgetown, in which he is a trustee; politically, he is a Democrat, has served acceptably as town assessor, and as a member of the relief board of the town. He married Lydia A. Gunn, and to them have come children as follows: George F. is our subject; and Laura B. is married to Richard O. Bennett, a worker in wire by trade, but at present is postmaster at Branchville, Fairfield county; they have one child, William L.

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George F. Batterson, our subject proper, is a native of the town of Wilton, where he was born June 2, 1864, and where he also was reared and received a common-school education. After completing his studies he became identified with Henry C. Olmstead in the grocery business in Georgetown. This concern was carried on by these gentlemen until in 1891, when Mr. Batterson established his present business in the same village. He has ever taken a great interest in the affairs of Georgetown, and is one of the enterprising and progressive men of the place. He is identified with the M. E. Church at Georgetown. He married Miss Jessie Olmstead, a daughter of Henry C. and Sarah (Bedient) Olmstead, and to the union were born: Lester W., October 23, 1888; George Wilkie, March 4, 1890; Mabel G., July 29, 1891; Ruth M., January 13, 1893; Henry P., July 20, 1895; Howard M., August 12, 1897; and Arthur S., December 30, 1898. Howard died in infancy.

The Olmsteads were among the early settlers of the county. Reuben Olmstead, the great-grandfather of Mrs. George F. Batterson, was a native of England. When eighteen years of age he came to America, and, going to Canada, was there engaged in various occupations. While in Canada he met an orphan of some sixteen summers, Hannah Bass, a native of Canada, with whom he became infatuated and an elopement followed. They came to the mountains in the vicinity of Georgetown, Fairfield county, where a log house was erected and the cultivation of crops begun. Here they reared their six children, namely: Betsey, Laura (Mrs. Platt Bates), Esther (Mrs. Hezekiah Osborn), Stephen (married to Ann Burnett), Seth and Charles. Seth Olmstead married Miss Polly St. John, a daughter of Silas St. John, of the town of Wilton, and had children as follows: Ann (Mrs. Joseph Giles); Lewis married Mrs. Elizabeth Hoyt; Stephen married Mary Ann Crowfut; Maria (Mrs. Seth Greogory); Seth, Jr., is single; Caroline (Mrs. William Edmonds); Clarissa (Mrs. Samuel Williams); Henry C. will be spoken of farther on; and William married Eliza Bedient. Of these, Stephen Olmstead served throughout the Civil war in the 8th Conn. Cavalry.

Henry C. Olmstead, who was born June 8, 1833, in the town of Wilton, where he was reared, educated and married, is the father of Mrs. George F. Batterson. In his earlier life he was variously employed, farming on the homestead, working as a weaver of wire at the factory of Gilbert Bennett & Co., and providing wood for the Danbury & Norwalk road. Later he became a grocer at Georgetown, and has since been engaged in business and resided at that point, of which he is one of the substantial citizens. His wife, Sarah A. Bedient, is a daughter of Munson and Maria (Hurlbert) Bedient, he a shoemaker by trade, and their children were: Hattie I. (Mrs. Aaron Bennett) and Jessie (Mrs. George F. Batterson).

JOHN M. EDWARDS, one of the respected residents of Fairfield township, Fairfield Co., Conn., belongs to a family which has been well and favorably known in and around Easton, this county, for several generations, and is a son of Albert and Viola (Hawley) Edwards.

Albert Edwards was born in Newtown, Conn., where he was reared to manhood, and like his father, who was also named Albert, he became a farmer. In 1825 he removed to St. Lawrence county, N. Y., remaining there nineteen years, then returned to Easton, Conn. There he passed the remainder of his life, dying at the age of seventy-five years. He married Viola Hawley, who was born in Monroe township, Fairfield Co., Conn., a daughter of Abel Hawley, a well-to-do farmer and distiller and large landowner, and they became the parents of fifteen children—ten sons and five daughters—John M. being the ninth son. During the Civil war seven of the sons entered the Union service, in which no one of them remained less than three years, and all came home alive—an unusual record. Mr. Edwards was anxious to enlist himself, but he was rejected on account of his age. He was a stanch Republican in political faith, and in religious faith he and his wife were connected with the Episcopal Church. Mrs. Edwards passed away at the age of seventy-four years, and she and her husband are buried in Stepney, Connecticut.

John M. Edwards was born December 25, 1844, in St. Lawrence county, N. Y., where he spent his early years, receiving his education in the public schools there. As the family was large, however, he was obliged to commence work at a rather tender age, when nine years old going to live with his uncle, Isaac Edwards, with whom he remained three years; this uncle resided in Pepper street, Monroe township, Conn. During the four years following our subject was in the employ of Stephen Curtis, of Easton, Conn., after which he lived at home for a short time, and then went to work for Capt. Eli Leavenworth, of Monroe, Conn., continuing with him until he joined the army, in 1862, before he was eighteen years old. He became a member of Company K, 9th Conn. V. I., and their first engagement was at Biloxi, where

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they defeated the "Mississippi Tigers," capturing their regimental flag. Mr. Edwards served with his regiment until November, 1863, when he went to the Ladies Home Hospital in New York City, as he was suffering from temporary blindness, and he remained there until able to join his command. He has never recovered, however, the sight of his right eye being totally gone and the left eye affected, so that at times he is unable to see at all. Leaving hospital in the spring of 1864, he returned to his regiment at Washington, and remained in the service until the following November, when he was honorably discharged, being rejected for re-enlistment on account of the affliction above referred to. On his retirement from the service Mr. Edwards located in Bridgeport, Conn., where he made his home up to the time of his removal to Fairfield, in 1891, when he settled in the Jennings Wood District, Fairfield township, and here he has resided ever since. He owns and cultivates the "Captain Clark farm" in the district, which consists of twenty acres of good land, and in spite of his poor eyesight he has, by constant industry and good management, derived a comfortable income from his place, having a good home.

In March, 1872, Mr. Edwards was united in marriage, in Dutchess Co., N. Y., with Miss Mary A. Goodsell, who was born August 10, 1849, at Greens Farms, a daughter of John and Mary (Lacey) Goodsell. Seven children blessed this union: Anna V. and Mary A. died in childhood; Albert J., who lives at home, is a prosperous milk dealer; Julietta B. died in childhood; Ernest died in infancy; Clara died at the age of four years; and Florence M. lives with her parents. Mrs. Edwards is a Congregationalist in religious connection, holding membership with the West End Church, in Bridgeport. Mr. Edwards, in his political sympathies, has been a lifelong member of the Republican party.

JOHN M. WASSING, a leading grocery merchant of Stamford, Fairfeld county, is one of the substantial citizens of the town who come of thrifty Teutonic stock.

Martin Wassing, father of our subject, was born and reared in Germany, living there up to the age of eighteen years, when he came to this country. In 1855 he settled in New Canaan, Conn., where he followed his trade, that of a shoemaker, and there he still resides, being now retired. In New York City he wedded Frances Schanz, who like himself was born in Germany, and several children were born to them, of whom but two lived to maturity, namely: John Martin and Joseph Frederick, both of whom are residents of Stamford. Joseph has clerked for his brother in the store ever since the business was established in Stamford. During the Civil war Mr. Wassing served the country as a member of the Seventeenth Conn. V. I., and is now a member of the G. A. R. Post at New Canaan; he is also affiliated with the Odd Fellows lodge in that town.

John Martin Wassing, eldest son of Martin and Frances Wassing, was born September 20, 1861, in the town of New Canaan, Fairfield county, Conn., where he passed his early years, receiving his education in the common schools. He commenced business life in the store of Burtis & Mead, at New Canaan, clerking for them eight years, after which he embarked in business in the same town, as a member of the firm of Weed & Wassing. His partnership with Mr. Weed lasted until 1891, the year of his removal in Stamford, where he established what is now one of the most prosperous and best patronized groceries in the town. In connection he had a meat business, his first location being at No. 23 Manhattan street, where he remained until, on June 1, 1897, he settled in his present quarters, a fine double store at Nos. 131-133 Atlantic street. He commenced to build this block in the fall of 1896, and it is a convenient, modern, well-equipped building—three stories and storeroom, the upper part arranged in flats—and a material improvement to the city. Mr. Wassing's success has been no accident, for he has shown the thrifty and progressive spirit of his race in the management of his business, which has increased steadily from year to year since his removal to Stamford, where he is thoroughly respected for his many sterling characteristics, among both his commercial acquaintances and private friends. Mr. Wassing is one of the self-made business men of the place, and his prosperity is the result of energy and good business judgment.

Soon after Mr. Wassing's removal to Stamford, he built his pleasant home on Summer street, where he moved with his family, and where they still reside. Mr. and Mrs. Wassing are members of the M. E. Church; socially, he is an Odd Fellow, being a member of the lodge at New Canaan, and Wascussee Encampment, at Stamford. In political faith he is a Republican.

Mrs. Wassing was Miss Genevieve Durand, of Stepney, Conn. She was the second child of George B. and Betsey (Warner) Durand. Mr. and Mrs. Wassing have four children, namely—Florence, George, William and Dora, all at present attending the public schools of Stamford.

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JAMES RANDELL EELLS, a well-known merchant of Stamford, Fairfield county, occupies a prominent place in business circles, not alone on account of the well-merited success he has achieved, but also on account of the honorable, straightforward business policy he has ever pursued.

Mr. Eells is a native of New York State, having been born March 25, 1855, at Harlem, a son of Marcellus Eells, who was born in New Canaan, Conn., a son of James Trowbridge Eells. James Trowbridge kept an academy for young men in New Canaan. He was a son of Rev. John Eells, the first minister in New Canaan, who was a son of Samuel Eells, one of the first colony of planters of New Haven.

Marcellus Eells was engaged in business in New York City, where during the earlier years of his life he was connected with the Custom House; later he became a prospector in the South. He died in 1864. In New York City he married Susan Antoinette Randell, daughter of John and Mary (Wells) Randell, the latter of whom was a daughter of Solomon Wells, of Deerfield. She was born September 30, 1797, at the old homestead opposite the city of Utica, N. Y. Peter Wells, her grandfather, moved to Connecticut from Rhode Island, and took up 500 acres of land. Capt. Jonathan Randell, of "Queen Anne's Royal Rangers," had his elegant home on Randell's Island in the East river, New York, and his son John wooed and won the queenly Miss Wells, and took her to his home on the Island near the city. There her children were born. She with her husband attended the reception given to LaFayette in 1824. She was a lifelong adherent of the Harlem Reformed Dutch Church, and at her death, September 3, 1894, was the oldest member thereof. John Randell died in 1850, after which event she lived with her children, and for a few years with her grandson. The children born to Marcellus Eells and his wife, Susan Antoinette (Randell), were as follows: Mary and John, both deceased; Annie, living in New York; Amanda, living in New Rochelle; Harriet, deceased; Kate, deceased; and James R., living in Stamford. The mother of these died in 1857.

James R. Eells, the subject proper of these lines, was nine years old when he came from Harlem, N. Y., to New Canaan, Conn., thence in a short time removing to Stamford, where he remained, however, only a few months, going to De Ruyter, N. Y. In that city he made his home two and one-half years, and then returned to New Canaan for a time. Again coming to Stamford, he was here employed some seven years in B. J. Daskam & Son's grocery business, at the end of which time he went to Kansas, where he engaged in farming two and one-half years; then once more returned to Stamford, Conn., two years later entering the employ of E. B. Lawrence, in the market business. Six months afterward he bought a half-interest in the concern, and within a year became sole owner of the market. He has now been in business in Stamford since August 24, 1882, and has met with uniform success.

On August 10, 1873, Mr. Eells was united in marriage with Miss Emma Eliza Seymour, of Stamford, daughter of Ira Seymour, formerly of North Wilton, Conn. He was descended from Matthew Seymour, one of the original settlers of Ridgefield, Conn. He (Matthew) was one of four men appointed to lay out the lots of Ridgefield. The colony bought that land, and also considerable of the surrounding country of Catoonah, the Indian chief. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Eells, viz.: Harriet Seymour and Anna Randell. Socially, Mr. Eells is a member of Rippowam Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Stamford, and he and his family enjoy the uniform respect and esteem of the community in which they live.

WILLIAM H. BENJAMIN, a well-known market gardener of the town of Stratford, is a substantial citizen whose career is worthy of emulation, his success being the outcome of his own industry and thrifty management.

Mr. Benjamin belongs to an old and respected family, his great-grandfather, Capt. George Benjamin, having been a hero of the Revolutionary war. His grandfather, Gideon Benjamin, who was probably a native of Danbury, was for many years a resident of Stratford, where he conducted the "Benjamin House," a noted tavern once patronized by General LaFayette.

William H. Benjamin (1), our subject's father, was born in Stratford in 1795, and followed farming in that locality throughout his life. Politically, he was a Democrat, and in religious faith he was an Episcopalian. His wife, Cynthia A. (McEwen), was a native of Stratford, and her father, Samuel McEwen, who was also born there, was a well-known agriculturist. Of the six children of William and Cynthia Benjamin, the eldest, Samuel, is a resident of Stratford; William H., our subject, is second in the order of birth; Albertina never married; Mary married Robert W. Curtis, of Stratford; Fannie married Theodore Judson, a machinist of Stratford, now retired; and John is a plumber in Bridgeport.

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The father of this family died in 1860, and his estimable wife did not long survive him, her death occurring in 1865.

Our subject was born February 16, 1830, at the old home in Stratford, and he was educated in the schools of the town. When about fifteen years old he left home and began a sea-faring life, which he continued for more than ten years, making many long trips and visiting various ports in the West Indies, South America and in the Mediterranean Sea. During this time he was employed in different positions including that of first mate, but in 1858 he decided to make his home upon dry land once more. Accordingly returning to Stratford, he engaged in market-gardening upon a tract of sixteen acres of land, which he has improved according to modern methods, his greenhouses being admirably arranged and equipped. While he is not active in public life, he is interested in political questions and is a stanch Democrat. Socially, he and his family are much esteemed, and he is a member of Blue Lodge No. 8, F. & A. M., at Stratford. In 1855 he married Miss Sarah A. Meachen, a native of Paterson, N. J., whose father, James Meachen, is now a respected citizen of Stratford. Two children have blessed this union: Susan C., wife of Wallace Sturgis, formerly of Fairfield, but now of Stratford, where he is employed by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company; and Fannie, wife of Frank Russell, of the City Bakery, at Bridgeport.

HORACE BANKS BURR, a wealthy and influential citizen of Fairfield township, is a man whose character does honor to his pioneer ancestry. His family is one of the oldest in his locality, and he is of the ninth generation in direct descent from Jehu Burre, who came from England in 1630 with Winthrop's famous company, and after spending some years in Roxbury and Springfield, Mass., located in Fairfield, where he died in 1670. The line of descent is traced through Daniel Burr, who married Abigail Glover, daughter of Henry Glover, of New Haven; Daniel (2) and his wife Abigail; Timothy, who married Sarah Rowland; Ebenezer, who married Sarah Sherwood; Ebenezer (2), who married Amelia Goodsell; Timothy, who married Sarah Taylor; and John Burr, our subject's father, who married Sarah Nichols. The family has always been noted for fine musical ability, and several musicians of more than local fame have been found among its members.

Ebenezer Burr, our subject's great-grandfather, was an extensive landowner in Fairfield township, and resided on what has been known from pioneer times as Burr's Highway, the family holding large tracts of land there. He was a "minute man" during the Revolutionary war. His wife was a daughter of Epapheras Goodsell, and a granddaughter of Rev. John Goodsell, the first minister to preach at Greenfield Hill.

Timothy Burr, the grandfather of our subject, was born September 3, 1788, in Greenfield, this county, and was one of the prominent citizens of the section in his day. For many years he was successfully engaged in mercantile pursuits and in farming, and he also carried on an extensive business in surveying lands and in settling up estates. The clarionet was his favorite musical instrument, and he was often called upon to perform upon it at different places in this State, his music enlivening many a dancing party. He died February 16, 1858, and he and his wife, who was a daughter of Barak Taylor, of Danbury, were both interred for a time in the old cemetery in Greenfield, but their remains have since been transferred to Oak Lawn cemetery in Fairfield township. Of their children, the eldest, George, who died in his eighty-ninth year, was for many years a merchant at Plattsville, Conn.; John, our subject's father, is mentioned more fully below; Elihu, who died at the homestead on Burr's Highway, was at different times a merchant in Easton, Trumbull and Bridgeport; Abigail (deceased) never married; Barak T. (deceased) resided upon Burr's Highway, and for some years was engaged in mercantile business; Sarah A. (deceased) was the wife of Henry Hanford, of Wilton, this county; Amelia (Mrs. Seth Bradley) died in Greenfield; Ann M., widow of Thomas Bartram, resides at Black Rock; and Timothy E., who died at Black Rock, was a successful business man of Danbury for years, and later in New York City, much of his attention being given to mercantile pursuits and music.

Hon. John Burr, the father of our subject, was born in Fairfield February 22, 1810, and resided throughout his life on Burr's Highway. While he seemed to take life easy, he carried on an extensive business as a shoemaker, employing several apprentices and workmen, and in later years he devoted much time to farming. He was often called upon to settle estates, and the frequency with which his advice was sought upon different matters won for him the title of "Squire." He was justice of the peace for thirty or forty years. His musical gifts were of a high order, and for a long time he was leader of the choir of the Congregational Church at Greenfield Hill, their music during that period attracting wide notice. He also taught singing schools

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Horace Banks Burr.

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in various localities. Although his educational opportunities were limited, his natural ability and common sense enabled him to acquire a wide range of information by reading, of which he was extremely fond. He was active in religious work, and held various administrative offices in the Congregational Church. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, holding leading place in the local organization of each party, and he served as a representative in the State Legislature for two terms. His death occurred April 11, 1883, and his wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Nichols, died October 19, 1894, their remains being laid to rest in the Oak Lawn cemetery. Mrs. Burr was born October 11, 1811, in Deerfield District, Fairfield township, the daughter of Walter and Charity (Banks) Nichols.

Our subject is the eldest of seven children, the others being: (2) George L., a clothing merchant in New York City, who married Miss Charlotte Bennett, and resides in Brooklyn; they have had five children—Alida, Edith, Olive, George E. and Charlotte, Alida and Olive being deceased. (3) Marcus, a Congregational minister at Lebanon, Conn., who married (first) Eliza F. Gould, and (second) Cornelia Payne. (4) Sally M., wife of Horace B. Banks, of Hull's Farms. (5) Ann J., wife of Stephen B. Wakeman, of Saugatuck. (6) Evaline, who married Hon. James R. Howe, of Brooklyn, the present member of Congress from his district. (7) Mary E., who died at the age of six years.

Horace B. Burr, whose name opens this sketch, was born February 12, 1832, at the old homestead on Burr's Highway, and for some years of his boyhood he attended the Deerfield district school. Among his first teachers was Miss Charity Winton, and later he studied under Peter Fairweather in the same district. After completing the course of study offered there, he pursued some of the higher branches under the tuition of Zalmon Wakeman, of Greenfield Hill. As a boy he had ample opportunity to make himself acquainted with the details of farm work, and at the age of twelve or fourteen he began to learn the shoemaker's trade, which he followed at various times. He also clerked for three years in the post office at Southport, Conn., for David Bradley, and later he spent the same length of time in the New Haven post office, his aptitude for work making him a valued employe. In 1857 he went to New York City, where he spent a year in a wholesale importing house; he then returned home.

On October 28, 1858, Mr. Burr was married, in Fairfield, to his first wife, Miss Cordelia S. Hill, daughter of Dimon Hill, and granddaughter of Judge David Hill. During the winter of 1858-59 he taught school in Burr's District for $16 per month, boarding himself, and in 1862 he again had charge of the school. In 1866 he became connected with the Freeman & Burr Clothing Company, which his brother, George L., and Alpheus Freeman established in 1861, at the corner of Fulton and Nassau streets, New York City, and he continued in this business, in 1874 becoming a member of the firm. In the latter part of the 'sixties he had purchased from the estate of his uncle, Lewis Burr, the homestead which he now occupies, a fine farm which has been held in the family name since the original grant to an ancestor, more than 250 years ago. He has made his home there since 1873, and he also owns another farm in the same town. At present he attends personally to the management of his estates, and he is still hale and hearty. Politically, he is a Republican, and although he is not an office-seeker his fellow citizens, desiring the benefit of his sound judgment, have at times chosen him to important service, and in 1896 he was a member of the equalization committee of the town.

On March 31, 1863, Mr. Burr's first wife passed to the unseen world, and on October 22, 1868, he was married, in Brooklyn, N. Y., to Miss Emeline Bennett, who was born in Westport, this county, November 17, 1845, the daughter of Edwin and Mary (Couch) Bennett. She resided at Westport until about ten years old, when she removed to Brooklyn. By his first marriage Mr. Burr has one son, Ebenezer H., who is engaged in the insurance business at Long Branch, N. J. By the second marriage there are two sons: Eugene B., who married Miss Antonia Jacobs, of Easton (they have one son, Joseph William); and William H., now in charge of our subject's farm in the Deerfield District (he married Miss Louise Jacobs, and they have three children — Emma M., Walter N. and Evelyn Amanda). The family is identified with the Congregational Church at Greenfield Hill, to the support of which they are liberal contributors.

ALONZO PERCY ELLSWORTH. It would be difficult to find a more beautiful spot, even in this favored region, than the Ellsworth homestead in the Mill Plain District, town of Danbury. It comprises seventy acres lying on the shore of the celebrated Lake Kanosia, whose inlet, a picturesque stream, flows through the estate, and the residence commands a charming view on all sides. Mr. Ellsworth, the fortunate owner of this home, is a capable manager, keep-

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ing the land in an excellent state of cultivation, and he ranks among the leading agriculturists of his locality.

Our subject comes honestly by his faculty for careful and judicious management, being of good old Vermont stock in both paternal and maternal lines. His grandparents, Joseph and Lucy (Haines) Ellsworth, were well-known residents of Fletcher, Franklin Co., Vt., and his grandfather was a soldier in the war of 1812. Van Rensselaer Ellsworth, our subject's father, was born at Fletcher in 1808, and became a prominent farmer in that vicinity, owning 200 acres of land. He died in 1863; his wife, Sarah (Blair), who was born in 1808, survived him many years, passing away in 1892. She was a daughter of Elias and ——— (Parsons) Blair, both of whom were members of pioneer families of the State. Our subject was one of thirteen children. Four daughters died in childhood, but the nine sons lived to adult age, to wit: George H. (now deceased), Hudson, Charles, Alonzo P., Elias B., Edgar E. (deceased), James Delos, Alexander Noble, and Cyrus (deceased).

Mr. Ellsworth, our subject, was born November 23, 1837, at the old home near Fletcher, where he remained until the age of twenty-seven. His youth was spent after the usual custom of country lads, a common-school education being obtained during boyhood while helping with the farm work. On leaving home he came to Danbury, and in 1865 he entered the employ of George F. Bailey, the showman, as an advance agent. He started from Zanesville, Ohio, with the advertising wagon, and for nine years he traveled in advance of the show, without any loss of time from sickness or other cause. This business took him to all parts of the United States and Canada, and gradually the delights of a quiet, settled life became apparent as he wearied of the constant change. In 1874 he gave up his position and purchased a farm in the town of Patterson, Putnam Co., N. Y., but three years later he sold it and bought his present homestead. He gives much attention to dairy work, keeping from sixteen to twenty cows, and also raises general crops. He owns a large portion of the lake frontage, and his farm is bounded on the north by the lands of Henry Mead and the lake inlet; on the west by the main road leading from Mill Plain to Ridgebury; on the south by the lands of Carrie Warner, and on the east by the lake.

In 1870 Mr. Ellsworth married Miss Julia Ann Burt, by whom he has had two children: Emma S., now Mrs. Benjamin O. Rockwell, of Mill Plain; and William Van Rensselaer, who died at the age of eight months. Mrs. Ellsworth is a daughter of William Burt, a well-known citizen of North Salem, N. Y., and a granddaughter of William and ——— (Tryon) Burt. Her mother, whose maiden name was Jane A. Cree, was a daughter of William and Matilda (Griffin) Cree.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth are believers in the Universalist faith. He takes keen interest in the political issues of the day, and while he is not active as a party worker, he gives his support to Democratic doctrines and policies.

LEVI W. SLAUSON, a veteran of the Civil war, is a prominent resident of Glenbrook where he is serving as postmaster, and for some years has held the responsible position of agent for the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad.

Mr. Slauson comes of patriotic stock, his great-grandfather, Nathan Slauson, having served in the Revolutionary war, while his grandfather, Nathan Slauson, who resided at Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N. Y., met a soldier's death in the war of 1812.

Eleazer Slauson, the father of our subject, was born at Pound Ridge, where he still resides, and for many years has been engaged in the carpenter's trade there. He married Miss Emily Brown, of the same town, who died in 1891, and of their thirteen children only six are now living. Nathan B. resides at Norwalk, this county; Mary married Cyrus Raymond, of Danbury; Levi W., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Hannah married Joshua Knapp, of Stamford; and Edward and Herbert reside at Pound Ridge.

Mr. Slauson, our subject, was born April 18, 1842, at the old home in Pound Ridge, where he received a common-school education. On leaving school he began to learn the machinist's trade at Norwalk, this county, but owing to ill health he was obliged to give up the work. When the Civil war broke out he was anxious to enlist, but was twice refused on account of his age, and it was not until July 3, 1863, that his desire was gratified by his enrollment at Hartford as a member of the First Connecticut Infantry, afterward known as the First Connecticut Heavy Artillery. The regiment, which was commanded by Colonel White, was assigned to service in the Department of the Potomac, and Mr. Slauson remained on duty until the close of the war, being mustered out at Hartford in 1865. He then went to Lewisboro, N. Y., and for a time drove a stage between that town and Katonah, N. Y.; in the spring of 1866, however, he came to Fairfield

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county to take charge of a farm in Darien for John A. Holmes. Later he was employed for a year in Mr. Holmes' rattan broom store, in New York City, afterward returning to the farm for a couple of years. For eighteen months he resided upon a farm at Roxbury, in the town of Stamford, and then he settled at Glenbrook, where he followed the carpenter's trade for two years. In April, 1881, he became the agent for the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad at that point, being the first to hold the position, and he has served acceptably ever since. In June, 1881, he received the appointment of postmaster there, under President Arthur's administration, and this office he has also held continuously since that year, his ability and fidelity to duty being highly appreciated by the public.

Mr. Slauson was married at Glenbrook to Miss Martha J. Bates, of Darien, and six children have blessed the union: Edith, Julia, Harry, Minnie, Edward and Ethel. The eldest daughter married John B. Perry, of Bridgeport, this county, and they have one son, Herald Slauson Perry. Mr. Slauson and his family are much esteemed socially, and he is a leading member of the Union Memorial Church at Glenbrook. He is also connected with various fraternal societies, including the G. A. R., Hobbie Post, and the Royal Arcanum, Council No. 999, both at Stamford, Connecticut.

FLOYD B. BOUTON is one of the leading, active and enterprising business men of Georgetown, where he is conducting an undertaking establishment that is first-class in all of its appointments, having a livery stable in connection with same. He is a native of the town of Redding, born November 26, 1858.

Wilson Bouton, his father, was born in the town of Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N. Y. The father dying when the son was an infant, he was raised in a family by the name of Bishop. He attended the schools of Westchester county, and then learned the shoemaker's trade under a Mr. Lounsbury, of the town of Ridgefield, subsequently embarking in business for himself in the town of Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., Conn., and he prospered. Later in life he turned his attention to farming, and by good management and the practice of economy he became well-to-do, accumulating considerable property. He was married to Miss Julia Picket, born July 15, 1828, a daughter of Harry and Phœbe (Johnson) Picket, of Redding, and to them were born children as follows: (1) Frank C. learned the carpenter's trade, at which he is now working in Danbury, Conn. He married Anna Lockwood, and their children were—William, married to Emma Pine; Eugene, who married Josie Shipman; Julia, wife of John Newbury; Charles, who died in youth; George, who married Eva Radaforth; and Jennie and Frederick, both unmarried. (2) Benjamin died in youth. (3) One son died in infancy. (4) Wanzer died in youth. (5) Leander is single. (6) Floyd B. is our subject. (7) Schuyler. (8) Carrie married Frank Taylor, had one child, and died in early womanhood. (9) Alderetta married Albert Platt, a farmer of Redding, and they have one son, Orrin. (10) Leroy married Anna Weed, and they had one child, Helen. He was a lock manufacturer first at South Norwalk, then at Stamford, where his death occurred. (11) Thedia married George Hazen, a worker in wire, of Georgetown, and had one child—Horace. (12) Gordon died in infancy.

Floyd B. Bouton was reared and schooled in the town of Redding. He worked on a farm for a time, then was employed in a shoe shop, and later went to the village of Georgetown and became engaged in his present business, in the management of which he has displayed tact and ability. He is affable and genial, and by his tact and close attention to business, coupled with good management, he has met with that success which well-directed efforts deserve. He has been a resident of Georgetown twelve years, during which period he has taken an active part in the affairs of the village. In politics, he is a Democrat, is registrar of the village, and has served as its constable. Socially, he is a member of Georgetown Ark Lodge, F. & A. M., and of Ridgefield Lodge, I. O. O. F. He married Miss Sarah Webb, and to them have come children as follows: Florenia, born March 9, 1879; John, born November 17, 1881; Frances, born January 30, 1883; Harry, born August 16, 1886; Wilson, born January 15, 1888; Lillian, born March 21, 1889; Alderetta, born December 6, 1892; Floyd, born May 19, 1895, and Clifford, born July 31, 1897.

The Webb family into which our subject married have for several generations resided in Fairfield county. Jared Webb, the grandfather of Mrs. Floyd B. Bouton, was born August 21, 1766, in the town of Wilton, where he was educated, reared and passed his early life in agricultural pursuits. He married Miss Hannah Schofield, who was born January 22, 1770, and the names with dates of birth of their children are: Charles, December 14, 1788; Epinetus, June 8, 1791; Sabrina, May 25, 1793; Judson, March 25, 1795; Sarah, May 11, 1797; Rufus, July 24,

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1799; Rebecca, October 6, 1801; Eliza, October 16, 1803; Nancy, September 18, 1805; George, August 10, 1807; William, October 8, 1809; J. Smith, November 11, 1811, and Seth, July 1, 1814.

William Webb was born in the town of Wilton, where he was reared, educated and followed farming. He married Miss Jane Clark, and the children born to them were: (1) Foster married Ella McCullough, who died December 26, 1898, without issue. (2) Lucy married Hiram Stevens, a mason by trade, though now engaged in the laundry business at Ridgefield; they had the following children—William married Jennie Keller; Samuel died at the age of twenty years; Isabelle married Matthew Nesbet; Joseph died in infancy; Carrie; and Jennie, who died in infancy. (3) Sarah (Mrs. Floyd B. Bouton). William Webb by a former marriage (to Mary A. Fitch) had one child, Mrs. Charles Clark.

CHARLES A. AMBLER (deceased), who in his lifetime was a prominent farmer of the town of Wilton, was born in the city of Danbury, Conn., April 23, 1846. His earlier education was obtained in the common schools of that city, and after removing with his parents to Charleston, S. C., he there continued his studies for a short time. In March, 1861, he returned to the Jackson school in Danbury, and still later, at Ridgefield, attended a private school, William O. Seymour being the teacher. For some time after leaving school he was engaged in farming, and then became clerk in a store in Danbury, and later in Norwalk. During a portion of the Civil war he was in Charleston, S. C., attending to his father's store (he being a merchant), and in 1871 he became a farmer in the town of Wilton. In politics he was a strong Republican, and held the office of first selectman of his town for two terms, while in 1884 he was elected to the Legislature of the State. At one time he was a member of the fire department of Norwalk, belonging to the Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company. Mr. Ambler thus became a man of varied experience, and the knowledge which he acquired at school was largely augmented by observation and wide reading. He attended the services of the Congregational Church, and was honored by the holding of official positions in that organization. In 1872 he married Miss Hannah Raymond, daughter of Lewis and Catherine (Meeker) Raymond, of Wilton, which is her native place. The children of this union are: Lewis R., born May 6, 1873; and Charles M., born April 30, 1875. Charles A. Ambler, the father, died April 6, 1897.

David Ambler, grandfather of our subject, was born in the city of Danbury, Conn., received his early education there, and after leaving school engaged in farming, following this occupation all his life. At one time, in addition to his farm, he ran a large hat factory near Danbury, being one of the first to engage in that business in that place, and was widely known as one of the pioneer hat manufacturers of Danbury. He was an ardent devotee of religion, and was a member of the Baptist Church of Danbury. He married Miss Nancy Carey, of that city, by whom he had the following children: David A., sketch of whom appears presently; George W., who married Catherine Fuller; Edward, who married Ann Day; Susan, who died unmarried; Julius, who also died single; and Andrew S., who married Miss Augusta Parsons.

David A. Ambler, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in the city of Danbury, Conn., and was educated in the common schools of that place. After leaving school he engaged in the manufacture of hats in Danbury, and afterward went to Charleston, S. C., where he conducted a large wholesale store during the Civil war. He is now living in Port Chester, N. Y., where he is engaged in real-estate and insurance business. His experience has been varied and valuable, and his success in business has been unusual. He is a man of high character and standing in his community, respected and honored, as a citizen and as a man, by all who know him. In religious faith he has been a lifelong member of the Congregational Church; socially, he is a Freemason. Politically, he is a Republican, and has been honored with election to several of the minor offices of his town. For his first wife he married Martha Coburn, daughter of John Coburn, of Huntington, Long Island. To this marriage there were born four children: Charles A., the subject of this sketch; Emery Thayer and Harry S., sketches of whom follow; and Samuel, who died in infancy. By his second wife David A. Ambler had two children: Weeden F., who died at the age of twenty-seven years; and Charlotte.

Emery Thayer Ambler was born in Danbury, and educated in the public schools of that city. At the age of fifteen he went to Texas, locating at Dallas, and engaged in the wholesale hardware business; he has resided in Dallas ever since going there; he is married. Harry S. Ambler was born in Huntington, L. I., and is now a resident of Bridgeport, where he is engaged in the confectionery and bakery business. He mar-

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ried Elizabeth Sherwood, daughter of Purdy Sherwood, of Wilton, Conn., but has no children.

WILLIAM H. NELSON, of Holland Hill District, Fairfield township, is a young man whose energy and sagacity have won for him a high standing as an agriculturist and dairyman. Beginning his business career when only eighteen years old, he has continued it for ten years with marked success, and without undue economy has acquired a fine property. His success does him the more credit from the fact that it has not been stained by the memory of unworthy methods, and he enjoys a high reputation for strictly honorable dealings.

Mr. Nelson is a native of Fairfield township, but his family is of Danish origin, and Olaf Nelson, our subject's grandfather, passed his life in Denmark as a laboring man. Andrew Nelson, the father of our subject, was born in Denmark, November 2, 1844, and after receiving a fair practical education in his native land he shipped as a sailor on board a brigantine bound from Copenhagen to Iceland, where a cargo of codfish was to be secured for Barcelona, Spain. They reached Iceland in safety, but after leaving the island bad weather set in, as it was the month of November, and at the end of the first week of the voyage the vessel suffered serious injuries, losing its mast and springing a leak. The water caused the codfish to swell, making it necessary to throw much of the cargo overboard. After spending more than a week at the pumps, the crew had begun to despair of saving the ship when an English brig carrying wheat from New York City to Galway passed by and picked them off the doomed vessel. On entering Galway Bay the brig was wrecked on the rocks, but all hands were saved. One might imagine that this experience of the perils of the deep would be enough for any one; but the young sailor promptly shipped at Galway as cabin boy on a Danish vessel bound for New York, thus securing an opportunity to visit the land in which he afterward made his home. He followed the sea many years, visiting different European ports and traveling over the Atlantic, north and south. At the age of eighteen he served as boatswain and second mate, and later was first mate on an American schooner. In 1868, having ended his sea-going career by several trips in the fruit and sponge trade to the West Indies, the cargo being landed at Bridgeport, this county, and Boston, Mass., he left the sea and settled in Bridgeport.

He was employed as a machinist seven years in the Howe Sewing Machine Works, and three years in the Eaton, Cole & Burnham Factory at Bridgeport, his natural ability as a mechanic enabling him to take readily to the work. In April, 1879, he removed to a rented farm in Jenning's Woods District, town of Fairfield, and finding agricultural work congenial he soon afterward purchased the place, going in debt for the greater portion of the amount required. The farm consisted of thirty acres in poor condition, the buildings being uninhabitable, but he speedily made radical improvements, putting up excellent buildings and bringing the land to a high state of cultivation. As prosperity came to him he added to his farm until he now owns seventy acres, making an attractive and valuable homestead. He gives special attention to the raising of small fruits, and for a number of years he has been engaged extensively in dairying, being one of the few in his section who supply a dairy route from their own herds. He is full of energy and industry, and devotes close attention to his business, his quiet, unassuming disposition making him disinclined to public life. He takes no part in political work, but socially he is much esteemed, and for some time he has been a member of Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, I. O. O. F., of Bridgeport. At the age of twenty-four he was married in New York City to Miss Margaret Fitzgerald, a native of Ireland, and three children blessed the union: William H., Gracie A. and Alice C.

William H. Nelson, our subject was born May 9, 1870, at Bridgeport, the family residence being on State street. His education was begun in the public schools of that place, and later he graduated from the Bridgeport Business College. After the removal to Jenning's Woods District he assisted his father in the work of the farm and dairy, receiving a training which has since been invaluable to him, and as a boy he demonstrated his business ability while in charge of a milk route in Bridgeport. This line of business he has continued without interruption, and he has a long list of patrons among the best people of that thriving city. In 1895 he located upon his present farm in the Holland Hill District, where he now has a comfortable and pleasant home. From boyhood he has been a great admirer of that noble animal, the dog, and he recently began to breed beagle hounds, his stock being from the best strains in the country. While the business promises to be profitable, it was undertaken through interest in the animals rather than for gain. Politically, he is a stanch Republican so far as national issues are concerned, but in local affairs he votes independently. On June 19,

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1895, Mr. Nelson married Miss Catherine Sherry, of New York, and they hold an enviable place in the social life of the neighborhood.

HENRY S. KNAPP, the owner of a fine farm of seventy-five acres in Fairfield township, Fairfield Co., Conn., is a representative of one of the old families of this region, and one of the model citizens of the community in which he resides. He is a native of the township, born March 10, 1834, in the Holland Heights District, son of John and Esther (Turney) Knapp, the mother a native of Fairfield village. The grandfather was also named John.

John Knapp, father of Henry S., was a successful self-made man, for he began life a poor boy, and by his own industry accumulated a comfortable competence. During his early manhood he followed the water for several years, but farming was his life occupation. He and his wife died at about the same age, both passing the three-score-and-ten mark, and their remains rest in Fairfield East cemetery. They were Congregationalists in religious faith, and, politically, Mr. Knapp affiliated with the Democratic party. Their family consisted of six children: Eliza A. (Mrs. William Trubee), deceased; Rufus, who was lost at sea between New York City and Liverpool, while acting as captain of the "Leviathan"; John, who died at Holland Heights; William, who was captain of the "Morning Star," which went down between New York and New Orleans; Mary, widow of Alfred A. Hubbell, of Bridgeport; and Henry S., whose name introduces this sketch.

Henry S. Knapp received the advantages afforded by the district schools of his boyhood, and for a short time afterward studied at Fairfield Academy. He was married October 4, 1856, in Bridgeport, to Miss Sarah E. Peet, who was born November 29, 1833, daughter of Ezra and Mary Seely (Banks) Peet, the former of whom was a son of Elijah Peet, the latter being a daughter of Hezekiah Banks, of Easton, Conn. Mrs. Knapp was reared in Bridgeport, and attended Easton Academy under Prof. Lucius Wilcox. The young couple commenced housekeeping on the Knapp farm, where they resided until their removal to the farm which has since been their home. They have a fine home. Mr. Knapp has erected all the buildings on this place, and made numerous improvements during his residence here, the farm being a highly productive and valuable one. In addition to general agriculture, he has also engaged in dairying for a number of years, and by constant industry and attention to his work he has reached an enviable degree of prosperity, ranking among the successful men of the locality. Politically, Mr. Knapp attaches himself to no party, selecting the man he thinks best fitted for office and best able to serve his country's interests; at the last Presidential election he cast his ballot in support of McKinley. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp have had three children, as follows: (1) Edwin H. lives at home; (2) Richmond B., who is a farmer of Fairfield Woods, is married and has four children—Marguerite, Daisy, Rufus and Henry Du Mond. (3) Ella J. is the wife of Capt. John Prout, and has one child, Mabel E.

GEORGE WILLIAM SOUTHWICK. One of the most attractive country homes of this section is the residence of the subject of this sketch, near Noroton Heights, a locality noted for its picturesque scenery and refined social life. Mr. Southwick is actively engaged in business, but he has found time to identify himself with the best interests of the community in which he has made his home, and he and his wife are regarded as valuable additions to the society of that vicinity.

His ancestors in the paternal line were early settlers in New York State (Troy). His father, the late George William Southwick, Sr., was a wholesale dealer in drugs in New York City, and resided in New York, where he died in 1878. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Charlotte Louise Quackenbos, is still living. The Quackenbos family originated in Holland, and the head of the American line came to this country several generations ago. Our subject was one of four children, the others being: Mrs. John G. Boyd (of New York); Arthur Q. and Renwick.

Mr. Southwick, our subject, was born in Brooklyn in 1851, and received his education in the schools of New York City. At the age of sixteen he entered his father's store to acquire a knowledge of the drug business, and when he was twenty years old he started on his own account as a dealer in mill supplies and patent articles. In 1873 he married Miss Anna B. Hammond, a lineal descendant of William Penn, and a daughter of Edson D. and Louise Marian (Thurston) Hammond, of New York, where she was born and reared, receiving a careful education. Mr. and Mrs. Southwick have three sons: Frank Herbert, born April 27, 1879; Arthur Q., December 6, 1880, and Louis Thurston, September 27, 1883. About 1883 Mr. Southwick removed with his family to Stamford, and later he

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purchased his present home for a permanent residence. He and his wife are both members of the Episcopal Church, and he also belongs to several fraternal societies, including the Royal Arcanum. Politically, he affiliates with the Republican party, but he has never aspired to official honors.

JOSEPH B. BRADLEY, a well-to-do agriculturist of the town of Fairfield, is a member of a family which has long been held in high esteem in that section, and although he is a quiet, unostentatious citizen, decidedly averse to public life, he enjoys in a marked degree the respect of his associates. He is now the only living male descendant of his grandfather, Joseph Bradley, who was a well-known resident of Greenfield.

Francis Burr Bradley, our subject's father, was born in Greenfield, and his boyhood was mainly spent there upon a farm. Like many country youths, he had a great desire to go to sea, but a trip to the West Indies satisfied him in that respect, and on his return he settled down to agricultural pursuits. He was a thrifty man, accumulating a fine competence, and was devoted to his business, giving but little attention to public affairs. In his later years he was a Republican, but beyond voting regularly he did not assist in party work. When about fifty years old he married Miss Sarah Bradley, daughter of William Bradley, a prominent resident of Greenfield. She died at the age of forty-five; he survived her, passing away in his eighty-seventh year, the remains of both being interred at Greenfield. Of their two children our subject is the elder; the other, Mary L., who married Lloyd N. Sherwood, now resides at Greenfield Hill.

Our subject was born at the old homestead in Greenfield, and his education was begun in the schools of that locality. After his mother's death, which occurred when he was but a child, he was sent to a school at Saugatuck, and later he attended Green's Farms Academy for a time. Having some inclination toward mercantile life in boyhood he became a clerk in a store at Westport for David Salmons; however, after two years he returned home, where he has followed agriculture as an occupation. Of late years he has contented himself with taking general oversight of the farm, but his management is most skillful and it is regarded as one of the best cultivated estates in the vicinity. In 1877 he completed an elegant residence upon his portion of the homestead. While he takes an intelligent interest in the questions of the day, and is a strong believer in the doctrines of the Republican party, he has never been an office seeker. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian, and he and his family are identified with the Church of that denomination at Southport.

In November, 1876, Mr. Bradley was married at Greenfield, to Miss Mary E. P. Lobdell, and four children have blessed the union: Two sons, Joseph and Francis, died in infancy; Miss Mary Galetta, who is at home, is an accomplished young lady, having attended school in Norwalk, Fairfield and Bridgeport; Miss Sarah Eleanor is also at home. Mrs. Bradley is a native of North Salem, Westchester Co., N. Y., and the Lobdell family is well known in that section. Her father, William Lobdell, was an edge-tool maker in early life, but later engaged in farming, and is now residing at his farm at Greenfield, at the advanced age of seventy years. Her mother, whose maiden name was Galetta Angeline Wood, is sixty-eight, and both parents have been for many years leading members of the Episcopal Church at Weston. Mrs. Bradley's grandparents on the maternal side were Damaras Hyde, and Thomas Wood, who owned a number of vessels and did a large shipping business at Westport, Conn. The Lobdells came from Wales in 1640, and located at Milford, Conn., but the family soon scattered, some going to Vermont, some to New Orleans, and some to Westchester county, N. Y., where Mrs. Bradley's grandfather was born. There he married Eliza Miller, whose father was a renowned pedagogue at that time, her mother being a Miss James, of Philadelphia.

JOHN J. TAYLOR. While the world, it is true, owes much of its advancement to the professional and the commercial circles, yet is it equally true that much of the broader culture and more daring thought comes from a class of men whoes lives have been passed in study and travel. The contact with the ideas of the great thinkers through their writings, the actual contact with human beings of all classes and nations, drives out the narrowness of conception that so often is found in those whose lives are given over to business or to a single profession.

John J. Taylor, a prominent citizen of Stamford, was born in New York City, February 17, 1845, a son of John Jacob Taylor, and a grandson of Jacob Bloomingdale Taylor, of English ancestry. The grandfather was a merchant in New York City, and was at one time manager of the vast estate of John Jacob Astor.

John Jacob Taylor passed his entire life in

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New York City, engaged in mercantile pursuits, trading chiefly with Cuba, as did also his brother, the widely-known Moses Taylor. He married Frances Wetmore, a daughter of Samuel Wetmore, a resident of Providence, R. I., and a native of Middletown, Conn. (he was a Chinese trader). The following children came to bless this union: John J., Jacob B., Frances W., Amelia M., and Elizabeth C.

John J. Taylor, the only surviving child of the above named family, passed his boyhood days in New York City, in Newport, R. I., and in Europe. His education was obtained wholly under the instruction of private tutors and in private schools, and he has never engaged in business. The greater portion of his life has been spent in traveling over Europe, Asia, Africa and America, wherever and however his fancy led him. In 1883 he took up his residence in Stamford, purchasing a beautiful home.

Mr. Taylor was married, in England, to Miss Caroline Clarke, of Ringwood, and they have the following children: Zenobia E.; Hiram H., connected with the paymaster's department of the New York Central railroad; Bessie H.; and Wyatt W. In his political affiliations Mr. Taylor is a Democrat, and has served on campaign committees. Socially, he became a Freemason in Cornwall, England, is past master of the Lodge at Penzance, in that county, and is Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies of the County of Cornwall.

JACOB S. MAYHEW, of the town of Bethel, is one of the most enterprising and successful business men of that section, being well-known as a dealer in leaf tobacco, and a breeder of fancy live stock. "Clover Side Farm," his estate, in the Plum Trees District, town of Bethel, is conducted on modern principles as a breeding farm, Mr. Mayhew taking a scientific interest in securing the highest possible results in its management.

A brief review of his life and ancestry will be of value to our readers, especially as his forefathers became identified with this section many years ago. Jacob Mayhew, his grandfather (born in 1790 and died in 1839), who married Hannah Williams (born in 1793 and died in 1872), was a farmer in the town of Newtown, this county, and Theodore Mayhew, the father of our subject, was born in that town April 1, 1822, and died September 21, 1880, and was reared to manhood there, receiving his education in the local schools. In 1845 he removed to the Plum Trees District, of the town of Bethel, where he engaged in farming and in the hatting business. He was prominent in local affairs, and a member of the Democratic party. On October 11, 1843, he married Miss Betsy Sherman, who was born June 2, 1822, and died September 20, 1873, the daughter of Zalmon W. Sherman, who was born in 1795 and died in 1838, and who married Hannah P. Crofut, who was born in 1805 and died in 1881. They had five children: Emma Clarinda, born September 1, 1844, who married Charles E. Edmonds; Jane L., born April 12, 1848; Harriet A., born July 12, 1851, who married Frederick A. Judd, of Danbury, and died March 2, 1880; Jacob Sherman, our subject, and Marriette L., born December 17, 1855.

Mr. Mayhew, our subject, was born March 30, 1854, at the old homestead in the Plum Trees District, and his education was acquired in the district schools of the town. At the age of nineteen he went to Syracuse, N. Y., where he was employed for a time as a clerk in a hardware store, and on his return he worked one season at the cigar business in New Haven, after which he spent some time in a leaf tobacco warehouse in New York City. In 1875 he came to Bethel and engaged in business in the Plum Trees District, opening a cigar manufactory and leaf-tobacco warehouse, conducting a wholesale trade. In 1880 he purchased the old homestead from the other heirs, and also started his stock farm, where he has since made a specialty of raising Jersey cattle, fancy poultry, etc., his motto being "thoroughbreds or nothing." He also deals in carriages of all kinds, and he has an extensive trade in all these lines.

On November 24, 1880, Mr. Mayhew married Miss Lillie A. Fairchild, and four children have blessed the union: Susan Clara, born September 6, 1881; Theodore F., December 1, 1882; Joseph B., November 17, 1886, and Gala E., August —, 1889. Socially, Mr. Mayhew is connected with Eureka Lodge No. 83, F. & A. M., at Bethel, and Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M., at Danbury. He has always been a Democrat in politics, for several years has been justice of the peace, and in 1896 he was the candidate of his party for second selectman, but was defeated, the town being Republican by 135 majority.

IRVING LOCKWOOD is the proprietor of the largest and best equipped livery business in New Canaan, and enjoys an extensive patronage from the best people in the town. He was born September 4, 1865, on his father's farm, in the town of New Canaan, Fairfield county, Connecticut.

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The father, WILLIAM LOCKWOOD, was also born in New Canaan, and there passed all his days, dying May 23, 1878. He attended the district school in his boyhood; and was reared to agricultural life, in which he also engaged. At Lewisboro, Westchester county, N. Y., he was united in marriage with Sarah Jane Raymond, daughter of Amos N. Raymond, and the young couple took up their residence on the farm in New Canaan, still occupied by Mrs. Lockwood. Ten children were born to this union, of whom Lucy A. married Edwin K. Hoyt, and lives at Ridgefield, Fairfield county; Jennie E. is the wife of Philo S. Green, of Stamford, Conn.; Ada makes her home in New Canaan; W. Stanley is engaged in the butcher business in New Canaan (he married Carrie Bishop); George E., now deceased, married Carrie Lambert; Irving is the subject proper of this review; Alice C. lives in New Canaan; Homer travels for a leather firm, and has his residence in Boston (he married Mary Wills); Emily lives in New Canaan; Raymond died in infancy.

Irving Lockwood spent his boyhood days on the home farm, meanwhile receiving his education in the public school of the district, and Mrs. Ayres' private school at New Canaan. He followed in the footsteps of his father until 1889, engaging in farming, but has since given all of his time to the livery business which he now owns and conducts. He was in partnership with his brother George E. until 1891, when he bought his brother's interest, and he has since been sole proprietor. The well appointed and commodious stables give accommodation to twenty-eight or thirty horses, and conveyances from this stable are sent out to all trains. Mr. Lockwood caters to the best class of trade in New Canaan, and his efforts to have everything in his business "up-to-date" and satisfactory to the most exacting have been duly appreciated by his patrons, who increase in number every year. Mr. Lockwood is a member of Harmony Lodge No. 67, F. and A. M.; he is identified with St. Mark's Episcopal Church of New Canaan. [Since the above was written, Mr. Irving Lockwood sold his livery business March 29, 1899, and is now engaged in the coal business in New Canaan and South Norwalk, Connecticut.]

JOHN BATEMAN. The Old World has given to this country many expert mechanics, and the Mother Country has contributed no small percentage of these experts. The steel works at Sheffield have long been noted for the fine grade of work, and the men employed there have attained to a degree of perfection seldom found elsewhere. Enoch Bateman, the father of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Sheffield, England, and there learned and followed his trade of shear making until 1860, when, lured by reports of the fortunes awaiting all toilers, he came to America, and was soon employed as a gunsmith in the army. He is now in the employ of the Ohio Co-operative Shear Company at Elyria, Ohio. He was married in Sheffield to Miss Amelia Middleton, who still makes her home in England. The children born to this union were: John, Jane and Ellen, still living in Sheffield; James, in Elyria, Ohio; Mary, deceased; and Emily, in London, England.

John Bateman, the subject proper of these lines, was born in Sheffield, October 7, 1852, and was educated in the common schools of that city. At the age of nineteen he came to this country and entered the employ of his mother's brother, John Middleton, who was engaged in the manufacture of rattan chairs. Here he remained for six months, and in March, 1872, he came to Brookfield, where he learned the art of shear manufacturing in the shop of Bennett & Wetmore, where at that time his father, too, was employed. Ten years of faithful service with this firm brought its own reward, and in 1882 he was admitted into the firm, which later became F. A. Bennett & Co. In 1889 Mr. Bennett retired, his share being bought by Stephen Meaney, and the firm then became known as the "Lenox Shear Company." On May 22, 1895, Mr. Bateman bought the interest of Mr. Meaney, and is now the sole proprietor. The business is well established, making some fifty different brands of their specialty—shears and scissors. Last year alone they manufactured nine thousand dollars worth of goods.

On October 7, 1873, Mr. Bateman was married to Helen Isabella Wetmore, daughter of Lemuel P. Wetmore, who was born in Newtown, Conn., but moved to Brookfield to serve an apprenticeship at the blacksmith trade, and remained there up to his death, which occurred September 17, 1897, when he was aged seventy-three years. Her mother was born in Brookfield, and lived there to the age of seventy-four years, dying November 8, 1898.

Mr. Bateman is a naturalized citizen and firm in the belief that the country that opened the doors of its business and social life to his energy and honesty is the country to which he owes his allegiance. He is a stanch Republican in his political affiliations, and is now serving on the town committee. In his social relations he is a member of St. Peters Lodge, No. 21, F. & A.

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M., of New Milford; and Samaritan Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Danbury. In religious faith he and his wife are faithful members of St. Paul's Parish, and are prominently identified with the society of the place. Few men stand as high in the estimation of his fellow townsmen as Mr. Bateman, and financially he is looked upon as one of the most substantial citizens of the community.

GEORGE GREGORY. Among the eight families that settled, in 1684, at the present site of Danbury, then a wilderness, was that of Judah Gregory, and throughout the intervening years the name of Gregory has been intimately associated with the development of this section. Several members of the family took an active part in the struggle for our National independence.

The late William H. Gregory, the father of the well-known resident of Darien whose name opens this sketch, was born in Danbury, and his life was mainly spent within the limits of this county. By occupation he was a carpenter and joiner, but after some years he turned his attention to the lumber business. Although he was thoroughly progressive in his ideas, he was quiet and unassuming in manner, and never sought to take a place in public life. He died in 1890 at the age of eighty-six, and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Ann Richards, breathed her last in 1868.

The subject of this sketch, who is the only surviving member of his family, was born in Darien, March 20, 1835, and obtained his education in the schools of that town. At the age of sixteen he began to learn the blacksmith's trade, and so rapidly did he progress that when he was twenty-five he was foreman of the largest shop in New Haven, Conn. In 1880 he went to South Bend, Ind., to take charge of a shop for Studebaker Bros., but owing to ill health he remained there only about fourteen months. He then returned to his native place, and he has since been engaged in carpentering and farming. As a mechanic he ranks very high, being able to weld copper to iron, an achievement that few could ever attempt. He has a pleasant home in Darien, and is regarded as one of the substantial citizens of the place. In 1859 he married Miss Sarah J. Whitlock, of Weston, this county, and three sons have blessed the union. Henry W. is a rising young lawyer of Norwalk, and at present holds the position of judge of the city court there. William H., the second son, is now a dentist in Stamford; and Ira, the youngest, is a student in the Norwalk high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory are leading members of the Episcopal Church, and he has been identified for more than forty years with the Masonic Fraternity. In politics he gives an unwavering allegiance to the Democratic party, and he is a foe to monopolies of any sort. He has always been active in party work, and while residing in New Haven was a member of the city council. Since locating in Darien permanently, he has served as selectman and assessor, holding the latter office five terms. At present he is the representative from his town in the General Assembly.

THOMAS LOWE, of Stratford, familiarly known among a large circle of friends as "Tom," is a successful business man, and although, now less active than formerly, he is largely interested in real estate in Stratford and vicinity. Among his most important deals in the past we may mention the valuable property at the corner of Main and Gilbert streets, Bridgeport (where now stands Barnum Institute), which he sold to the late P. T. Barnum as a site for his famous museum. In addition to his investments in this section he owns residence property in Anniston, Ala., where a portion of his time is spent.

Mr. Lowe was born February 4, 1842, in Staffordshire, England, and comes of a hardy ancestry that was connected with agriculture for many generations. William Lowe, the father of our subject, was born in Staffordshire in 1805, and became a brass finisher by occupation. He and his wife, Mary (Bryan), both died in England. They had eleven children: Mary Ann, born in 1826, married Edward Owen; Sarah, born in 1828, married John Rhoden; John, born in 1831, is deceased; Elizabeth, born in 1833 (now deceased), married Edward Davis; Selenor, born in 1835, died unmarried; Hannah, born 1837, married Thomas Walters; William, born in 1839, died in 1885 in Kansas, where he had been engaged in farming; Thomas, our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Samuel, born in 1844, is a retired farmer and resides in Stratford; Bath S., born in 1846, died unmarried; and Luke, born in 1848, resides in Stratford, and is in the employ of the Graphophone Company at Bridgeport.

Our subject's education was obtained in the schools of his native land, and as he displayed artistic ability he made choice of a congenial occupation when he learned the business of painting flowers for decorative purposes. At the age of twenty-two, he came to America, locating first

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in New York City, where he was employed at his trade for a few years. In 1867 he came to Bridgeport to enter the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Mfg. Company, with whom he remained some time. He then engaged in the saloon business on E. Main street, Bridgeport, and afterward removed to another building on Wall street, in the same city, where he carried on an extensive business for about twenty years. Later he spent two years upon a farm, and in 1896 he made his home in Stratford, devoting his attention to the management of his real-estate interests. Politically, he is a Republican, and he has always taken keen interest in all questions of the day. In 1868 he married Miss Grace Hanes, a native of England, but no children brighten their home.

GEORGE LEE, a respected resident of the town of New Fairfield, has been for some time identified with the agricultural interests of that locality.

His ancestors located many years ago in the town of Kent, Putnam Co., N. Y., where his father, Thomas Lee, was born and reared and spent his manhood in the occupation of farming. He and his wife, Esther Meed, had ten children: Absalom, who married Susan Horton; Daniel, who married Margaret Eastwood; Rachel, wife of Silas Russel; Phœbe A., wife of Jack Hicks; Hannah, wife of Charles Baker; Beckie, who married William Baker; Matilda, who married John Whitefield; George, our subject; Thomas, who married Mary Tompkins; and Joseph, who married Dennie Russell.

Mr. Lee, our subject, was born at the old home in Putnam county, and obtained his early education in the common schools of the town of Kent. He has always followed agricultural pursuits. He married Miss Emma Tompkins, and four children blessed the union: Clarence, born October 4, 1884, and Frankie, born in March, 1887, are at home; the two younger children, Annie and Belle, died in infancy.

Mrs. Lee is also a native of Putnam county, having first seen the light in the town of Kent February 1, 1854. She received a good common-school education, and possesses much ability. Her father, Howard Tompkins, was born in the town of Kent, Putnam county, in 1816, and after securing an education in the local schools, engaged in farming. Although he never took an active part in political life, being indifferent to official honors, he was a strong believer in the principles and policy of the Republican party. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Julia Washburn, he had eight children: Ann E., deceased; Louisa, wife of Harrison Barrett; Martha, who married Michael Russell; Mary A., wife of Thomas Lee; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Stevens; Susan, who married James Miller; Emma, wife of our subject, and George H., who married Margaret Hunt. The mother these children died, and the father subsequently married Margaret Light, by whom he had two children: Pruella, who died in infancy, and Julia, who married George B. Russell, and has one daughter, Viola. After the death of his second wife Mr. Tompkins formed a third matrimonial union, this time with Mary Cole, but no children were born of this marriage.

LEWIS BURRITT. The family, of which the subject of these lines is an honored member, came originally from Wales, and the first of the name to emigrate to this country was William Burritt, the pioneer, who came to Stratford in 1639.

For three generations the Burritts of whom we write were born in the town of Stratford, Fairfield Co., Conn., and were all farmers—Joseph, David and George—the great-grandfather, grandfather and father, respectively, of our subject. Of these, David (the grandfather) was a hatter by trade. He married Annie Wells, of the town of Stratford, and by her had a family of four children, viz.: George was the father of our subject; William was for many years a tinner in Norwalk, Conn., whence he moved to Waterbury, Conn., where he died, in 1897; Catherine married Alfred Burnett, who is now a retired cabinetmaker (she is also still living); and Albert, who was first a hatter by trade, later in the hardware business, and died in 1899 in Waterbury.

George Burritt, father of our subject, married Catherine Curtis, a daughter of Nehemiah Curtis, of the town of Stratford, and they had four children, all yet living: Lewis, our subject; Mary J., wife of John Gauntlett, of Ithaca, N.Y.; Cornelia, single; and Sarah, wife of John W. Thompson, a real-estate dealer in the town of Stratford. The parents of this family are both deceased, the father dying in 1889, the mother in 1891. They were consistent Congregationalists in religious belief, and in politics he was a Whig.

Lewis Burritt, the subject proper of this sketch, was born in Elmira, N. Y., March 21, 1831, and was an infant when the family returned to the town of Stratford. He has ever since lived in the same house, and has always devoted his time to agricultural pursuits, his

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farm comprising about twenty-five acres of first-class land.

In 1858 Mr. Burritt was united in marriage with Miss Cordelia Plumb, a daughter of Wate and Rebecca (Taylor) Plumb, of Monroe, Conn., and two children were born to this marriage: Ida (single), and Arthur, who married Fannie Clark, of the town of Stratford; he is a member of the firm of A. W. Burritt & Co., of Bridgeport. Our subject and his wife and family are members of the Congregational Church. Politically he is a Republican, and he has always identified himself with matters tending to the advancement of the community in which he lives.

WENZESLAUS DIERINGER. During the dark days of the Civil war, when the cause of freedom seemed to be trembling in the balance, the German-born citizens were almost unanimous in their support of the Union, many of them offering their services to the government and enduring bravely the hardships and dangers of the camp, the battlefield and the prison cell. Three years as a Union soldier entitles the subject of this sketch, now a well-known resident of Bridgeport, to the esteem of every true American.

Malachious Dieringer was born in 1822 at Garmia, Germany, and was married in the Fatherland to Dorothea Britner. In 1846 he came to America and located in New York City, where he was employed as a glass-blower. He became a member of the 28th Regiment New York Militia, and later joined the Metropolitan Brigade, known during the Civil war as the 173rd N. Y. V. I. After the battle of Port Hudson he was taken ill. He died April 23, 1894, at Brooklyn, New York.

Our subject was born September 28, 1845, at Hohenzollern, Germany, and was an infant when brought to New York, where he grew to manhood, his education being acquired in the public schools of that city. At an early age he learned the tinker's trade, which he followed until his enlistment, on September 17, 1862, in Company G, 173rd N. Y. V. I. His regiment was assigned for a time to the Department of the Gulf, afterward to the Department of the Shenandoah, and they took part in numerous engagements, the battle of Cedar Creek being the last. On June 23, 1863, he was taken prisoner at Brasier City, La., and on being paroled he was sent to Ship Island, where he remained until his exchange in September of the same year. In October, 1865, he was mustered out of service at Savannah, Ga., and for three years following he was employed at his trade in New York City. On July 25, 1868, he removed to Bridgeport, for five years was connected with the Ornamental Wood Company, and on leaving that firm he worked two years for the Kiefer Furniture Company. In September, 1875, he engaged in business as a butcher, establishing a market at No. 331 Broad street, and in 1876 he removed to Railroad avenue. Later he opened a shop in Main street, and at present he conducts a prosperous business at No. 65 Warren street, his various removals being of advantage in the accommodation of his growing trade.

In 1870 Mr. Dieringer was married in Bridgeport to Miss Kate Sonard, who was born in Germany, near Frankfort-on-the-Main. Of their four children, the eldest, Carl Louis, married Miss Elizabeth Koehler, and has one son, Louis Henry; Joseph Henry, George W. and Alice K. are at home. The family is much esteemed socially, and Mr. Dieringer is connected with various fraternal orders, including the United Friends, Charter Oak Council No. 100; the Knights of Honor, Victor Lodge No. 2028; the Knights of Pythias, Myrtha Lodge No. 8; the I. O. O. F., Arcanum Lodge No. 41; the Sons of Veterans, William H. Mallory Camp; and the G. A. R., Elias Howe, Jr., Post No. 3. He joined the last named organization in 1878, and has filled every office from officer of the guard to that of commander, to which he was elected in 1878.

HENRY AUSTIN BARBER, a successful agriculturist and dairyman, resides in the Middle River District, town of Danbury, Fairfield county, and the product of his well-managed farm finds a ready market in the neighboring city.

Mr. Barber comes of good Colonial stock. His great-grandparents were Nathaniel and Rebecca (Lindley) Barber, the former of whom was the son of one of three brothers who came from the North of Ireland and settled in New Hampshire. Jerry Barber, our subject's grandfather, married Amelia Gregory, and their son, Thomas G. Barber, father of Henry A., was born in 1818 at Danbury, Westville District, and died in 1876. He was a hatter by occupation, and made his home in the town of Danbury near the present residence of our subject. He married Miss Mary E. Baldwin, who was born in 1825, daughter of Starr and Mary Ann (Penny) Baldwin, and is still living at the old homestead. They had four children, of whom Henry Austin is the only survivor. Two died in infancy, and Lawrence at the age of nine years.

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Mr. Barber, our subject, was born December 4, 1855, at the old home, and was educated in Middle River District. On leaving school at the age of seventeen, he devoted his attention to farming, and also worked at the business of carpentering and wagon making. He still has charge of the homestead, which contains thirty acres, and owns thirty acres besides, making a farm of sixty acres which he keeps constantly under cultivation. For four years past he has made a specialty of raising fine fruits and vegetables, and he also keeps four or five cows to supply his dairy trade, in addition to which he deals in domestic lumber and wood.

In 1876 Mr. Barber married Miss Eva C. Gage, daughter of Joseph and Eliza (Morris) Gage, and granddaughter of Cole and Clarissa (Seymour) Gage; her mother was a daughter of Stephen and Betsy (Brush) Morris. Mr. Barber and his wife have no children. They are actively interested in all progressive movements in their locality, and in religious connection are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Danbury. Fraternally, Mr. Barber belongs to Samaritan Lodge No. 7, and Devotional Encampment No. 13, I. O. O. F., and he and his wife are members of Myrtle Lodge No. 16, Daughters of Rebekah. In politics he is identified with the Republican party.

WEBSTER W. WALKER. Among the brave soldiers who made up Connecticut's quota during the Rebellion was the subject of this sketch, then in the first years of manhood, and he won an honorable record by gallant service in many hard-fought battles. For a number of years Mr. Walker has been engaged in business in Bridgeport, and in peace as in war he has displayed the sterling qualities of character which distinguish the typical American citizen.

The Walker family has been identified with this county from an early period, and our subject's great-grandparents, Eliakim and Abigal Walker, and his grandparents, David and Elizabeth (Shelton) Walker, were all residents of the town of Trumbull. David Walker, the father of our subject, was born in Trumbull in 1803, and became a farmer and merchant there. He died in 1845, and his wife, Eliza (Edwards), who was born in 1809, at Easton, this county, died in 1853. She was a daughter of Lewis E. Edwards and his wife, Hannah (Sherwood) Edwards, granddaughter of Deacon John Edwards (3) and Ruth (Beach), great-granddaughter of John Edwards (2) and Rebecca Porter, and great-great granddaughter of Duke John Edwards (1) and Mary (Hanford), who came to this country about the year 1700 (born in 1662 in Scotland). To David and Eliza Walker eight children were born: Eliakim L.; John O.; Elizabeth; Frances M., who died in 1855; David S.; Webster W.; Charles H., who died in 1891; and Ida E.

Our subject was born September 10, 1840, at the old homestead in Trumbull, and was educated in the public schools of that town. At the age of fifteen he entered upon business life as a clerk in the dry-goods store of S. C. Patterson & Co., at Bridgeport, where he remained until the breaking out of the Civil war. On September 10, 1861, he enlisted in Company I, 6th Conn. V. I., for three years, and during his term he took part in several important engagements, including the battles of Hilton Head, Fort Wagner, and Secessionville, S. C., Drurys Bluff and several others in the vicinity of Petersburg. On September 14, 1864, he was mustered out at Petersburg, but he again went into the army, being assigned to duty as chief clerk in the commissary, and stayed till the close of the war in the Department of the South. This position he held until September, 1865, and on his return to Bridgeport he resumed work with S. C. Patterson & Co., continuing two years.

In January, 1867, Mr. Walker married Miss Mary C. Hubbell, daughter of Elisha and Mary (Hurd) Hubbell, highly respected residents of Bridgeport, and soon afterward removed to Chicago. For a year and a half he was engaged in a dry-goods business in that city, and then he returned to Bridgeport, where he found employment in the Malleable Iron Works. His health had been impaired by the hardships of army life, and finding an outdoor occupation desirable he gave up his position in the iron works after three or four years, and engaged in farming. During the first two years on the farm he gained sixty pounds, and seven years so restored his health that he felt prepared to undertake mercantile business again. In 1886 he purchased his present store in Bridgeport, and engaged in business as a dealer in wall paper, paints, oils and similar commodities, in which he has built up an extensive trade, while he also fills many orders for painting and decorating interiors. His store is 22x65 feet, and 14 feet high, with new addition 24x36 and 14 feet high, while a basement of the same size is also used for the storing of his large and well selected stock. In politics Mr. Walker is a Republican, and he is active in local affairs, having served as alderman from the Third ward of Bridgeport for two terms—1891 and 1892.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker had four children: (1)

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Harry W., born in Chicago, married Edith Upson, and they have one child, Webster Upson Walker; (2) Elisha H.; (3) Howard E., who died in 1876; and (4) Maude Louise. The family attend St. John's Episcopal Church, and are much esteemed in social life. Mr. Walker is also connected with the G. A. R.; the K. of P.; Corinthian Lodge No. 104, F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; and Jerusalem Council No. 16.

GEORGE WILLIAM DURGY, a well-known agriculturist and cattle dealer of this section, owns a fine farm in the lower part of the town of Sherman, near New Fairfield, and is regarded as one of the leading citizens of that locality.

The Durgy family became identified with Fairfield county many years ago. John Durgy, our subject's great-grandfather, who came to America from Wales, enlisted in the Revolutionary war, and served all through that struggle. At its close he came to New Fairfield, where he married. His son Joel married Olive, daughter of Eliad Wanzer, and they had the following named children: Clarissa (Mrs. David Canfield); Diamon, father of G. W. Durgy; Lucy (Mrs. Stephen Whitehead); Eliad, who married Betsy Pepper; Caroline, who died unmarried; Susan, wife of George W. Barnum; John, who married Mary Jane Davis; Jay, unmarried; Lewis, who married Helen ——; James, who married Mary Smith; Luther, who died young; and Charlotte (Mrs. Bulkley Pepper).

Diamon Durgy was born February 25, 1816, in the town of Sherman, and was reared to manhood there, receiving a good common-school education. He engaged in farming, but was also interested extensively and profitably in speculating in cattle, his excellent judgment making him an expert in that line. As a stanch Democrat he took an active part in politics, and he held numerous offices in the town of Sherman, including those of selectman and member of the board of relief. He married Miss Lucy A. Hurd, and they had four children, all of whom lived to maturity: (1) Susan O., born November 16, 1848, in the town of Pawling, Dutchess Co., N. Y., married John M. Treadwell, a well-to-do farmer of New Fairfield, this county; she died in 1882; they had three children: Anna, Marshall and Minnie, of whom Marshall alone is living. (2) Caroline M., born April 10, 1850, in Sherman, Fairfield county, married Charles E. Penny, an agriculturist of the same town; she died in 1882, leaving no children. (3) George W. is mentioned more fully below. (4) Lucy A., born June 18, 1858, in Pawling, Dutchess Co., N. Y., married Nelson T. Hungerford, of Sherman, this county; they have one child, Elsie.

Mrs. Lucy A. (Hurd) Durgy was born April 4, 1815, daughter of Charles D. and Abigail Hurd, prosperous farming people of the town of Sherman. There were seven children: William, who married Laura ——; George, who did not marry; Lucy A. (Mrs. Durgy); Minerva, wife of Daniel Wanzer; Clara, wife of Albert Osborn; Ophelia, wife of Henry Burroughs; and Abigail, who did not marry.

Our subject was born August 11, 1854, in the town of Pawling, Duchess Co., N. Y., and during his youth he attended school at various places, finishing his education at a private school in New Milford, Conn. On completing his studies he engaged in farming which he has ever since followed in connection with the cattle business, meeting with notable success in both occupations, and his extensive farm shows the results of good management. In politics he is a Republican, and he has always been influential as a worker in local affairs, serving on the board of relief, besides holding other offices; for some time he held the position of assessor in his town. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church at Sherman. On December 15, 1886, Mr. Durgy was married to Miss Mary Treadwell Wanzer, by whom he has had three children: Dwight Wanzer, born May 13, 1888; Carolin T., born January 13, 1890; and Alice E., born November 21, 1891.

Mrs. G. W. Durgy was born June 23, 1859, in New Milford, Conn., where she received her education. Her father, Charles H. Wanzer, was one who could appreciate the advantages of intellectual training, and gave his children as good opportunities as lay in his power. He was born in New Milford, March 31, 1834, a son of William Wanzer, and began his education in the common schools of his native town, later attending a private school where he received excellent instruction. For some time he taught successfully, and he also did considerable work as a surveyor, but his energies were chiefly devoted to farming at New Milford, as he owned real estate in that vicinity. In religious faith he was a Quaker, as were his ancestors before him. He died March 20, 1871, at the age of thirty-six years, and his wife, whose maiden name was Caroline E. Treadwell, died September 14, 1867, aged twenty-nine years. Mrs. Durgy was the eldest of five children, of whom three are now living: (2) William D., born September 14, 1860, at New Milford, attended school there for a time, and completed his studies at the Friends

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Boarding School, at Providence, R. I. He is now engaged in farming and tobacco growing in New Milford, where he is a respected citizen. He married Miss Adelle H. McMahon, of New Milford; they have no children. (3) Charles E., born November 18, 1862, died September 3, 1863. (4) Alice C., born April 3, 1866, in New Milford, was educated there in a private school, and is now a successful teacher. (5) Elizabeth, born August 22, 1867, died December 15, same year.

Mrs. Durgy is descended through her paternal grandmother, Hannah Ferris, from Zachariah Ferriss, who was one of the first twelve settlers of the town of New Milford in 1708. He was a very efficient business man, was placed on committees of importance, served in many official capacities, and surveyed more land apparently than any other man in the town during the first one hundred years. He was town treasurer a number of years when taxes were paid in various kinds of grains, which were stored and sometimes accumulated on hand from year to year. He might have been styled, or would be at the present day, president of the Bank of Town Deposits. He married Sarah Read. Their son, Joseph Ferriss, married Hannah Welch. Their son, Zachariah Ferriss, married Phœbe Gaylord. Their son, Zachariah (2), married Hannah Marsh. Their daughter, Hannah, became the wife of William Wanzer, grandfather of Mrs. G. W. Durgy. William Wanzer was a surveyor by occupation. He was an Abolitionist, and his home was one of the "stations" of the "underground railway" of those days. The homestead of the late Diamon Durgy, now occupied by George W. Durgy, his son, is the old home place of the first Wanzer. His name was Abraham. The place passed from father to son for four generations, after which it was owned by Jarvis Wanzer, from him going to his sister's son, Diamon Durgy, the children of George W. Durgy making the seventh generation of Wanzers and their descendants that have lived there.

A brief mention of the Treadwell family will be of interest in this connection. Mrs. Caroline E. Wanzer was born November 15, 1837, a daughter of David and Almira (Briggs) Treadwell, of Sherman, who also had two sons, Edward and Stephen, the latter born in November, 1839. Almira Briggs was one of eight children: Willis, who married Jane Sherwood; Daniel, who died at the age of thirty-six, unmarried; Mary, wife of Northrop Mallory; Sarah A., wife of Marshall Treadwell; Stephen, who married Nancy Stuart; Almira, who married David Treadwell; Caroline, who did not marry; and Charles, who married Jeannette Marsh. David Treadwell was a descendant of Edward Treadwell, tracing his lineage through Benjamin, David and Jabez Treadwell.

ALBERT C. INNIS, a leading horticulturist, dairyman and market gardener of the town of Stratford, is a man whose ability and worth are seen in both private and public life. Although comparatively a new comer in this section, he has already won recognition as a public-spirited citizen, and he is now serving his second term as a selectman for his town.

Mr. Innis was born May 7, 1853, at Rosendale, Fond du Lac Co., Wis., and is descended from an old family of Orange county, N. Y., his ancestors having settled there at an early day. The original ancestor, James Innis, a native of Scotland, was brought to America in 1737 by his mother and sisters, who located in Little Britain, Orange county, N. Y. He married Miss Sybil Ross, of Morristown, N. J., and they became residents of Newburg, Orange county, in 1780. Ten children were born to them: James, Jane, Keziah, Mrs. Lydia Hanmore, Peter, Benjamin, Elsie, Aaron, Sarah and William.

William Innis, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Orange county, N. Y., and passed his life there in agricultural pursuits. William T. Innis, our subject's father, was also a native of Orange county, where he spent his youth upon the old farm. He married Miss Catherine Jessup, of the same county, a daughter of Silas and Mary Ann Jessup, and soon afterward (in 1849) removed to Wisconsin, then a frontier region. He settled upon a tract of land which he cleared and cultivated as a homestead, passing through all the hardships of pioneer life, but some years ago he retired, and he and his wife are now residing in Ripon, Wis. They are devout members of the Congregational Church, and Mr. Innis has always been prominent in public affairs, wherever he has made his home. He was one of the earliest champions of the Free Soil movement in Wisconsin, and helped to organize the Republican party in his section, while he was very active in raising troops during the Civil war. He and his wife had three children, viz.: Albert C., our subject; Florine, who married Fred Scofield, then a farmer, now a resident of Austin, Minn.; and Ida, wife of Harry Higbee, a farmer in Wisconsin.

Albert C. Innis spent his youth in Wisconsin, his education being secured in the schools near his home and in the college at Ripon. On leaving the latter institution he assisted in the work of the homestead for two or three years, but at

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the age of twenty-one he went to Orange county, N. Y., where he remained about two years. On February 10, 1876, he married Miss Lydia Baxter, a native of that county and a daughter of Wellington and Rachel Baxter, highly esteemed residents of that section. Mr. Innis and his bride went to Wisconsin to make their home upon a farm, but after one year they returned to Orange county, where he taught school two years. The next two years he spent in Wisconsin; then, in 1881, removed to New York City and engaged in the express business, in which he continued five years. He then became interested in mercantile business, after six years retiring, and in April, 1893, he located at Stratford, purchasing his present homestead. This comprises about forty acres of land, which he devotes to fruit raising, making a specialty of berries and peaches. In addition to this line of work he has been building up a dairy business, in which he is meeting with success. He also represents the Bowker's Fertilizing Company and the D. M. Osborne Machine Company, finding a profitable market for their wares. Like his father, he is a stanch Republican, and soon after his arrival in Stratford he was elected to the office of constable, which he still holds. In 1896 he was elected as second selectman, and in 1897 he was again chosen to that position. Socially, he is identified with the Grange, the Order of American Mechanics, and the I. O. O. F., Oronoque Lodge No. 90, at Stratford, while he is also an active member of the Mutual Hook and Ladder Hose Company, of Stratford. He and his family are members of the Baptist Church at Bridgeport. Two attractive daughters brighten his home: Eva L., a graduate of the New York City High School and the New Haven Normal School, and now teaching in the public schools of Stratford; and Edna, a graduate of the Stratford High School.

JOHN HENRY JENNINGS, one of the leading citizens and most influential men of Westport, Fairfield county, and among the most extensive farmers of the town, was born there August 5, 1840. Both his father and grandfather before him were natives of the same town, and farmers by occupation. Burr Jennings, the grandfather, married Mercy Morehouse, a native of Westport, and the children born to them are as follows: Matilda, Betsey, Eunice, Ellen, Marietta, Alethea, Burr (who was a farmer of Westport), and John Morehouse (referred to farther on). The father of this family died June 19, 1845, aged seventy-seven years, and the mother on February 9, 1842.

John Morehouse Jennings, the father of our subject, was born December 9, 1798, on his father's farm, and on reaching manhood married Miss Mary Osborn, born January 13, 1804, who died April 16, 1830. His second wife was Miss Anna B. Jennings, also a native of the town of Westport, born September 15, 1804. After their marriage they settled on the farm on which their son John H. now resides, and here reared their six children, namely: Mary, who married Nelson Alvord; Jarvis, a farmer, who died in Virginia; Susan, who married Henry Hull; Eliza, who married Austin Jennings; and Emily, wife of Ebenezer Beers. The father of these children died January 10, 1883, and the mother on October 10, 1890. Both were good people, living lives of usefulness. They were identified with the Congregational Church, as are all their children.

John Henry Jennings was reared on the home farm, attending first the neighborhood schools, and as he became older he went for a time to the Green's Farms Academy, his school days ceasing when he was eighteen years of age. At twenty he assumed the management of the farm, and has ever since conducted it. By his industrious habits and perseverance, together with wise management, he has prospered. He is a man of business ability, and his good judgment and tact shown in the successful management of his own affairs have brought him into notice, and coupled his name with some of the leading enterprises and financial institutions of the locality. He is a director in the Westport National Bank; is president of the Creamery Association; also president of the Green's Farms Farmers Club, for twelve years. In politics he is a Republican, has served his town as selectman, and filled most of the offices in the gift of his town. He is representing his town in the present session (1899) of the Connecticut House of Representatives at Hartford. He is a member of the Congregational Church, and for twenty years served as chairman of the Society's committee. He is a man of the strictest integrity and honor, and has had the settling up of many estates. He is the owner of a fine farm of some one hundred acres of well-improved land, and of a considerable number of houses.

On November 20, 1867, Mr. Jennings was married to Mary C. Burr, a daughter of Eben Burr, a farmer of the town of Fairfield, and they have been blessed with children as follows: Oliver H., a farmer, married to Bertha S. Coley, of Wilton; Mary A., married to Albert E. Birks, of Bridgeport; and Anna B., unmarried, living at home.

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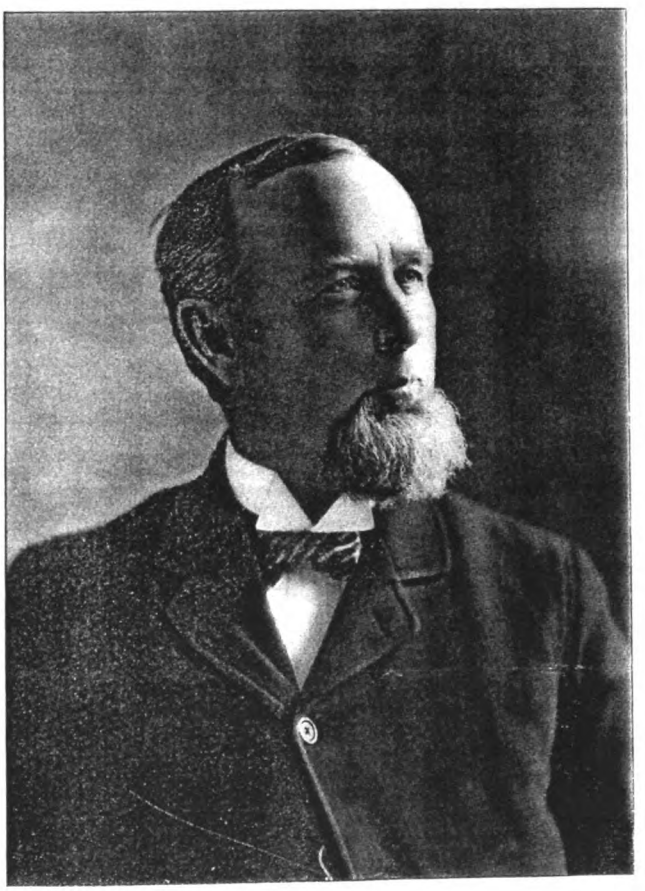

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CORNELIUS G. TAYLOR, one of the leading dairymen of New Canaan, Fairfield county, was born December 1, 1856, at White Plains, Westchester Co., N. Y., and has lived in New Canaan since he was ten years old.

Sandusky Taylor, father of our subject, was also a native of Westchester county, born in the town of Pound Ridge, where his father, David Taylor, carried on blacksmithing. There he spent the period of his youth and early manhood, and for a number of years was engaged in boating, afterward following railroading, in New Jersey. He married Oriantha Julier, a lady of French ancestry, and two children were born to them: Eva and Cornelius G. The daughter is the wife of Charles Tooker, and has five children—Sumner, Ella, William, Walter and Leon. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor passed away in 1864 and 1860, respectively.

Cornelius G. Taylor lived at Hoboken, N. J., until he was ten years old, at which time he came to New Canaan, and here for several years he worked with Stephen Raymond on a farm, in the meantime attending the district school whenever possible. At the age of eighteen years he went to New York City, where for two years he worked in a tin shop, finally returning to New Canaan. In 1877 he was married in that town to Nancy E. Tallmadge, daughter of William H. Tallmadge, and they have one child, Lorena T. Mr. Taylor has carried on the dairy business in New Canaan for a number of years; and has a prosperous and steadily growing trade, and a regular demand for the output of his dairy, which he sells wholesale to parties in Stamford. He is recognized as one of the substantial, valuable men of the community in which he resides, and his fellow citizens have shown their appreciation of his worth by electing him to various public offices, such as assessor, selectman, member of the school board, etc., which he has filled to their satisfaction. He is a Democrat in political faith, and socially he is a member of the Grange at New Canaan, and Wooster Lodge No. 37, I. O. O. F., of New Canaan.

WILLIAM A. GILBERT, one of the younger of the business men of the town of Ridgefield, and a member of the firm of Osborn & Gilbert, which is one of the substantial and prominent business concerns of the county, was born in what is now Brooklyn, New York, January 17, 1853.

Mr. Gilbert is of the fifth generation of the family who have dwelt in Connecticut. Ebenezer Gilbert, his great-great-grandfather, married Rebecca Dayton, and their children were: Hezekiah, born October 14, 1735; Elisha, born May 4, 1738; Rebecca, born November 14, 1740; Isaac, born October 21, 1742; Abner, born January 10, 1745, died March 1, 1820; Joel, born February 21, 1747; Ebenezer, born February 6, 1749; Samuel, born August 17, 1752; and David. The father of these died April 18, 1798, and the mother passed away in 1801.

William A. Gilbert is in line of descent from Abner Gilbert, who married Martha Baxter, she dying April 10, 1808. Their children were: Abner, born April 28, 1772, died September 9, 1778; Daton, born August 14, 1774, died August 31, 1778; Martha, born December 7, 1776, died November 26, 1801; Abner (2), born November 15, 1780, died October 1, 1855; Huldah, born November 25, 1781; Daton (2), born September 19, 1783; and Harvey, born October 3, 1786, died June 14, 1837.

Abner Gilbert (2), the direct ancestor of William A. Gilbert, married Laura Baker, who was born January 11, 1787, and died February 3, 1844. Their children were: Patty, born July 4, 1806, died November 3, 1875; Abner (3), born February 24, 1808, died November 23, 1892; Joel Abbott, born March 22, 1811, died August 6, 1825; Sarah, born July 11, 1813, died May 5, 1882; Laura Baker, born June 22, 1815, died October 25, 1893; Elizabeth Baxter, born May 31, 1818, died September 10, 1873; Richard Lee, born March 5, 1820, died December 18, 1889; Martha, born April 16, 1821, died November 1, 1825; Henry Augustus, born August 17, 1823, died March 11, 1886; John Adams, born December 24, 1825; Rebecca Dayton, born January 10, 1829, died January 19, 1892; and Amos Baker, born January 9, 1831, died October 28, 1889. Abner Gilbert (2) was a man of prominence in the county, and one of the leading merchants and citizens in the community in which he lived. His business descended to other generations, and was carried on by them up to about 1859 or 1860. In 1812 he built the house now (1898) owned by George H. Newton. Prior to that he resided where Taylor Bates now lives. His wife was one of the leading women and a very active member of the M. E. Church of the locality in which she lived. She was a daughter of Dr. Amos Baker, the man who propagated and introduced what became known as the Baker apple. He was one of the leading practitioners of medicine in that section. He married Sarah Stebbins, who was born December 27, 1760, and died May 14, 1804. The Doctor died March 31, 1823. Their children were: Benjamin, born November

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15, 1780, died December 27, 1780; Sarah, born January 27, 1782, died February 2, 1809; Elizabeth, born March 7, 1785, died February 19, 1844; Laura, born January 11, 1787, died February 3, 1844; and Amos, born December 6, 1789.

Abner Gilbert (3), the father of William A., on September 1, 1838, married Frances M. Lewis, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Keeler) Lewis, and their children are: Lizzie, born July 9, 1839, died unmarried September 4, 1895; Abner (4), born September 3, 1841, died June 22, 1854; and William A., mentioned more fully farther on. The father of these went to Danbury in about 1838, and became engaged in the lumber business. He followed this line of business for some years, then went to New York City and carried on a hat store. In 1859 or 1860 he moved to the town of Ridgefield, and was occupied in farming, residing, after one year, on the Dr. Amos Baker homestead. After moving to the Baker homestead he followed gardening for the markets. He was a man of good business ability, one of the substantial citizens of the community and commanded the esteem and respect of all. He was very systematic and methodical in all his business affairs. In his political views he was first a Whig, then a Republican; was identified with the Methodist Church, and reared his children to follow in his footsteps. He read a good deal, and was a man of good information.

William A. Gilbert received a good English education, attending first the common schools of the town, and finishing in the High Ridge boarding school—a school for boys taught by William O. Seymour. He closed his school days at about seventeen, but remained at home until about 1884. He then began clerking for Seymour & Barhite, with whom he remained employed some eight years. In 1892 he went to the home place, where he remained until March 1, 1895; then became one of the firm of Osborn & Gilbert, successors to Isaac Osborn & Son, in the lumber business. Mr. Gilbert is a representative business man of the town, intelligent, capable, and enterprising. He is identified with the M. E. Church. He has never married.

JAMES E. HUBBELL, a leading merchant of Saugatuck, is a citizen whose character fully justifies the high esteem in which he is held in his community. In early manhood he demonstrated his patriotism and courage as a soldier in the Union army, serving with such gallantry as to win promotion from the ranks to the grade of captain, and throughout his life he has shown in every position that he possesses the qualities of the true American.

Captain Hubbell was born May 2, 1842, in Westport, this county, where his youth was mainly spent. His father, David S. Hubbell, a native of the town of Easton, this county, became a carpenter by occupation, and for many years resided in Westport, where his death occurred in 1853. He was a man of intelligence, taking much interest in political issues of his day, and while he was a Whig in early life, he afterward joined the Republican party. He married Miss Lura Gregory, of Norwalk, and had seven children, as follows: Lewis is engaged in the lumber business in Norwalk; John (deceased) was a carpenter in Westport; Nelson resides in Norwalk, where he follows the carpenter's trade; Sarah died unmarried; William is a tinsmith in Norwalk; James E., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; and Miss Rachel is a resident of Middletown, Connecticut.

The Captain obtained a common-school education during boyhood, and at the age of fifteen he became a clerk in A. L. Winton's general store in Saugatuck, Conn.. After spending four years there, he went to South Norwalk to take a similar position, and remained until his enlistment as a private in Company E, 17th Conn. V. I. He was mustered into service August 28, 1862, and soon afterward was promoted to the rank of first sergeant, passing later through the grades of second and first lieutenant to that of captain. Some severe fighting fell to his lot, and among the engagements in which he took part were the battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and Charleston. He received but one wound, although the saber hanging at his side was struck twice. In August, 1865, he was discharged from the service, and in September of that year he bought out the store at Saugatuck which he has since conducted. For six months he was in partnership with A. L. Winton, and later was associated for sixteen years with Rufus Wakeman, but since that he has had Frederick Bradley as a partner. Their business is extensive, a general store being combined with a trade in coal, wood and mason's materials, and their judicious management promises to bring even greater returns in the future. Mr. Hubbell is identified with other business enterprises, his sound judgment being recognized among his associates, and he is now serving as a director of the First National Bank at Westport, and trustee of the Savings Bank at Westport. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and for twenty-five years he has held the office of postmaster at Saugatuck. A

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present he is a member of the executive board of the Saugatuck High School, and all measures for the benefit of his town receive his hearty sympathy and co-operation. As might be supposed from his military record, he is active in the G. A. R., and he and his family are deservedly popular in the best social circles of the neighborhood.

On May 16, 1866, Mr. Hubbell married Miss Amelia A. Taylor, daughter of E. W. Taylor, a well-known citizen of Westport, and their home is brightened by two children: Edward W. and Robert H.

GEORGE FRANKLIN COOK. It is a pleasure to record for posterity the personal histories of the honored veterans of the Civil war, and among those mentioned in this volume one cannot fail to note the large number of foreign-born citizens, who, like this well-known resident of Bridgeport, risked their lives freely in the cause of liberty.

Mr. Cook was born April 30, 1843, at Birmingham, England, and comes of thrifty, industrious stock. His grandfather, Richard Capton Cook, was a miller at Manchester, England, where he resided for many years, he and his wife Maria rearing a family of three children: Richard Capton (2), Thomas and Maria.

Richard Capton Cook (2), our subject's father, was born in 1817, at Manchester, England, and was married in England to Mary Anstey. In 1847 he came to America with his family and located in Bridgeport, where he engaged in business as a baker. His death occurred there, in 1855, from injuries received in a runaway accident while driving his delivery wagon. His widow died in 1884. Of his six children, four were born in England, namely: Thomas W. (born December 18, 1841), George F., John Henry, and Mary Ann; while two—Emma Jane and Matilda Elizabeth—were born in Bridgeport.

Our subject was only four years old when he came to Bridgeport. His education was chiefly obtained in the public schools of that city, although he had attended a private school in Birmingham for a short time. At the age of twelve years he left school, and took up farming. In 1861, when eighteen years old, he enlisted as a private in Company I, 9th Conn. V. I. At the expiration of his term, in 1864, he re-enlisted in the same regiment, and served until discharged on August 3, 1865. He was assigned to special duty as wagon master, being the only one that his regiment ever had; but whenever his comrades were called into active service he shouldered a musket with the rest. At the battle of Cedar Creek, on October 19, 1864, he was shot in both legs, and his horse was captured by the enemy. The faithful animal soon escaped, however, and returned to the Union lines. On November 30, 1861, Mr. Cook left Boston on the ship "Kingfisher," having charge of sixty horses for his regiment, and he landed every one of them safely at their destination. This work required the most assiduous care, and he was often ridiculed for his caution by another wagon master on the vessel who had in charge seventy horses for the 26th Massachusetts Regiment. On December 3 the ship encountered a gale off Cape Hatteras, and out of the seventy horses all died but one, which did not live to reach the end of the voyage, the methods of the two wagon masters being thus brought into sharp contrast. On his return to Bridgeport at the close of the war, Mr. Cook spent three years in the milk business, and ten years in a grocery business on East Main street, but for twenty years past he has conducted a livery stable on Kossuth street. He is a strong Republican, and at times has taken an active part in local politics. His popularity is shown by the fact that in 1880, when a candidate for alderman, he was defeated by a small vote in a ward which normally gives a Democratic majority of 800. Socially, he belongs to the G. A. R., Elias Howe Post No. 3, at Bridgeport.

On February 1, 1871, Mr. Cook married Miss Hattie S. Winton, a daughter of Deacon Ebenezer Winton, a prominent resident of Easton. She passed to the unseen life August 5, 1880, and on November 29, 1881, he married Miss Anna E. Booth, daughter of David Booth, a well-known citizen of Bridgeport, residing at No. 174 Kossuth street. By the first marriage there were two children: Franklin S., born November 29, 1872, who is now engaged in the stamp business in Kentucky; and Susan Louisa, born April 1, 1876, who received a collegiate education, and now resides in Toledo, Iowa. By the second marriage there is one son Alexander, born September, 13, 1888.

JAMES E. CAMP, one of Bridgeport's most popular citizens, has been connected with the Cabinet Department of the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company for many years, and has won a high standing in business circles as well as social life. He belongs to an old Connecticut family, and his grandfather, George Camp, who married Julia Mott, was a well-known agriculturist at Norfolk.

Joseph Camp, the father of our subject, was

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born at Norfolk, in January, 1828, and after completing a course in the local schools he learned the cabinet maker's trade there. Later he resided for a time at Sheffield, Mass., and in 1860 he settled in Bridgeport, where he still resides. For a few years he was employed by Jacob Kiefer, but he has since held a responsible position with the Wheeler & Wilson Company. In 1849 he was married at Sheffield to Miss Nancy Munn, a daughter of William Munn, a native of England. They have had five children: Anna Roselle, wife of W. E. Halligan, of Bridgeport; James E., our subject; Frank M. and George W., risidents of Bridgeport, and Minnie O., who married Charles A. Campbell, of New York City.

Our subject was born August 25, 1853, at Sheffield, Mass., and was about seven years old at the time of the removal of the family to Bridgeport. He was educated in the public schools of the latter city, and in 1867, at the age of fourteen years, he began an apprenticeship in the cabinet department of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company's factory. At the age of twenty-four he took a contract in connection with the trimming department of the same company, and for twenty-one years he has continued in charge of that work. Although formerly a Democrat, he is now a Republican in politics, and his popularity is shown by the fact that he has been elected to office on the ticket of both parties. He served one term as councilman, having been elected as a Democrat, and one term as selectman, being elected by the Republican party, and among the other offices held by him is that of assessor, in which he served four years.

In 1874 Mr. Camp was married in Bridgeport to Miss Della A. Brundage, daughter of Reuben G. Brundage, a well-known citizen of Bridgeport. Two children have blessed this union: Frederick H. and Mabel E. Mr. Camp has a pleasant home at No. 117 Maple street, Bridgeport, and he and his family are connected with the best social circles of that city. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, Corinthian Lodge No. 104, Hamilton Commandery, also Pyramid Temple, Mystic Shrine, and since 1879 he has been an active worker in Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, I. O. O. F., and Stratfield Encampment. In 1892 he was sent as a delegate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., at Portland, Ore.; in 1893 at Milwaukee, Wis., and in 1894 at Chattanooga, Tenn., he served in the same capacity. In 1891 he was Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of the State of Connecticut, and at present he is grand treasurer of the Grand Encampment of Connecticut.

REV. J. H. HOYT, for the past six years the pastor of the New Canaan Congregational Church, has during his ministry in this town exerted a marked influence for good both as a spiritual adviser and as a Christian citizen. He has gained the admiration and respect of his fellowmen in all the walks of life wherever his duties, pastoral or social, have called him.

Mr. Hoyt was born, in 1849, in the town of Greenfield, Saratoga Co., N. Y., and there passed his early life on the parental farm. In that locality, in addition to pleasant surroundings, he had the advantages afforded by the public schools of the town of Milton and the Saratoga Academy, where he pursued the preparatory study necessary to fit him for the higher training of the college which it was his ambition and purpose to enter. Accordingly, in 1869, he became a member of the Freshman Class of Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., in which institution he took the classical course, graduating in 1873, carrying off first prize for Junior oration, and also first prize for essay in English literature. While at college he was a member of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity. In 1873 he satisfied his long cherished convictions of duty by entering the Union Theological Seminary of New York City, from which he graduated in 1876, the same year receiving the degree of Master of Arts from Union College. He was ordained and licensed by the classis of Westchester in 1876, in which year he took his first pastoral charge, the Reformed Dutch Church near Tarrytown, N. Y., which he served very acceptably for two years. At the end of this time he accepted a call presented to him by the Presbyterian Church of Bedford, N. Y., which he felt it his duty to answer, and was installed in 1878. His labors among these people were highly successful, and all the interests of the congregation prospered greatly under his efficient ministry, which lasted for thirteen years, until 1891, when a wider field was opened to him by the Congregational Church of New Canaan, his present charge, which extended to him a cordial invitation to become its pastor. Though reluctant to leave an attached and harmonious people, to whom his ministrations had been a constant blessing, he felt it incumbent on him, in view of opportunities for increased usefulness in the Master's vineyard, to sunder his connection with the Bedford Church, and undertake more arduous duties in the new field.

Removing, therefore, to New Canaan, he became settled as pastor of this old and influential Church, and here he has since been retained, carrying on the work of the Master with a zeal and fidelity which has made him beloved not only

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by his congregation but by all with whom he has come in contact. In connection with his Church work, Mr. Hoyt serves as visiting chaplain to the Soldiers Home at Noroton; this position he has held for five years, preaching to the old veterans twice every month, and by his interest in their welfare he has greatly endeared himself to all the inmates of the home. Mr. Hoyt possesses strong and attractive qualities of head and heart, and his sermons are chaste in style, clear in argument, logical in reasoning and direct in application, the effect of all being heightened by an animated and forcible delivery. His wide reading of and acquaintance with secular as well as sacred literature are apparent in all his discourses, which show careful and conscientious preparation, and are interwoven in an interesting manner with illustrations drawn from his own observations as well as from books. And this knowledge, this eloquence, this strength of purpose, are all made tributary and subservient to the one great end kept steadily in view—the impression of God's soul-saving truths upon men's hearts and minds. Ever abreast of the times, he keeps himself familiar with the various phases of religious thought in the present day, and, though moderate and even liberal in his own theological views, so far as not owning subjection to man-made theories or formulas is concerned, he never falters in his adherence to the great doctrines of the Cross; or the recognized standards in which the "faith now delivered to the saints" finds fitting expression. These traits of character account sufficiently for the freshness which imparts steady interest to his pulpit ministrations, and for the hold which he maintains on the hearts of those who wait on his ministry. Personally, Mr. Hoyt is admirably adapted to the many every-day calls made upon one in his position, having a frank, genial, companionable and sympathetic disposition, which he has plenty of opportunity for exercising. Prompt and faithful in the discharge of his pastoral duties, easy and affable in his intercourse with all classes in the community, given to hospitality as the pastor of a Church should be, and ably seconded in this and all other efforts by an equally courteous, cordial, and devoted Christian wife, it is not necessary to explain why he is held in such popular esteem in New Canaan as a faithful pastor and good citizen, or why his ministry in his different charges has been attended with such success. Mr. Hoyt was married in 1876, at Tarrytown, N. Y., to Miss Sarah Bennett, daughter of James Bennett, of Sterling, New York.

James Taylor Hoyt, grandfather of Mr. Hoyt, was a native of Bethel, N. Y., and there followed his profession, that of school teacher, for many years. On account of asthmatic trouble he emigrated from that locality and settled in Saratoga county, N. Y., where he continued teaching until in his old age total blindness forced him to relinquish it. He was a member of the Congregational Church. He married Rachel Starr, and had five children, namely: Samuel Starr; Rev. Zira T. Hoyt, of Saratoga, who is the only one of the family now living; Rev. James Hoyt, who was pastor of the First Church of Orange, N. J.; Rebecca and Lois.

Samuel Starr Hoyt was born in the town of Bethel, in the year 1808, and removed with the family to Saratoga county, N. Y., where he received his education. His life work was farming, which he carried on for the most part in Saratoga county, N. Y., though for a time he farmed in Michigan, near Lansing. He was interested and prominent in the civil, religious and political movements of his time and place, being an active member of the Congregational Church, and devoted to Church and temperance work. He was originally a Whig in politics, and following the issues of the day became in turn an Abolitionist and finally a Republican. He was a highly respected citizen, and served as supervisor in the town of Milton, Saratoga county. Samuel S. Hoyt was married in Saratoga county, N. Y., to Roxie Caulkins, and they became the parents of eight children: Of whom, Elizabeth (Mrs. Prior) is living in Saratoga, N. Y.; Jane (Mrs. Emigh) is deceased; Lois is deceased; Lucy, the widow of Josephus Whittemore, lives in South Dakota; James Howard has already been spoken of; Hiram Luther is pastor of the Congregational Church at Flint, Mich.; Mary (Mrs. Seeley) makes her home in California; and Charles Edward is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Durham, Greene Co., N. Y. The father of this family died at Saratoga Springs in the spring of 1895, preceded to the grave by his wife, who passed away in 1890 at the same place.

HANS PETERSEN, a respected, industrious citizen of Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., was born April 19, 1850, in Schleswig-Holstein, then a part of Denmark, now a Province of Germany, and was the youngest child of Peter and Elizabeth Petersen, who had a large family.

During his early boyhood Mr. Petersen attended the common schools in his native land, and when but ten years of age hired out as a farm hand, at which occupation he continued while in the old country. In the spring of 1874, believing that he would have more chance for

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advancement in the United States, he set sail from Hamburg in the vessel "Turingia," which arrived at New York City after a voyage of fifteen days. From there he went to Plainfield, N. J., where he secured work as a laborer. In New York City, on June 25, 1874, he was married to Miss Marie C. Hartvig, she having preceded him to this country. She was born in Denmark, February 27, 1851, and was a daughter of Jorgen and Katrina Hartvig, being the third child in a family of five. In the fall of 1873 she came to this country, making the voyage from Hamburg to New York in the "Gotha," the trip consuming thirteen days. From New York Mrs. Petersen went to Plainfield, N. J., where within a short time she obtained employment.

After their marriage our subject and his wife returned to Plainfield, where they resided until the following spring. They then lived in Fairfield, Conn., for a time, and in 1876 removed to Trempeleau county, Wis., Mr. Petersen investing in an eighty-acre tract of new land there, on which they made their home for one year. Not liking the country out there, however, they returned to Fairfield in 1877, and he was engaged at various occupations here until 1891, when he commenced carpenter work with E. H. Smith, and with him continued until he entered the employ of Thomas Forsythe, carpenter and contractor, remaining with him up to the present writing. Mr. Petersen has proved himself a steady, reliable man in whatever capacity he has been engaged, and he and his family occupy an excellent position among the respected residents of the community. Mrs. Petersen is a competent helpmeet for her thrifty husband, as well as an excellent manager, and she deserves her share of credit for the prosperity which they now enjoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Petersen have had three children, as follows: Annie K. is a stenographer and lives at home; Peter W. is in New York City, and George H. is at present attending the Bridgeport High School. Mr. and Mrs. Petersen have been members of the Congregational Church since 1877. He is a stanch Republican in political connection, and, fraternally, he united with Pequonnock Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Bridgeport. In 1893 he built the present comfortable home of the family.

FREDERICK BARNUM CROFUTT, the youngest son of Harris L. and Hannah A. (Barnum) Crofutt, was born August 6, 1858, in Danbury, and after receiving a public-school education, found employment, at the age of nineteen, as a cutter in James Ryder's marble yard, in the same town. There he remained until September 26, 1877, and he then spent two years—from November 19, 1877, to September 1, 1879—with C. L. Halstead, a druggist. On September 6, 1879, he entered the employ of the Adams Express Company as a driver, and was afterward promoted to the position of way-bill clerk. In the fall of 1884 he went to Philadelphia, Penn., to take a course in shorthand and typewriting in Haven's Business College, and on graduating, in the spring of 1885, he returned to Danbury. In 1886 he was employed by Carter & Co., a New York publishing firm, to assist in the preparation of directories for Danbury and other cities. In the following spring he became a member of the firm of Thompson, Breed & Crofutt, directory publishers, who, after making directories for Southern cities, transferred their operations to the North, and prepared directories for Yonkers, N. Y., and Danbury, Conn. In 1888 Mr. Crofutt began publishing the Danbury Directory independently, and for twelve years he has issued the volume annually.

In the meantime Mr. Crofutt has been actively interested in local affairs. On September 1, 1885, he was appointed deputy registrar of voters by his father, and on the resignation of the latter, in 1887, was elected to the office of registrar, which he held until the fall of 1895. In June, 1895, he was appointed to fill his father's unexpired term as constable, and on October 7, of that year, he was elected to that office, in which he is now serving. Among the notable arrests made by him, that of the bigamist, Jeannette Smalley Kaashan (or Hall), attracted most attention. She was arrested at Newburgh, N. Y., extradited and returned to this county, where she was convicted at the May term of court, 1896, and sentenced to the penitentiary for three years.

Frederick B. Crofutt is an ardent Republican, and on one occasion was made to suffer for his active work for the party. Having been appointed in June, 1890, to the position of captain of Hose Company No. 2, in the paid fire department, he was requested in June, 1894, to resign, for political reasons. We quote from the Danbury *News* the words of Councilman Goos, at that time chairman of the fire committee of the city council. "The removal is made necessary by Mr. Crofutt's prominence in political work in direct violation of the rules of the department. Mr. Crofutt is an excellent department officer, and I cannot say anything against him personally." Soon after Mr. Crofutt's enforced resigna-

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on five members of his company tendered their esignations to Mayor Andrews and left the ervice. One was Robert W. Davis, afterward ouncilman from the First ward and a member f the Fire committee; another, Frank G. Bou-n, since city clerk for two years, and a third, rederick A. Hoyt, is captain of Hose Company o. 1 in the paid fire department.

Socially, Frederick B. Crofutt belongs to augussett Tribe No. 3, Improved Order of Red len; Union Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M.; Eureka hapter No. 23, R. A. M., and to Samaritan odge No. 7, I. O. O. F., in which latter lodge e has passed through the chairs. On February 4, 1897, he was married to Miss Florence H. larvey, of Danbury, a niece of ex-Mayor Charles S. Peck. They have one daughter, Marion, born December 19, 1898.

FRANK N. TAYLOR, a prosperous and energetic business man, and an excellent citizen of Westport, Fairfield county, was born here April 21, 1854, being of the fourth generation of the family born in Fairfield county.

Jonathan Taylor, his great-grandfather, married Orpha Gregory, and reared his family on a farm in the town of Westport.

Capt. Alfred Taylor, grandfather of Frank N., in early life learned the shoemaker's trade, followed it for a time, then became a farmer. He married Chloe Gregory, and to them were born five children, namely: Warren died when young; Alfred N. is the father of our subject; Betsey Ann married John Goodsell, of the town of Westport, formerly a shoemaker, but at the time of his death a grocer; Nancy married Walter Bradley, a farmer of Redding, and Emeline married Bejamin Fitch, a shoemaker, and later a farmer. The parents of this family lived and died in the town of Westport. The father gained his title from his connection with the militia in the "training days."

Alfred N. Taylor, the father of our subject, was born August 5, 1821, in the town of Westport, Conn. He learned the carpenter's trade which he followed in connection with farming throughout his lifetime. He was an industrious and hardworking man, and a man of good common sense, practical in his ideas, and made an excellent neighbor and citizen. He married Susan Grumman, a daughter of Hiram Grumman, of Wilton, Fairfield county. This marriage was blessed with the following five children: Ruth Ann married George Richardson, of Westport, and is now deceased; Nancy married Joseph Brower, a shoemaker by trade, and is also now deceased; Sarah L. married Henry Grupe, of New Canaan, and they are now residing on a farm in Iowa; Alice married John Tinkler, now a resident of Westport, formerly of Brooklyn; and Frank N. is our subject. After the marriage of the parents they settled on a farm in the town of Westport. Both are now deceased, the the father dying August 3, 1888, and the mother on June 7, 1854. They were members of the Episcopal Church; in his political views he was a Democrat.

Mrs. Susan (Grumman) Taylor was fifth in order of birth in a family of five children, the others being as follows: Marvin, Russell, Catherine and Sarah M. The Grummans were of English extraction.

Frank N. Taylor passed his boyhood on his father's farm, where he was reared to the age of seventeen, and there received such education as the general farmer gave his sons. He then came to Westport as an apprentice to the trade and business which he now conducts, serving his time with John B. Goodsell, then the proprietor of the store. On the completion of his apprenticeship, young Taylor worked two years for his employer, then was taken into partnership, and such relations existed until March, 1881. At that time Mr. Taylor became sole proprietor, and has ever since conducted the business alone. He deals in stoves, pumps, tin, sheet-iron and copper ware, does steam-fitting, gas-fitting, plumbing, and jobbing of all kinds in the best manner and on the most reasonable terms. He is the agent at Westport for Boynton's latest patent furnaces. Besides being a first-class workman, he is a good judge of all materials in his line, and one desiring any goods of his kind or materials will do well to give him a call. Mr. Taylor commands the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens. In politics he follows the views held by his ancestors, and gives his allegiance to the Democratic party. At this writing he is auditor of the town of Westport, and he has served the county as grand juror. Socially, he is a member of Temple Lodge No. 65, F. & A. M.

On December 27, 1876, Mr. Taylor was married to Isabelle Allen, of Newtown, Conn., a daughter of William Allen, and to them have children as follows: Lula B., Susan A. and Mildred, all at home.

CLARA J. BRADLEY, a well-known and highly respected resident of the town of Easton, Fairfield county, comes of an old established family, the members of which have for the most part engaged in agricultural pursuits

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for many generations back. She was born November 14, 1852, in the town of Easton, Fairfield county, and educated at the Westport school.

Gersham Bradley, grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Weston (now Easton), Fairfield county, and during the greater part of his busy life kept a general store at Easton, at the same time conducting a farm. In religious faith he was a member of the Congregational Church at Easton, and in his political sympathies was always a sound Democrat. By his wife Mary (Scudder), of Huntington, L. I., he had children as follows: Sarah (Mrs. Williams), Deborah (Mrs. Parrack), Maria (Mrs. Spear), Betsey (Mrs. Platt), Matsey (Mrs. Bates), Scudder, Burr, Harry, Lewis (a sketch of whom follows) and Gersham.

Lewis Bradley, father of our subject, was born in the town of Easton, in 1810, and died April 15, 1869. He was a lifelong agriculturist, and one of the most highly esteemed citizens in the county. During the old-time militia days he was captain of a train band; in politics he was an ardent Democrat, and in religious faith he was a member of the Congregational Church of Easton. On January 20, 1833, he married Miss Rhoda A. Andrews, who was born May 15, 1813, a daughter of Joseph H. and Clara (Thorp) Andrews, and their children were as follows: Sarah J., married to William H. Couch; Walker B., deceased at the age of thirty-two years; Lewis B., married to Henrietta N. Jones; Gertrude A., wife of Aaron B. Wood; and Agnes A. and Clara J., both unmarried. The mother of this family passed from earth February 13, 1892. Of the Andrews family, Francis was the first to make a settlement in the United States, becoming a farmer. Of his children, John Andrews was born in 1646, and died in 1683; John, son of John, was born October 24, 1679, married Helnirah Burr, who was born October 26, 1680, a daughter of Daniel Burr, who was a son of John Burr, one of the first settlers of Fairfield county.

Deacon Daniel Andrews, another descendant of Francis Andrews, above mentioned, was born February 20, 1715, and died January 10, 1800. He was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war. Daniel, son of this Deacon Daniel, was born April 27, 1754, and was the great-great-grandfather of our subject. He married Elizabeth Hyde, who was born December 5, 1753, and the names and dates of their children are as follows: Anna, born November 18, 1779; Sarah, September 1, 1781; Ephraim, April 9, 1783; Joseph H., March 20, 1785; Sillick S., January 14, 1787; Elizabeth, January 11, 1790; Daniel, October 27, 1791; and Mabel, June 27, 1795.

Joseph H. Andrews, grandfather of Miss Clara J. Bradley, was born in the town of Weston, Fairfield county, March 20, 1785, and kept a "plantation" there on the spot where is yet the home of the family, and they were the owners of several slaves. He married Clara Thorp, who was born September 21, 1788, daughter of Ebenezer and Rhoda (Lockwood) Thorp, and two children came to their union, viz.: Rhoda A., born May 15, 1813; and Abigail T., born December 26, 1817, at Weston; she was educated in Westport; she died unmarried, and was a lifelong consistent member of the Congregational Church of Weston. She ably conducted the farm that descended to her from her honored ancestry. In March, 1852, Joseph G. Smith became a member of the family, and carried on the interests of the farm until his death, which occurred April 24, 1898.

SIMON C. SHERWOOD, classed among the best and most substantial citizens of Southport, comes of a family of good repute and loyal ever. In the early history of England, during the days of "Robin Hood and Little John," Sherwood Forest, in Nottinghamshire, is frequently mentioned, and from the proprietors of that historic ground—Thomas Sherwood and his two brothers—are descended the Sherwoods of Fairfield county, Connecticut.

Thomas Sherwood, the progenitor of the American Sherwoods, came to Fairfield from England about 1650, prior to the organization of the town; tradition says one brother went East and the other West. He settled originally at Hull's Farms, and here for two or three generations his posterity was born. This Thomas died about 1675. His son Thomas, who lived in Fairfield, died about 1698, and he had a son Samuel, also of Fairfield, who had a son Daniel. This Daniel removed to Hull's Farms, and he married Martha Hull, who is descended from the same ancestry as William B. Hull. Her grandmother was killed by the Indians in a small house in which she lived—the first house erected in the vicinity. Daniel and Martha (Hull) Sherwood kept a tavern during the Revolutionary period, and he died at Hull's Farms in 1784, at the age of seventy-seven. His son Daniel had a son William, who was the father of Capt. Edwin Sherwood, and grandfather of the subject proper of this sketch.

Daniel Sherwood (2) graduated from Yale in 1756. He married Abigail, daughter of Deacon

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John Andrews, of Greens Farms, and their children were Daniel, Ralph, Walter, Justus, Aaron, Stephen, William, Abigail, Elizabeth and Ellen.

William Sherwood was a farmer, sailor and merchant. He remained on the old homestead with his father until his marriage with Abigail Couch, who was born at Greens Farms, August 14, 1782, and by whom he had children—Simon, William, Edwin, Cyrus, Abigail, Aaron, Mary, Albert and Elizabeth. The parents died at Hull's Farms, the father in April, 1844, the mother in 1858, at the age of seventy-seven; she was a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Sherwood was a Whig in politics.

Edwin Sherwood, son of William and Abigail (Couch) Sherwood, and father of Simon C., was born February 24, 1805. At the age of seventeen, equipped with a common-school education, he left his father's farm and shipped as a common sailor on the sloop "John," later serving on the schooner "Orbit," the brig "America," and the "Georgia," plying between New York, Boston and Southern cities. He was mate for two years, and before he was twenty-one he was master of the sloop "John," of sixty tons, owned by Meeker &. Sherwood. About 1827 he became one-fourth owner of the brig "America," carrying 147 tons, of which he was made captain. This vessel he sailed for four years, and then, purchasing an interest in the schooner "Georgia," 200 tons, running between New York and Savannah, he commanded her for four years. Captain Sherwood then superseded the "Georgia" with a brig carrying 400 tons, which he built expressly for this route, and commanded some ten years, when he sold it. From about 1845 or 1850 he lived retired from active duty until his death, which occurred September 11, 1886; he lies buried in Oaklawn cemetery. Politically, he was a Democrat, and a regular voter, but no partisan. At the time of his decease he was a director of the Danbury & Norwalk railroad, and president of the Southport Savings Bank. He was a highly successful man, selfmade in the fullest sense of the word, and left a valuable estate. He was highly respected by all who knew him, and his life is well worthy of record as an example to others.

On December 12, 1837, Capt. Edwin Sherwood was married to Mary A. Hyde, who was born at Greens Farms, July 12, 1813, a daughter of Deacon Joseph Hyde, and two sons were born to them: Edwin H. and Simon C., both residents of Southport. The parents were members of the Congregational Church. Mrs. Sherwood claimed descent from Humphrey Hyde, whose name appears on the early records of the town of Fairfield as one of its first taxpayers, having possession of a large tract of land in what is called the "long lots." Humphrey Hyde, her grandfather, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, serving at the time of the burning of Fairfield and Norwalk; was in the Colonial ranks at the battles of Compo and White Plains, receiving a bullet wound in the former engagement; and was present at the battle of Ridgefield and the burning of Danbury. The ancestors originally came from England, where at different places they have impressed their name on locations, as Hyde Park in London, and left property valued at millions of dollars. Mrs. Sherwood's father, Joseph Hyde, was born in 1761, married Arete Jesup, and had a family of fourteen children, of whom she was the youngest.

Simon C. Sherwood, whose name introduces these lines, was born June 10, 1845, in Southport, Conn., where he was reared and received his earlier education, later attending Betts' school in Stamford, where he continued his studies. Soon after his marriage, which will be spoken of presently, he took up his permanent abode in Southport, his elegant and comfortable home on West Main street having been built by himself. Aside from his investments, he is living retired, in the enjoyments of a well-regulated life.

On October 14, 1868, Mr. Sherwood was married to Miss Matilda Simpson, of Southport, daughter of John Simpson, and two sons—Simon W. and Richard S.—have been born to them. Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood are identified with the Congregational Church, and he is a member of the executive committee of same. In his political preferences he was once a Democrat, but for some years past has been a Republican. He is a trustee of the Southport Savings Bank. Mr. Sherwood's honorable business methods and his upright life have gained for him prestige in the community where he has so long made his home, while his genial manner enables him to make friends easily, and when once a friendship is won it is always his. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

ABRAHAM H. VAN SCIVER, the inventor of the Van Sciver Oyster Dredge, is one of Bridgeport's enterprising and successful business men. While he makes a specialty of manufacturing the dredges, for which there is a constant demand, his shops at No. 107 Water street, Bridgeport, are equipped for general blacksmithing, and he has a lucrative business as a machine

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and ship smith. He also gives attention to plain and ornamental blacksmithing, and to the dressing and tempering of tools of all sorts.

Mr. Van Sciver traces his descent from some of the earliest settlers of New Jersey, his ancestors having come originally from Holland. Daniel Van Sciver, his great-grandfather, was born in New Jersey, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Peter Van Sciver, our subject's grandfather, who married Maria Jaycox, was a soldier of the war of 1812, and was granted 160 acres of government land in recognition of his services. William Van Sciver, the father of our subject, was born May 6, 1818, at Tenafly, N. J., and although he followed the weaver's trade for a short time in early manhood, he has spent the greater part of his life in farming. He now resides at Closter, Bergen Co., N. J. His wife, Eliza Haring, who died in 1885, was born in 1820, near Tappan, N. J., a daughter of James and Maria (Naugle) Harring, and a granddaughter of Abram and Maria (Naugle) Harring. Our subject is the younger of two children. The other, Jacob W., who was born at Closter, July 18, 1840, and now resides at Palisades, was married in 1867, to Miss Jane E. Post, and they have two children: William J. and Adeline.

Our subject was born May 3, 1844, at the old homestead at Closter, N. J., and his education was begun in the public schools of that town. When he was sixteen years old his parents removed to Tappan, N. J., but soon returned to Closter. Later they resided for some time in the Palisades, on the Hudson river, where he again attended school, and for a year or two he was employed at general farm work in that locality. He also worked for a time on an oyster sloop on the North river, and at the age of nineteen he began to learn the blacksmith's trade in the Erie railroad shops at Piermont, N. Y. After two years he went to Jersey City, where he worked two years in the Erie shops, and he then went to Scranton, Penn., and was employed for several months in a locomotive shop. The next eight months he spent in Buffalo, N. Y., in the manufacture of tools for the oil wells; but as the Civil war was in progress and the government was in need of workmen on gunboats, he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, to engage in that work. After spending several months in that city, he went with some boats to the Mound City navy yards, just above Cairo, where he remained until the close of the war, being employed in dressing and repairing tools for the machinists on the gunboats. On leaving this position he started for Memphis, Tenn., on his way back stopping at different towns till he found employment at Ft. Wayne. Returning to the East after about three months in Ft. Wayne, he spent a week at home in the Palisades, and then went to Fishkill Landing, on the Hudson, where he was employed in the engine works and foundry. After a year he went back to Piermont and worked for a year in the Erie railroad shops, and the next three years he passed at Yonkers, N. Y., in the Clipper Mower & Reaper Works and in the Otis Engine & Elevator Works. Removing then to Bridgeport (having been previously engaged by George Douglas), in that employ he remained some twenty-one years. A partnership was then formed with another blacksmith, William Calan, under the firm name of Calan & Van Sciver, and they carried on an independent business for two years. Mr. Van Sciver then returned to his old position in the shops of Douglas, Moore & Co., and with them remained one year. On July 1, 1896, he opened his present establishment, and from the first he has met with gratifying success. The new dredge is a decided improvement upon all others on the market, as it is so balanced that it will not turn over while being hauled on board a vessel, and the public has not been slow to recognize its merits. At present the orders keep Mr. Van Sciver and one assistant constantly employed, while the help of two other workmen is required during a portion of the year.

In 1871 Mr. Van Sciver married Miss Margaret E. Galt, daughter of John and Margaret (MacClellan) Galt, who were both natives of Scotland. One child, Eliza H., brightens his home. The family is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bridgeport, of which Mrs. Van Sciver was an active member. Our subject belongs to St. John's Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M., at Bridgeport, and Rockland Chapter No. 104, R. A. M., at Piermont. In politics he is a Democrat, but he has not aspired to official honors.

HERMAN H. KELLNER, of Danbury, is one of the most prominent German-born citizens of the county, and his intelligence, industry, and thrift have won for him general esteem.

The Kellner family has made its home for many generations in the Province of Hanover, Germany, and Wilbrandt Kellner, our subject's father, was born there at Achmer-by-Bramsche, and for some years of his early manhood followed farming in that vicinity. He married Mary Stapelberg, a native of that locality, and in 1870 came to America with his family, locating first in New York City, where he was employed as a

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lay laborer for about seven years. In 1877 he emoved to Danbury and engaged in the fur business, but he is now living in retirement. He is in intelligent man, taking an interest in the various questions of the day, and in politics is a Republican, although formerly he gave his support to the Democratic party. He and his estimable wife, who died in 1889, both united with the German Lutheran Church years ago. They had seven children: Anna married John Michael (deceased), who was born in Germany, and for some time was engaged in the grocery business in New York; Johanna married Charles Schledorn, a lithograper in New York; Lottie (deceased) was the wife of Gerhart Schultz, of New York; Henry is a hatter in Danbury; Herman H. is mentioned more fully below; Minnie married Clamour H. Michael, a hatter in Danbury; and William, who is not married, is also a hatter in Danbury.

Mr. Kellner, our subject, was born October 19, 1858, at the old home at Achmer-by-Bramsche, and he was partially educated there. Coming to America at the age of twelve years, he attended school for a time in New York, and there began his business career as a clerk in a retail grocery store, where he remained six years. In 1876 he went to Danbury, where he was employed for about seventeen years in different hat factories, learning the trade thoroughly and giving especial attention to curling and finishing. In 1893, he formed a partnership with Henry W. Michael, and engaged in the preparation of hatters' furs, and in 1896 they enlarged their business to include the manufacture of stiff, flexible, and soft hats, and ladies' bonnets.

In March, 1889, Mr. Kellner married Miss Anna M. Sohl, who was born at Varrel, Germany, a daughter of Gerd and Actelheit Sohl. Five children have blessed this union: Arthur H., Edna Mary, and Nellie Annie (who are at home), Lauretta S. (who died June, 3, 1890, at the age of six months) and Marie Lorine. Mr. Kellner is a believer in the principles and policy of the Republican party, but he has not taken an active part in political work, his influence being exerted in a quiet way.

EDWARD E. CHAFFEE, senior member of the firm of Chaffee Bros., leading grocers of East Bridgeport, is one of the representative business men of that city, his success having been won through his own well-directed efforts.

Mr. Chaffee comes of good Colonial stock, the Chaffee family being descended from two brothers who came from Wales about two hundred years ago. Henry R. Chaffee, his father, was born in Ashford, Conn., in 1830, and moved in 1856, to Bridgeport, where he has been employed as a contractor by the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company, from that time to the present, with the exception of three years' service in the Union army during the Civil war. His wife, Lucy A. (Andrews), is a member of a well-known family of Meriden, Conn., and is a daughter of Amon Andrews, of that city. Of the four children of this union, the first born, Harry A., died in 1880; Edward E., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Robert H. is a carpenter at Port Chester, N. Y.; and Frederick A. is in partnership with our subject.

Edward E. Chaffee was born December 9, 1854, in Hartford, Conn., and was only a year and a half old when his parents removed to Bridgeport. He was educated in the schools of East Bridgeport, and at the age of eighteen years entered the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company, remaining about seven years. In 1878 he became a clerk in his present store, then owned by Robert W. Burritt, and in 1881 he purchased the business, which he has continued with marked success, his trade being probably the largest in his line on the East side. For ten years he carried on the business alone under the name of E. E. Chaffee, but in 1891 he took his brother Frederick into partnership, adopting the present firm name. Their business is chiefly retail, but they also have some wholesale trade.

On May 23, 1878, Edward E. Chaffee married Miss Carrie B. Niblo, a native of Bridgeport, where her father, Capt. Thomas Niblo, formerly a resident of Newark, N. J., is a highly esteemed citizen. The only child of this union, William E., born in 1882, is now at home. The family is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bridgeport, of which Mr. Chaffee is a prominent member, and he is also identified with the I. O. O. F., Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, at Bridgeport. He is a man who does his own thinking, and while he votes with the Republican party on national issues he does not hesitate to support such men and measures as meet his approval, outside as well as within party lines.

HELEN F. MIDDLEBROOK was born in the town of Wilton, Conn., June 13, 1840. Her early education was received in the public schools, and later she attended and graduated from Olmstead's college, and also from a select school at Binghamton, N. Y. She has never married.

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Sommers Middlebrook, her grandfather, was born in the town of Wilton, Conn., was educated at the common schools of that town, and engaged in farming most of his life.

George Middlebrook, father of our subject, was born in the town of Wilton in 1790. He received his early education in the common schools of that place, became a colonel of a regiment of militia during the training days, on account of which he was always known as "Colonel Middlebrook," and engaged in farming all his active life. He was a man of talent and character, and was highly respected as a man by all that knew him. During the early part of his life he was a Whig in politics, but upon the organization of the Republican party he became a Republican, and adhered to that party during the remainder of his life. He married Miss Lucretia Sturges, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Hurlbutt) Sturges, of Wilton. She was born in 1800, and died when she was seventy-one years of age. The children born to George Middlebrook and his wife Lucretia were as follows: Mary, who married William Harris; Clarissa, wife of Ebenezer Betts; Susan, who married Le Grand Comstock; Henrietta, wife of William D. Gregory; Samuel, who married Sarah Lockwood; Sarah, wife of William D. Gregory; Lucretia, who married Augustus Brown; Emily, who married John Lockwood; Gertrude, wife of Dr. J. E. Turner; Helen, who remained single; Virginia, who married William H. Wilkinson; George, who died young; and Elizabeth, born in the town of Wilton, Conn., November 19, 1830, where she received her education. She married Dr. John Hill, of Sterling, Conn., who was a son of John Hill.

The ancestors of the Middlebrook family originally came to this country from Wales and England. Joseph Middlebrook lived in Concord, Mass., in 1644. Four generations afterward Michael Middlebrook, great-grandfather of our subject, removed from the town of Fairfield and settled in the town of Wilton, in 1753, and there he bought a farm. He married Miss Abiah Sommers, by whom he had a number of children, one of whom was Sommers Middlebrook, the grandfather of the subject, who was born in the town of Wilton, and upon arriving at man's estate engaged in farming. He and his descendants have always been most excellent managers, the property now in the family having been in the family for generations, and has never been mortgaged.

Sommers Middlebrook married Miss Susanna Beal, of England, whose father was a man of superior abilities and scholarship, and who came to this country in order to enjoy religious liberty. Susanna Beal had but one brother, and he died in infancy. Sommers Middlebrook and his wife Susanna had the following children: William; Matthew, who married Betsy Abbott; George, who married Lucretia Sturges; Jonathan, who never married; Anna, who married John Jones; Sallie, who married William Lester, and Abijah. One remarkable circumstance in connection with the family of Sommers Middlebrook should not be permitted to pass unnoticed, and that is that a few years before his death seven of his children sat at the communion table at the same time, the youngest of whom was over seventy years of age. The ancient stock of the Middlebrook family were noted for piety, integrity and wealth.

Dr. John Hill, already mentioned as the husband of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Hill, was born January 19, 1821, in the town of Sterling, Conn. After receiving his early eduation in the common schools of the time, he attended the New York Medical College, from which he graduated, and then took up the practice of medicine in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he remained thus engaged for six years. Removing then to Binghamton, N. Y., he practiced his profession in that city a number of years, and then removed to South Norwalk, Conn., where he continued to practice until his death, which occurred in 1880. Politically, he was a Republican, and he was many times elected coroner of his county. Socially, he was a Freemason, while in religious faith he was a member of the Congregational Church of South Norwalk. He married Elizabeth Middlebrook in 1856, and by her had one daughter, Florence, who was born February 2, 1865.

John Hill, father of Dr. John Hill, was born in Sterling, Conn., was educated in the common schools of the locality, and was engaged in farming there all of his active life. He was a man of character and ability, and was highly esteemed by his neighbors and friends.

WILLIAM L. HALL, a military veteran and a prominent citizen of Danbury, has been engaged in business in that city for more than thirty years as a blacksmith, and his industry and integrity have won for him the esteem of all classes in the community.

On the paternal side, Mr. Hall is of Irish descent, but his grandfather, Eli Hall, was born in Stratford, Conn., and was a resident of this State throughout his life. Eli Hall had seven children, viz.: Joseph, Booth, Ezra, Philo, William, Polly, Anna and Sarah, none of whom are now living. William Hall, the father of our subject, was born

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in Newtown, this county, and after learning the tailor's trade in Brooklyn he located in Bridgewater, where he followed that business exclusively for many years, his death occurring about 1865. Although not active in political work, he took much interest in questions of the day, first as a Whig, later as a Republican. His wife, Susan (Luckey), who is still living, is descended from an old Holland-Dutch family, and her father, Cornelius Luckey, who resided at Brooklyn, was a mason by trade. They had six children: Cornelius B. (deceased) was a carpenter in Brooklyn; William L., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Joseph W., a resident of Springfield, Mo., has been employed in railway and insurance business, has been cashier of a bank, and is now connected with a building and loan association; Edwin H., also a resident of Springfield, Mo., is a real-estate agent; Cornelia M. married John R. Smith, of Bridgeport; and Ezra J., a resident of Sandy Hook, is engaged in the hardware business.

The subject of our sketch was born May 7, 1840, in Bridgewater, Litchfield Co., Conn., where he spent his boyhood. At seventeen he went to Sandy Hook to learn the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for four years in that place. In 1862 he enlisted in Stamford, Conn., in the 28th Conn. V. I., and was sent to New Orleans where he served under General Banks, taking part in several battles. At the expiration of his term in 1863 he returned to Stamford and resumed his trade, and in 1865 he established his shop and home at Danbury, where he has resided ever since. He has an extensive custom, covering all lines of the trade.

In 1865 Mr. Hall married Miss Anna J. Andrews, a native of Newtown, and a daughter of Eden A. Andrews. Six children have blessed this union: George A. is a hatter in Danbury; Albert A. is in business with his father; Robert L. is engaged in the hatter's trade; Harriet A. married Benjamin E. Snow, of Hudson, N. Y.; Howard W. is in business with his father; and Fred E. is attending school. Mr. Hall and his family are all Methodists in religious faith, and are identified with various progressive movements. In politics he is a Republican, while socially he is an active member of the G. A. R., and of the order of American Mechanics.

CHARLES C. SALMON. It has been said that the beginning of civilization is the discovery of some useful arts, by which men acquire property, comforts or luxury. The necessity or desire of preserving them leads to laws and social institutions. In reality the origin, as well as the progress and improvement, of civil society is founded on mechanical and chemical inventions, and in reviewing the circumstances of the life of Charles C. Salmon there is a pleasure in contemplating an active and useful career passed for the most part in the development of some of the most useful industries.

Mr. Salmon was born in the town of Weston, Fairfield Co., Conn., July 26, 1856, and his earlier education was received at the district schools of the neighborhood, and at select schools. Subsequently he attended Betts Military Academy at Stamford, Conn., and on laying aside his books he learned the horn-button manufacturing business of his father, at Lyons Plain, Fairfield county, continuing with him for some years. Leaving that industry in 1881 he took up edge-tool tempering, and since that year has been connected with the Bradley Bros. axe and edge-tool factory in Weston.

In 1876 Mr. Salmon was married to Miss Mary O. Sherwood, who was born September 29, 1851, a daughter of Bradley Sherwood, and they have one daughter, Ethel Salmon, born March 8, 1889. In politics Mr. Salmon is an ardent Republican, but has never been an aspirant to public office. In religious faith he is a member of the Centre street M. E. Church of Easton, of which he is one of the trustees, and steward.

Daniel C. Salmon, grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Trumbull, Fairfield Co., Conn., and received his education in the district schools, after which he learned the carpenter's trade. This trade he made his life work, in connection conducting an undertaking establishment, and he was a very successful man. Mr. Salmon's wife was Miss Mary Bradley, daughter of Wakeman Bradley, of Fairfield and Weston, and the children born to them were: Morris, a sketch of whom follows; and David A., married to Augusta Morehouse. Grandfather Salmon died October 14, 1851.

Morris Salmon, father of our subject, was born August 1, 1832, in the town of Weston, and received his education at the district school of the neighborhood of his boyhood home, finishing at a select school in the town. He was a carpenter by trade, following same for several years, later buying a button factory, where he manufactured horn buttons up to five years before his death. He married Miss Betsey A. Wakeman, daughter of Silas and Abbie (Wheeler) Wakeman, of Fairfield, Conn., and their children are: Fannie, wife of Frank Gorham, M. D.; and Charles C., our subject, one of Fairfield county's best representative citizens. Morris Salmon died January 21, 1886.

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CORNELIUS DWYER, of Bridgeport, is an able and enterprising business man, and for some years has carried on an extensive trade as a contractor in excavating, grading and supplying sand, stone, and other building materials. He is also engaged in the grocery business, in which he commands a large custom, his stock including a variety of liquors.

Mr. Dwyer comes of Irish ancestry, the family being identified with County Tipperary, Ireland. Michael O. Dwyer, the father of our subject, was a lifelong resident of the Emerald Isle, and was employed as a miner under the English Government. He and his wife, Margaret (Corcoran), who was also a native of Ireland, had a family of three children: Johanna, deceased; Jeremiah, now a resident of Chicago, Ill.; and Cornelius.

Cornelius Dwyer was born December 23, 1845, in County Tipperary, Ireland, and on completing his course in the local schools he learned the carpenter's trade there, serving an apprenticeship of three years. In 1867 he came to the United States, locating first on a farm near Brooklyn, N. Y., where he remained several years. He then worked for a year in an oilcloth factory at Newtown, Long Island, but has since made his home in Bridgeport. For two years he was employed in the trucking business by George Stapleton, and later he engaged in trucking on his own account, continuing about seven years. In the meantime he became interested in the grocery and liquor business at No. 154 N. Washington avenue, also in contracting, his headquarters for the latter business being at No. 136 North avenue. Of late years he has devoted his attention exclusively to those lines of enterprise, and his trade is both extensive and profitable. Politically, he is a Democrat as far as national issues are concerned, but otherwise he is an Independent. In religious faith he is a Catholic, and he and his family are leading members in the Church of that denomination at Bridgeport. In 1866 he was married in Ireland to Miss Mary O'Donnell, a native of that country. They have had nine children: Maria and Margaret (both born in Ireland), Anna, John, Josephine, Bertha, Dennis, Michael and Bridget.

ISAAC D. SMITH, farmer and proprietor of a milk route in the city of Bridgeport, is a native of Nova Scotia, born in Newport, Hants county, March 27, 1858.

Benjamin Smith, father of our subject, was a native of the same locality, where he was a country blacksmith, as was his father before him. He married Eliza Burgess, of the same nativity, and they had a family of twelve children—nine sons and three daughters—five of whom died in childhood, the others being as follows: Edward is a merchant in Nova Scotia; Ezra C., who was a farmer and milk dealer, and resided in Nichols, Conn., died June 14, 1897; Isaac D. is our subject; Eliza A. and Jeremiah died at the age of eleven years; Phillip S. is a resident of Bridgeport; and Murray is deceased.

Isaac D. Smith, the subject proper of this review, received his education at the schools at Burlington, Nova Scotia, after which he followed a seafaring life for some years, voyaging to Atlantic ports, including the West Indies, North and South America and England, also to ports in Russia, which latter took him into both the North Sea and the Baltic Sea, the Gulf of Finland, etc. In 1881 he came to Bridgeport, Conn., thence moved to Nichols, where he was proprietor of a farm for four years. In 1886 he bought his present property, a fifty-eight-acre farm, in the town of Stratford, and has here since resided, in addition to the cultivation of which he also has a milk and vegetable route in Bridgeport, as already stated. He owns a nice residence in Stratford, where he resides, which he built in 1897.

In 1882 Mr. Smith married Miss Annie E. Rhodes, a daughter of Augustus Rhodes, a well-known mason and builder, all of Nova Scotia, and four children have graced their union: Charles I., Bessie V., Walter A., and Etta E., all yet living except Walter A., who died at the age of nineteen months. Our subject and his wife are members of the M. E. Church, and of the Daughters of Rebekah, connected with the I. O. O F. He is also affiliated with that order, belonging to Samuel H. Harris Lodge No. 99, at Bridgeport, and he is past master of Housatonic Grange No. 79, P. of H., of Stratford. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and takes a genuine interest in the welfare of his country.

FREDERICK C. PARSONS, whose printing and bicycle establishment has been for four years No. 212 Main street, Stamford, removed to No. 206 Main street, April 1, 1899, as his business compelled him to have more space, is well-known to all the business men of this section. He has worked his way up to his present position from humble circumstances through his own industry. He came to Stamford when a young man, from Massachusetts, where he was born August 11, 1856, at Barre.

Horace and Abigail (Prince) Parsons, parents of our subject, were also natives of the Bay

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State, the mother born in Oxford. They passed their entire lives there, the father engaging in carpenter work and the manufacture of soap. Of their nine children, four are living, viz.: Martha E. (Mrs. Blair); Frank H., who lives in Boston; Frederick Charles; and Ida May (Mrs. Ward), of Southville, Mass. By a previous marriage Mr. Parsons had one daughter, Mary J., who now makes her home in Sutton Centre, Massachusetts.

Frederick C. Parsons spent his boyhood in the towns of Sutton, West Sutton, Webster, Oxford and Millbury, Mass. After the death of his father, which occurred when he was fourteen years old, he went to Dudley, Mass., and remained there one year, subsequently, for three years, working in the shuttle factory at Marblesville. For two years after this he was employed in a printing office at Westboro, Mass., and in 1876 he started out with another boy to see the world, eventually settling in Stamford, Conn. Here he commenced work in the *Herald* office, later was employed in the *Advocate*, and then for six months was in the Yale & Towne factory. At the end of that time he again entered the *Herald* office, changed again to the *Advocate*, and then returned to the *Herald*, as foreman. In 1887 he opened a bicycle business in the *Herald* office, which, however, he continued but a short time, in April, 1888, establishing the printing and bicycle business which he has ever since carried on. He commenced in one room over the S. C. Merrison drug store, and, business increasing, it was not long before he was obliged to seek larger quarters, moving into the Masonic building. Not many months later, in 1894, he removed to the store at No. 212 Main street, where he did a prosperous and steadily increasing business from the start, using every inch of available space. Mr. Parsons has been the architect of his own fortune, for he has had no financial means at his command to start with; arriving at Stamford as he did with only twenty-five cents in his pockets, and the clothes he had on. However, his trade, a good stock of industry and business ability and the hearty good-will which he has won from his fellow citizens and patrons in Stamford, have proved sufficient in his case, and he has attained a standing of which he may be proud. He now has clear a fine residence on Strawberry Hill, commanding a fine view of Long Island Sound, worth $5,500, and $5,000 or over invested in his business. He now has the largest bicycle store in Stamford, it being eighty feet long, with basement also eighty feet long.

Mr. Parsons was married in May, 1877, in Stamford, to Miss Annie E. Dravis, daughter of George Dravis. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons attend the Presbyterian Church, with which he united in July, 1880, and he is both active and prominent in Church work, at present serving as deacon of the congregation at Stamford. Fraternally, he is united with the New England Order of Protection, of which he was one of the first members, and the Order of United American Mechanics, of which he was a charter member in Stamford

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HERBERT D. WHITNEY, one of the prominent, well-to-do farmers of the town of New Canaan, Fairfield Co., Conn., was born there March 31, 1859, in Park street. His paternal and maternal ancestors have been identified with the progress of this region for some generations, and the family is an honored one wherever known.

Mr. Whitney's grandfather, Benjamin Whitney, was born in Wilton, Fairfield county, and lived there all his life, engaged in farming and butchering. For his first wife we wedded Abigail Fancher, by whom he had seven children, viz.: Lewis (who lives in Greenwich, Conn.), William, Harriet, Le Grand, Samuel (who died young), Samuel (father of Herbert) and James, all of who are now deceased except Lewis. Benjamin Whitney's second wife was Millie Mead, by whom he had eight children, viz.: Eliza (now living in California), David and Charles (both deceased), Polly (living in South Norwalk, Conn.), Noble (residing in Wilton, Conn.), Emily (residence unknown), George (living in Bridgeport), and Luther (in South Norwalk). The parents of these children are both now deceased.

Samuel Whitney was born October 15, 1822, in Wilton, and there he passed his early life, attending the public schools of the neighborhood, where he obtained all his education. While still young he learned the shoemaker's trade, serving his apprenticeship in New Jersey, and finally settling in New Canaan, followed that business there for a number of years. In 1846 he commenced farming in the town of New Canaan, and, like his father, carried on the butcher business in connection, opening the first market and grocery store in New Canaan. He took an active interest in local affairs, served as town assessor, and was also a great Church worker, filling numerous officers in the M. E. Church, of which he was an enthusiastic and faithful member. On October 24, 1841, Samuel Whitney married Amanda Elizabeth Everett, who was born Oc-

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tober 20, 1824, daughter of Joseph and Abigail Crissey (Seeley) Everett, and their family consisted of ten children, viz.: Mary Jane, born April 5, 1845, died February 14, 1877; Martha Ann, born July 2, 1847, died October 27, 1857; Irving Green, born August 16, 1849, died May 9, 1851; Samuel Irving, born May 5, 1852, died May 24, 1853; Julia Minerva, born March 13, 1854, died September 9, 1855; Julia Albina, born April 16, 1856, married H. Seymour Miller, of New Canaan, now residing in Stamford, Conn. (they have no children); Herbert Denslow, born March 31, 1859; Jennie O., born May 8, 1863, died June 24, 1884 (she married George H. Jelliff, and left one child, Clifton W., born May 24, 1884); Louise Carroll, born October 9, 1865, died December 13, 1866; Annie Louise, born February 28, 1868, married Will H. Arthur, of Stamford, Conn., and has one child, Dudley. The father of this family passed away June 13, 1874.

Richard Everett, maternal great-great-grandfather of Herbert D. Whitney, was a native of England, and was one of the earliest settlers of New Canaan, Fairfield county. There was born his son Joseph, who was twice married, first to a Miss Lockwood, and afterward to Esther St. John, by whom he had seven children—Easter, Joseph, Abigail, Polly, Susan, Hannah and Thomas. Joseph Everett was a farmer by occupation. He was a member of the Congregational Church.

Joseph Everett, son of Joseph and Esther Everett, was born May 13, 1791, in New Canaan, where he always made his home, dying February 12, 1843. He served a seven-years' apprenticeship under Nehemiah Benedict, learning the trade of shoemaker, which was his life occupation. On May 2, 1813, he was united in marriage with Abigail Crissey Seeley, who was born June 9, 1793, and died July 6, 1877. This worthy couple were devout members of the New Canaan Congregational Church. They reared a family of nine children, as follows: Delia Ann, born August 21, 1815, married Alanson Waters, of Stamford, and is now deceased. William Henry, born January 26, 1817, is deceased. Juliette, born January 15, 1819, married David B. Mathers. Harriet N., born February 22, 1821, married J. E. Jones, and is now deceased. Amanda E. (Mrs. Whitney) was born October 20, 1824. Mary J., born August 10, 1826, and died May 11, 1898, was married June 22, 1868, to Lewis Lockwood, who was born February 15, 1803, and died February 3, 1882; they had no children. Cornelia S., born August 12, 1828, died March 29, 1841. Samuel O., born July 28, 1832, is a resident of New Canaan. Joseph W., born November 15, 1834, died August 15, 1835.

Herbert D. Whitney, whose name introduces this sketch, was reared in New Canaan, and during his boyhood received the advantage afforded by the public schools in the vicinity. He has been a lifelong agriculturist, and devotes all his time to his calling, in which he has been decidedly successful. On March 31, 1887, he was married to Miss Anna Evelyn Everett, who was born February 5, 1861, a daughter of William Everett. Five children have blessed this union, born as follows: Samuel Hanlenbeek, September 21, 1888; Irving Everett, August 2, 1889; Herbert Edwin, November 20, 1890; Emily Frances, November 30, 1891; Roger Seymour, February 15, 1896. Mr. Whitney is a member of the Odd Fellows' Fraternity, affiliating with Wooster Lodge No. 57, of New Canaan.

GEORGE RICHARDSON, whose death occurred at his home in Bridgeport on December 11, 1898, and who for thirty years had been the efficient superintendent of the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company, was born March 5, 1847, in Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. Richardson was the only son of the late Joseph Richardson, of New York, who was prominent in that city as one of its eminently successful men, and truthfully the architect of his own fortune to an extent rarely achieved by those to whom that credit is accorded. Born in England September 7, 1814, Joseph Richardson came to America at a very early age, and at ten was apprenticed to a mason in Albany, N. Y. While yet a young man he established himself in business as a master builder, and for upward of fifty years he was such in the true sense of the term. He was a promoter of many of the changes that took place in New York during that period. In 1852–53 he built the water works at Bridgeport, Conn., which were the third in the United States. He was ever ready to aid all enterprises promising advancement. His money helped the first trans-Atlantic steamship, the Great Western, he aided with his means the laying of the first Atlantic cable; also backed the enterprise of the first elevated railroad in New York; established, probably a third of a century ago, a line of steamboats between New York and Bridgeport, which were under his control up to the time of his death. He built the water works at Laramie City, and those at Houston, Texas. Mr. Richardson invested liberally in the Credit Mobilier, which supplied the means for building the Union Pacific railroad. He led a well regulated and

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well occupied life, and for years before his death, which occurred June 8, 1897, he was vigorous in mind and body. Mr. Richardson was twice married, first to Miss Anne Painter, of New York, and second to a widow. His children were: George and Della Grace, both born to the first marriage.

George Richardson received his education in his native city. At an early age he became connected with the Bridgeport (Conn.) Hydraulic Company. In 1869, although but a boy, he was made superintendent of the company, and most satisfactorily performed the duties of the office from that time until his death. Growing up as he did with the plant from boyhood with a natural adoption for the work he became familiar with every detail, and possessed a thorough knowledge of the works and the city's system. Mr. Richardson possessed executive ability, and showed his great skill in handling men. He was an inventor of considerable ability, and had taken out a number of patents, some of which inventions are in general use, and valuable.

Socially, Mr. Richardson stood high, having won his way into great popular favor, and few men indeed in Park City were more widely and favorably known than he. He was identified with many social and fraternal organizations. He was a member of the old Eclectic Club, the first successful social club in Bridgeport, organized in 1870. For years he was a member of the Sea Side Club; also of the Algonquin Club, and of the Park City Yacht Club. He was officially prominent in Corinthian Lodge, F. & A. M.; Pyramid Temple of Shrines; Hamilton Commandery, Knights Templar; and the Order of the Eastern Star. He also was identified with the Knights of Pythias; with Pequonnock Lodge of Odd Fellows and Stratfield Encampment. He was a member of the Bridgeport Scientific and Historical Societies. At the time of his death he was serving a four-years' term, by appointment of the Legislature, as trustee of the Connecticut Industrial School for Boys.

In 1869 Mr. Richardson was married to Miss Rose Harriet, daughter of J. Frederick Hugé, of Bridgeport, and one of the oldest artists of the State, and the marriage has been blessed with one child, Anne Shelton, who is descended, on the maternal side, from one of New England's best and oldest families. The family is identified with Christ Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Richardson was a member of the vestry. For years he had been a liberal supporter of the Church, as he had also been of various benevolent and charitable causes. Politically, he was a Republican.

PETER GABLER, the prominent and well-to-do cigar manufacturer, is a native of New York City, having been born there December 2, 1844, a son of John Peter and Barbara (Bradecker) Gabler, the former a native of Prussia and the latter of Alsace, then a Province of France. The father had learned the shoemaker's trade in the old country, and after coming to America worked in New York City and Philadelphia. He died in 1861, and Mrs. Gabler makes her home in Trumbull with one of her sons.

Our subject passed his boyhood in New York City, and after attending school there began to learn the cigar maker's trade at the early age of twelve years. On April 15, 1861, when the Nation's life was endangered by Civil war, he enlisted in the 29th N. Y. V. I., and on June 4 of that year was mustered into the United States service. He was sent to the front, and bore an honorable part in the history of his regiment, participating in the battles of Cross Keys, first and second battles of Bull Run, Shiloh and Antietam. At the second battle of Bull Run, August 29, 1862, he was wounded, and on June 9, 1863, he was mustered out of service. From that time until the fall of 1864 he worked at his trade, but the patriotism that inspired his first enlistment had not been shattered by the Rebel shot and shell, and he again enlisted, this time becoming a member of the 33rd N. J. V. I., and with this regiment he remained until the close of the war. After his second enlistment he took part in the battle of Nashville. When the last drum had sounded, and white-winged peace had once more spread her wings over the land, Mr. Gabler was for a time foreman of a shop at Petersburg, Va., later returning to New York City. In May, 1868, he came to Long Hill, Conn., where for five years he worked for Louis M. Wakeley. He then began the manufacture of cigars on his own account, and has so continued ever since, catering especially to the Bridgeport and neighboring trade, and employing seven men as a rule.

At Long Hill, Conn., Mr. Gabler was united in marriage with Miss Mary Weidner, daughter of August Weidner, and they have nine children as follows: W. A. Gabler, who married Fannie Bogart, by whom he has one child, Erma; Julia, wife of William Griffin, of Passaic, N. J.; Frederick Peter, of Bridgeport, who married Miss Eva L. Barton; Frank; Maud; Leo C.; Arthur; Alice and Mabel.

Fraternally, Mr. Gabler is a member of Elias Howe, Jr., Post No. 3, G. A. R., at Bridgeport; Steuben Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Cerber Lodge, Harugari, the American Mechanics, Parlor Rock

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Council No. 68, and the Elks; he is also a member of the Concordia Society. The Republican party claims him as one of its stanch political adherents, and his advice is often sought by party leaders. In spite of the attention he has found it necessary to give his business in the quarter of a century he has been actively engaged for himself, he has found time to keep well abreast with the times, and to have made a careful study of all issues of local or national importance. Quiet in manner, he is modest and unassuming, and has won hosts of friends. His business dealings have left him an untarnished reputation, and it is safe to say no man stands higher in the estimation of the people who know him.

CHARLES G. WATERBURY is a leading citizen of Darien, and is now serving his third term as selectman of his town. As an able and successful business man he has gained a high standing in commercial circles, but his activity in local affairs has given him even more influence.

Probably no family in this county is better known than his, the name having been honorably connected with every important movement since the region was settled. John Waterbury located in Stamford at an early day, a tract of land being recorded in 1650 as belonging to him and from him the various branches of the family trace their descent. The late Charles Waterbury, our subject's father, was a lifelong resident of the county, and for many years was engaged in cloth manufacturing, although for a short time in later life he followed mercantile pursuits. He died in 1879; his widow who was Emily Selleck, a member of another well-known family of this county, is still living at the advanced age of eighty-nine. They had five children: Sarah, widow of Cornelius Ayres, died in January, 1899; Charles G., our subject; Betsey Ann, widow of Oscar Seeley, who met a soldier's death during the Civil war; Miss Nancy S.; and Mary, wife of William Hanshaw.

Mr. Waterbury was born in New Canaan, this county, and his educational opportunities were limited to the district schools of the locality, which were by no means equal to those of to-day. At the age of fourteen he left school, and for a time was employed in his father's woolen-mill. Later he secured the first Singer sewing machine that was brought to New Canaan, and after some practice he became proficient in fitting and sewing seams in shoes, at which he worked for about twelve years. He then removed to Darien, where he conducted a livery business for about thirty-five years, and since giving up that occupation he has carried on to quite an extent a business as a dealer in carriages and harness.

In 1872 Mr. Waterbury married his first wife, Miss Adeline Waterbury, daughter of Capt. Lewis Waterbury. She died in February, 1873, and in 1881 he formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Miss Mary E. Combs, daughter of John Henry Combs, of Stamford. Again death invaded his home, his second wife passing away in 1883. By the second marriage he has one daughter, Miss Helen Adeline Waterbury. Mr, Waterbury is a stanch Republican, as was his father before him, the latter having been an Abolitionist from the time of the first agitation of the slavery question. For about twenty years our subject served as constable in his town, and in his present office of selectman he displays unusual faithfulness and zeal for the public interest.

JACOB B. RAYMOND, a highly respected resident of South Norwalk, has been for some time engaged in the ice business, and the superior quality of the product handled by him, known as the Brookside Lake Ice, has brought him a large and profitable trade.

Mr. Raymond is of French descent on the paternal side, and it is supposed that his great-grandfather, Stephen Raymond, was born in France, and was the first of the family to come to America. Sylvenus Raymond, the grandfather of our subject, was born in this county, in the town of Norwalk, and probably spent the greater portion of his life there in farming. He married Sarah A. Lockwood and reared a large family, among whom was our subject's father, the late Charles L. Raymond, who was also a native of Norwalk, and who became a well-known resident of that place, his attention being chiefly given to agriculture and the real-estate business. Politically he was a Democrat, but he did not take an active part in the work of his party, his influence being exerted in a quite way. He died January 30, 1877; his widow, whose maiden name was Mary B. Fickett, is still living. She was born in New York City, where her father, George Fickett, was engaged in ship building. Our subject was the youngest of three children, the others being: Mary E., who married Alvah V. Tuthill, an oysterman of Norwalk; and David L., a resident of Brooklyn.

Mr. Raymond, our subject, was born April 24, 1853, at the old homestead near Norwalk where

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his parents located soon after their marriage, and his youth was spent there amid the wholesome surroundings of farm life. His education was obtained in the local schools, and in early manhood he engaged in business in Norwalk as a dealer in ice, coal, and similar commodities. At present he devotes his attention to the ice business only. He married Miss H. Elizabeth Lowndes, a native of New York City and a daughter of John H. Lowndes, of Long Island. Socially, he and his wife are much esteemed, and he is always ready to promote any movement which promises to benefit the community. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party.

CHARLES J. CONRAD, foreman in the Derby Silver Company, was born February 25, 1853, in St. Clair county, Ill., and is a son of Joseph Conrad, who was born in the year 1817, and died in August, 1853. Joseph Conrad was born in Acheren, Baden, Germany, and was a son of Gottfried Conrad. Joseph Conrad was by trade a confectioner and baker, learning his trade either in Paris or London, and after following his trade for seven years in London he came to the United States in 1846, settling eventually in St. Louis, Mo. While in this city he conducted a confectionery for some years, and then removed to St. Clair county, Ill., where he followed farming until his death, which occurred, as above related, in 1853. He was married May 30, 1846, to Anna Wettstein, a daughter of Casper Wettstein, she having been born in Switzerland. Their children were as follows: Louis, Bertha and Charles J., the latter being the youngest of the family and the only one that grew to adult age. The mother of these three children died February 19, 1895, at the age of sixty-three years. Joseph Wettstein was a member of the Ancient Order of Druids, a beneficiary organization. Wherever he lived he was well and favorably known as an honest and upright man.

Charles J. Conrad, the subject of this sketch, received his education in the public schools of St. Louis until he was ten years of age, and then spent six months in the study of German. In both English and German Mr. Conrad has always been a thorough student, has since his youth been an extensive reader, is well informed in ancient, modern and current history, and takes great interest in all forms of human activity. At a youthful age he entered a grocery store as clerk, and followed this occupation three years, when in accordance with his mother's wishes he learned the trade of cigar making, and followed it for four and one-half years; but this trade not being to his taste he became a Britannia worker in a factory from Middletown, Conn., which located in St. Louis, Mo. After serving a regular apprenticeship he removed to Meriden, Conn., in October, 1873, and engaged with the Wilcox Silver Plate Company, with which company he remained until October, 1876, when he entered the employ of the Middletown Plate Company, with which firm he remained until the following August, when he was engaged by a new firm in Meriden, and with them remained until February, 1878, when the firm sold out and the plant was removed to Shelton. It has since developed into the Derby Silver Company, and Mr. Conrad has ever since, with the exception of five months, been in the employ of the company. Since 1880 he has been foreman of the making-up department, and is now one of the oldest employes of the company, a Mr. Berry having precedence over him by only one day. Mr. Conrad has, by his own industry and capacity, worked himself to the front rank among the workmen in this particular trade, and it is entirely correct to call him a self-made man.

Politically, Mr. Conrad has always been an ardent Republican and unusually active for the welfare of the party. He has been a member of the board of burgesses for three terms, and was elected warden in 1896-97-98. He is a member of King Hiram Lodge No. 12, F. & A. M., and of Center Lodge No. 68, I. O. O. F., of Meriden. He belongs to the New England Order of Protection, and also to the Heptasophs, both insurance orders; to the German order D. O. H., and also to the Naugatuck Valley Manie, a higher order of D. O. H. He has been an active member of the Derby Turner Society, and treasurer for the past sixteen years. He has always been a loyal citizen of Shelton, and has continuously given moral and material encouragement to the public good of the place.

Mr. Conrad was married in January, 1875, to Miss Louisa Wurfel, a daughter of George and Christina Wurfel, of Jeffersonville, Ind., both of whom were originally from Baden, Germany. To this marriage there came two children, viz.: Walter Conrad, born in December, 1875, and Anna Conrad, born in March, 1877.

SELAH G. BLAKEMAN, a prosperous and progressive agriculturist of the town of Huntington, and a member of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of Fairfield county, is a native of Connecticut, born May 23, 1841, in the town of Stratford.

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Gould Blakeman, his father, and James Blakeman, his grandfather, were of the same nativity, and they, too, were farmers. Gould married Harriet Birdseye, who was also born in Stratford, and to them were born children as follows: Anson H., Betsey C., Phœbe B., Myra C., Fannie A., Carlos D., Harriet E., Frank E. and Selah G.

The last named, who is the subject proper of these lines, was reared on the home farm in the town of Stratford, where he attended the district schools, later taking a course in a school at Milford. On July 29, 1862, when he was twenty-one years old, and the war of the Rebellion was at its height, he enlisted in Company D, 17th C. V. I., participated in all the engagements and marches with his regiment, and was honorably discharged, with the rank of sergeant, at the close of the war. Returning home to the pursuits of peace, he purchased his present fine farm of seventy acres in the town of Huntington, where he has since successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits. He has also done considerable work in the way of constructing and grading roads in various parts of his town, and is perhaps more engaged in that line than in farming.

In 1866 Mr. Blakeman was united in marriage with Miss Cordelia A. Wakelee, of the town of Huntington, a daughter of Ebenezer Wakelee. No children have been born to this union. Politically, our subject is a stanch Republican, and his popularity has been substantially proved by his election to most of the town offices. In 1880–81 he represented his town in the State Legislature, having been elected to that incumbency in 1879, and served with acknowledged ability and zeal. In 1881 he was appointed deputy sheriff, under Sheriff Charles Crosby, his term expiring in 1884, and he is now serving his fourth year as deputy under Sheriff Sidney E. Hawley. As a public official Mr. Blakeman has amply proved himself to be the right man in the right place, his duties having always been faithfully and satisfactorily performed, and he has won the respect of all classes and the fear of the evil doer.

In society, post and lodge matters Mr. Blakeman is prominent, active and influential, especially in G. A. R. connections, as his numerous badges testify; he has been junior, senior and commander of the Department of Connecticut; in 1886 was aid-de-camp on Commander-in-chief Burdett's staff; attended the Encampment held in San Francisco, and in 1887 and 1888 served as aid-de-camp with rank of colonel on Governor P. C. Lounsbury's staff. He is also affiliated with the I. O. O. F., Ousatonic Lodge No. 6, at Derby, and has filled most of the offices of the subordinate lodge, has been grand conductor and grand marshal, and is now grand warden of the Grand Lodge of the State. In matters of religion he was reared in the faith of the Congregational Church, which he and his wife attend.

COLONEL TRACY BRONSON WARREN. The subject of this sketch is eminent in the social life of the city of Bridgeport. He possesses those genial traits which find in one's fellowmen something to admire and esteem, and which conversely endear one to those who know him. His occupation brings him in contact with the best class of the traveling public, and his popularity is almost a proverb. His rare personality is inherited. Colonel Warren is, in his paternal ancestry, of the twenty-seventh generation from a personage mentioned below, and the genealogy gives evidence of gentleness. And grafted to a noble lineage in England is an American ancestry that runs back to the "Mayflower." Both his paternal and maternal forefathers were pioneers on the bleak New England shores in the early part of the seventeenth century.

Colonel Warren was born at Watertown, Conn., December 20, 1847, the son of David H. and Louisa (Bronson) Warren. His father was a native of the same town; his mother was born at Middlebury, Conn. He was educated in the Collegiate and Commercial Institute at New Haven, graduating from the latter in 1865. This business training he at once applied, entering as he did in the manufacture of carriage hardware. He was successfully engaged in manufacturing and in mercantile pursuits for ten years. In 1890 Colonel Warren became the proprietor of the "Atlantic Hotel" of Bridgeport, and he still is its popular landlord.

Many of the social organizations of the city possess his active membership. He is a member of Corinthian Lodge, F. & A. M., and Hamilton Commandery, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Red Men, and of the Knights of the Ancient Essenic Order. He was for two years a member of the staff of Gov. H. B. Harrison, with the rank of colonel. He is now commissary of "The Old Guard," New York City. For three years he was a member of the Second Regiment, National Guard, as lieutenant of the New Haven Grays, and for several years he was adjutant of the Fourth Regiment, National Guard. Colonel Warren is also a member of the Sea Side, Sea Side Outing, Algonquin, Brooklawn Country and Bridgeport Yacht Clubs. In politics he is a Republican. For several years

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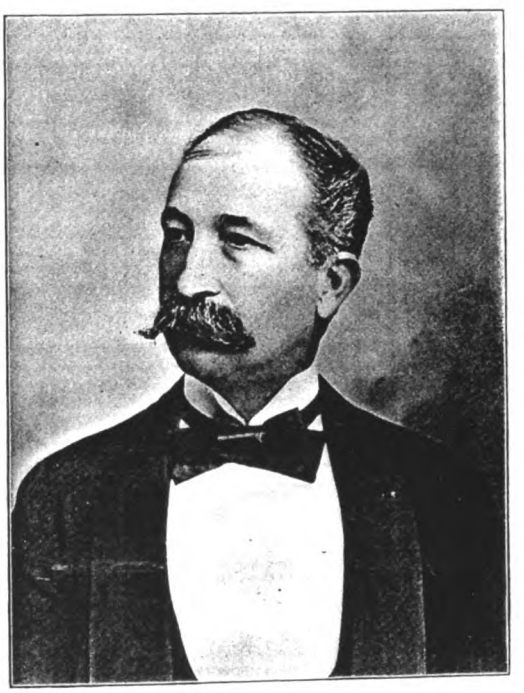

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he was a member of the board of aldermen, having been elected in 1883 and in 1884; he was city treasurer of Bridgeport in 1885.

Colonel Warren was married October 28, 1874, to Miss Clara A. Mills, daughter of John F. and Sarah (Dudley) Mills. For twenty-five years and until his death John F. Mills was the proprietor of the "Parker House," Boston, Mass. Colonel and Mrs. Warren have four children: John M., Louise B., Bronson M. and Harvey T. Himself and family are members of St. John's Episcopal Church, of which he has been vestryman during the past twenty years.

We append herewith the complete paternal genealogy of Colonel Warren from the Earl of Normandy and from the daughter of William the Conqueror: (1) William de Warenne, Earl of Normandy, who died 1088, married Gundred, youngest daughter of William the Conqueror; (2) William De Warren, second Earl of Warren and Surry-Isabel; (3) Reginal Warren-Adelia de Mowbray; (4) William Warren-Isabel de Hayden; (5) Sir John Warren-Alice de Townsend; (6) John Warren-Joan de Post; (7) Sir Edward Warren-Maude de Skeyton, 1327; (8) Sir Edward Warren-Cicely de Eaton; (9) Sir John Warren-Agnes de Wynnington; (10) Sir Lawrence Warren, born 1394,-Margery Bulkley; (11) John Warren, born 1414,-Isabel Stanley; (12) Sir Lawrence Warren-Isabel Leigh; (13) William Warren-Anne ———; (14) John Warren, died 1525,-Elizabeth; (15) John Warren ——— ———; (16) Christopher Warren ——— ———; (17) William Warren-Anne Marble; (18) Christopher Warren-Alice Webb.

(19) Richard Warren-Elizabeth Jonette Marsh, came from Greenwich, England, on the "Mayflower," to Plymouth, Mass., in 1620. Richard died at Plymouth in 1628, and his widow died in 1673. Children: Nathaniel, Mary, Joseph, Anne, Sarah, Elizabeth and Abigail; (20) Nathaniel Warren-Sarah Walker, married November, 1645; Nathaniel died in 1667, his widow died in 1700. Children: Richard, Jabez, Sarah, Hope, Jane, Elizabeth, Alice, Mercy, Mary, Nathaniel, John and James; (21) Richard Warren- ———; Richard died in Middleboro, Mass., 1697. Children: John, Samuel and James; (22) John Warren-(1) Naomi Read, (2) Anne Read; John died in Middleboro, Mass., 1768. Children: James, Nathaniel, Nehemiah, John, Naomi and Anne; (23) James Warren and Abigail Thomas, of Woodbridge, Conn., married in July, 1744. They lived in New Haven and Woodbridge, Conn. Abigail died in Watertown, Conn., September 13, 1800. Children: Jason, born February 20, 1744; Sarah, born February 1, 1746, married a Mr. Tuttle, Catskill, N. Y.; Rachel, born July 4, 1749, married John Russell; Abigail, born June 3, 1752, married James Pritchard; Nathaniel, born January 15, 1755, married Susannah Johnson and Mary Wedge; Jemima, born October 15, 1758, married a Mr. Hosford, Putney, Vt; Edward, born September 18, 1761, married Mary Steele; Richardson. (24) Edward Warren-Mary Steele; Edward was born September 18, 1761. Served in the Revolutionary war, was drowned in Naugatuck river December 10, 1814. Mary Steele died in Watertown, February 26, 1849, aged eighty-five years. Children: Isaac; Mary died March 20, 1863, aged seventy-eight, married Parmelee Richards, who died December 6, 1860, aged eighty years; Lewis married Susan Judd; Lyman died March 4, 1860, aged seventy, married Abigail J. Allen, who died September 17, 1885, aged eighty-six years, nine months; Sheldon died November 21, 1825, aged thirty-two, married Clarenda Welton, who died October 17, 1821, aged twenty-four, and Ann Mead, who died November 13, 1883, aged eighty-eight years; Alanson, born May 16, 1793, died October 20, 1858, aged sixty-five years; he married Sarah M. Hickox, who died April 20, 1866, aged sixty-seven. Truman never married, died January 10, 1822, aged twenty-two; buried in Darien, Georgia. (25) Alanson Warren-Sarah M. Hickox; Alanson was born May 16, 1793, died October 20, 1858, aged sixty-five years; Sarah died April 20, 1866. Children: Belinda M., Truman A., David Hard, Sarah, Charles A., Henry, Mary and Alanson. (26) David Hard Warren-Louisa Bronson, married in 1846. David H. died in 1858, Louisa, his widow, is still living. Children: Tracy Bronson, born December 20, 1847, married October 28, 1874; Sarah Cornelia died in childhood; and Jennie Bronson.

(27) Tracy Bronson Warren and Clara A. Mills; Tracy B. was born December 20, 1847, married October 28, 1874. Children: John Mills, Louise Bronson, Tracy Russia, Jennie Mills, Bronson Mills, Harvey Tracy and Mildred.

The ancestry of Colonel Warren's mother, from 1636, is as follows: (1) John Bronson, lived in Hartford, Conn., in 1636. It is supposed he came over with Rev. Mr. Hooker when he came in 1636. After the purchase of Farmington by the Hartford Colony, he removed there. Children: Jacob Bronson, born January, 1641, John, born 1644, Isaac, born November, 1645, Mary, Abraham, Dorcas, and Sarah. (2) Sergeant Isaac Bronson's children: Isaac, born 1670, died June 13, 1757, aged eighty-seven years, John, born 1673, Samuel, born 1676, Mercy, born

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1680, Joseph, born 1682, Thomas, born 1686, Ebenezer, born 1688, Sarah, born 1690, Mercy, born 1694. (3) Isaac Bronson was born 1670, died June 13, 1757, aged eighty-seven years. Children: Jerusha, born November 8, 1703, Isaac, born March 27, 1707, the first white male child born in Middlebury, Conn., at that time the western part of Waterbury, Anna, born August 23, 1709, Josiah, born June, 1713, Mary born May 29, 1716, Nathan, born May, 1717, died in 1722, James, born October 27, 1721, died 1725, Patience, born April 14, 1725, James, October 22, 1727. (4) James Bronson, born October 22, 1727, married Sarah Brocket, of Wallingford, Conn. Children: Roswell, born September 9, 1751; Sarah, born June 5, 1754; Levi, born June 12, 1757; Asahel, born November 28, 1759; Thankful, born March, 1762; Jesse, born July 1, 1763. (5) Asahel Bronson and Esther Upson; Asahel was born November 28, 1759, married February 12, 1784, died April 22, 1850. Esther Upson was the daughter of Deacon Stephen Upson, of Waterbury, Conn. Children: Sally, born December 1, 1784, married Daniel Tyler; William, born May 27, 1787, married Almira Tyler; James; Tracy; Amy and Almy (twins); Amy died young, and Almy married Lyman Camp; Asahel and Esther (twins); Asahel died young, and Esther died in 1826. (6) William Bronson and Almira Tyler: William was born May 27, 1787, died September, 1856. Almira Tyler was the daughter of Roswell Tyler. Children: Amanda M. married William Townsend; Tracy J. married Sarah Warren; Jane married John H. Woodruff; Marcia married Lucius Thompson; Louisa, born August 15, 1828, married David Hard Warren.

Clara A. Mills, wife of Tracy B. Warren, was born in Boston, Mass. On her father's side she is descended from good old Revolutionary ancestry. John Mills, persecuted in his native Scotland on account of his Protestant faith, emigrated early in life to this country. He enlisted April 15, 1758, in Capt. Alexander Todd's company, under Col. John Hart, and performed duty on the Western frontier. He was discharged October 30, 1758, and re-enlisted April 7, 1760, again under Captain Todd in the regiment of Colonel Goffe, from Amherst. He remained in service until 1781, being promoted through the various grades to that of captain. He married Hezekiah Lyon, who died in Windham, Vt., in 1824; he died in the same town in 1812.

Ebenezer, son of Captain John and Hezekiah (?) Mills, married Hannah W. Upton, of Amherst. He enlisted in 1812, and died in the army at Burlington, Vt., in 1814.

Ebenezer, Jr., son of Ebenezer and Hannah W. Mills, was born in Mt. Vernon, N. H., August 4, 1792; married Louisa Holden, of Brookline, N. H., 1816. Miss Holden was born August 2, 1792, and died in Grafton, Vt., June 27, 1829. Ebenezer, Jr., died March 1, 1867. Ebenezer, Sr., and Ebenezer, Jr., enlisted together at Bellows Falls, Vt., in 1812.

John Franklin Mills, son of Ebenezer, Jr., was born June 27, 1822, in Grafton, Vt. He married, May 19, 1849, Sarah Rumrill Dudly, who was born in Roxbury, Mass, June 4, 1824. He died April 9, 1876, his wife February 25, 1867. Sarah Rumrill Dudly was a lineal descendant of Thomas Dudly, the Colonial Governor of Massachusetts.

Mrs. Clara A. (Mills) Warren is the third child of John Franklin and Sarah (Rumrill) Mills, and has since her marriage resided in Bridgeport, Conn., where she has always been very active socially. She is at present regent of Mary Silliman Chapter, D. A. R.; manager of the Bridgeport Orphan Asylum, Bridgeport Hospital, and numerous charitable organizations.

CAPTAIN JAMES A. MORRELL, chief officer of the handsome and commodious passenger and freight boat, the "Shady Side," of Stamford, Conn., is a native of the State, having been born September 17, 1853, at Greenwich, Fairfield county.

The Captain comes of an old Greenwich family, his father Silas B. having been born there, a son of Benjamin Morrell, who for a long time was a resident of that city. Silas B. Morrell was a miller by trade during the greater portion of his life. He married Miss Ann Eliza Reynolds, and had a family of seven children, namely: George (of Stamford), Edward (deceased), Samuel (captain of the "George Starr," and residing in New York), Lavinia, James A., Carrie and Hattie. The father of this family died October 23, 1884, the mother on February 21, 1894.

Our subject attended the public schools of his native place, and at the age of thirteen years commenced a sea-faring life as cook on board a coasting vessel running from Stamford, Conn. He has been employed as pilot and captain on the "Starin" line of steamers, and on the New York Harbor Tow Co.'s boats. In the spring of 1886 he went on the "Shady Side," plying between Stamford, Conn., and New York, and acts as pilot part of the time and as captain part of the time. The "Shady Side" is one of the handsomest passenger boats on Long Island Sound, has complete and comfortable accommo-

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dations for passengers and ample capacity for freight—being in all respects well-equipped for the requirements of the good people of Stamford.

In New York City Capt. James A. Morrell married Miss M. Anna Stottlar, of Stamford, daughter of John and Catherine Stottlar. Socially, he is a member of Leeds Council, Order of United American Mechanics. The Captain is of a genial, whole-souled disposition, and equally as popular on shore as on his boat.

WILLIAM LORENZO DURANT. One of the most popular hostelries of this region is the "Lake House," at Lake Kanosia, near Danbury, and its genial owner and manager, the subject of this biography, is an ideal host. As Mr. Durant is a self-made man, his past life affords some sharp contrasts with the present, and the story of his successful efforts to overcome his early disadvantages will give a warmer tinge to the esteem of his wide circle of acquaintances.

On the paternal side he is of French descent, his grandfather, William Durant, having crossed the ocean with a brother, Thomas. The latter settled in New Jersey, William Durant making his home in Massachusetts. His son, William Durant, the father of our subject, was born in Massachusetts, and for many years owned and operated a large paper-mill at Newton Lower Falls. He was also in business for some time in Niagara Falls, N. Y., where he died in 1856. His wife, Elizabeth (Gibson), was a native of Newton Lower Falls. They had four children: George Thomas, Elizabeth Jane, William L. and Frederick.

Mr. Durant, our subject, was born October 25, 1831, at the old home in Newton Lower Falls, where his education was begun in the common schools. At the age of fourteen he was compelled to turn his attention to a bread-winning occupation, and five years were spent in the employ of Daniel Buck, a paper manufacturer at Windsor, Conn. His active mind refused to be content with the limited educational opportunities that fate had vouchsafed, and during all these years of hard work he spent his evenings in study, thus securing a goodly store of knowledge and invaluable mental discipline. His next employment was in a paper-mill at Westville, Conn., where he remained two years, and then he went to New Haven, and for the same length of time was engaged in contract work in a rubber shop. Receiving an appointment on the New Haven police force, he entered that service, but as it was not congenial he retired at the end of a year and went to Palmer, Mass., where he conducted a livery stable for a year. Having disposed of this, he returned to New Haven and continued in the same business about eight years, and then sold out in order to take charge of his present hotel, which he leased for a year. From that time to this he has been more or less closely connected with the hotel business, and after managing two other houses on leases, one at Mill Plain for four years and ten months, and the "Bassett House," at Birmingham, Conn., for three years and two months, he purchased the "Lake House," where his first experience in the business had proven so auspicious. For three years he conducted the hotel himself, and then leased it to different parties, George Ferry keeping it for five years, John R. Clark for four years, and others for shorter periods amounting to about four years. On December 1, 1896, Mr. Durant again took possession, and he is now actively superintending it, his residence being situated near the hotel.

Mr. Durant married Miss Frances Lucy Holladay, daughter of Roland and Annie Holladay, of Herkimer county, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Durant are members of the Universalist Church, and both are identified with Rebekah Lodge No. 16, of Danbury, Mr. Durant being an active worker in the I. O. O. F. He also belongs to the B. P. O. E. Of their two sons, the elder, Edward Eugene, born in 1866, married Miss Ella Sackett, of New Haven, and now resides on Whitney avenue in that city. Frederick B. married Miss Bertha Connors, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and also resides in New Haven. Neither of the sons has had any children.

On questions of national policy Mr. Durant supports the Democratic party, but in local affairs he votes independently. He has served on the Democratic town committee, and held various offices of trust and responsibility, but in all his public career he has never made an error in an account. In 1873–74 he was a member of the school committee of the town of Danbury, and during his term he was elected justice of the peace. On retiring from that office at the end of a year he served a year as constable of the town. For two years and a half (from 1883 to 1886) he was a deputy sheriff of Fairfield county, and later he held office as collector for the town for a year, and then as collector for the borough of Danbury for a like term. In 1886 he was appointed superintendent of the Town farm, but after holding the position four years he resigned, and has since kept free from the cares of public life.

A genial disposition and temperate habits tend to health of body and mind, and Mr. Du-

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rant, despite his years of hard work, is "as sound as a dollar." He is six feet tall and weighs 238 pounds at present, though he has "tipped the scales" at 265 pounds. He has never tasted a drop of intoxicating liquor in his life, nor chewed tobacco, but he does confess to a fondness for his pipe. [Since the above was written we regret to be informed that Mr. Durant was, in January, 1897, stricken with paralysis, and has been in poor health since that time.—Editor.]

PETER LORILLARD RONALDS. Nature has wrought so generously in this favored region, that the most artistic taste is satisfied with the charming views of hill, valley and sparkling waters, displayed on every hand, and it is significant that the beauty of the landscape is best appreciated by those who have traveled farthest, and are thus enabled to compare this with other localities famous for picturesque scenery.

One of the most highly prized treasures of Mr. Ronalds is a copy of the family genealogy, procured from the family register in the Lyon office, Edinburgh, Scotland. It contains an epitome of the history of his family, from Ronald, Earl of Marca, who was created Earl of Zetland and sovereign of the Orkney Islands, by Harold Harfragh, King of Norway, A. D. 875. Earl Ronald was for a time deprived of his sovereignty, which was conferred upon his brother Sigwid; but he was restored in 915. Not many families can trace their lineage back in an unbroken line for over one thousand years, with the consciousness that royal blood flows in their veins. The trunk of Mr. Ronalds' ancestral tree descends through Earls Einar, Sigard, 2, to Erland, cousin of William of Normandy, who conquered England, and was a great-grandson of Earl Ronald. Earl Magnus VI was the last male of the Norwegian Earls of Orkney and Shetland. He was succeeded by Margaret, Countess of Orkney and Shetland, who married Malise, Earl of Stratherne. John, Earl of Orkney and Caithness, sixth in descent from Margaret, surrendered the islands to the King of Scotland, throwing off allegiance to the King of Norway. Allied to this ancient family are the royal families of England, France, Spain and Prussia. Earl John, the fourth from Margaret by another branch, finding his title to the sovereignty disputed, put himself at the head of the Norwegians. In honor of his illustrious ancestor, Earl Ronald, he took the latter's name, and it has since been borne by his descendants as a surname. He married the granddaughter of King Robert Bruce, 2, in 1409. His son, Earl John, was counselor of state to King James V. Sir Patrick Ronald, born in 1540, was one of those who assisted in the impeachment and imprisonment of Queen Mary. His son, Patrick, dropped the "Sir," and married Mary, daughter of Sir Robert Stuart. Patrick's son John fought with the King againt Oliver Cromwell, escaped to France, and returned to Scotland after the Restoration in 1659. His grandson, Lieut.-Gen. Sir John Ronalds, K. B., first added the final "s" to his surname. He was a distinguished soldier in the British army, and died at Calcutta. A brother, James, grandfather of our subject, was born in 1752; he emigrated to America and married Margaret Ritchie, also a native of Scotland. He had seven children, of whom the fourth, Thomas A., will be spoken of farther on. The entire genealogy shows that members of the Ronalds family were prominent and worthy in the land of their birth, and were true Highlanders. The records of the twenty-eight generations have been well kept, and are looked upon with pride.

Thomas Alexander Ronalds, father of Peter L. Ronalds, was born in April, 1788, and died in 1835. He was a successful merchant in New York, being engaged in the wholesale stationery business, and was highly respected among his associates as a man of ability and charater. His wife, Maria Dorothea Ann Lorillard, who died May 20, 1847, was a daughter of Pierre A. Lorillard, the famous tobacco manufacturer of New York City. This remarkable man began his career with limited capital, opening a small shop in Chatham street, New York, and by patient, persevering effort he increased his business until it became the largest in that line in the country. As it outgrew the resources of his first establishment he removed to a larger factory in Wooster street, which afterward was transferred to Jersey City. He was never prominent politically, his business interests requiring his attention to the exclusion of public matters; but he held an influential position in the community. At his death his business descended to his only son, Peter, while his large estate was divided among all of his surviving children, another having died in childhood. Our subject's mother was the eldest of the four daughters, the others being Elenore (Mrs. Spencer), Dora Ann (Mrs. John David Wolfe), and Catherine (who married the husband of her deceased sister Elenore).

Thomas A. Ronalds and his wife had the following children: Mary, Margaret, and Dorothea Ann, none of whom married; Catherine, wife of J. Addison Thomas, a graduate of West Point;

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Elenora, who married Frederick A. Conkling, a brother of Hon. Roscoe Conkling; Julia, who died in childhood; Thomas Alexander; Peter Lorillard (1), who died in infancy; Peter Lorillard (2), our subject: George Lorillard; and Mason, who died in childhood. Of these, Thomas Alexander married Adeline Freeman, daughter of Doctor Freeman, of Woodbridge, N. J.; and George Lorillard married Miss Pauline Withaus.

Peter L. Ronalds, of whom this sketch more particularly relates, is a native of New York City, having been born September 19, 1826, at No. 5 Cliff street, and received an excellent education. After attending school for some time at Rye, Westchester Co., N. Y., under the instruction of Samuel A. Berrian, he spent three years at the College Hill School, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., under Professor Bartlett, and two years at Irving Institute, at Tarrytown, N. Y. When about eighteen years old he took a position as clerk with Allen & Paxon, of No. 134 Front street, and after remaining with them twenty months he enjoyed a vacation of about six months. He then entered the employ of Schuyler Skaats, with whom he spent two months; but the death of his mother occurring about this time, he decided to gratify his love of travel, and much of his time has since been spent in this way. While his long absences from the country have prevented him from taking any active part in politics, he has never lost his interest in public questions, and whenever he has been at home he has voted according to his own judgment for the best man, irrespective of party. He is exceptionally well informed, and is liberal and broad in his ideas on all subjects. In religion the Lorillard family was originally identified with the Lutheran Church, but Mr. Ronalds is a Rationalist in belief, and as he indulges in a broad and generous sympathy with every effort of man toward spiritual and intellectual development, he has "charity for all and malice toward none" in his relations with those who may differ in thought on these subjects. He is the largest stockholder in the Driving Association of Newtown, and the grounds of the association are known as "Ronald Park."

On November 16, 1859, Mr. Ronalds married Miss Mary Frances Carter, daughter of Joseph B. Carter, a well-known resident of Boston, Mass. Four children were born of this union: (1) Fanny Florence, born in 1860, married Thomas Hay Ritchie (now deceased), and resides in Belfast, Ireland. (2) Pierre Lorillard, born in Paris, France, April 10, 1862, married Miss Bertha Constance Perry, and resides in New York City. (3) Reginald, born December 10, 1864, is also a resident of New York, where he and his brother, Pierre Lorillard, are engaged in business as wholesale dealers in plumbers' supplies. (4) Walter Ernest, born in January, 1866, died in 1873.

"Castle Ronald," occupying a grand and picturesque position on the brow of one of the loftiest hills in the town of Newtown, and of which Mr. Ronald is at once owner, architect and builder, is probably, considering its pretensions and cost, the most remarkable dwelling on the American continent. Although he has traveled much, and spent years in preparing and perfecting plans for the erection of the Castle—which he intends to be an enduring memorial of the ancient Ronald family—Mr. Ronalds in all the lands he has visited found no site so well suited to his purpose, or one that pleases him so well, as Ronald's Peak, in the near vicinity of the village of Newtown. The building, which for marvelous completeness in each and every detail baffles any attempt at an exhaustive description in a work of this nature, may truthfully be said to be the result of Mr. Ronalds' personal study and observation of foreign buildings, added to and perfected with many unique ideas of his own. Ronald Castle is a two-story edifice, with a flower conservatory on top, and is built of Roxbury gray stone. The principal building is 110 feet long by 42 feet wide, while to its highest point it reaches 55 feet. In its design no architectural school has been followed; its battlemented walls give it a baronial aspect, yet it has neither tower nor turret; it is antiquated here and modern there; and while its arches are suggestive of the Italian style of architecture, it is French in one corner, and distinctly American in another—withal truly cosmopolitan in general respects, and yet the combination does not fail to harmonize. Its interior is worthy of its surroundings, and Mr. Ronalds, who is noted for his cultured taste, has added to the skill of the decorator his remarkable collection of curios, paintings and antique articles, including some rare specimens of ancient armory.

Mr. Ronalds has been an extensive traveler, having crossed the Atlantic forty-six times, while he has also visited many points of interest in the Western Hemisphere, including Cuba. Outside of Russia (and yet he has been within eight miles of the Czar's territory), he has wandered about every country in the Old World. He can show a land yacht in which he traveled about in foreign countries, while in his collection of carriages is a waggonette that formerly belonged to the son of the late Duke of Wellington (the "Iron

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Duke"), in which Mr. Ronalds drove, four-in-hand, from the Mediterranean to Antwerp, and later on through part of England. At one time he made a pilgrimage to the Holy land, stopping at Jerusalem and other places mentioned in Sacred History, and has visited the continent of Africa four times. At different periods he has resided in England, Germany, France and Italy, maintaining an establishment in each of these countries, with a corps of attendants and all the appointments of a luxurious home. At present he has a residence at Monte Carlo, his servants being retained, and his stables, horses and vehicles kept ready, against his return at any time. Mr. Ronalds has been fortunate, or "lucky," in all his travels, never having met with an accident on any of his trips. Once, to be sure, while near Cherbourg, the steamer he was a passenger on was run into; and another time, while he was traveling by train, the piston rod of the locomotive was broken, but no injury ever befel him. He speaks half a dozen languages, and is very affable and entertaining, while the many visitors to Castle Ronald are courteously received, not a few being right royally entertained by the gentlemanly and hospitable host.

EDWARD BERGIN, section foreman on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, is one of the respected residents of Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he has made his home for a number of years. He is a native of Ireland, born August 5, 1842, in County Kilkenny, where his parents, Edmund and Mary (Haley) Bergin, were farming people in comfortable circumstances. They passed their entire lives in Ireland. The family consisted of seven children—six sons and one daughter—of whom four came to the United States: James, Daniel, Kayran and Edward. James is deceased; Daniel resides in New York City; Kayran makes his home in Boston.

Edward Bergin attended the public schools in his boyhood, receiving more than the ordinary advantages for education in that day, and he lived at home with his parents until coming to this country. His older brother, Daniel, had been to the United States and returned to Ireland, and, when he came to this country again, Edward accompanied him, taking passage on the steamer "City of Manchester," from Queenstown, in the latter part of April, 1860, and landing in New York City after a fourteen-days' voyage. He commeneed work almort immediately as a laborer on the Camden & Amboy railway, on which he was employed for six years, subsequently working on the New York Central and later on the Dutchess & Columbia railways; it was on the last named road that he first acted as foreman, and he remained on that line for ten years. In 1882 Mr. Bergin went to work for the New England Railway Company, and afterward for the New York, Susquehanna & Western road, in whose employ he continued until, in August, 1884, he came to Fairfield to take charge of Section 18 of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad as foreman, in which position he he has since been retained. Mr. Bergin is a thoroughly capable and experienced railroad man, a fact which accounts for his long service in the one employ, for the corporation which he serves has probably the best roadbed in the United States, and is particular to engage only the most competent and reliable men, especially in a position of such responsibility. His section has since been changed to No. 19.

On February 12, 1871, Mr. Bergin was united in marriage, at Amenia, N. Y., to Miss Kate Barrett, of Pine Plains, that State, who was born May 8, 1853, and grew to womanhood in Dutchess county. Mrs. Bergin was the only daughter in the family of five children born to John and Ann (Preston) Barrett, highly-respected residents of Dutchess county, N. Y., the former of whom was a section foreman on the Dutchess & Columbia railway. The only son now living is John E. Barrett, who is roadmaster for the Lehigh & Hudson River railroad, and resides at Warwick, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Bergin have had a large family, several of whom died in infancy; the living are: Mary E., Daniel S. (who resides in Chicago, where he is an agent on the elevated road), Anna F., Katy T., Edward F. (assistant agent on the railroad at Fairfield), James R., Bessie, Maggie and Charles L. All the members of this family are industrious, useful and respected by the community in which they reside, and they are children of whom any parents might well be proud. In religious connection the parents are members of St. Thomas Catholic Church, of Fairfield, and politically Mr. Bergin is a stanch Democrat, though he is not a politician. He is a quiet, peaceable man and a good citizen, and he deserves great credit for the comfortable circumstances in which, by his own efforts, he has placed himself and family. Their home is one of the old Revolutionary residences of Fairfield.

MISS AGNES MURRAY, who has made her home at Greenfield Hill, in Fairfield township, Fairfield county, for a number of years, is the daughter of Col. James B. Murray, who during his lifetime had his summer residence there.

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The Murrays are one of the most highly connected New York families, and one of the oldest Scotch families who came over with William the Conqueror, their arms being quartered with the town arms of Selkirk, Scotland, and they are mentioned by Sir Walter Scott in his "Minstrelsy of the Scottish Border." The family still retains the privilege of hunting in the Royal forests. Miss Murray's grandfather, John B. Murray, was born in England, was highly educated and settled in New York City, where he was a wealthy merchant and vessel owner, at one time having and owning fourteen vessels in the Mediterranean. His first cousin was the prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral, London; another cousin was the Master of the Rolls, in London, having charge of the Queen's will, the contents of which it is death to disclose.

James B. Murray was a native of Alexandria, Va. He received a thorough education, and at the age of twenty-one was a Spanish consul at New York, where he resided for many years. He was an officer in the war of 1812, during which he was sent to England with despatches for the Russian government, the Emperor of Russia having offered to mediate between England and America with a view of settling the war. He was captured in England, being taken for a spy, but was released after three weeks' imprisonment, when his mission was proved. Being possessed of ample means Colonel Murray lived a life of enjoyable leisure, traveled abroad continually, and had his summer residence at Greenfield Hill, Conn., in the home now occupied by his daughter. The family moved in the most exclusive circles in New York society, and Mr. Murray numbered many noted men among his personal friends, one of them being Washington Irving, with whom he made many long voyages to Europe in sailing ships, before steamships existed.

Colonel Murray married Miss Maria Bronson, a native of New York City and a member of one of its best families, she being a daughter of Isaac Bronson, who was a surgeon in the Continental army during the Revolutionary war. To this union were born seven children, viz.: Maria, deceased, who married Cambridge Livingston; Bronson, living in Fifty-second street, New York City; John, who died in New York; Caroline, who died in Paris, France, unmarried; Washington, deceased in New York; Agnes; and Anna B., Mrs. William Parsons Winchester Dana, living in Paris. The father of this family passed away in his New York home at the advanced age of seventy-six years, the mother when over fifty, and both lie buried at Greenfield Hill. Mrs. Murray was a member of the Presbyterian Church. The Colonel was an old-time Democrat in politics.

Miss Agnes Murray had the advantages of the best private institutions at home and abroad, attending school in this country and in Paris, and receiving all the benefits to be derived from extensive travel, and is a lady of thorough education and culture. She has crossed the ocean ten times. Miss Murray has many personal friends among New York's best families, but within a short time after her father's decease she took up her home permanently at Greenfield Hill, respecting the wish of her mother that some member of the family should occupy the old home there. Her parents entertained some noted guests at this pleasant home, among others, some of England's highest nobility, one of the governors of the Bank of England, and many persons of national reputation.

WILLIAM S. CRAFT is one of the prosperous business men and land owners of Greenwich township, Fairfield county. He was born September 19, 1842, on the farm where he makes his home. He is a son of William H. and Ann E. (Strang) Craft, who were highly respected residents of this neighborhood. The mother lived on this farm at the time of her marriage.

The Craft family is of German origin. Samuel, the grandfather of William S., lived in Harrison township, Westchester Co., N. Y., where he carried on farming. In his family were five sons: Joseph, Samuel, Jonas, Tompkins and William H.; and one daughter, Ann, Mrs. Jonas Halstead, of Genesee county, N. Y., who is the only survivor. All the sons except William H. migrated to what in that early day was called the West, settling in Genesee county, N. Y., where Joseph had bought 160 acres of primitive land, and removed on it before the Erie canal was completed.

William H. Craft was born December 28, 1818, on the paternal farm in Harrison township, Westchester Co., N. Y., where he was reared to manhood. When sixteen years old he commenced to learn the carpenter's trade under Silas Brundage, in King Street, in Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., and followed same for a number of years, when he abandoned it to go into the meat and vegetable business on his own account, opening a store in Glenville. He continued this during the remainder of his active business life, making his home in Glenville. For ten years (including the period of the Civil war) he held a contract for the trucking business of the

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firm of Russell, Birdsell & Ward, and during that time resided in Rye township, near Port Chester, Westchester Co., N. Y. In 1841 Mr. Craft wedded Ann E. Strang, who was born in 1825 in New York City, daughter of Daniel and Maria (Storm) Strang. Stormville, Dutchess Co., N. Y., was named after her mother's family. The Strangs were of French extraction, the name as now spelled being a corruption of the French name L'Estrange. Daniel Strang was a member of the firm of Strang & Whitney, in its day one of the oldest and most reliable cotton firms. He had a family of six children: Charles, Thomas, William, John, Ann E. and Susan, of whom Charles died at White Plains, N. Y.; he was inspector of meats in New York City. Thomas (also deceased) was a planter at Mobile, Ala., having gone to the South through the influence of his uncle, Thomas Strang, who was an extensive cotton planter and manufacturer of Alabama. William was a trunk manufacturer in New York City; he died in Jersey City. John, who passed away at Fishkill, N. Y., was for years freight agent for the Erie railway at pier No. 7, East river, New York. Susan is the wife of Edward Bogardus, of Hopewell, Dutchess Co., New York.

Mrs. Ann E. Craft passed away January 12, 1855, and was laid to rest in the private cemetery at King Street. Mr. Craft subsequently married Mrs. Sarah Y. Finley (widow of John H. Finley), who died in 1894, and is interred in the Baptist cemetery in King Street by the side of her husband, who followed her to the grave June 20, 1896. Physically, Mr. Craft was spare in build, weighing from 140 to 145 pounds. He was a good worker, and placed himself in prosperous circumstances by his energy and good judgment in business affairs, for he had no advantages over the ordinary to commence life with. He took an active interest in the public as well as the commercial affairs of his community, served as selectman of Greenwich for several terms, and while living in Rye township, Westchester Co., N. Y., was assessor of same. In political sentiment he was a Democrat. His religious sympathy and support were given to the Baptist Church. Socially, Mr. Craft was a member of Acacia Lodge, F. & A. M., Greenwich. His family consisted of five children, viz.: William S., who will be presently spoken of; John S., who is in the domestic produce business in Buffalo, N. Y.; Catherine M., wife of Norman L. Nobles, of Attica, N. Y., who is an engineer on the Erie railroad; Mary S., who married William H. Stebbins and died in New York City: and Daniel S., who died in infancy.

William S. Craft commenced his education at the district school in King Street, later attending the Greenwich Academy for two years. After his mother's death he made his home with her cousin, and in 1856 he began his mercantile career as a clerk in the wholesale grocery house of Nelson Sherwood & Co., No. 466 Pearl street, New York City. After two years' service with that firm he became clerk for John Lounsbury, a grocer at Port Chester, N. Y., whence he returned to New York City, entering the employ of Coffin & Seabury, of Water street, dealers in domestic produce. Some few years later he returned to his birthplace, and shortly afterward embarked in the meat business in Glenville as his father's partner, continuing with him until he branched out alone, running retail wagons. He has continued this business ever since, and in addition, for over thirty years, has been extensively engaged as a grower and jobber of apples and other fruit for foreign trade. He is also a stockholder in a soap factory in Buffalo, N. Y. He has been a member of the school committee, on which he served for years, and for nine years he was school visitor.

In August, 1863, Mr. Craft was united in marriage, at White Plains, N. Y., with Miss Sarah A. Huestis, a native of that place, daughter of Caleb Huestis. Five children blessed this union, of whom the three eldest—Frank L., Charles S. and Lewis S.—died in childhood; Edith H. and Evelyn W. live at home. Mrs. Craft is a member of the Episcopal Church.

GEORGE B. CHRISTISON. Among the brave men who helped to make up the quota of soldiers sent by Connecticut to defend the Union in the dark days of the Rebellion was the subject of this biography, now a prominent resident of Stamford.

Entering the service on August 15, 1862, as a private in Company B, 17th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, he made an honorable record, remaining throughout the war. He was mustered into the service August 28, 1862, at Bridgeport, this county, and left the State September 3, being assigned first to the Middle Department of the 8th Army Corps, then serving on the defences at Washington, D. C., where he remained until November. He was then assigned to the 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 11th Army Corps, and in August, 1863, his regiment was transferred to the 2nd Brigade, Gordon's division, 10th Army Corps, stationed for a time at Folly Island, S. C. From February, 1864, until the close of the war he served in the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, District of Florida, or the 4th Sep-

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arate Brigade, Department of the South, under William H. Noble, colonel; Albert H. Wilcoxon, lieutenant-colonel, and Henry Allen, major. On July 1, 1863, he was wounded at Gettysburg, Penn., by a gunshot in the left knee, and also had the misfortune to fall into the hands of the enemy, suffering imprisonment in Libby Prison, Belle Isle, and Richmond. On August 25, 1863, he was paroled at Richmond, and on October 2nd of the same year he was exchanged. He remained on duty as long as there was any fighting to be done, receiving his discharge from the United States service July 19, 1865, and August 3 of that year he was mustered out of the State service at New Haven.

Mr. Christison is a descendant of an old and honorable family, long resident in Edinburgh, Scotland, and one of his cousins, Sir Robert Christison, M. D., was physician to the Queen of England. The father of our subject, John Christison, was born in Scotland, whence he came to America, locating in New York City, where his death occurred in 1839.

Our subject was born August 11, 1828, in New York City, and was left an orphan at the age of eleven years. Soon afterward he went to Stratford, this State, to reside, and in 1845 he removed to Stamford, where he learned the shoemaker's trade, and for some time worked as a journeyman. The war interrupted this work, and after his return he was employed as a cutter in the factory of Cook & Lounsbury, at Long Ridge, Conn. In 1883 he took a position as foreman in a shoe factory in New York City, and from 1885 to 1891 he was a member of the firm of Cook, Lounsbury & Co., at Long Ridge. During 1892 and 1893 he was foreman for the firm of Lounsbury & Soule, in their factory at Stamford, and since that time he has been employed as janitor in the Elm Street school building. He has always taken an active interest in local affairs, and he held the office of assessor under the old borough government for some time. From 1872 to 1893 he was a member of the town school board, and at present he is serving as a special policeman, being known as "Number 39."

In 1850 Mr. Christison was married in Stamford to Miss Phœbe M. Scofield, daughter of Ebenezer Scofield, a well-known citizen of that place, and their home has been brightened by one daughter, Isabella S. The family is highly esteemed socially, and Mr. Christison is identified with a number of organizations, including the G. A. R., Hobbie Post No. 23, at Stamford, in which he holds the rank of senior vice-commander. He is an honorary member of Leeds Council, Order of United American Mechanics, and for twenty-nine years has been connected with Union Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M., at Stamford, while he is also an active member of the Connecticut Veteran Masonic Association.

RUSSELL J. SCUDDER, of the town of New Fairfield, is a prosperous agriculturist, and his large farm gives every sign of judicious management. As a citizen he is held in high esteem, and for years he has been almost constantly in office in his township.

The family is of good Colonial stock and Robert Scudder, our subject's great-grandfather, was born in the town of Easton, this county, and was educated there after the custom of that early time. In 1774 he married his first wife, Esther Jennings, who died a few years later, and July 31, 1785, he married Rachel Buckley. His death occurred in 1806. Among his children were three sons: Peter, Isaac and Jesse.

Capt. Jesse Scudder, the grandfather of our subject, was born April 12, 1778, in Westport, this county, and after receiving a common-school education he engaged in farming. In his later years he removed from Westport to the town of New Fairfield, where he purchased a large tract of land in the center of the town. He became prominent in the affairs of the locality, and being an active worker in the Democratic party was elected to various official positions, including that of justice of the peace, which he held for many years. He took great interest in military operations, and his title was gained by service in the local militia. In religious faith he was a Methodist, and he was at all times ready to assist in the work of the Church. He was married three times. By his first wife he had two sons, Meaker and Isaac, both of whom are mentioned more fully below. By his second wife, Polly (Birch), he had two daughters: Lavina, who married Russell Stevens, and Harriet, who married Henry Wilson. His third wife, Jemima (Barnum), had no children.

Meaker Scudder was born in the town of New Fairfield in 1805, and was educated in the common schools of that locality. He engaged in farming, and after his marriage he went west, to Michigan, where he purchased an extensive farm and became a well-to-do citizen and a man of influence. Like his father, he was an active worker in the Methodist Church. He married Miss Ann Bradley, by whom he had three children: Jessie and Sabina (deceased), and Bradley.

Rev. Isaac Scudder, our subject's father, was born August 4, 1803, in the town of New Fairfield, where he obtained a practical education in

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the local schools. From boyhood he was accustomed to assist his father in the work of the homestead, and later he engaged in farming on his own account. When he was thirty years old a change came into his life, and while still continuing the cultivation of his farm in New Fairfield, he entered the ministry of the Methodist Church. About this time he married Miss Mary Coleman, who was born October 20, 1808, a daughter of Rev. James Coleman, an itinerant minister of the same denomination. Rev. Mr. Scudder was for many years a local preacher at Centerville, and he also officiated in various other towns in this region, doing much for the spread of the Gospel and the upbuilding of the Church.

Rev. James Coleman was one of the best known preachers of his day in his denomination. His home was in Ridgefield, this county, but he traveled on what was called the Courtland circuit, which required six weeks to make the rounds, and during his life he is said to have been on horseback all through Canada and New England. He and his wife, Martha (Defrees), reared a family of five children: Abigail, who married Joel Griffin; John, who remained single; Martha, who married Zebulon Main; James, and Mary, our subject's mother.

Rev. Isaac Scudder and his wife had four children—one daughter and three sons: (1) James, born June 1, 1837, in New Fairfield, died June 24, 1855, at the age of eighteen. (2) Russell J., our subject, is mentioned below. (3) Henrietta A., born January 21, 1845, married Henry Gardner, a farmer, who afterward became a hatter of Danbury. They had six children—Jemima, Addie, Chloe, Jessie, Fannie and Henry. (4) John W., born July 1, 1847, married Phœbe Wheeler June 4, 1871, and they had three children—Eunice A., Emma L. and James Irving. By occupation he is a farmer. On June 29, 1895, he was licensed to preach as a local Methodist preacher, and at present frequently fills the pulpit at various places.

Our subject was born April 27, 1841, at the old home in New Fairfield, and the district schools of that town furnished him his educational opportunities. He became familiar with the details of farm work in his boyhood through assisting his father, and at the age of twenty-one he hired his time to the latter for one hundred dollars per year. This arrangement continued two years, when he began farming for himself. In 1864 he married Miss Salina Sturges, daughter of John H. Sturges, a farmer of the same town, and his wife, Eliza Knapp. The only child of this union, Miss Mary E. Scudder, born May 28, 1874, received a literary education in the schools of New Fairfield, and afterward graduated from the School of Music at Danbury. She has become quite proficient as a musician, and at present is organist of the Methodist Church at New Fairfield. Doubtless her gifts are inherited from her father, who has for years been the leader of the choir in the same church. He is actively interested in all branches of Church work, having held the office of steward during the greater part of his life, and he has also served as trustee, and as superintendent of the Sabbath-school. Politically, he is a stanch Democrat, and for the past three years he has been the treasurer of the town. At various times he has been chosen to other positions of trust, his first election being to the office of assessor, which he held for three years. During the Civil war he was drafted, but owing to physical disability he was excused from service.

JOSEPH H. WHITCOMB. This enterprising and popular citizen of Bridgeport enjoys the distinction of being the only Democrat ever elected to the board of aldermen from the Fifth ward of that city. As a self-made man he has won an honorable place in business circles, and his fine grocery and meat market at No. 1193 E. Main street, Bridgeport, shows what well-directed energy can accomplish, even without the aid of capital or influence.

Mr. Whitcomb belongs to an old Colonial family of Pennsylvania, and is descended from one of three brothers of the name, who came from England about 1620. John A. Whitcomb, the father of our subject, was born at Harrisburg, and is a veteran of the Mexican war, and in early manhood went to Peru, Ind., but later removed to Kalamazoo, Mich., where he now resides. He is a carpenter by occupation, and formerly he was also interested in the cooper's trade. His wife, Mary (Harvey), is a native of Belfast, Ireland, but came to America in childhood with her father, John Harvey, who was a prosperous farmer of Indiana. Of the five children of John A. and Mary Whitcomb, the eldest, William, who died in 1896, was engaged in railroading, and resided in Kalamazoo; Anna died in infancy; Joseph H., our subject, is third in the order of birth; Frank resides in Kalamazoo, and is engaged in the railroad business; and Mary married and resides in Kalamazoo.

Joseph H. Whitcomb was born May 25, 1863, in Peru, Ind., and was two years old when his parents settled in Kalamazoo, Mich., where he received his education. On leaving school

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he entered the employ of Miller, Wicks & Terrill, meat dealers in that place, with whom he remained five years. He then spent three years with Thomas O'Neil, and two years with John R. Allen in the same line of business, and in May, 1882, he came to Bridgeport. For about three years he worked at the spring-maker's trade, and for six months he was employed in the meat market of Platt & Ritch. In March, 1886, with no capital except his savings, he engaged in the meat business on his own account, opening a market on Barnum avenue; after two years he removed to his present location, where he keeps on hand a large and well-selected stock of groceries and meat for the retail trade. On November 3, 1886, he married Miss Mary Connelly, a native of Newtown and reared in Bridgeport. Five children have blessed this union: Frank, William, Joseph, Jr., Lilian, and Ethel. Mr. Whitcomb and his family belong to the Catholic Church, and he is affiliated with the Knights of the Macabees. For many years he has been an active worker in the Butchers' Protective Association, in which he has served as president. His term as alderman (1890–91) was marked by faithful and efficient service.

JULIUS W. SKIDMORE, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Bridgeport, where he is successfully engaged in the manufacture of hat blocks, is a native of Connecticut, born March 15, 1847, at Bethlehem, Litchfield county. He is a son of P. H. Skidmore, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere.

In 1853 our subject came with the family to Bridgeport, where he first attended school, and in 1862, while the war of the Rebellion was at its height, he was still conning his books. He was burning also with patriotism, and caused his father so much trouble by making repeated efforts to enlist in the army that it was found necessary for a "guard" to accompany him to and from school. His dinner was sent to him, and he was kept locked in the school-room during noon recess; but, as will be seen, it was no avail. The lad was always handy with his pocket-knife, and one day, at noon, he contrived, by slyly taking an impression of the school door-key with some gum he was chewing, to make a key out of his maple-wood ruler. With this he succeeded in opening both doors which stood between him and his heart's desire — the army. Now free, he at once wended his way to New Haven, Conn., where he enlisted as a drummer boy in Company D, 23rd Conn. V. I., and accompanied the regiment to the front. At the battle of Brashear City, La., June 23, 1863, he was shot through the leg by a sharpshooter who had already killed the fifer and six others of our subject's comrades, shooting each one through the forehead. Julius fell when wounded, but had sufficient presence of mind to lie still. The Rebel sharpshooter, after waiting a while, and thinking that our subject and comrades were all dead, emerged from his place of concealment, and was instantly killed by young Skidmore. Upon his return to Bridgeport, Mr. Skidmore was met at the train by Mayor Stirling and P. T. Barnum, who lifted him to their shoulders and carried him around among the citizens, who loudly cheered him. The city of Bridgeport presented him with a handsome rosewood drum, and a letter of thanks for his heroic service.

After the war the "Drummer Boy of Company D" attended the Cheshire Military Academy, from which institution he was graduated. On his return to Bridgeport he commenced learning the pattern-maker's trade in the Pacific Iron Works, under the instruction of his father, and from 1879 to 1884 he was a partner with his father and brother in that business. In 1870 he superintended, for his father, the construction of the Tocoi & St. Augustine railroad, in Florida, remaining there until 1875. In 1884 he became an employe of and designer for the firm of Glover, Sanford & Sons, wool-hat manufacturers in Bridgeport, and his branch in the business was the designing of ladies' hats. When this firm discontinued business, Mr. Skidmore went to Newark, N. J., and became a member of the American Hat Machine & Supply Company, remaining with them one year. Once more returning to Bridgeport, he embarked in the manufacture of hat blocks, his present flourishing enterprise, the business being situated on Washington avenue. We are sorry to have to record further that Mr. Skidmore has been guilty of manufacturing "wooden nutmegs," similar to those historic ones that were once upon a time "sprung" upon a too-confiding and unsophisticated public, with this difference that those of Mr. Skidmore's manufacture were very highly flavored and were intended as souvenirs to his many friends.

On October 18, 1876, Mr. Skidmore was married to Miss Marion E. Lewis, daughter of Dr. Theodore Lewis, of Stratford, Conn., and two children—Lewis Palmer and Maude Bernice—have been born to them. Socially, our subject is a thirty-second-degree Mason, a member of St. John's Lodge No. 3, Jerusalem Chapter, of Jerusalem Council, of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and is a Knight Templar, Hamilton Commandery; he is also a member of Lafayette

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Consistory, 32° Scottish Rite Mason. He is a member of Elias Howe, Jr., Post No. 3, G. A. R.; is also a member of the Park City Yacht Club, and it is to his efforts that the present beautiful clubhouse is largely due. He is an enthusiastic yachtsman and hunter, one of the most popular men in Bridgeport, and the longer he is known the more he is esteemed, respected and admired.

GEORGE WILLIS BENEDICT, M. D., the genial and intelligent postmaster of the city of South Norwalk, is a member of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of this county, the name having been prominent in local annals from pioneer days.

Several representatives of the family took an active part in the struggle which resulted in freeing the nation from the British yoke, and others in later times have been influential in social, political, financial and professional life. E. C. Benedict, a wealthy resident of Greenwich, and an intimate friend of Grover Cleveland, is a first cousin of our subject. The Doctor's grandfather, Asa Benedict, was a native of the county, and became a leading agriculturist of the town of Norwalk.

The late George Benedict, the Doctor's father, was born in South Norwalk June 2, 1807, and passed his life in that locality. From 1840 to 1885 he was a member of the firm of G. & W. H. Benedict, hat manufacturers of Norwalk, but the last three years of his life were spent in retirement, his death occurring September 17, 1888, at South Norwalk. As a good citizen he was always interested in political movements, and he was a stanch supporter of the principles of the Republican party. In religious faith he was a Congregationalist, and for many years he held the office of deacon. He was also active in municipal affairs, and at one time was a member of the city council of South Norwalk. His wife, Amanda (Benedict), who died May 1, 1893, was a daughter of John Benedict, a resident of the town and county. Of the two children of this union, the elder, Miss Ophelia Jennie, died in 1873.

Our subject was born September 25, 1852, in South Norwalk, and until he reached the age of sixteen he attended the union school of that town. He then entered Prof. Olmstead's Academy at Wilton, Conn., to prepare for college, and in the fall of 1870 he became a student at Yale, where he was graduated in 1874 after taking the regular Academic course. While in college he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and Psi Upsilon Fraternities. His professional education was begun in the medical department of the same institution; after one year, however, he went to New York City and completed his course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, graduating in 1878. Soon afterward he established himself in practice at South Norwalk, but as time passed his attention was turned to political affairs more and more, and in 1895 he retired from practice. During the last five years of his professional work he made a specialty of treating diseases of the nose and throat. Since June 1, 1895, he has held office as the postmaster of his native city. At various times he has declined nominations for other offices, and although he is an independent voter yet he could have commanded a large following at the polls. The Doctor is not married. He is well liked socially, and is a member of the Congregational Church.

WILLIAM HADLEY, a well-known resident of Shelton, holds a responsible position with the firm of M. Seward & Sons, manufacturers of carriage hardware, New Haven, and his ability and skill in mechanical lines is widely recognized.

Mr. Hadley is of English birth and ancestry, and his grandfather, William Hadley, was a wealthy land owner near West Bromwich, England, where his life was spent as a "country squire." William Hadley (2), the father of our subject, was born at the old home near West Bromwich, and in early manhood became interested in a rolling-mill business in England, but later he settled upon his estate and devoted much of his attention to its management. In 1870 he came to America to take possession of a farm in Illinois (which he had previously purchased), and he died there in November of the same year. He was a member of the Church of England, and the various members of the family now in this country are identified more or less closely with the Episcopal Church. His wife, Emma Beeson, who is still living, was a native of West Bromwich, and a daughter of Thomas H. Beeson. Our subject is the eldest in a family of seven children, the others being: Percy is a resident of Louisville, Ore.; Alice married Joshua Holmes, of Shelton; Joseph E. resides in Wallingford, Conn.; Edward J. is superintendent of a silver-manufacturing establishment in Toronto; Emma married Warren Belcher, now of Portland, Ore.; and Leanora is the wife of Rev. Albert Renshaw, of the same city.

Our subject was born February 17, 1857, at West Bromwich, England, and was about twelve

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years old when his parents came to America. He remained in Illinois one year, and then returned to England to complete his education. In 1876 he came back to the United States to stay, locating first in Meriden, Conn., where he was employed for two years by the Wilcox Silver Plate Company. In November, 1878, he removed to Derby to take a position with the Derby Silver Company in their satin-finishing department, with which he was connected for five years. About 1884 he entered the employ of the Farrell Foundry Company, of Ansonia, and after leaving the firm in 1890 he spent one year with the Osborn Cheeseman Company, of Shelton. For five years he was master mechanic for the Derby paper-mill, and then, after spending a short time in a similar capacity with F. W. Bird & Co., of East Walpole, Mass., he was employed by Wilcox & Howe, of Shelton. After six months with that firm, he became connected with M. Seward & Sons, of New Haven, and for two years past he has been engaged in their drop-forging department. He still maintains his residence in Shelton, but rents his property there. In politics he is a Republican, and socially he is identified with the Ousatonic Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F.; Blue Lodge, F. & A. M., and Solomon Chapter, R. A. M., No. 3, at Derby.

On December 22, 1880, Mr. Hadley married Miss Lillian Medora Downs; no children have blessed the union. Mrs. Hadley is a native of the town of Huntington, and her ancestors were early settlers of the present site of Shelton. Her parents, Henry L. and Cornelia (Blackman) Downs, were both natives of the town, and her grandfather, Lewis Downs, who married Mary Gilbert, was born in the vicinity of Shelton. On the maternal side Mrs. Hadley belongs to a well-known family of that locality, her mother being a daughter of Ard Blackman.

EDWIN J. BANKS. This well-known resident of Bridgeport has been engaged in business for eighteen years as a dealer in meats and groceries at the same location, and now enjoys the distinction of having continued that business longer than any other man on the East side. Mr. Banks is much esteemed as a citizen, and the story of his life shows that he possesses the sterling qualities of perseverance, industry and thrift.

His family has been identified with Greenfield Hill, this county, for several generations, and his grandfather, Nathan Banks, a Revolutionary soldier, followed farming in that locality. Bradley Banks, our subject's father, was born in 1802, in Greenfield, and made his home upon a farm there, his death occurring in 1856. His wife, Polly Banks, who died in 1892, was born in the town of Weston, this county, where her father, Daniel Banks, was engaged in agriculture. Fourteen children were born to Bradley and Polly Banks, viz.: Nathan B., William E., Henry B., Rufus B., Mahala (Mrs. Hayes), Sarah M., Catherine, Mary E., Bercilla B., Harriet B., Martha, Daniel, Amelia S. and Edwin J.

Edwin J. Banks was born in Greenfield, August 10, 1846, and attended the schools of that locality. On leaving school at the age of eighteen, he devoted his attention to farming at the old homestead, but in 1870 he removed to Bridgeport and engaged in the meat business on Main street. After a year and a half in the location he entered the employ of C. R. Nichols, a butcher in E. Bridgeport, with whom he remained about three and one-half years. He then opened a market at No. 129 E. Main street, where he conducted business successfully for more than five years, and since 1881 he has occupied his present store at No. 118 E. Main street, where he keeps a fine stock of groceries and meats. Politically, he is a Republican, and he is connected with a number of social societies, including the Knights of Pythias, Joseph Dowdall Lodge No. 40, and the I. O. O. F., Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, of Bridgeport, and Stratfield Encampment.

On December 23, 1868, Mr. Banks married Miss C. Estelle Davis, of Miller's Place, Long Island. They have no children of their own, but have adopted a son, Herbert C., who was born January 5, 1884. Mrs. Banks is a descendant of an old English family, and her father, Sylvester R. Davis, was a well-known agriculturist of Long Island. He and his wife, Elmina (Hallack), who was a native of Long Island, had seven children: Joseph W., a sea captain, who resides at Port Jefferson, Long Island; Laura, wife of Daniel W. Davis, of Mount Sinai, Long Island; Merritt W., deceased; Spafford W., who is a sea captain, as was also Merritt W.; Roxanna, wife of Benjamin Robertson, a merchant at East Norwalk; C. Estelle (Mrs. Banks); and Emma J. (deceased), who married Sherman R. Smith, of New York State.

NATHAN PERRY, who for twenty-six years has been engaged in the butchering business in Georgetown, Conn., was born September 10, 1846, in the town of Wilton, Fairfield county, a grandson of Nathan Perry, one of the prominent residents of Weston over a century

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ago. The great-grandfather, also named Nathan, lived in Fairfield. He served in the Revolutionary war in 1775, in Captain Dimond's company, and in 1777 in Captain Burr's company. There is but little known of him except that he had three sons and two daughters, namely: Nathan, Walter, Joel, Ellen and Clarcy, Nathan being the grandfather of the Nathan whose name introduces these lines.

Nathan Perry, the grandfather, was born in Fairfield. In the primitive schools of the day he acquired the substantial rudiments of an education, and he early learned the trade of a millwright. He built the first four-wheel wagon seen in Weston, and it was he who invented the first cutting machine with a roll of knives cutting on rawhide. His invention was patented, but not having the finances necessary to place the machines on the market, he lost the patent, and Mr. Sanford, of Weston, bought the right. Mr. Perry built the Godfrey gristmill in Georgetown, now used as a wiremill, and he also built the Berkshire mills, at North Bridgeport, in which the hum of industry is still heard. He married Miss Sarah B. French, who was born August 13, 1783, and died April 17, 1829, and their children were: Nathaniel W., born March 6, 1804; Orlus S., born November 6, 1805, married Mary Barnes; Samuel B., born December 8, 1807; Patty, born March 26, 1810, married John Flarharty; Melissa, born December 1, 1812, married William Morehouse; Drusylla, born July 23, 1814, married Zenas Whitney; James R. was the father of our subject; Sallie A., born July 13, 1819, married Alonzo Beekman; and Ellen, born November 12, 1821, married George C. Bonton.

Mrs. Sarah B. (French) Perry was the daughter of James R. French, who was born in Stratford, Fairfield county, near Bridgeport, December 20, 1751, one of a family of five children, the others being: Hannah, born June 21, 1753; Gamole, born April 15, 1756, died June 29, 1828; Joseph and Jeabone (twins), born May 21, 1759. James R. French was the father of the following named children: John, born August 24, 1775; Jeabone, June 13, 1777; Polly, December 6, 1778; Joseph, December 4, 1780; Sarah B., August 13, 1783; Joseph B., December 12, 1786; James, March 15, 1788; Harriet, December 12, 1790, and Maria, July 29, 1797. Mr. French was very popular in and about Bridgeport in his day.

James R. Perry was born August 14, 1817, in the town of Weston, and received his education in the common schools. He engaged in farming all his life. In the old training days he belonged to the militia, and he was always interested in public matters. His first vote was cast, in 1840, for Harrison for President, and his last, nearly a half a century later, for the grandson. He married Miss Mary A. Webb, of Weston, and they took up their residence in Wilton, where their children—Oliver J. and Nathan—were born. Soon after they returned to Weston. James R. Perry died, March 14, 1889. Oliver J. Perry was born July 31, 1844, and received his education in the common schools of Weston. He engaged in farming as an occupation. He married Miss Sarah Elsworth, and they became the parents of six children—Nellie, Annie, Nathan, Polly, Sarah and Charles. Oliver J. Perry died November 15, 1897.

Mary Ann (Webb) Perry was born in Weston July 17, 1822, and died September 1, 1896. She was a good wife and mother, and her death was sincerely and deeply mourned by her family and a wide circle of relatives and friends. Mrs. Perry was a granddaughter of Jared and Hannah (Scofield) Webb, who were born August 21, 1766, and January 22, 1770, respectively, and their children were born as follows: Charles, December 14, 1788; Epenetus, June 8, 1791; Sabrina, May 25, 1793; Judson, March 25, 1795; Sarah, May 11, 1797; Rufus, July 24, 1799; Rebecca, October 6, 1801; Eliza, October 16, 1803; Nancy, September 18, 1805; George, August 10, 1807; William, October 8, 1809; Jared Smith, November 11, 1811; Seth Albert, July 1, 1814. Judson Webb, father of Mrs. Perry, learned the cooper's trade, at which he was engaged for the most part throughout his life. He married Miss Polly Ann Perry, of Weston, who was born September 22, 1801, daughter of Steven Perry, and they had a family of four children, namely: Mary Ann; Walter Perry, born February 10, 1823; Louise Jane, born December 25, 1831; William H., born June 16, 1833, died August—, 1848.

Nathan Perry was a pupil in the common schools of Weston, until old enough to begin work on a farm. A few years after he began to learn the saddle-making trade, but at the age of seventeen he enlisted in Company E, Second Connecticut Volunteer Heavy Artillery, serving from December 29, 1863, until his discharge in 1865. This regiment was assigned to the Sixth Corps, Army of the Potomac, and Mr. Perry bore a hero's part in the hardships experienced by that army. At Cold Harbor he was severely wounded, and he is now pensioned by the government. The family has been well represented in the great struggles in which this country has been engaged, Nathan Perry, Mr. Perry's great-grandfather, serving in the Revolutionary war,

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Judson Webb in the war of 1812, and Mr. Perry himself in the Civil war. His father was a member of the State militia.

After his discharge from the army Mr. Perry went to Bridgeport, Conn., where he found employment, but a year later he went to Winsted, same State, working there in a scythe shop for two years, after which he returned to the old home in Weston, and within a short time he married and moved to Georgetown. Here, as above stated, he has carried on the butcher business for a number of years, and by honorable dealing he has reaped a fair reward.

On November 2, 1871, Mr. Perry was married, at Norwalk, Ohio, to Miss Ella A. Henderson, and their home has been brightened by the advent of the following children: James H., born October 26, 1872 (now in business with his father); Fannie B., January 12, 1874; Ella A., September 1, 1877; Mattie May, February 16, 1882 (died in infancy); Walter H., January 25, 1884; Mary A., March 2, 1886; Samuel O., May 2, 1888; Edith A., September 8, 1890; and Lewis W., June 3, 1893. Mr. Perry has always occupied a prominent position in public affairs, and is one of the leaders of the Republican party. His first vote was cast in Winsted. He has held the office of school committeeman, and was honored by being sent to the State Legislature from this district. Stanch and true to his party, he nevertheless has the courage of his convictions, and never allows his partisanship to blind him to the best interests of his town. He is a member of James E. Moore Post No. 18, G. A. R., where he delights in fighting the battles over with the other boys who wore the blue. He is also an active, worthy member of Ark Lodge No. 39, of the Masonic Fraternity.

Mrs. Ella A. (Henderson) Perry was born May 3, 1848, at Norwalk, Ohio, daughter of Rev. R. N. and Dorothy A. (Smith) Henderson, who had but two children; the other, Fanny, born June 17, 1846, was married January 16, 1867, to Walter E. Bell. Her maternal grandparents were Paul G. and Fanny Smith, the former of whom, born July 25, 1788, in Lyme, Conn., went "west" in early life, settling in Norwalk, Ohio; he died there November 18, 1856. Fanny Smith was born July 1, 1788, in East Lyme, Conn., and died March 14, 1868, in Norwalk, Ohio. They were married March 25, 1809, and their children were as follows: Fanny C., born December 22, 1809, died October 27, 1833; Julia M., born July 25, 1812, died August 12, 1834; Laura, born July 25, 1814, died June 15, 1816; Lauretta, born March 3, 1817; Martha, born July 14, 1819; Mathew K., born September 27, 1821, died September 28, 1821; Dorothy Almenia, born December 12, 1822, died February 28, 1850 (she was married to Rev. R. N. Henderson, March 23, 1843); Phœbe, born June 21, 1825, died June 4, 18—; Samuel P., born December 29, 1829, died February 8, 1848.

HENRY E. CHICHESTER was born in the town of Wilton, Conn., in May, 1840. After leaving school he engaged in farming, and has always made that his life work. In politics he has always been a Republican, but he was elected, on a fusion ticket, selectman of his town, which position he held for many years, during seven of which he was chairman of the board, and he was chairman of the Republican County committee for sixteen years. He was elected justice of the peace, for over twenty years, and for many years he has been town clerk, both of which positions he holds at the present time. He was also elected a member of the State Legislature for the term 1889 to 1892, and was county auditor for four years. At one time he was a member of the Union League.

Mr. Chichester married Miss Annie Olmstead, of New Jersey, by whom he had no children, and after her death he married Miss Mary Olmstead, her sister; by her he had one child, Howard. The second wife having died, he married Miss Hannah Ogden, daughter of S. E. Ogden, of Wilton, and by her he had one child, named Sherwood.

Abraham Chichester and his brother Daniel removed from Long Island to Connecticut in 17—. Abraham married a Miss Stevens, by whom he had six children—four sons and two daughters—viz.: Abraham, David, Nathan, Stephen, Jerusha and Martha. Abraham studied medicine, settled at Wilton, and there practiced his profession for many years. He married Miss Mary Arnold, by whom he had ten children, as follows: Abijah, Abraham, Samuel, Hezekiah, Aaron, David, Phebe, Polly, Betsey and Susan. Stephen married Betsey Reed, and settled in New Canaan, Conn. They had three children: Harvey, Harriet and Cynthia. Harvey married Julia Lockwood, Harriet married William Greenley, and Cynthia married Samuel Dean.

Aaron Chichester, father of our subject, was born in the town of Wilton in 1792, and died in 1856. From the time he left the common schools, in which he received his early education, he devoted most of his life to farming, but he served his country in the war of 1812. He invented a machine for working hat bodies, to which he devoted considerable time. For his

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services in the war of 1812 he was given a large tract of Western land. While he gave but little attention to politics, yet he served his fellow-citizens in such positions as selectman of his town, and as assessor. He married Miss Betsey Edwards, daughter of Justin Edwards, of Bridgeport, a prominent farmer of that place. To this marriage there were born the following children: Henry, subject of this sketch; and Nancy, who married Henry Benedict, and died January 31, 1878; Mr. and Mrs. Benedict had one child, Edith, who married Charles Bennett, and had one child.

Nathan Chichester married Theodosia Weed, and settled in New Canaan, Conn. He and his wife had seven children: Lewis (who died young), Sarah, Clarissa, Polly, Marie, Nancy and one whose name is not given. Lewis married Sophronia Wood, by whom he had one child, Lewis, who died at the age of twenty-eight. Clarissa never married. Polly married David Caveny. Marie remained single. Nancy married Abram Hanford.

David Chichester married and settled in New Canaan, Conn., and by his wife had eight children: Enos, William, Isaac, Polly (1), Alanson, Mary, Ann and Polly (2). Enos married——; Isaac married Emma Wakely: David married Phebe Lockwood; Polly married Samuel Dean; Alanson married Sarah Weed; and Mary married Charles Lockwood.

Jerusha Chichester, fifth child and eldest daughter of Abraham Chichester, married a Mr. Warren, by whom she had two children: Nathaniel and Cynthia. Mr. Warren having died, she then married David Weed, by whom she had one child, Betsey. Martha, sixth child of Abraham Chichester, married a Mr. Warren, brother of her sister's husband, and she had one child, Benjamin. Mr. Warren having died, she then married Peter Brown, by whom she had the following children: Polly, Peter and Jerusha. Jerusha married Benjamin Webb, by whom she had two children, Annie and Benjamin.

Dr. Abraham Chichester, son of Abijah, married Betsey Olmstead, and by him had the following children: Aaron, who married a Miss Ives; Ira, who married the widow of Aaron; Laura, who married a Mr. Ives; Betsey, who married a Mr. Eaton; Ann; Esther, who married a Mr. Eaton; Polly; and Abraham, who married Caroline Holmes. Abraham and Caroline Chichester had the following children: Lewis, Stebbins, Quartus, John, Mary, Emily and Betsey. Abijah Chichester married twice, by his second wife having one child.

Samuel, son of Dr. Abraham Chichester, married Fannie Sherman, by whom he had two children: Maria and Martha. Hezekiah, son of Dr. Abraham Chichester, married a widow, Maria Lewis, and by her had one child, Mary. Aaron, son of Dr. Abraham Chichester, married Betsey Edwards, and by her became the father of the subject of this sketch. Abraham Chichester, while studying medicine with the view of becoming a practitioner, died at the age of twenty-seven years.

David Chichester married Mary A. Crandall, by whom he had two children: Edward L. and Mary A. The mother of these children having died, Mr. Chichester then married Miss Eliza Ermaw. After her death he married Charlotte ———, by whom he had two children, viz.: Rosa Ann, and one that died in infancy unnamed.

Susan married George Benjamin, by whom she had eleven children: Frederick, Theodore, two by the name of George, John, Jane, Harriet, Adeline, Augusta, Henry and Frank. Betsey Chichester married John Bouton, and had one child, Phebe, who never married. Polly Chichester died January 10, 1874, leaving one child, Cornelius R., who married Adeline Seaman, and by her had three children, all of whom died young.

Enos Chichester, son of David, studied medicine and settled in Pottsville, Penn., where he married Mary Bushenlin, by whom he had five children: John, Charles, Mary, Eliza and David.

WILLIAM HAWLEY JUDD was born in Stamford, Conn., February 10, 1850, the only son of Grant and Hannah (Knapp) Judd. He received his education in the best schools of his native place, at one time being under the able instruction of Prof. Beals, and at the age of eighteen he commenced his business career with Fox & St. John, lumber dealers, in Stamford, Connecticut.

Owing to the death of Mr. Fox his interest was acquired by Harvey Hoyt in April, 1868, the business being continued by St. John & Hoyt, and Mr. Judd remained with the new firm as bookkeeper, salesman and manager until 1878, when he became a partner, the firm name being changed to St. John, Hoyt & Co. Early in 1888 Mr. Getman, of Oswego, N. Y., entered the firm, and the name was changed to Hoyt, Getman & Judd. In April, 1894, upon the death of Mr. Hoyt, the firm became Getman & Judd, and in the spring of 1897, when Mr. Bogardus was taken into partnership, they assumed their present style, Getman, Judd & Co. In addition to his connection with this concern, Mr. Judd is secretary and treasurer of the St. John Wood

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Working Company, and vice-president of the Connecticut Lumber Dealers Association. He is also identified with the banking interests of Stamford, being a director of the Stamford Trust Company, of the Stamford Savings Bank and of the Stamford Safe Deposit Company. Although business cares have taken most of his time and attention, he served one term as burgess of Stamford under the borough government. Mr. Judd is a member of the Church Club of Connecticut, of the Republican Club of New York and the Suburban Club of Stamford. He is a man of recognized good judgment in business affairs, and Stamford regards him as one of her most progressive and useful citizens.

On November 11, 1873, Mr. Judd was married, in New York City, to Miss Anna Moores, daughter of Charles W. and Susan (Mallory) Moores. Mr. and Mrs. Judd are members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, of Stamford, of which Mr. Judd has served as vestryman for over twenty years.

On the paternal side Mr. Judd's first ancestor in America was Thomas Judd, who was born in England in the year 1608, and arrived in America in 1633. In 1636 he settled at Cambridge, Mass., and in 1644 he removed to Farmington, Conn., where he was one of the first proprietors. He was also one of the first deputies to the General Court, serving as such from 1647 to 1679. From him William Hawley Judd traces his ancestry in direct line, as follows: (2) Philip Judd, of Farmington and Waterbury, Conn., born in 1649, married Hannah Loomis. (3) Philip Judd, of Bethel, born in 1673. (4) Samuel Judd, of Danbury, born at Bethel (*circ.* 1720), married Hannah Knapp. (5) Samuel Judd, Jr., born in 1743 at Bethel, lived for some years at Cornwall, Conn., where his death occurred; he married Lucy Hawley. (6) Benjamin Judd, born in 1769 at Bethel, married Zilpha Williams. (7) Hawley Judd, born September 13, 1797, at Bethel, married Eleanor Williams, of Redding, Connecticut.

(8) Grant Judd, father of William Hawley Judd, was born June 29, 1821, in Bethel. In 1843 he removed to Stamford, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was one of the organizers of the Phœnix Carriage Manufacturing Company, of Stamford, with which he remained until the company dissolved. On March 26, 1845, he married Miss Hannah M. Knapp, and they had but one child, William Hawley, whose name introduces this sketch. Grant Judd died in January, 1892. During his life he was an energetic and respected citizen, and from him his son inherits many of his sterling characteristics.

On the maternal side Mr. Judd traces his descent from Hezekiah and Mary (Peck) Knapp, the former of whom served in the Revolutionary army under General Wooster. His son, Luther Knapp, married Hannah Selleck, daughter of Joseph and Phœbe (Clock) Selleck. Their daughter, Hannah M. Knapp, born June 26, 1827, became the wife of Grant Judd. Thus it will be seen that from his ancestors, both paternal and maternal, our subject inherits those stanch characteristics for which New England has always been famous.

ORMEL HALL. It is an indisputable fact that there are certain duties devolving upon every citizen of this broad land which it would be almost cowardly to shirk. There are men, who seeing these duties to the State, faithfully do their part by keeping intelligently informed on matters relating to both theoretical and practical political economy, and by using their right of franchise. Though they may not seek office, yet when it comes unsought, it is accepted as a sacred trust, and the work appertaining thereto is discharged with punctilious carefulness. On such men rests in no small degree the substantiality of the Nation. Ormel Hall, whose name opens this brief sketch, is a man in whom the civic conscience is highly developed, and in the balances in which he has been weighed he has not been found wanting.

Mr. Hall was born October 17, 1845, a son of Zalmon, who was a son of Daniel, who was a son of Ebenezer, who was a son of Samuel Hall. The first of the family to come to this country was Francis Hall, who settled first in New Haven, Conn., later removing to the town of Stratford, this county.

Daniel Hall, the grandfather of Ormel Hall, was born in Fairfield county, in August, 1758, and removed from Weston to Trumbull in 1804. Farming was his life work, and he left an honorable record for his dealings with all men. He married Miss Jemima Turney, of Weston, and they became the parents of seven children: Tabitha, Mabel, Turney, Alanson, Zalmon, Alben and Benjamin. In his religious belief the father of these children was a devout Methodist.

Zalmon Hall was born in Weston June 13, 1795, and passed his boyhood days in that town and in Trumbull. His entire life was devoted to agricultural pursuits. In April, 1829, he was united in marriage with Hannah M. Bennett, who passed away in 1865. Seven children were born of this marriage: Beach (deceased), Louise, Bennett (of Missouri), Pauline, Horace (of Ken-

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tucky), Clarissa and Ormel. Zalmon Hall upheld the principles of the Whig party, and warmly advocated any measures tending to the development of higher morality. In religious faith he was a communicant of the Episcopal Church, and in 1884 his immortal spirit sought its last home.

Ormel Hall was born October 17, 1845, and passed his early days in acquiring a knowledge of the "three R's" in the schools at Trumbull, later attending the Easton Academy. He put his education to a practical test by entering upon the profession of a teacher. In this he met with the success that comes of determined effort. The various schools in which he was employed were located not only in Fairfield county, but also in Missouri, New York and Oregon. He finally gave up his work as an instructor, and has since engaged in farming. His interest in the cause of education did not die when he left the school room, but he has ever since taken an active part in securing a good school system and competent teachers. He is now serving as a member of the board of education. In his political affiliations he is a supporter of the Republican party, and in 1879 he was elected as representative of his town in the State Legislature, where he was soon recognized as a conscientious worker for the good of party, State and Nation. He has served his fellow townsmen as selectman, registrar of voters and in other local offices. When once he attempts anything, he is an indefatigable laborer until the end in view is accomplished. Kindly in manner, just in all dealings, he is held in high regard by all who know him.

LEWIS W. BOOTH, junior member of the well-known firm of E. W. Peck & Co., of Derby, is one of the enterprising and successful business men of that locality.

Mr. Booth was born January 31, 1851, in the town of Trumbull, this county, where his family has long been prominently identified with agricultural interests. Walter G. Booth, the father of our subject, was a native of that town, and for some years of his early manhood was engaged in farming there; but about 1869 he located upon a farm in the southern part of Huntington. The mother, Elmira C. (Beardsley), is still living, at the age of seventy-eight years. They reared a family of ten children—five sons and five daughters—all of whom are living except one daughter, who died at the age of fourteen. They are as follows: Electa J. Adams, of Rhode Island; William G.; Samantha O. Post; Mary D. Franklin; Arthur C., of Shelton; Frank H., of Akron, Ohio; Jennie J. Fulton, of New Haven; Edgar D., of New York; and Lewis W., our subject. The Booths date back to the original family that came over from England, settling in Stratford, Conn., and are direct heirs to a large legacy; unsuccessful attempts were made in previous years to recover the property.

Lewis W. Booth's education was obtained chiefly in the schools of his native town, and when eighteen years old he accompanied his parents to the new home in Huntington township. About a year and a half later he went to Derby to learn the business of plumbing and tinsmithing with E. W. Peck, and on completing his apprenticeship he remained as a regular workman. After spending twelve years in the establishment he purchased a half-interest, and the firm has ever since continued under its present title. They occupy a shop in Main street, Derby, and enjoy a large trade. As a citizen Mr. Booth is deservedly held in high esteem, and his sound judgment has more than once been called into the service of the public. At different periods (about four years in all) he has been a member of the borough board, and he has also served on the local board of education. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious faith is a Congregationalist, he and his family being prominent members of the Church at Shelton.

On September 24, 1873, Mr. Booth married Miss Idella Crofutt, of Stratford, a daughter of Samuel Crofutt, a native of Huntington, and his wife, Sarah J. (Culver). For about eight years after his marriage Mr. Booth made his home in Stratford with his wife's family, driving daily to his business in Derby, but he now resides at Shelton. Five children have blessed the union: Fannie W.; Stephen C., who died at the age of six years; Clara E.; Lewis S. and Ralph C. Socially, Mr. Booth and his wife are popular, and he is a member of Ousatonic Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., and of the Grand Lodge of the State; also of the Order of the Golden Cross, a temperance organization in Derby.

F. P. MOSHIER, who has spent almost his entire life in Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he is now successfully engaged in the livery business, is a self-made man. Thoroughness and persistency have characterized his entire business career, and have been supplemented by careful attention to details, and by an honorable and straightforward effort that has gained him a most excellent and enviable reputation.

Mr. Moshier was born at North Cos Cob, November 15, 1854, and is a brother of S. A.

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Moshier, in whose sketch will be found a history of their ancestors. To a limited extent he attended the district schools of Bingletown and Cos Cob, but his educational advantages were meager. Leaving home at the age of eleven years, he went to work for William H. Mead, receiving only his board in compensation for his services. After a year with that gentleman, he entered the employ of Lyman Mead, a farmer, who paid him $40 the first year, and gave him a small raise each year thereafter, allowing him at the same time to attend school during the winter season. Later Mr. Moshier worked as coachman for Moses Christy, at Greenwich, for two years, and was similarly employed by Col. H. W. K. Hoyt, of the same place, until he embarked in the livery business on his own account, February 22, 1878. From his savings he purchased a team of horses, and in a small barn on Putnam avenue, Greenwich, he began business. Later he rented a barn on Greenwich avenue, and kept increasing his stock from time to time as his business demanded and his financial resources allowed, until he now keeps from eighteen to twenty-five horses. In 1892 he erected his present large and modern barn on Greenwich avenue, which is well equipped with everything needed in his line of business, in all representing an expenditure of nearly $20,000. He is a man of excellent horsemanship, is a good judge of horses, and, being the leading liveryman of Greenwich, he enjoys an immense business.

In New York City, Mr. Moshier was married December 8, 1876, to Miss Margaretta E. Mulleney, who was born May 7, 1857, in the town of Riversdown, County Sligo, Ireland, a daughter of Jeremiah Mulleney and his second wife, Beatrice (O'Dowd). The father, a native of Dublin, Ireland, was a large wholesale merchant of that place, and owned valuable farming land near that city. He was one of the wealthy and influential citizens of that locality, but afterward sold his mercantile interests in Dublin and removed to Sligo, where his death occurred in 1862. Being very liberal, and having lived very extravagantly, his fortune was much reduced, and what was left was taken by his first wife's children. The children born of the second marriage were: Ann, now Mrs. Michael Donough, of Newark, N. J.; Beatrice, wife of John Critabley, of the same place; Dommick, a well-to-do citizen of Melbourne, Australia, where he owns several valuable hotels; Thomas, also a resident of Newark, N. J.; Mrs. Moshier; and Jeremiah, a police captain of Newark. The mother reared her family as best she could, caring for them until they became self-supporting. She died in Newark, N. J., at the age of seventy-four years. At the age of eleven years Mrs. Moshier started for the United States, going direct to Newark, N. J., where she lived with an older sister for two years, and then was employed as a domestic in that city and in Greenwich, Conn., until her marriage, working for a time for the Rev. Charles R. Treat. Mr. and Mrs. Moshier have two children: Anna E. and James Franklin Pierce, both at home.

Politically, Mr. Moshier is a stanch Republican, but has never sought office. He now owns half of the old homestead at North Cos Cob in connection with his brother, S. A. Moshier. He is an accommodating man and good citizen, one who commands the respect and esteem of all who know him.

DWIGHT M. BANKS, one of the most progressive and successful agriculturists of Fairfield county, is the owner of a beautiful farm near Greenfield Hill, in the town of Fairfield, his residence commanding a charming view of the Sound with shores of Long Island in the distance. His methods of farm management show deep scientific knowledge combined with sound practical judgment, and the results show that "high-class" farming as an occupation can be made profitable as well as pleasant.

Mr. Banks was born March 14, 1847, on a farm adjoining his present homestead, and is a member of a prominent family of Fairfield township. A biography of his parents, Hezekiah and Abby (Williams) Banks, appears elsewhere, with a history of the earlier generations. During his boyhood Mr. Banks attended for a time a public school at Greenfield Hill, Miss Nancy Perry being his first teacher, and among other instructors there he especially remembers Horace Wheeler and Park Hill. After completing the course offered in the public school, he pursued more advanced studies in a school conducted by Rev. Marcus Burr at Greenfield Hill. Being reared as a farmer boy he was trained under his father's able guidance in the best methods of agricultural work, and the skill and knowledge thus acquired have been since used to good advantage. He remained at home, assisting his father, until 1869, when he went to Warrensburg, Johnson county, Mo., and engaged in farming on his own account, but later he returned home at the request of his parents and took charge of the homestead. In 1887 he became the owner of his present farm, upon which he has made many improvements, his tasteful and commodious residence and other buildings having been erected by

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him. As a citizen he is much esteemed, his honesty and uprightness winning the respect of all classes in the community, while financially he ranks among the substantial men of the township. While he is not a politician, he is a strong Republican, taking much interest in the success of his party. So far as local administration is concerned he desires to see good men in office, irrespective of party ties, and as his fellow-citizens share that wish he was chosen by them to fill the responsible position of treasurer of the town deposit fund, which he held for some time.

In 1888 Mr. Banks married Miss Martha L. Wheeler, daughter of H. M. Wheeler, of Easton, now of Greenfield Hill, this county, and a member of one of the best families of that locality. Mr. Banks and his wife are prominent socially, and are leading members of the Congregational Church at Greenfield Hill. He has always contributed generously to the work of the society, giving both of his time and means, and as a member of the Church committee he has done valuable work. For years he served in the Sunday-school as teacher or superintendent, and since 1892 he has held the office of deacon in the Church.

WILLIAM S. RANDALL, M. D., though a comparatively young man, has by loyal devotion to the practice of his profession placed himself among the foremost physicians in the field of his labor in this part of Connecticut.

Born in Brookfield, this State, August 5, 1861, a son of the late Charles W. Randall, a successful business man of Shelton and Derby, and Elizabeth (Ruggles), he came at an early age to reside in Southbury, and afterward in Huntington. He received his preparatory education in the public schools of that town and those of Derby, Conn., and then began a course of instruction at Yale College, graduating from the scientific department of that University in the class of '83, immediately thereafter entering the medical school connected with that institution, where he pursued the study of medicine for a period of one year. Later he completed his professional course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia College, N. Y., graduating therefrom in 1885. Soon after, having been appointed on the staff of physicians at the New Haven Hospital, he held the position of house physician and surgeon therein from December, 1885, to November, 1886. Thus fully equipped, with a scientific and medical training at the colleges, supplemented with the practical experience in hospital service, he located in Derby, Conn., in 1886, and began the practice of his profession, which has steadily increased until it extends over a large field, including the cities of Derby and Ansonia, the town of Huntington and neighboring localities. During the earlier years of his practice he resided in Derby, but in 1891 he purchased the Ruggles homestead in Shelton, took up his residence in that borough, and has since maintained two offices, the one in Derby, the other in Shelton—being prominently identified with both municipalities. He is a member of the Fairfield County Medical Society, the Connecticut Medical Society and the American Medical Association. The marked professional success and high social position which Dr. Randall has attained come only to one who, possessed of good natural ability supplemented with excellent preparatory training, pursues with unselfish and indefatigable devotion his life work. Though now reaping the harvest of years of patient toil and study, he is not content to rest on present acquisitions; but ever on the alert to bring into his service the most approved methods and the latest contributions of science to the theory and practice of medicine. While having thus gained an enviable reputation as a skillful physician and surgeon in the field of general practice, he has been remarkably successful in the treatment of diseases of the nose, throat and ear, having been connected as an assistant with the Manhattan Eye and Ear Infirmary of New York City. Many insurance companies and organizations have chosen him as medical examiner, thus testifying to their confidence in him both as a physician and a man of integrity.

Though not a politician, in the sense of an office-seeker, Doctor Randall's political friends have wisely recognized in him a strong leader, and whenever nominated to any office by the Democratic party, with which he has been identified, he has always received the hearty support of his fellow citizens, drawing to himself more than the party vote. Among local incumbencies which he has filled are those of chairman of the committee of the Ferry school district, for a period of two years, and health officer of the town of Huntington, a position which he has held continuously since 1893. In 1892 he was elected to the General Assembly as the Representative from the town of Huntington, defeating in his campaign for that office the Hon. Allan W. Paige, the Republican candidate and at the time Speaker of the House of Representatives. While in the Legislature Doctor Randall was a member of the School Fund committee, also clerk of the committee on Public Health. Only his loyalty to his chosen profession has prevented

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him from appearing more conspicuously in positions of trust and responsibility in the administration of public affairs. Among the laws which are largely attributable to his legislative work are the Medical Practice Act, and an Act concerning county and town health officers, for which his professional brethren will do him grateful honor.

Doctor Randall is a member of King Hiram Lodge, and many of the higher Masonic bodies, including Hamilton Commandery, Knights Templar. He is also a member of Pyramid Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine. Yet with all his varied interests in the business world, and in active practice, he still finds time for the cultivation of the higher educational and religious life of the community, being a director of the Plumb Memorial Library, and a cheerful supporter of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Doctor Randall was married September 7, 1887, to Miss Hattie L. Beers, a charming lady of culture and refinement, daughter of the late Daniel G. Beers, of Brookfield, Conn., and two bright children, Harold Beers Randall, born March 12, 1889, and Helen Starr Randall, born December 30, 1892, give the joy of childhood to their pleasant home.

CHARLES W. HODGES, one of the prosperous and most prominent citizens of New Canaan, Fairfield county, has been a resident of that place for about fifty years, and during that time has proved himself a valuable citizen. He was born on his father's farm in the town of New Canaan on August 2, 1841.

James Hodges, grandfather of Charles W., was a resident of Georgetown, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he followed his trade, that of shoemaker. He married a Miss Batterson. Their son, William Hodges, was born in Georgetown, and when a boy went to the district school there and at New Canaan. Under the father's tuition he learned the trade of shoemaking, which he followed for many years, but finally, having removed to New Canaan, he commenced farming there on a tract of land in Carter Street. Here he passed the rest of his life, dying in the year 1892. He was a member of the Sons of Temperance, and an ardent believer in the principles of that order. In Ridgefield, Conn., he married Miss Esther Burt, by whom he had five children, namely: Augustus, who is a resident of Nashville, Tenn.; James L., now deceased; Charles K., deceased in infancy; Charles W.; and Nancy Ida, who is the wife of Henry Keeler.

During his youth Charles W. Hodges attended the country district and village schools of New Canaan, acquiring a good ordinary education. Like his grandfather and father, he became a shoemaker, learning the trade at home, where he also continued to work for a while, engaging especially in shoe fitting. For the past ten years he has been under contract with the Benedict Company, shoe manufacturers, to do their shoe fittings, providing his own material and hiring his own help, which at the present time consists of eleven employes. Though this business naturally requires considerable personal attention Mr. Hodges has been interested financially along several other lines, and he has also found time to devote to public service, in which he has shown his ability and public spirit in the promotion of all enterprises which he believes are for the good of his community, lending his aid and influence especially to all progressive movements. He has been elected to the offices of burgess of the village and town assessor, and has discharged the duties thus imposed upon him in a most satisfactory manner to all concerned. He has met with deserved success in his business affairs, and has accumulated considerable property, at present owning thirteen houses in New Canaan.

Mr. Hodges was married June 20, 1866, in New Canaan, to Miss Mary E. Searles, and they have had three daughters: Mary Esther, who is the wife of Edward Rudledge, of New Canaan; Nettie May; and Carrie Elizabeth (Mrs Francis E. Green). The family attend the M. E. Church at New Canaan, of which Mr. Hodges is at present a trustee. Fraternally, is a member in good standing of Wooster Lodge No. 37, I. O. O. F.; of Commodore Perry Council, O. U. A. M., and of the Order of Red Men.

SAMUEL GRUMMAN, a leading merchant of Darien, has won his success by continued application to his chosen line of effort, and an ambitious youth may find in this fact a helpful suggestion. Beginning in boyhood as a clerk, Mr. Grumman has steadily made his way toward an independent position in the mercantile world, instead of turning to various occupations in the hope of finding a short cut to fortune, and his persistence has been rewarded by a handsome competence and a high standing in business circles.

Mr. Grumman was born in 1850 in New York State, the son of Josiah N. and Mary (Hayes) Grumman. His father, who is now living in retirement at South Norwalk at the age of seventy-four, was born in Ridgefield, this county, and for-

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some years of his early life followed the shoemaker's trade there, but afterward engaged in the business of shirt manufacturing. In 1872 he removed to South Norwalk, and continued in business until 1896, when he retired. His estimable wife, who was born in New York State, is now seventy-six years of age. Our subject was the younger of two children, the elder being Julia M., wife of John H. Knapp, of South Norwalk.

Samuel Grumman had but limited educational advantages in boyhood, his district-school course being supplemented by one year in a private school; but he made the best of his opportunities. At the age of fourteen he secured a position as clerk in a store at Ridgefield, Conn., and in February, 1871, he went to Darien to take a similar situation with M. S. & J. C. Mather, general merchants. So well did he perform his duties that after ten years he was taken into partnership, acquiring a one-half interest in the business. The firm carries a large stock of general merchandise, and their excellent management has gained for them an ever expanding custom and an enviable popularity. In politics Mr. Grumman has always been a Democrat, as he is a consistent foe to monopolies of every sort; but he has never taken an active part in public life, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business.

In 1873 Mr. Grumman married Miss Emma F. Williams, of Darien. They are both members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Noroton, Conn., and for some years past he has held office in same as clerk and vestryman. Socially, they are prominent, and he belongs to the F. & A. M., at South Norwalk, Connecticut.

GEORGE W. BRUSH, a well-known citizen of Cos Cob, is one of Fairfield county's native sons, and a representative of two of her most prominent and honored families, whose identification with her history dates from an early period. He was born at Cos Cob June 19, 1840, a son of Joseph and Sarah A. (Mead) Brush.

Joseph Brush was born in Stanwich, Fairfield county, August 3, 1792, a son of Benjamin and Samantha (Reynolds) Brush, and grandson of Edward Brush, who was one of two brothers that came from Long Island to Fairfield county about 1700, and were the progenitors of the family in this section of the State. Benjamin Brush, our subject's grandfather, was a farmer by occupation, and made his home in Stanwich. Both he and his wife are buried in the Congregational cemetery at Greenwich. Their children were as follows: Fanny married William Rundle, and died in Stanwich; Edward, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work, died in northern Indiana; Joseph is the father of our subject; Benjamin married Clarissa Sackett, and died in Cos Cob; Sarah married Deacon Joel Wright, and died in Michigan; Samantha married David Hobby, and died in Middle Patent, N. Y.; Deborah married R. R. Finch, and died in Peekskill, N. Y.; Platt married Maria Close, and died in Stanwich; and Edmund Burke died when a young man, and was buried in the Congregational cemetery at Greenwich.

Joseph Brush was reared as a farmer boy in Stanwich until fourteen years of age, when he went to live with his Grandfather Reynolds in North Cos Cob, remaining with him until he attained the age of twenty. He then taught school for a time in North Greenwich and also in Greenwich. About 1820 he formed a partnership with Reuben R. Finch, as dealers in dry goods and groceries, and they also became the pioneer meat packers at Cos Cob, slaughtering cattle at their own place and shipping meats to foreign countries. This business Mr. Brush continued until he retired from active labor, and it was then conducted by his sons, Amos and Benjamin. He was married March 18, 1823, to Sarah A. Mead, who was born in the village of Greenwich, January 9, 1803, a daughter of Richard and Rachel (Mead) Mead. Her paternal grandfather was Amos Mead, the seventh son of Ebenezer Mead (2), who was born October 25, 1692, and died May, 1775. The children born to Joseph and Sarah A. (Mead) Brush were as follows: Amos M., whose sketch appears elsewhere, is the eldest; Richard, born February 25, 1826, was a merchant and died in Cos Cob; Theodore D., born March 2, 1827, died young; Elizabeth S., born February 26, 1829, is the widow of Dr. James H. Hoyt, and a resident of Greenwich; Benjamin J., born August 14, 1830, died on the same day as his brother Theodore, in 1832, of scarlet fever; Mary L., born December 19, 1831, married Lewis L. Howe, and died in Greenwich; Joseph E. B., born February 17, 1833, lives in Cos Cob; Emily C., born May 29, 1834, is the widow of Henry Mead, and lives in New York; Benjamin P., born October 2, 1836, was a butcher, and died in Greenwich; Stella P., born May 22, 1838, is the wife of James Husted, of Round Hill; George W., of this sketch, is next in order of birth; Julia E., born April 23, 1842, is single; and Catharine C., born September 23, 1843, is the wife of Robert Wellsted, of Greenwich. The father died in 1870, the mother ten years later, and both were laid to rest in the Congregational

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Church cemetery at Greenwich. They were leading members of the Church, took an active part in its work, and were liberal contributors toward the erection of the house of worship. The father was the contractor of the first Episcopal church built at Greenwich. He started out in life for himself in limited circumstances, but by industry, perseverance and good management, he was able to leave his family a comfortable competence. For several years he served as township clerk and justice of the peace, and, as he possessed an excellent knowledge of law, his opinions were always respected by the lawyers trying cases under him. Being a good penman, he at one time was employed to copy the tax list, when the work was more laborious than at present, but he received only $28 in payment, though to-day $200 is given for the same work. During his younger years he was very active, and his prowess as a wrestler was known far and wide. He was never thrown in a fair wrestling contest.

At the age of four years George W. Brush began his education in the district school at Cos Cob, later attended the Greenwich Academy, then under the direction of Philander Button, who tried to prevail upon our subject to enter college, as he recognized his ability as a student. He also took up the study of French in a private school at Greenwich, taught by Louis Howe. When his school days were over he entered his father's store at Cos Cob, where he remained until twenty years of age. For some years he was interested in the wholesale grocery business in New York City, in connection with the firms of Mead & Co. and, later, Mead, Lacy & Co., on Water street. At the age of eighteen he had commanded the boat "Stella" for one year during the temporary illness of the captain, and on his return to Cos Cob he engaged in the market vessel business as captain of the "Gratitude" and the "Stella." While thus employed he sold hay for as much as $55 per ton. Later he had an office in New York, and did a general brokerage business.

In 1876 Mr. Brush wedded Miss Mary J. Fithian, of Brooklyn, a daughter of David Fithian, a well-known man and politician of that city. For some years after his marriage, Mr. Brush resided in Brooklyn, and then returned to Cos Cob, where he still makes his home. He has been harbor master at that place since the office was established, having supervision of the coast from Port Chester, N. Y., to Stamford, Conn. He is also serving as justice of the peace of Greenwich, and tries about all of the civil cases in the town. He has been registrar of votes for several years, and president of the board of health for some time, and the duties of all of these positions he has discharged with promptness and fidelity. He is one of the most prominent members of the Democratic party in the community, and his advice is often sought on political questions. His long service in various official capacities has given him a very wide acquaintance, and he has a host of friends wherever known.

B. F. FERRIS, one of the leading farmers and gardeners residing at Sound Beach, Fairfield county, has spent his entire life there, and since commencing his business career he has successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Ferris was born June 24, 1854, and is a son of Abel and Angeline J. (Knapp) Ferris, also farming people. The father was born in Greenwich township, and for many years lived at Sound Beach, where he erected a residence, making it his home until called to his final rest when past the age of eighty years. He was twice married, and his second wife, the mother of our subject, survived him for some time. The remains of both were interred in the Congregational cemetery, of which Church they were faithful members. The father was quite successful in his farming operations, and left considerable property. By his first marriage he had one son, Frelinghuysen, now proprietor of the "Stamford House" at Stamford, and by his second union he had two children: Emelina, now Mrs. Charles P. Waterbury, of Stamford; and B. F., of this review.

During his boyhood and youth B. F. Ferris attended the Sound Beach school, and among his first teachers were Miss Duff and Mrs. Quintard. He is well pleased with the great improvements made in the schools in later years. Reared at Sound Beach, he well remembers when only a few houses were scattered along the shore, where now are many and very costly homes. He built his own residence at this place, and in addition owns another dwelling there and a small farm, on which he is extensively engaged in gardening.

At the age of twenty-one years, Mr. Ferris was united in marriage with Miss A. Ruth Brady, who was born in Goldenbridge, N. Y., August 10, 1860, a daughter of Simeon and Mary A. (Steele) Brady, of Goldenbridge, N. Y. Her father now makes his home in Easton, Md. Mr. and Mrs. Ferris have a family of four children: Maud I., who graduated from Merrill's Business College, at Stamford, in 1895; Charles F., who is attending the Greenwich schools;

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George E., also in school; and Emma A., at home. The parents are both consistent members of the First Congregational Church, and in politics Mr. Ferris is identified with the Republican party. He is a quiet, unassuming man, whose word is considered as good as his bond, and he is numbered among the substantial and valued citizens of his community.

BENJAMIN F. PALMER, one of the most successful oystermen along Long Island Sound, in Greenwich township, Fairfield Co., Conn., is a prominent and highly respected citizen of Sound Beach, where he has lived all his life, having been born here April 27, 1853, son of Isaac B. and Armenia (Jones) Palmer.

The first of the Palmer family in Fairfield county was William Palmer, who came here before his marriage and located in Greenwich township between High Ridge and Long Ridge. His wife was from Mianus, this county, and they were married in New York, but they spent their wedded life in Mianus with the exception of a short period when they resided in Newburgh, N. Y. Mr. Palmer was employed on a boat running between Mianus and New York, and also to Hudson river points, and while in Newburgh he followed the same vocation.

William Palmer, son of the above, was the grandfather of B. F. Palmer, and was born near Long Ridge, in the northeastern part of Greenwich township. He married Elizabeth Ferris, also a native of Greenwich township, who was a daughter of Solomon and Mary (Marshall) Ferris, and they settled at the head of Bible street, living at first in a small, roughly-constructed house, which was improved and added to as his means allowed. Nine children blessed their union, viz.: Sands, who died in Cos Cob, was a ship carpenter, tinsmith and general mechanic. Milton learned the blacksmith's trade in Norwalk, and was an excellent workman; he died in High Ridge. Mary, living in High Ridge, is the widow of Ebenezer Jones. Darius is mentioned elsewhere. Isaac B. is spoken of farther on in this sketch. Stephen L., who died in Sound Beach, was a painter by occupation. Walter, who is a carpenter by trade, lives in Mianus; he was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion. Elmretta, the widow of Isaac L. Morrell, resides in Mianus. Gilbert is a carpenter and painter, and lives in Stamford, this county. The father was a cooper and shoemaker, following the latter trade especially in the winter time, in summer working for others at farming and other labor, and he reared his large family in comfort. He was small and wiry in build, and he lived to the age of nearly eighty-one years, dying at his home at the head of Bible street. He and his wife, who was past ninety-two at her decease, are buried at Sound Beach. Mr. Palmer was a Democrat in political sentiment.

Isaac B. Palmer, father of the gentleman whose name introduces these lines, was born July 15, 1820, in Greenwich township, in the paternal home at the head of Bible street, and here grew to manhood. When a boy he was employed for some time in the wire mills at what was then called Dumpling Pond, as a puddler, and later he began the oyster business, in which he continued during the remainder of his life. In 1861, however, he enlisted in the Union cause as a member of Company C, Twenty-eighth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers, for nine months, and he served thirteen months, re-enlisting in the Sixth Connecticut Regiment. While in the latter command he was taken prisoner, and spent ten and one-half months in Rebel prisons, suffering all the hardships and horrors which many other brave men succumbed to. Mr. Palmer was five feet, seven and one-half inches in height, and weighed ordinarily from 145 to 150 pounds, but when he came home after his discharge he weighed only ninety pounds! He resumed his business as soon as possible, buying the sloop "Arietta," and continued it for a number of years with very satisfactory success. Before the war he owned the sloop "Harrison." Mr. Palmer passed away in December, 1888, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Sound Beach. He was originally a Democrat in politics, but during his later years he was a stanch Republican, and though he was no politician he took a deep interest in party affairs, and was a regular voter. He took a special interest in school matters in his district.

When a young man, Isaac B. Palmer married Miss Armenia Jones, who was born in 1829 at Pound Ridge, daughter of Ebenezer and Maria (Dixon) Jones, and the following named children were born to them: Addison, who is an oysterman at Sound Beach; Julia A. (Mrs. Albert Lockwood), of New York; Milliard K., an oysterman of Sound Beach; Benjamin F.; Joseph G., who died in Sound Beach January 3, 1895, leaving a family of four children; Jane E., who died unmarried at the age of nineteen years; Elizabeth M. (Mrs. Thaddeus Wilbur), of Sound Beach; Wallace E., who is an engineer on the elevated railroad in New York City, being employed on the Sixth avenue line; Andrew J., an oysterman of Sound Beach; and Minnie L. (Mrs. J. C. Brundage), of Sound Beach. The mother still resides

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in the old homestead at Sound Beach. She is a member of the Congregational Church.

Benjamin F. Palmer received his education in the public schools of Sound Beach District, attending until he was thirteen years old, Miss Clarissa Clark being his first teacher. When eight years old, he commenced work, entering the employ of William K. Quintard, a farmer, and he was thus engaged for six years, at the end of which time he commenced to help his father in the oyster business, as all his brothers had done, in this way gaining a thorough knowledge of the work in all its details. In April, 1871, he embarked in business on his own account, and in August of that year began to rebuild his father's old boat, the "Arietta," which he launched in April, 1872, as the "Empress." He used her until 1888, when he became the owner of the sloop which he still runs, the "Ann Gertrude." Mr. Palmer commenced without a dollar capital, and consequently on a very small scale, but as his trade increased he branched out, and in 1873 he began to plant oysters, gradually working up in his line, until he now has an enviable patronage, and owns over two hundred acres of oyster ground. Though conservative and cautious in his business methods, he has advanced continously, and his industry and thoroughness have brought their rewards in the passing years, for he has acquired a steady patronage from the high-class trade, cultivating oysters only for the exporters, a branch in which he is one of the leading producers and in which few meet with success. Even when the home market is depressed, he has been fortunate in retaining his regular patrons, and he has derived a comfortable income from his business for many years. Mr. Palmer enjoys the reputation of being a business man of the strictest integrity, and he is well informed in his line, to which he has given more thought and study than the average man would consider necessary; he was oyster commissioner when that office existed. He has invested to some extent in business property in Stamford, owns a frontage on the dock in that town, and also owns two houses in Sound Beach besides the one which he and his family occupy. He has many friends in his locality, and he is regarded as an intelligent and valuable citizen in the community, where he has served as justice of the peace, and for four years as a member of the school board of Sound Beach District, taking particular interest in the cause of education, which he considers most important. However, he has declined all further offers of public preferment, as his business demands all his time and attention. In political faith he is a Republican.

On December 1, 1875, Mr. Palmer was united in marriage with Miss Mary M. Hoyt, of Pound Ridge, who was born February 11, 1855, a daughter of Asahel and Emma L. (Greenly) Hoyt, and two children have been born to them: Eugene H., on December 22, 1883, and Carrie L., on January 22, 1886.

JAMES C. HUBBARD. Sound business judgment, combined with fine ability in mechanical lines, has enabled the subject of this biography, a well-known resident of Shelton, to attain a substantial success in life, and his history is of especial interest.

The Hubbard family is one of the oldest in Middletown, Conn., our subject's ancestors having settled there several generations ago. Enoch Hubbard, his grandfather, was born there, and while he followed the sea during his active life, his home was at Middletown. Ira Hubbard, our subject's father, was born in Middletown, February 15, 1807, and in his youth learned the machinist's trade in that town. He married Miss Margaret McNairy, who was born near Middletown, October 16, 1811, a daughter of Michael McNairy, a native of this State, and a farmer and millwright by occupation. The McNairy family is of Scotch extraction, and the name was originally McHenry. Soon after his marriage our subject's father removed to Quincy, Ill., where he operated a lumbermill for a short time, and on his return to Connecticut he located at Derby, then called Birmingham. For thirty years he was a stockholder in the Howe Pin Manufacturing Company at that place, and his death occurred there October 27, 1866, his remains being taken to Middletown for interment. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife were both members of the Episcopal Church. His wife survived him only a few years, passing away June 28, 1869. Our subject was the youngest of six children. Of the others, the eldest, Adelia, was born August 1, 1838, and died September 28, 1838; Charles A., born December 29, 1839, resides in California, where he is engaged in mining and contracting; Wilfred A., born September 8, 1841, is a contractor and civil engineer, and resides in St. Louis, Mo.; Mary, born March 1, 1843, died April 18 of the same year; Ferdinand, born February 20, 1844, was a mechanic, and his death occurred at Cape Girardeau, Mo., March 7, 1898.

Mr. Hubbard, our subject, was born April 24, 1845, in Derby Village, and after attending the local schools for some years in boyhood, he was sent to Fort Edward, N. Y., to pursue a more

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advanced course. Later, he learned the machinist's trade in Derby, and he has since been engaged in that line of work. In 1866 he organized the Star Pin Company, which is one of the prosperous firms of Derby, and most of the machinery of their establishment was built by him. For many years he held the position of master mechanic, and since 1895, when he sold his interest in the business, he has been the machinist of the plant.

On January 18, 1867, Mr. Hubbard married Miss Helen M. Shelton, who was born June 24, 1849, at Orange, Conn., a daughter of John D. and Mary H. Shelton, and granddaughter of Alfred Shelton, a native of the town of Huntington. Three children have blessed this union: Mary S., born April 4, 1868; Henry F., September 18, 1869; and Clara E., May 29, 1876. After his marriage Mr. Hubbard resided for three years in Derby, but since 1868 he has made his home in Shelton. Socially, he and his family are much esteemed, and he is an active member of King Hiram Lodge No. 12, F. & A. M., at Derby. Politically, he affiliates with the Democratic party.

FREDERICK SHERMAN FRISBIE, one of the prominent agriculturists of the town of Brookfield, was born in the town of Washington, Litchfield Co., Conn., August 29, 1846, a son of Frederick A. and Maria J. (Lathrop) Frisbie.

Edward Frisbie, the great-grandfather of Frederick S. Frisbie, moved at an early day from Branford, Conn., and settled in the town of Washington, Litchfield county. The property on which he settled is still in the possession of his descendants. He had two sons, Samuel and Edward, Jr. Edward Frisbie, Jr., grew to manhood on his father's farm, and on reaching man's estate married Betsey Sherman, and they became the parents of seven children—three sons and four daughters—as follows: Sherman died in early manhood; Harmon married Aurelia Baker, and lives in Roxbury, Conn.; Frederick A. is mentioned below; Laura married Uriah Gray; Theodosia married Norman Hazen; Eliza; and Eleanor married Henry O. Nash. Edward Frisbie, Jr., passed his entire life as a farmer, and by his energy and frugality became a heavy land owner. When buying land he paid cash for it, the money being in silver, and this he placed in a butter pail, and by running a stick through the handle he and a friend would carry it to its destination. He was a member of the Congregational Church, in politics a Whig, and in all things an upholder of all causes tending to material or moral advancement. He passed away in 1854, one of the stanch and sturdy men of the times. Mrs. Frisbie died in 1868.

Frederick A. Frisbie spent his youth in the home farm, where he was born in 1811, and attended the district schools. In 1844 he was married to Maria J. Lathrop, daughter of Amasa Lathrop, at Roxbury, and by her he became the father of the following children: Watson, now engaged in teaming and trucking at Woodbury, Conn.; Frederick Sherman; Henry Edward, of Washington, Litchfield county, who married Lucy Botsford, and has three children—William, Mary and Daniel. Watson was married to Susan Pond, and has seven children—Edward, Ida, Ada, Fred, Frank, Russell and William. Frederick A. Frisbie always farmed on the old home. Though he was not actively interested in politics, he always voted the Republican ticket. Both he and his wife were members of the Congregational Church, in which faith he died in 1893, and she on January 9, 1899.

Frederick Sherman Frisbie obtained an unusually good education for the time, first attending the district schools and, later, Richard's private school at Westport, a select school at home, and completing his education in the "Gunnery," a private school in the town of Washington. Between the ages of nineteen and twenty-five he taught school, winning laurels both as an instructor and as a disciplinarian. In 1873 he came to Brookfield, and has since lived there, engaged in farming. The preliminary training he had received under his father's able direction has shown that it was not "seeds sown on stony ground," for his carefully conducted farm, the neat, modern buildings, and all the improvements the practical ingenuity of the nineteenth century can suggest, attest the thorough and strictly first-class farmer.

In 1872 Mr. Frisbie was united in marriage with Miss Adeline Minerva Peck, daughter of George W. Peck. To bless this union have come two children: Emma and Lyman Peck, the former of whom was married April 27, 1898, to Howard W. Keeler, of Brookfield, Conn. Mr. Frisbie is a Republican in politics, and one of the political workers of his town. He has served as a member of the school board, and also on the board of assessors. Thorough in all he does, in all the movements for public good where his services are called into requisition, he finds first the solid foundation on which to base the work, and then he successfully accomplishes his purpose. He is a member of the Congregational Church.

George W. Peck, father of Mrs. Frederick

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Sherman Frisbie, was born in the town of Brookfield, September 22, 1813, and here in his native town passed his early days and acquired his education. On November 6, 1836, he was married to Mary, daughter of Robert and Delia Andrews. They began their life in Brookfield Center, but a short time later removed to a farm in Obtuse, town of Brookfield, and then returning to the old home which Mr. Peck and his son-in-law, Mr. Frisbie, cultivated. Besides Mrs. Frisbie their union was blessed with but one other child, a daughter who died in infancy. Mr. Peck was first a Whig in politics, and on the formation of the Republican party cast his ballot in favor of it. He was a faithful and consistent member of the Congregational Church. Mrs. Peck died February 11, 1894, beloved and esteemed by all who knew her, and Mr. Peck passed away May 7, 1898.

FREDERICK DANIEL MARSH, a member of the firm of Marsh & Knapp, was born August 9, 1854, in New Milford, Conn., and is a son of Daniel Davis and Mary Elizabeth (Crosby) Marsh. He was reared there upon a farm, attending the district schools for some years, and later attended a select school. On leaving school he spent three years upon his father's farm, and then began to work at the carpenter's trade as a journeyman. In 1890 he formed a partnership with Mr. John Lucas Knapp, and opened a shop on East Franklin street, Danbury. They do a general contracting business in building and jobbing, and have put up a number of houses in the vicinity.

Mr. Marsh has a comfortable home at No. 54 West Wooster street, and he considers that the best contract that he ever made was his marriage on June 6, 1883, to Miss Mary A. Booth, who has proved a true helpmeet. She is a daughter of Dwight Dane and Sarah M. Clark Booth, highly respected residents of Pittsfield, Mass. Of the three children of this union, only one, Gertrude Elizabeth, born July 13, 1892, is living. Mr. Marsh and his wife are members of the Second Congregational Church of Danbury, and are active in the work of that Society and in all movements that promise to promote the general welfare. The Temperance cause finds in him a steadfast champion, his ballot being cast for the Prohibition party.

In both paternal and maternal lines Mr. Marsh comes of excellent stock. His father, the late Daniel D. Marsh, was born in New Milford, March 4, 1818, and after following the trade of millwright for some years in early manhood became interested in agriculture, and owned several farms in different localities in this State. He died March 4, 1893, and his estimable wife, who was born at New Milford, in February, 1819, passed to the other world July 13, 1893. Three children, Martha A., Charlotte M. and Frederick D., survive.

JOHN P. MOREHOUSE, one of the representative agriculturists of Fairfield township, is a citizen whose intelligence and public spirit have won for him the respect of the community. In his management of his farm he has shown marked ability, his systematic and judicious application of modern methods bringing substantial success, while as a citizen he has always been a champion of progress.

Mr. Morehouse belongs to a family which has furnished many excellent citizens to this section. Deacon William Morehouse, his grandfather, was born July 22, 1784, and died May 21, 1860. His wife, Esther Burr, to whom he was married March 23, 1809, was born March 10, 1786, and died October 29, 1855, the remains of both being interred in Fairfield East cemetery. They had eight children: (1) William B., born October 17, 1811, died at his homestead in Greenfield, where he had been engaged in farming. He was active in local affairs and in the Congregational Church, in which he served as deacon for many years. He married Mary Burr (Hays) Lyon, and left two children, Morris and Mary E. (2) Sarah A., born January 2, 1810, married Sylvester Randall, and died on Long Island, leaving three children—Esther B., William M. and Caroline E. (3) Marietta, born November 20, 1813, married Jehiel Randall, of Freeport, L. I., and has had five children—Jehiel S., Stephen M., John J., George and Mary E. (4) Stephen, our subject's father, is mentioned below. (5) Esther, born November 11, 1817, died at the age of forty years, unmarried. (6) Miss Elizabeth B., born September 25, 1824, resides in Fairfield. (7) John, born July 15, 1826, served as a soldier during the Civil war, and for some years resided in California, but died in Middle District, Fairfield township, in 1894. For eight years previous to his death he was blind. He married Miss Julia F. Sturges, and had three children, who died from diphtheria. (8) Catherine, born March 25, 1828, married William Banks, of Greenfield, and had one son, William Bradley, now a retired resident of Fairfield.

Stephen Morehouse, the father of our subject, was born August 20, 1819, in Middle District,

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Fairfield township, and after acquiring a common-school education he engaged in farming at the homestead. On March 10, 1846, he was married at Hull's Farms, to Miss Sarah Banks, a native of that locality, and began housekeeping upon a farm which he purchased in 1843. He was a good manager, showing keen foresight, and at his death, which occurred July 3, 1891, he left a comfortable competence. For years he suffered severely from rheumatism, but he remained active to the very last, being at work when stricken with his final illness. His remains now rest in Oak Lawn cemetery. He was a man of integrity and honor, and while not a Church member his daily life showed that he was a true Christian. As a citizen he was much esteemed, but it was within his family circle that he was seen at his best, as a loving husband and father. While he was interested in public questions, being a Whig in early life and later a Republican, he never cared to enter the political arena, preferring the quiet life of an agriculturist, and he was heard to say shortly before his death that if he had his life to live over again he would be a farmer. His wife, who was born April 14, 1825, survives him, and resides at the homestead. She is a most estimable lady, a member of the Congregational Church at Fairfield, and is a descendant of one of the leading families of the county. Her grandfather, Nehemial Banks, who married Sarah Sherwood, owned an extensive tract of land, and her father, Capt. Eliphalet Banks, was a prominent citizen in his day, being active in the local militia, and serving in various offices, including that of deputy sheriff. For years he led the choir in the Congregational Church at Greenfield. He was a farmer by occupation, and his death occurred at his homestead in 1830. His wife, Mary Chaplain (Hull), was a daughter of Cornelius and Mercy (Platt) Hull, and they had two children, Sarah (Mrs. Morehouse), and Mary C., widow of Daniel H. Meeker, of Greenfield. Six children were born to Stephen and Sarah Morehouse: (1) Willis F., born October 15, 1847, died April 10, 1886, at Bridgeport, where he was employed as cashier in Watson's Bank, having risen from the position of clerk. He married Miss Mary Ogden. (2) John P. is mentioned below. (3) Matilda B., born October 28, 1851, married James E. Beach, of Bridgeport, and has three children—Tillie M., Mary S. and Sarah M. (4) Edward B., born June 16, 1853, is engaged in farming. He married Miss Louise Bradley, and has three children —H. Livingston, Eleanor N. and Lewis E. (5) Sarah M., born July 14, 1859, married John B. Wakeman, of Hull's Farms, and has two children—Sarah M. and Samuel A. (6) William S., born July 21, 1861, is a mechanical engineer at Seneca Falls, N. Y. He married Alice M. Earle, and has one child, Reba E.

Our subject was born April 10, 1850, in the Middle District of Fairfield, and his education was begun in the schools of that neighborhood. Among his early teachers were Samuel Morehouse, Edson Banks and Lewis Beers, and after completing the course offered in the home schools he attended Fairfield Academy. As a boy he had a thorough training in farm work under the able supervision of his father, and in early manhood he engaged in farming on his own account. His homestead, which was formerly known as the William Nichols farm, is located in the Deerfield District, near Greenfield Hill. He has been a leading spirit among the progressive farmers of his locality, and he has been the treasurer of Greenfield Hill Grange, No. 133, ever since its organization. Politically, he is a stanch Republican, and although he is not an aspirant for public office he served one year as constable.

On March 25, 1874, he married Miss Mary B. Hull, and their home is brightened by four children: Arthur H., Edna L., Elizabeth M. and William Clinton. As Mr. and Mrs. Morehouse both place a high estimate upon education, they are giving excellent opportunities to their children, who are clever and energetic enough to make the most of their privileges. Mrs. Morehouse is prominent in the best social life of the locality, and is an active member of the Grange and of the Congregational Church at Greenfield Hill. She was born January 8, 1850, at Hull's Farms, the daughter of Albert B. Hull and granddaughter of Alson L. and Mary (Banks) Hull. Her father was a successful farmer, a strong Republican in politics, and except for a short residence at Greens Farms he made his home at Hull's Farms, his death occurring there at the age of seventy years. His wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Banks, resides at the old home, and is much respected in the community. They had five children: Miss Martha J.; Mary B., wife of our subject; William H., a farmer at Hull's Farms; Amelia, who married Herbert Knapp, and died in Fairfield; and Albert B., Jr., who died in early manhood, unmarried.

AMOS M. BRUSH, who, since 1881, has lived retired in Greenwich, Fairfield county, is one of the most favorably known citizens of this section. His long and creditable service in

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various public offices, and his connection during his active years with the commercial life of the county, have given him an unusually extensive acquaintance throughout the locality, in whose advancement and welfare he has always taken an important and substantial interest. Mr. Brush is the oldest living male representative of his family, which has long been identified with the history of Fairfield county, and he is also connected, on the maternal side, with the Mead family, being a descendant of Ebenezer Mead (II).

Mr. Brush's great-grandfather, Edward Brush, was one of two brothers who settled in Fairfield county about the beginning of the seventeenth century, coming from Long Island, and founded the present Brush family in that region. His son, Benjamin, married Samantha Reynolds, and their son, Joseph, became the father of our subject. Joseph was born August 3, 1792, in Stanwich, and on March 18, 1823, wedded Sarah A. Mead, who was born January 9, 1803, in Greenwich village, daughter of Richard Mead by his second wife, Rachel Mead. Ebenezer Mead (II), from whom this family descends, was born October 25, 1692, and died in May, 1775. Amos Mead, his seventh son, and the father of Richard Mead, was born November 22, 1730, and died February 24, 1807.

Amos M. Brush was born January 9, 1825, in Greenwich village, and his first schooling was received in the primitive institution of learning then conducted in the Cos Cob district. Here he attended until he was twelve years of age, when he entered Greenwich Academy, and there finished his literary education when about seventeen, at which age he commenced his life work. He began as clerk in his father's store at Cos Cob, but it was not long before he had to share the more important duties of the business, the father having met with an accident in which his leg was broken and thereby incapacitated for active work. In time Amos succeeded to the business, which he continued until 1879, and he built up a trade which was considered the most extensive ever carried on in Cos Cob. That town was then the market place for a great part of the surrounding country, and the general mercantile business proved a profitable one for Mr. Brush, who, by his thorough honesty, straight methods and upright dealing, gained the confidence, respect and patronage of the citizens in and around Cos Cob. He devoted the greater part of his time and attention to this branch, but he also engaged in the boating business and dealt in coal, doing well in both lines. As an interested worker in the substantial welfare of the county, he, in 1851, became one of the incorporators of the Stratford Savings Bank, of which he has served as director ever since; he is also an incorporator and director of the Greenwich Savings Bank, and president of the Greenwich Mutual Insurance Company.

Although it would seem that Mr. Brush's extensive and varied business interests were sufficient to occupy all his time, yet he found opportunity, even in his busiest years, to serve his fellow citizens, who honored him with election to numerous offices of trust, which he filled with his usual ability, and with a faithfulness which could not be anything but satisfactory to all concerned. Originally a Whig in sentiment, he changed his views in course of time and became a supporter of the principles of the Democratic party, of which he has for years been reckoned one of the stanchest members in his vicinity. He served as justice of the peace until advancing age compelled him to resign; was a member of the board of relief; in 1860 was elected a member of the State Legislature; for years was a member of the State Central Committee; member and clerk of the board of health, and also served as assessor of Greenwich. Such a record speaks for itself, for a man's work is his best recommendation, and Mr. Brush's repeated elections were a high compliment to his trustworthiness and integrity.

On October 15, 1849, Mr. Brush was united in marriage, in Greenwich, to Miss Sarah P. Mead, who was born in 1825, in North street, the daughter of Amos and Mary (Purdy) Mead, and this union was blessed with four children, of whom the first two, Richard M. and Joseph W., died in Cos Cob at an early age. A. Edgar Brush married Lizzie Luke, of Greenwich, Conn., the daughter of Andrew Luke, and they reside in Greenwich (his place of business is in New York). They have two children—A. Luke Brush and Catharine W. Brush. Augustus M. married Sarah K. Hodgeman, of New York, the daughter of Dr. A. Hodgeman, and they reside in Greenwich, though Mr. Brush is employed in New York City; they have four children—Abbott H., Ralph P., Gladdys M. and Margery U. The mother died September 28, 1859, and was laid to rest in Greenwich, in the cemetery of the Congregational Church, of which she was a member. Mr. Brush subsequently wedded Miss Cynthia J. Stafford, of New York, who died in 1886 and was buried in Greenwich. He is a prominent and active member of the Congregational Church, of which for years he has efficiently served as treasurer, and he is a worthy type of the Christian citizen, well preserved as a result of careful living and regular habits, esteemed by all who know him for the honorable life he has led, and passing his declin-

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ing years in peace and quietude, surrounded, as he deserves to be, by comforts and friends.

This sketch would be incomplete were no mention made of Mr. Brush's career as a member of the Connecticut State Militia. When eighteen years old he joined the Eighth Connecticut National Guard, and was soon afterward made orderly sergeant of the company at Cos Cob. When he was nineteen Colonel Stephens gave him a place on his staff, with the rank of quartermaster sergeant, and in July 22, 1846, he was elected major of the regiment, receiving his commission from Gov. Isaac Towsey. On August 2, 1847, he was elected lieutenant-colonel, under Clark Bissell, and two years later was promoted to the rank of colonel, from which he finally resigned, however, pressure of business and public affairs compelling him to sever his connection with the militia.

JULIAN S. CLINTON is an enterprising and successful business man of Stratford, and through his own efforts he has attained an enviable standing among the citizens of that pleasant town.

Born November 19, 1859, at Woodbridge, New Haven Co., Conn., Mr. Clinton traces his descent from good old stock, his ancestors having settled in Connecticut at an early day. Almon Clinton, the grandfather of our subject, was born in this State, whence in early manhood he removed to Pennsylvania and engaged in farming in Susquehanna county. His wife, Polly (Carpenter), was a native of Pennsylvania, but her family had been identified with Connecticut at an earlier period. Five children were born to Almon and Polly Clinton, viz.: Uriah, our subject's father; Sally A., who married Edwin Judd, a contractor and builder of Waterbury, Conn.; Ira, who was engaged in the manufacture of root beer at Waterbury, first with our subject's father, and later alone; Edwin, formerly a blacksmith in Susquehanna county, Penn.; and Henry, who was engaged in the bottling business in Woodbridge and Seymour, New Haven county, but finally removed to Augusta, Ga., where he was in business at the time of his death.

Uriah Clinton was born and reared in Susquehanna county, Penn., and learned the blacksmith's trade there. After following it some years, he came to Connecticut and engaged in business with his brother, Ira, at Woodbridge. On retiring from that partnership, he took charge of a hotel at Woodbridge, and in 1871 he located at Bridgeport, then removed to Gibson, Susquehanna Co., Penn., in 1874, where he died in June, 1881. He was not especially active in political work, though he took an interest in public affairs and was a stanch supporter of the Democratic party. His wife, Caroline (Coleman), who died in October, 1870, was a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Hanna and William Coleman. Our subject is the youngest of five children, of whom the third died in infancy, unnamed; of the others, Loranda married Albert Porter, of New Haven, and both are now deceased; Alson is also deceased; and Jewett resides in New Milford, Susquehanna Co., Penn., where he has been engaged in the creamery business.

Julian S. Clinton spent the first eleven years of his life at Woodbridge, and later he resided for brief periods in Bridgeport and Birmingham, Conn., and in Pennsylvania, attending school in all these localities. While in Pennsylvania he learned the details of cabinet making, carriage making, and the manufacture of sash, doors, and blinds, and after working in these lines for five years he took up the trade of pattern maker, which he followed in Bridgeport, this county, for some time. In 1891 he removed to Stratford, and engaged in the grocery and bakery business with G. L. Holmes, the partnership continuing until the death of Mr. Holmes in 1897. Since that time Mr. Clinton has carried on business alone, his judicious management bringing him a gratifying degree of success. Politically, he is a Democrat, and socially he is identified with the F. & A. M., St. John's Lodge No. 8; also with the Order of American Mechanics and the I. O. O. F., Oronoque Lodge No. 90, of Stratford.

In 1881 Mr. Clinton married Miss Mary E. Judson, of Stratford, and six children have blessed the union, of whom the following are living: Emma, Alison D., Ada C. and Lee. Mrs. Clinton is related to some of the old families of Stratford, and her father, David William Judson, and grandfather, Silas Judson, were both well-known residents of the town. Her mother, whose maiden name was Emma Clemons, was born in Stratford, a daughter of Andrew B. and granddaughter of Peter Clemons.

CHARLES E. SEYMOUR. There is no lesson which should be more deeply impressed upon the mind of an aspiring youth than that of the necessity for being reliable and trustworthy in all his dealings. Truly "honesty is the best policy," and the confidence of the public is of greater value in the long run than the results of trickery. In the career of this well-known busi-

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ness man of South Norwalk we find this truth exemplified, as his own reliability has opened to him the doors of opportunity in every direction to which he has turned his attention.

The Seymour family originated in France, and some of its members were among the earliest settlers in this section. Thomas Seymour, our subject's grandfather, was a native of Westchester county, N. Y., and passed his life there in agricultural pursuits. He married Hannah Merritt, and reared a large family of children, among whom was a son, John, our subject's father. The late John Seymour was born and reared in Westchester county, N. Y., and his first business enterprise was as a real-estate dealer in that locality. In 1837 he purchased one hundred thousand acres of land in Tennessee, and his extensive speculations in this line, and as a dealer in provisions, enabled him to amass a very large fortune for his time. As his interests lay in the South during the greater part of his life, he sympathized with the views of the people of that section upon political questions, and was a supporter of the Democratic party until his death, which occurred September 12, 1861, at Norwalk. In religious faith he was a devout Methodist, as was also his wife, whose maiden name was Mary A. Saunders. This estimable lady survived her husband many years, passing away July 21, 1892. She was of English descent and was born in Norwalk, a daughter of Harvey Saunders, a leading citizen. On the maternal side she was a granddaughter of Rev. Absalom Day, a man of much influence in his time, who gave such faithful and effective help in the organization of the First Methodist Church of South Norwalk that he was regarded as its real founder and chief sustainer. After the marriage of our subject's parents they resided for a time in Fulton, N. Y., but they later made a permanent home at Norwalk. Of their five children, the first born, Myron, died at an early age; Newland S. died February 16, 1899 (he was connected with the auditing department of the New York, New Haven and Hartford R R.); Mary E. married the junior member of the firm of Hoggson & Robinson, printers; Charles E., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; and W. Howard is assistant paymaster for the General Electric Light Company, at Schenectady, New York.

Mr. Seymour, our subject, was born January 12, 1851, at Fulton, N. Y., but as his parents removed to South Norwalk when he was about a year and a half old, his boyhood was mainly spent in that place. He attended the local schools, and for two years, while living upon a farm in Genesee county, N. Y., he pursued his studies in the schools of that locality. On his return to South Norwalk he entered the employ of Tolles & Ely, lumber dealers, as office boy, bookkeeper and salesman, and later was employed for about four years by Millard & Brownell, the grain dealers. His abilities having attracted the attention of the officials of the First National Bank of South Norwalk, he was employed as a bookkeeper, and so well did he perform the duties that he was promoted to the post of paying telier and cashier, which he held for thirteen years. In 1885 he formed a partnership with F. D. Lawton, and purchased a grocery business from David Beers, Jr., and this they conducted for one year. Mr. Seymour was then urged to return to his former position in the bank, a fact that speaks volumes for his reliability; but he declined the offer, and has continued the business since with gratifying success, having gained the largest general grocery trade in his locality. At the end of the first year Mr. Lawton sold his interest to a brother of our subject, and two years later Mr. Seymour became the sole proprietor. His store at No. 33 West Washington street contains a fine stock, and his standing in business circles is shown by his credit among them, which is practically unlimited. He is a member of the Board of Trade of South Norwalk, and, in addition to his extensive business interests, he finds time to devote to the general welfare of the community as a member of the Citizens League. In politics he is a Republican, and his intense interest in temperance reform leads him to oppose the granting of a license to a liquor dealer. In municipal affairs he has always been prominent, and he has served two terms as councilman.

In 1875 Mr. Seymour married Miss Anna F. Smith, a native of Danbury, and a daughter of Henry I. Smith, a well-known citizen of that place. Two children have blessed this union: Grace M. and Susan E. The family is identified prominently with the First Methodist Church at South Norwalk, and for the last fifteen years Mr. Seymour has been the treasurer of that Society. He is also a member of several fraternities, including the I. O. O. F., the Royal Arcanum and the Order of Red Men.

ORIN I. BACKUS. As the passing years have softened the animosity which once burned so hotly between the North and the South, and new ties of sympathy have been woven, there have been those who feared that the gratitude and affection of the people for the brave men who saved the Union is diminishing; but no

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one who is in touch with the heart of the American people can fail to realize that the more quietly-voiced sentiment of later times is as deep and fervent as that which found vehement expression during the period of greater excitement.

It was in the "dark days" of 1862 that the subject of this sketch, then a young man of nineteen, enlisted as a private in Company A, 127th N. Y. V. I., and he was in the service from August 12, of that gloomy year, until June 30, 1865, when, peace having been restored, his regiment was mustered out, at Charleston, S. C. During these years he saw much severe fighting with the Army of the Potomac. His first important engagement was the siege of Suffolk, and after the battle of Gettysburg his regiment was sent to the Department of the South and took part in the siege of Morris Island, the battle of Honey Hill on the Broad river, near Charleston, and the battle on the Pocateligo river. Fortunately he was never wounded or captured, though that fact does not in the least detract from the quiet heroism which kept him in danger of both until the long struggle was ended. On April 15, 1865, he was one of the guard of honor when Major Anderson rehoisted "Old Glory" over the ruins of Fort Sumter.

Mr. Backus is a native of New York State, born December 29, 1842, in the town of Butternut, Otsego county. His paternal grandparents, William and Hannah Backus, resided at Pine Plains, Dutchess Co., N. Y., where his father, Isaac Backus, was born in 1808. Isaac Backus married Miss Rachel Roberts, who was born at Danbury, Fairfield Co., Conn., May 24, 1809, daughter of Isaac and Elmira (Flynn) Roberts; Isaac Roberts was born at Ridgefield, Conn., in 1788, and he served in the war of 1812; his wife was born in Danbury in 1790, a daughter of Thomas Flynn, who also served in the war of 1812. Six children were born to the union of Isaac and Rachel (Roberts) Backus, viz.: Eliza A., George William, Mary A., James Henry, Sarah M., and Orin Isaac, who is now the only surviving member of the family. The father died in November, 1842, and the mother on October 23, 1861.

Orin I. Backus obtained his education in the public schools of Danbury, and at the age of seventeen gave up his studies to take employment on a farm. In 1860 he went to Brooklyn to learn the hat-finishing trade, and was thus engaged when the Civil war broke out. On returning from the front he arrived in New York City July 17, 1865, and later came to Danbury, where he spent ten years working at his trade. He then purchased a farm of 140 acres in that vicinity, and has since been occupied chiefly with its management. It is well adapted to general crops, and he also pays much attention to dairy work, keeping ten cows and owning and operating a creamery. Although most men would think their time well filled with these interests, he finds time to take occasional contracts in road making and bridge building. He is a lover of public improvements and good roads, and at his own expense has made several improvements. He has been supervisor of road work in the west part of the town for twelve years, and is considered one of the best road men in western Connecticut. His services have been secured in a number of places in Bedford, Westchester Co., N. Y., and it was through his efforts that Backus avenue, one of the finest drives in the town, was constructed. At first he met with strong opposition, but after five years he succeeded in getting a vote to have the road built, and in less than forty-eight hours he had a gang of men and teams at work on it. When completed, the public were so well pleased that they gave it the name of Backus avenue in honor of its builder.

On October 16, 1867, Mr. Backus married Miss Anna E. Wood, daughter of Harvey and Hannah (Dykeman) Wood, and to this union one son, Harvey Wood, was born May 3, 1874; he is a credit to his parents, being a most promising young man. At present he is a member of Company G, Fourth Connecticut National Guard, and he endorses his father's political views, having cast his first Presidential vote for William McKinley. The family attend the M. E. Church, and Mr. Backus is a member of Union Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M., at Danbury; Nelson L. White Post No. 87, G. A. R., in which he is a past commander, and the Union Veteran Legion Encampment No. 114, where he holds the rank of colonel; he was a delegate to the national encampment at Buffalo in 1895, and at Washington, D. C., in 1896. He is also a member of Pahquioque Council No. 9, O. U. A. M.

CHARLES BRADLEY KEELER, M. D., of New Canaan, is descended from one of the earliest families of New England, and his ancestors for generations have been well known in Fairfield county.

Ralph Keeler, the first of the family of whom we have record, was an active citizen of Norwalk, Conn., in the early days. His son, Samuel, was a soldier in the Indian war, and was in the "direful swamp fight" of 1680, receiving for his service twelve acres of land in the Clapboard Hills District of this county. Daniel

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Charles B. Keeler M. D.

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Keeler the great-great-grandfather of our subject, was probably a son of that Samuel, and at an early date received land from his father in New Canaan parish, his home being south of John Benedict's. He and his wife became members of the Congregational Church when it was first organized.

Capt. Isaac Keeler, son of Daniel, was born May 2, 1756, in Canaan parish, and died January 23, 1837, when in his eighty-first year. When the Revolutionary war broke out he became a member of the Fourth Company, 7th Regiment, under Capt. Joseph Hoit, Col. Charles Webb commanding, served at Winter Hill under General Sullivan, was at Valley Forge during the memorable winter of 1777-78, and subsequently took part in the battle of Monmouth. His military record is as follows: Commissioned ensign in 2nd Regiment (formation of 1777-80), January 1, 1777; second lieutenant, February 4, 1778; first lieutenant, August 1, 1779; quartermaster in 1781. He was a government pensioner and was a member of the Cincinnati. After the war closed he commenced business life for himself, later removing to New York City, where he received the appointment of city marshal, and he also served at one time as police justice in that city. He was afterward given a position in the custom house, which he retained until his death. During the war of 1812, when New York City was in danger of being attacked by the British, he volunteered for three months' service in the Veteran Corps of Revolutionary soldiers to guard the arsenal, and was made an officer in the corps. He bravely attempted to discharge the duties which fell to his lot with his old-time fidelity, but the labors and exposures of camp life proved too much for his years and enfeebled constitution, and he contracted a severe cold which developed into consumption, though he lived for many years afterward. Captain Keeler was married September 24, 1779, to Sarah St. John, who was born May 11, 1755, and died September 21, 1793, the mother of five children, viz.: Esther, born April 22, 1781; Naomi, September 24, 1783; Isaac, July 19, 1786; Isaac, May 25, 1789; Sally, June 16, 1791. The father for his second wife married, on December 15, 1793, Catherine Tuttle, who was born September 9, 1774, and died July 28, 1858. She had two children, Bradley, born September 26, 1794, and Edward E., born November 28, 1796. She and her husband sleep their last sleep in the burial ground of the Church they were both members of.

Bradley Keeler, son of Capt. Isaac and Catherine (Tuttle) Keeler, was born September 26, 1794, in Canaan parish, Norwalk, and died July 6, 1855. He was a carriage manufacturer by occupation, carrying on a business in New Canaan, where he also owned what is now the "Birdsall House." He married Polly Hoyt, who survived him many years, dying April 26, 1872, and they had three children: Stephen E., who is a resident of New Canaan; Sylvester H., living in Mendota, Ill., and IsaacE., father of Dr. C. B. Keeler.

Isaac E. Keeler was born September 8, 1826, in New Canaan, and spent his earlier life there, receiving his education in the district schools. He learned the trade of carriage-maker with his father, and followed same successfully for a number of years; he made the celebrated coach owned by "Tom Thumb." In 1858 he became associated with the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company in Bridgeport, Conn., and removed to that town, becoming one of its prominent citizens. He was a member of the Artillery company at Bridgeport, and during the Civil war was on home duty. Isaac E. Keeler was married February 14, 1852, to Jane Todd Porter, who was born February 17, 1830, daughter of Abijah and Rhoda Porter, of Bridgeport. They reared a family of four children, of whom we give a brief record: Emma, born March 4, 1855, was married April 29, 1886, to Roger H. Comstock, of Milford, Conn. George Eldridge, born September 30, 1861, is a farmer in the town of New Canaan; he was married September 17, 1891, to Annie May Warner, daughter of Frank Warner, of Wilton, Conn. Charles Bradley, born July 17, 1865, was married April 24, 1889, to Gertrude C., daughter of James A. Chidley, of Bridgeport. Benjamin Hoyt, born December 3, 1867, was married November 6, 1889, to Elizabeth Olmstead, and makes his home in New Canaan. Isaac E. Keeler died on August 2, 1885, and Jane T. Keeler passed away January 25, 1895. They were members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Bridgeport, of which Mr. Keeler was warden for many years. He was a Republican in politics.

Charles Bradley Keeler lived in the city of his birth, Bridgeport, during his earlier years, and received a good education in the public schools. He was obliged to abandon his studies, however, on account of ill health, and went to Kansas, where he spent four years in the hope of bettering himself physically. In 1885 he entered the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago, from which he graduated in 1889, working his own way through. In April, 1889, he settled at New Canaan, where he has since made his home and practiced his profession with satisfactory success.

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He has gained the esteem and hearty good will of all his fellow-citizens, and is at present serving as health officer of the town and borough, as coroner's examiner for New Canaan, and as post surgeon; and is commodore of the Norwalk Yacht Club. Fraternally, he is an active and popular member of the I. O. O. F. and the F. & A. M., being connected with Harmony Lodge No. 67, New Canaan; Washington Chapter, Norwalk; Clinton Commandery No. 3, Norwalk, and Pyramid Temple, Mystic Shrine, No. 9, Bridgeport. He also belongs to the State Homeopathic Society and to the American Institute of Homeopathy. In religious connection he holds membership with the Congregational Church at New Canaan.

F. D. HOTCHKISS. The name of Hotchkiss recalls to mind one of the noted characters of Colonial history, Deacon Gideon Hotchkiss, a hero of the French and Revolutionary wars. The family has also become distinguished through a long line of talented men who have made their way to the front in various lines of effort, especially as inventors and practical scientists, and a high order of executive ability has characterized its members. The ancestral home of this race was in the County of Essex, England, and the name was originally Hotchkin or Hodgke. An extensive genealogical record has been published in which it is seen that the family is numerously represented in this State, notably in the vicinity of Waterbury. Deacon Gideon Hotchkiss, the common ancestor of the American branches of the family, resided at the site of the present town of Prospect, Conn. He was twice married, and had nineteen children, among whom was a son, Amos.

The subject of this sketch, the able and efficient superintendent of the Fairfield Rubber Company's plant, at Fairfield, is of the sixth generation in direct descent from Deacon Gideon Hotchkiss, the line being traced through Amos, Avery, Marvin and Burritt M. Hotchkiss, our subject's father. Burritt M. Hotchkiss was born and reared at Prospect, and enjoyed but limited educational privileges in the common schools of the vicinity. Being obliged at an early age to seek a means of earning a livelihood, he entered the employ of the Goodyear Glove Company, at Naugatuck, who were then conducting a small business with seven workmen. His ability soon won recognition, and from a common laborer he rose to the position of superintendent, which he held for a number of years, and later became vice-president and advisory superintendent, the business constantly increasing in the meantime until over 700 men were employed. He was one of the pioneers in the rubber industry and his foresight, industry and good management enabled him to gain a handsome competence. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and in politics he was a Republican, but while he took a keen interest in the success of his party he never entered the political arena. In appearance he was commanding, being of tall frame and weighing about 200 pounds, and he attained the advanced age of seventy-one years, his death occurring at his home in Naugatuck. In early manhood he married Miss Adaline M. Hall, a member of a prominent pioneer family of East Hartford, Conn., who died at the age of forty-five, the remains of both being interred at Naugatuck. Their family consisted of three children: Robert E., now superintendent of the plant of the Liverpool Rubber Company, at Liverpool, England; F. D., our subject; and Ella, who married Edgar O. Whitney, and died in Meriden, Connecticut.

Our subject was born at Naugatuck, October 11, 1851, and after attending the local schools for a time he pursued a higher course of study at Wilbraham Methodist School at Wilbraham, Mass. On leaving that institution he at once found employment in the plant of the Goodyear Glove Company, and as his experience and knowledge of the business grew he was promoted from positions of minor responsibility and placed in charge of different departments, thus gaining a thorough practical training in all branches of the work. For some time he was superintendent of the calender department, but he resigned the position to be assistant superintendent of the American Rubber Company, at Cambridgeport, Mass. In August, 1888, he removed to Fairfield to take his present position with the Fairfield Rubber Company. He affiliates with the Republican party, but beyond voting regularly he does not actively share in party work. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian, and he belongs to the I. O. O. F., Centennial Lodge No. 100, at Naugatuck.

In 1874 Mr. Hotchkiss married his first wife, Miss Amelia Perkins, daughter of Wales and Maria (Clark) Perkins, prominent residents of Naugatuck. She died a few years later, and in 1887 he married Miss Nellie Welton, daughter of Frank L. and Augusta (Thayer) Welton, of Waterbury. By the first marriage there were two children: Charles S., and Addie Burr, a member of the D. A. R.; and by the second there were three: Helen W. Welton, Frank W. Welton and Frances Rosalba.

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CHARLES W. MANN. It is a pleasing commentary on the educational system in Great Britain that the youthful minds are sufficiently well trained, at a very early age, to be able to begin preparation for life work, in whatever profession might be chosen. We here present to our readers a brief account of the life of one of the English-born citizens of the county, Charles W. Mann, who was born at Halifax, England, May 8, 1855, one of the large family born to Joseph and Annis (Patchett) Mann. The others were: Elizabeth Ann (Mrs. Wigglesworth), of Halifax; Mary Emma (Mrs. Charlesworth), of Manchester, England; Sarah Eliza, wife of Frank Bancroft, a grocer and butcher at Bridgeport; Charlotte Annis, wife of William G. Heath, formerly general manager of the *Daily News* at Bridgeport; Joe Edwards, managing clerk for E. H. Hill & Son, solicitors, of Halifax; Harriet Amelia and Frances Louisa, unmarried and residing at Halifax; and John Clough Patchett, deceased.

Charles W. Mann was educated at Walter Clough Hall, Park Field House and Hipperholme Grammar School, all three of which are in the parish of Halifax. He had early evinced a liking for study, and his powers of oratory were developed at an early age. When but twelve years old he determined to become a lawyer, and at fourteen entered a law office as a student, and remained there until 1877, when, desiring a wider field for his labors, he came to this country, immediately entering the law office of Judge Wilbur F. Davis, of Meriden, Conn., remaining at this office until May 21, 1878, when he was admitted to practice at the New Haven County Bar. He then opened an office for himself, and continued to practice with success until 1892. His rapid rise won for him the soubriquet of "Rising Star." Many offers had been made to induce him to locate at Bridgeport, but it was not until May, 1892, that he decided to make the change. His career as a lawyer could hardly be more remarkable. He came here an entire stranger, and within a few years his talents have placed him above many who have all the advantages of friends and inherited wealth. His practice is a lucrative one, and he is considered one of Bridgeport's prominent attorneys. He is in great demand in court, where his fine, polished address, his command of language, his pure diction, make him a distinguished figure. He has never become so matter-of-fact as to be unmoved about the work entrusted to his care, and when pleading, his voice, earnest and clear in tone, carries at once to the hearers a conviction of the speaker's honesty, and wins over the minds of the jury. In 1884 he made his first appearance as a political speaker, and traveled over the State in behalf of Grover Cleveland; his natural ability as an orator, and his forcible and logical arguments, contributed largely to the benefit of the Democratic party, wherever he went.

A short time after his removal to Bridgeport, the position of city attorney of Meriden, his former home, was offered him, and the Meriden papers made urgent appeals to secure his return to that place; but he had formed attachments in his new home, and decided to remain in Bridgeport. In 1893, when it was thought advisable to establish a Consulate at Halifax, our subject was placed before the government for appointment by the United States Treasurer, Daniel N. Morgan, and endorsed by a petition containing the signature of every prominent citizen in the city and in the State. He also received many flattering letters from Halifax business men urging him to seek the position, and they were greatly disappointed when the idea of establishing the Consulate at the place was abandoned.

On September 8, 1879, Mr. Mann was united in marriage with Miss Emma Amelia Woodward, of Meriden, and a descendant of an old English family. To this couple one son has been born - Arthur Woodward, now (1899) fourteen years of age; he is a great student, and has already developed a great taste for debating, his delivery foretelling a wonderful career as a public speaker, bidding fair to rival that of his father, thus adding but another illustration, "a worthy son of a worthy sire."

Mr. and Mrs. Mann are members and active workers in the South Congregational Church. Socially, Mr. Mann is a member of the Sea Side Club; Ancient Order of Essenics; Order of Sons of St. George, Pioneer Lodge No. 79, and Grand Chief Washington of the State Brotherhood of the Union. He is very public spirited, and liberal of his means or labor to all worthy causes. Genial, charitable and honest, he wins and maintains the regard of all classes of people.

HANFORD W. PLATT, of the well-known and prosperous firm of Platt & Ritch, of Bridgeport, is a native of Fairfield county, born in the town of Easton, December 8, 1847, a representative of the fourth generation of the Platt family in this vicinity.

Ebenezer Platt, the grandfather of our subject, was a son of William Platt, and was a teacher of considerable note in Easton. He married Anna Edwards, a native of the same town, and they became the parents of the following chil-

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dren: Mary; William; Edward; Wakeman; Charles; Marietta; and Granville, all now deceased except the last named, who is now living in Stepney, this county. Edward, the third in the above mentioned family, was the father of our subject, and was born in Easton, where he followed his trades of shoemaker and painter. He married Susan Judd, a daughter of Lewis Judd, of Easton, to which union three children were born: Hanford W., our subject; Georgia, deceased; and Eugene, also deceased. The father died in 1854, and the mother married again, her second husband being Asa D. Pratt, by whom she has two children: Oliver T., of Bridgeport; and Fred, of Fairfield. The mother of Mrs. Pratt, Maria Judd, was ninety-eight years old in October, 1897.

Hanford W. Platt spent his youth in his native village, and at Stepney, in both of which places he attended school. His educational training ended at the age of sixteen, when he came to Bridgeport, and entered the employ of William Platt, an uncle, as a clerk in the market at No. 89 State street. For nearly thirty years he has been in this one store. From 1876 to 1882, assisted by his brother Eugene, he ran the market on State street, and from 1882 to 1884 our subject had the one on Cannon street. In 1884 the firm of Platt & Ritch was formed, and they engaged in business at the same place where Mr. Platt's uncle had been before them.

In 1880, at New Canaan, Conn., Mr. Platt was married to Miss Charlotte A. Stevens, daughter of Rufus W. Stevens, and Mr. Ritch married her sister. To Mr. and Mrs. Platt two children have been born: Harold Stevens, and Theodore Rufus. Socially, Mr. Platt is connected with Arcanum Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Red Men, Konkapotanah Tribe; and Woodmen of the World. He and his wife are both active in their interest in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and occupy an enviable position in the regard of their fellowmen.

GEORGE E. WHITNEY, a civil engineer of broad experience and ability, and who for nearly a third of a century has been identified with the Stamford Water Works, of which he is the superintendent, is a native of Westchester county, N. Y., born January 14, 1842, in the town of Somers.

George W. Whitney, his grandfather, a tanner and currier by trade and occupation, was a native of Norwalk, Conn. In later life, however, he carried on farming operations at Venice, Cayuga Co., N. Y. He married Matilda Olmstead, and of their children, Edward P. Whitney (the father of George E.) was born in the town of Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn., but passed his boyhood on his father's farm in Cayuga county, N. Y., and there attended the public schools of the neighborhood. He became a carriagemaker by trade, which he learned in Ridgefield, Conn., and followed the business in the town of Somers, Westchester Co., N. Y. Subsequently he moved to Stamford, and there followed his trade until the time of his death; he passed away, however, at Venice, N. Y. He was married in the town of Somers, Westchester Co., N. Y., to Harriet Ann Jackson, a daughter of Zolomon Jackson, who still survives and is a resident of Stamford. To this marriage were born children as follows: George E., Sarah M. and Ella M., all deceased excepting George E. The father of these served as a justice of the peace in Stamford. He was affiliated with Union Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M. He was a member of the Connecticut Legislature in 1856.

George E. Whitney was educated in Stamford, where he received the benefit of the public schools of the place. He also attended Claverack Academy, and was there prepared for the business of a marine engineer. Early in 1862 he entered the United States Navy as a marine engineer, and performed faithful service during four years of the Civil war, returning to his home with an honorable and highly creditable war record. His first duty was performed on the U. S. steamer "Mohawk," on which he remained one year. At the close of this period he was transferred to the dispatch boat "Columbine," on which he remained three months. He was taken prisoner at Palatka, on the St. John's river, Fla., and was for five months confined in Rebel prisons; was taken first to Savannah, Ga., thence to Macon, Ga., thence to Charleston, S.C., and thence to Libby Prison at Richmond, Va., being released from the latter by exchange in October, 1864. Owing to sickness, he was then furloughed until in December of that year. Following this he was placed on the "Chenango," in the South Atlantic service. Six months later he went aboard the "South Carolina," and was on her some six months, when he was honorably discharged from the service. On the close of the war he returned to Stamford, where he engaged in the pursuit of his chosen calling, that of civil engineering. He performed work all along the New Haven and Hartford railway, being in the company's employ three years. In 1870, he became the engineer of the Stamford Water Works, since which time he has been in the company's service, and has proven himself to be a most

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trusted and efficient public servant. He is and has been for years superintendent in charge of the Stamford Works. He is a genial and affable gentleman, well-known and favorably throughout Fairfield county, where he is very popular. He is a member of Hobbie Post No. 23, G. A. R.; of the New England Society of Naval Engineers, and of Union Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M

On November 4, 1869, Mr. Whitney was married at Stamford to Miss Antoinette H. Lockwood, a daughter of John Lockwood, of that place, and the union has been blessed with one child, Edward Percival, who was born at Stamford. For his life work he chose dentistry, and entered the New York Dental College, New York City, from which he was graduated; he is now a dentist in New York City. The mother died February 16, 1880, and on April 30, 1887, the father was again married, this time to Lina Opie, at Elizabeth, N. J.; she died June, 1894, leaving a son—Louis Opie. Politically, Mr. Whitney is a Democrat, and served two terms as member of the council when Stamford was a borough. Religiously, he is a member of the St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

CHARLES W. BLAKESLEE. Few residents of Stratford, outside of public life, are as well known as this enterprising and successful contractor, who has now been connected with the mason's trade there longer than any other builder. As a citizen he is held in high esteem, and he is prominent in social and religious circles, being identified with various organizations in which his genial manners, his mental gifts and his talent have made him a leader.

Mr. Blakeslee's ancestors settled at an early day in the vicinity of Plymouth, Conn., where his father, Asaph H. Blakeslee, was born and reared, and for many years followed the cooper's trade, his death occurring there in 1883. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Emily Churchill, is still living. She was born at Campville, Litchfield Co., Conn., in 1814, daughter of William Churchill, a prominent citizen of that town. Eight children were born to Asaph and Emily Blakeslee, of whom two died in infancy; Arthur R. is a retired agriculturist in the town of Milford, New Haven county; John is a farmer in the town of Stratford, this county; Charles W. is mentioned more fully below; Henry (deceased) was a mason by trade, and served as a soldier during the Civil war; Edmund died in early manhood; and Julia married Horace Whitlesey, of New Haven.

Our subject was born April 8, 1842, in Plymouth, Conn., but his youth was mainly spent in this county upon a farm in the northern part of the town of Stratford. His education was obtained in the schools of Putney village, and at an early age he learned the paper-making trade. This proving uncongenial, he became a sailor, but after four years he tired of that occupation and located in Bridgeport, where he then learned the mason's trade with Nelson Taylor. He has since been continuously engaged in that business and has filled many contracts for the erection of stone and brick buildings, especially in Bridgeport. He married Miss Emma St. John, a native of New Canaan, this county, and a daughter of Benoni and Maria St. John. The only child of this union, Clayton K., is now employed in an office in Bridgeport. Politically, Mr. Blakeslee is a Democrat, as was his father before him, and, socially, he is connected with the Order of American Mechanics Lodge, No. 79; Housatonic Grange No. 67; the I. O. O. F., Oronoque Lodge No. 90, and the Daughters of Rebekah, Evening Star Lodge No. 22, at Stratford. For many years he has been an active member of the Congregational Church, being a member of the choir and chairman of the music committee, and for some time he served as president of the Christian Endeavor Society. He has always been an advocate of progress in various lines, and at present he is the superintendent of the Congregational Cemetery Association, and an officer in the village Improvement Company.

EDWARD FINLAN, proprietor of a grocery, liquor and wholesale beer business in Bridgeport, of which city he has been a resident some thirty years, is a native of Ireland, born April 11, 1850, in County Carlow.

Dennis Finlan, father of our subject, was born, lived and died in Ireland, where he followed farming. By his wife, Catherine (Brophy), he had a family of thirteen children, six of whom are yet living, three of them coming to the United States as follows: Peter is with his brother Edward; Josephine is married to Patrick Morrissey, a grocery and saloon keeper; and Edward.

Our subject received his education at the parish schools of his native place, and remained with his parents until he was eighteen years old, at which time, in 1868, he came to the United States, landing at New York City. For some time he worked in Brooklyn, and then, in 1869, he removed to Bridgeport, where he found employment in Wheeler & Wilson's factory until 1875, in that year establishing his present grocery and liquor business at No. 56 Washington avenue. In 1886 he removed to Nos. 59-61, same

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avenue, and in 1888 he added a wholesale beer trade, in all of which he has met with well-merited success.

In 1873 Mr. Finlan was united in marriage with Miss Kate McLaughlin, also a native of Ireland, and nine children were born to them, five of whom are living, viz.: Kate, Margaret, Josephine, Jennie and John. The mother of these passed from earth in 1884, and in 1886 our subject wedded Mrs. Sarah Poland, of Bridgeport, a daughter of John Laverty, an old resident of that city, and of Irish descent. Three children graced this union, only one of whom survives, Anna. The mother died in April, 1892.

In religious faith Mr. Finlan is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, to which he contributes freely of his means; socially, he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, and the Catholic Legion; in politics he is a Democrat. His genial, pleasant manner has made him quite popular in both business and social circles, and as a public-spirited, enterprising man, he is recognized as a valued citizen of the community.

JOHN W. ECKEL, a well-known resident of Bridgeport, is not only prominent in business circles, but he has been for many years a "power behind the throne" in political movements in his locality. His efforts for the success of the Democratic party are not conditioned, however, upon official rewards, as he has, so far, kept his name from the ticket.

Mr. Eckel is a native of the United States, born of German ancestry, his family having originated in Bavaria. John Eckel, the grandfather of our subject, was a successful merchant in the Fatherland, and during the Napoleonic wars he served as an officer in the French army. Late in life he came to America, and his last days were spent in retirement in Newark, N. J. He and his wife, Apolinia (Schwartz), reared a family of seven children—four daughters and three sons—the sons being: John, our subject's father; Adam, who was a whaler by occupation, and when last heard from, many years ago, was at the Sandwich Islands; Fred died at New Orleans of yellow fever.

John Eckel, the father of our subject, was born in 1818, in Bavaria, and in the fall of 1834 came to the United States. Soon after his arrival he applied for naturalization at Newark, N. J., and his papers, which are dated October 22, 1840, are now among our subject's most cherished possessions. John Eckel was educated in the schools of Bavaria, and after locating at Newark, N. J., he served an apprenticeship to the saddler's trade, which he followed as a journeyman until 1860, removing in 1850 to Bridgeport. In 1860 he established a saloon at No. 849 Main street, Bridgeport, Conn., which he named the "Bull's Head," from the fact that it became a favorite resort with cattlemen. This business he continued until his death, which occurred June 5, 1871, at Bridgeport, and his remains now repose in Mountain Grove cemetery. He took keen interest in all public questions, being first a Whig and later a Democrat, but aside from voting regularly he did not actively assist his party. While he was unostentatious in manner and avoided publicity, he was much esteemed among his associates and was a member of several German societies. His business success was achieved through close and persistent application, and he was noted for his strict integrity, his word being considered as good as his bond. In 1843 he was married in Newark, N. J., to Miss Henrietta Horstmann, who was born June 14, 1825, in Hanover, and came to America in 1838 with her parents, William and Margaret Horstmann. She now resides with our subject. Of the four children of this union, the eldest, Henrietta, who married William Lieberum, died in Bridgeport; John W., our subject, was the second in order of birth; Eliza married Conrad Mueller, and died in Bridgeport; and Rosa, who also died in that city, was formerly the wife of F. W. Zingsem.

Our subject was born August 19, 1847, in Newark, N. J., and was three years old when his parents came to Bridgeport, where he received a public-school education. In 1864 he entered the employ of Wood Brothers, serving an apprenticeship as a body-maker in their carriage factory at $50 per year. As the only son he took charge of his father's business after the death of the latter in 1871, and he has since conducted the saloon successfully at the old establishment, which is now one of the oldest of the kind in the city, and has the reputation of being orderly in every respect. He owns some valuable real estate in the locality, and as a citizen is public spirited, taking an active part in beneficial movements. His genial disposition and generosity have won for him a host of friends, and he never refuses to help an acquaintance in time of need. Politically, he is a stanch Democrat, and although he has never sought office his friends and enemies alike have felt the effects of his work and influence in partisan affairs. He is a member of Mythra Lodge No. 8, K. of P., also of the I. O. O. F., Lessing Lodge No. 94, and he has always been active in the

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work of the local fire companies. At the time of the great parade in 1883 he was foreman of Pacific Engine Company, and in the days of the volunteer fire brigades he served for years as a member of Fountain Hose Company No. 3. He has a fine collection of badges, presented to him at various times by that company, and he prizes them highly, not only as testimonials of his own effective service, but as reminders of the gallant men with whom he was so long a comrade.

In 1871 Mr. Eckel married Miss Emma Eberhardt, daughter of Ulrich Eberhardt, of Newark, N. J., and a member of a wealthy family of that locality, her relatives being extensively engaged in manufacturing. Six children have blessed this union: Henry, formerly in business with our subject, died at the age of twenty-four; Henrietta died in infancy; Rosalind, John J. and Josephine and Susannah are at home. The family is identified with the German Reformed Church, of which Mrs. Eckel is an active member.

JOHN F. HINCKLEY, a well-known grocer in Bridgeport, conducts an establishment on the corner of Barnum and Seaview avenue, where he has built up an extensive and lucrative business, his stock including a fine supply of liquors.

Mr. Hinckley was born September 24, 1850, in Preston, Conn., a son of John H. and Ida F. (Tubbs) Hinckley, both now deceased. William Hinckley, our subject's paternal grandfather, was a native of Manchester, England, and came to America in early manhood, locating at Preston, where he followed farming as an occupation. John H. Hinckley, the father of our subject, was born at Preston, and became an engineer by trade. His wife, who was also of English ancestry, was a native of Greenville, Conn. Of their six children the following lived to adult age: Ida, who married William T. Howes, a coal dealer in Bridgeport; John F., our subject; Frank, engineer in the Wheeler & Howe coal yard at Bridgeport; and Ella, wife of Lawrence Baker, of the same city.

Our subject was four years old when he came to Bridgeport, and his education was acquired in the schools of that city. As a young man he was employed for some time by the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company, and later he entered the service of the Bridgeport Street Railroad Company, with which he remained twenty-one years, working his way up from the position of driver to that of superintendent. In August, 1894, he opened his present grocery and liquor store, and from the first he met with gratifying success. Politically, he is a Democrat, and in religion he inclines to the Methodist faith, in which he was reared. He married Miss Esther Lynch, daughter of John Lynch, of Bridgeport, and has had two children: Ellen Frances, wife of William H. Skinner, of Bridgeport, and John H., who is at home.

ORVILLE B. BURTON is a representative of the fourth generation of the family of Burton that have been born in the town of Trumbull, Fairfield Co., Conn. Benjamin Burton, Jr., his father, was the son of Eli P. Burton, the son of Benjamin Burton, Sr.

Benjamin Burton, Jr., passed his entire life in Trumbull, engaging in farming at Trumbull Center. The Puritan blood of his ancestors showed itself in his strict adherence to the tenets of the Congregational Church. In politics he was an earnest Whig, and in all matters of public welfare he took an active part. He served as captain of the local military company for many years. In music he found rest from his daily labors, and was a good performer on the bass viol, which he played in Church until the introduction of an organ. He married Harriett Plumb, and to them were born children as follows: Caroline, the deceased wife of Oragne Plumb; Eli, of Trumbull, who wedded Mary Brewer; Lorena, wife of Ahaz Bradley, of Riverhead, Long Island; Rollin, who died while in service during the Civil war, and our subject.

Orville B. Burton was born October 22, 1853, and passed his boyhood in his native town. His education was obtained by an attendance at the public schools, and right well did he take advantage of what opportunity he had. In the summer he worked on the farm, and there acquired the knowledge of agricultural work that was the foundation of his later success. When about twelve years of age he began market gardening, and for thirty years he followed this industry. In 1895 he began the dairy business, and is now following that with small profit.

Mr. Burton is very public spirited, and has always found time to keep well informed on matters of general interest. He is an active worker in the Republican party. In 1895 he was appointed clerk, registrar and treasurer of the town to fill the unexpired term of the former incumbent. In 1896 he was elected town clerk and treasurer for one year, and in 1897 was elected for two years. For many years he served as clerk of the Congregational Church, of which he is a faithful member, as is also Mrs. Burton.

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Since twelve years of age Mr. Burton has been one of the choristers in that Church, being a tenor singer of some renown. Mrs. Burton is a fine alto singer, and she and her husband compose part of a quartet choir.

On November 25, 1879, Mr. Burton was united in marriage with Miss C. Rosabelle Hurd, a daughter of Harvey Hurd, of Huntington, this county, and their home has been gladdened by one daughter, Melissa.

NEHEMIAH JENNINGS. In every community some man of more than ordinary enterprise and acumen develops his chosen line of business so ably that it assumes pre-eminence over others, and in the thriving little city of Southport this position is occupied by the meat business as built up by the subject of this sketch, the well-known proprietor of the Union Market, corner of Main and Water streets. In volume of business done and territory covered it compares well with any establishment of the kind in the State, the regular patronage extending from Bridgeport on the east to New York City on the west, while three wagons supply a large miscellaneous trade throughout that region. As a citizen Mr. Jennings is much esteemed, and he is not only prominent in business circles in connection with this and other enterprises, but has been in political life; of late he has given entire attention to his private business, serving, however, as postmaster of Southport.

Mr. Jennings was born in Fairfield township, January 1, 1842, the son of Nehemiah Jennings and his second wife, Abby Platt Saunders, who are mentioned more fully elsewhere. He was reared to farm work in the good old-fashioned way, and as he was among the youngest of a large family the "chores" occupied much of his time. His educational opportunities were restricted to the local schools, but as a mere lad he displayed marked ability and energy in business lines, the necessity of having to make his own living having been impressed upon him at an early age. In 1859, when but seventeen years old, he invested his hard earnings, from various sources, in the meat business, opening a market in Southport, which he has ever since continued successfully, at one time also conducting a branch in Stamford. His management is thoroughly progressive, any improvement which occurs to his alert and practical mind being promptly introduced, and his personal attention is given to all branches of the work, his familiarity with every detail making it possible for him to turn his hand, if he chooses, to any task which his six employes have in hand. His courtesy is unfailing, and this, combined with unquestioned integrity in his dealings with his customers, has won for him the confidence and friendship of the people in a marked degree. His large and varied stock enables him to suit the tastes of any customer, and as orders are filled with the utmost care the busy housewife can supply her table satisfactorily without making a visit to the market, while the extent of the business done permits a low range of prices. The store, which is elegantly finished in hard wood, is 25 x 50 feet in size, and the post office is located in the same building. In addition to his other cares Mr. Jennings is agent for the Columbia bicycle, and is interested in real estate, in which he has been very successful, some valuable property having been in his hands at various times.

Politically, Mr. Jennings is an Independent, although his views are probably more in harmony with the Democratic party than any other. His business interests have not prevented him from taking an influential part in local affairs; he has served as a member of the school committee, and spent two terms as deputy sheriff, resigning the latter position to take charge of the post office at Southport. His service, which began in 1886 under President Cleveland's first administration, has been so efficient that, without solicitation on his part, he has been continued in office ever since. Mr. Jennings, like the rest of us, has one hobby, and in his case it is a fondness for good horses. He has owned several noted animals in the past, and among the horses required in his business he has some excellent stock. His home is one of the most attractive in Southport, and he and his wife, formerly Miss Jane A. Banks, are prominent in the social life of their city. They have two sons, Walter H., assistant postmaster, and Harry B., both being connected with their father's business.

MOSES H. GLOVER, the popular shoe dealer at Nos. 40–42 Wall street, Norwalk, was born in that city July 15, 1846, a son of Henry Glover.

The Glover family are of English descent, and for several generations have lived in the town of Reading, this county. Lemuel Glover, the grandfather of our subject, was a hotel-keeper in that town, and his son Henry there grew to manhood and learned the shoemaker's trade. Henry Glover married Laura Sherwood, a descendant from a prominent Colonial family of Scotch extraction. After their marriage they came, about 1840, to Norwalk and settled on a farm,

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though Mr. Glover worked at his trade also. A family of four children were born to them: Charles L., a grocer at Norwalk; Moses H., our subject; Carrie, deceased; and Isabel, the wife of Frederick Buckley, rubber manufacturer of Norwalk. The father of this family was a Democrat. He died March 28, 1898. The mother passed away January 24, 1890.

Moses H. Glover attended the public schools in Norwalk until he was sixteen years of age, when he was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith trade, which he followed for about four years, and then he entered the grocery store of his father. With the latter he formed a co-partnership under the firm name of H. Glover & Son, which lasted until September, 1884, when our subject sold out his interest in the firm to his brother Charles, and entered into a co-partnership with Theodore H. Olsen, to carry on a retail boot and shoe business under the firm name of Glover & Olsen. They conducted two stores, one in South Norwalk and one here. The business was continued under this management until July 1, 1894, when the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Glover continued the business alone. His careful, honorable dealings, and his superior stock of goods, have tended to make this one of the most popular as his business ability has made it one of the most successful in the line in the county.

On June 20, 1876, Mr. Glover was united in marriage with May A. Gregory, who was born in Norwalk, a daughter of Seth K. Gregory. In his political affiliations Mr. Glover seeks the men and principles, rather than bind himself to party. In his social relations he is a member of the F. & A. M. and I. O. O. F. He is a public-spirited, progressive man, and has won his success in this life through his own unaided efforts. He is a director in the Fairfield County National Bank, also in the Norwalk Savings Society. His store is a model of its kind, and is one of the finest in Norwalk, as is also his store in South Norwalk. There are few more popular men in any community than Moses H. Glover.

STERLING HENRY BOOTH, of Trumbull, has been engaged in business for some time as a wholesale dealer in milk, but is better known through his able and successful work as an educator, extending over a period of thirty years.

Mr. Booth is a member of one of the oldest families of the town of Trumbull, and his grandfather, Philo Booth, Jr., was a well-known farmer there. This worthy pioneer married Anna Beach, of Daniels Farms, and they had three children: John M., Lucinda L. (Mrs Dr. George Dyer), and Marshall P., none of whom are now living. The father of these died September 20, 1833, at the age of forty-five years.

The late John M. Booth, our subject's father, was born in White Plains District, town of Trumbull, and was educated in the local schools and at the academy in Fairfield. On leaving school he engaged in farming, which occupation he followed until his death in 1888. In politics he was a Democrat, while in religious faith he was a Congregationalist. His estimable wife, who survives him, united with the Congregational Church in 1832, and is now the oldest living member. Her maiden name was Mary Sterling, and her father was Philip Sterling, a prominent resident of Trumbull. To Mr. and Mrs. John M. Booth were born four children: Sterling Henry; Frances E., widow of the late R. H. Sherwood; Ann Augusta, deceased; and Mary Louisa, who married Frank H. Dibble.

Sterling H. Booth was born September 29, 1842, at his present homestead, and his education was begun in the schools of that neighborhood. Later he attended Day's Institute, at Golden Hill, making such good use of his opportunities that he was qualified at an early age to engage in the work of teaching. During his long connection with that profession he has taught at various times in Huntington, Bridgeport, Trumbull and Fairfield, winning an excellent reputation. For two years in early life he was employed in a shirt factory in Bridgeport, but he has always been more or less engaged in farming, and for some time has devoted his attention to wholesaling milk. He has never married. He is much esteemed socially, and for years has been a leading member of the Congregational Church. He is active and influential in local politics as a member of the Democratic party, and among the offices which he has held are those of town auditor, justice of the peace, grand juror, and assessor, in which he served three years. His interest in educational progress has been shown in many ways, and for years he has been a member of the board of school visitors, while at present he is chairman of the school committee of his township.

DAYTON BROS., SILAS S. AND JAMES H. DAYTON, are widely known over Greenwich township, Fairfield county, as extensive dairymen and farmers of Stanwich, and belong to that class of upright, thrifty citizens of which any community has a right to feel proud. The Dayton family is one of the oldest in New Eng-

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land, having been founded in this country in 1640, when two brothers, Ralph and Robert Dayton, settled in Long Island and East Hampton, respectively.

Gilbert Dayton, grandfather of the gentlemen whose names introduce these lines, was born in 1766, and died in 1825. He was twice married, the first time, in 1786, to Ruth Cunningham, who was born in 1764, and became the mother of four children, born as follows: Abigail, February 5, 1787; Elizabeth, May 14, 1788; Charles, February 21, 1791; and Ruth, July 16, 1792. On July 15, 1794, Mr. Dayton wedded Miss Anna Kiel, who was born February 16, 1772, and by her he had five children, namely: Nathaniel B.; Hannah, born July 4, 1798, who died young: James and John (twins), born July 17, 1805, the former of whom died in early manhood, the latter at the advanced age of seventy-five; and Mary A., who married Alexander Brown, and died at Green Point, Long Island.

Nathaniel B. Dayton was in his day one of the most remarkable men in this locality. He was born October 17, 1795, in Harrison township, Westchester Co., N. Y., where he was reared to farm work, in boyhood attending the country district schools, where he received all his literary education. For his first wife he married Alice Selleck, who was a native of Round Hill, Greenwich township, a daughter of Sylvanus Selleck, and they located on a farm in King Street, which Mr. Dayton's father had bought for him, living there some years. Their next home was on a farm in Rye township, Westchester Co., N. Y., whence they removed to a farm in Greenwich township, near the village of Greenwich, in which it is now included. On leaving this place he rented the "Titus Mead" farm, in Greenwich, for a time, and thence came to the property now occupied by his children, where he passed the remainder of his life. His first wife died March 20, 1838, leaving three children, viz.: Mary E., born September 17, 1829; Silas S., born January 17, 1831; and James H., born May 10, 1835, who have lived together on the farm all their lives. Mr. Dayton, for his second wife, married Mrs. Elma Redfield, and for his third wedded Mrs. Margaret Gregory, but had no children by either union. He was a large man, weighing usually about 185 pounds, enjoyed robust health, and was active up to the time of his decease, October, 1894, when he had attained the unusual age of ninety-nine years. He was laid to rest in Putnam cemetery. He died of pneumonia, but during his early years he was seldom sick, and he never needed a doctor's services until the last years of his life. When seventy-eight years old he put on skates, and went skating, just to prove that he could do so, and he seemed to be one of those men who never really grow old, retaining his jovial disposition and wonderful memory to the end. He attended the Friends Church, and in political faith he was a stanch Democrat.

Silas S. and James H. Dayton were born in King Street, Greenwich, and have been engaged in farming all their lives, at first for their father and then on their own account. They own 125 acres of highly improved and valuable land, which is one of the most desirable tracts in the township, a large part of it lying on a ridge which makes it specially pleasant as a residence site. They have cultivated the land profitably for many years, and have left nothing undone which would enhance its value or appearance either as a farm or home. Besides looking after the general agricultural work they have given special attention to dairying, at one time having a herd of over forty cows, and at the present time running two wagons. They are among the most extensive milk dealers in this section. The brothers originally wholesaled their milk, but having lost several thousand dollars through unscrupulous dealers they concluded to try the retail trade, and had a large patronage, running three wagons. In 1890 they abandoned retailing, but took it up again in 1897. No men in the county have cleaner reputations for strict integrity and just dealing, and none are more respected in private life for their honorable and prosperous career. They are both unmarried.

DAVID TREAT BOOTH, a well-known resident of the town of Trumbull, is at present engaged in agricultural pursuits near Long Hill, and for many years has made his home in Trumbull.

Mr. Booth belongs to one of the oldest families of Trumbull, and his great-grandfather, Philo Booth, was a citizen of note in the early days. The old Booth home in the White Plains District, built by this worthy pioneer in 1742, went out of the family about twenty-five years ago. David Carr Booth, the grandfather of our subject, was born and reared in the White Plains District of Trumbull, and married Elizabeth Ann Blakeman.

Philo Treat Booth, our subject's father, was born at the old homestead, and was educated in the schools of the district. He was married in Bridgeport to Miss Abigail M. Hubbell, of Huntington, this county, and soon afterward removed

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to Cayuga county, N. Y., where he was engaged in farming for eleven years. He then returned to Trumbull, and for a number of years was employed in Fairchild's paper-mill, where he was accidentally killed January 6, 1860. His wife survived him many years, her death occurring in the fall of 1887. They had four children: Sarah E., who married Richard B. Ayer, of Bridgeport; Kate Miranda, wife of Abbott L. Blood, of Yarmington Court, Bridgeport; David T., our subject; and Ella M., who married (first) George H. French, and (second) John Bailey, of Trumbull.

Our subject was born December 28, 1848, in the town of Ira, Cayuga Co., N. Y., but his education was obtained chiefly in the schools of the White Plains District of Trumbull, and in the city of Bridgeport. For some time he was employed in Fairchild's paper-mill and in Cook's mill at Trumbull, but in 1887 he removed to Long Hill, where he worked five years in Coan's wagon-shop. In the fall of 1892 he settled at his present homestead, and engaged in farming, which he has since pursued successfully. As a citizen he is much esteemed, and he takes an interest in all plans for local advancement, having been especially active in educational affairs as a member of the school committee. Socially, he is connected with the I. O. O. F., Pequonnock Lodge at Bridgeport, with which he united twenty-six years ago. He was married (first) in Easton, this county, to Miss Mary Pauline Thorp, and (second) to Miss Kate C. Odell, of Bridgeport, who is a member of the Congregational Church at Trumbull, and is active in the work of the Society. His only child, Perry Treat Booth, died in infancy.

JOHN A. RUSLING, junior member of the firm of Wilson & Rusling, of Bridgeport, tailors and dealers in furnishings, has made his way in life through his own energy and ability, being now a partner in the same establishment in which he was formerly an employe.

Our subject was born at the old home in Warren county, N. J., and comes of good old English stock. As a boy he began to learn the tailor's trade with his father. At the age of fourteen he went to Easton, Penn., where he was employed for a time in a store, and later he spent several years in Wilmington, Del. He then went to Philadelphia to take a place as cutter in a clothing establishment, but soon afterward he returned to New Jersey and remained for some years at Belvidere, being appointed in the meantime to the office of postmaster by President Grant. For about four years he resided in Newark, N. J., and in New York City, but in 1878 he located at Bridgeport, where he has since remained. For some years he was employed as a cutter by Frank M. Wilson, his present partner, and in 1884 he purchased a half-interest in the business. He is also a member of the local Board of Trade, and, as a public-spirited citizen, he takes part in municipal affairs, having served on the police board and in the city council. In politics he is a Republican.

In 1872, Mr. Rusling married Miss Mary S. Lane, daughter of Garrett Lane, a respected citizen of Easton, Penn., and two children—Margaret and John A., Jr.—have blessed the union. Mr. Rusling is identified with several organizations, including the Masonic Fraternity; the Sea Side Outing Club, of which he is president; and the Sea Side Club, in which he holds office as a member of the board of governors. His parents were members of the Methodist Church, and he was reared in that faith, but he and his family attend the Congregational Church.

CHARLES H. WELLES, proprietor of a neat and productive farm in the town of Stratford, is a native of Connecticut, born September 4, 1854, in the house where he is now living, in the Putney District, town of Stratford.

Mr. Welles is a son of Charles C. Welles (or Wells, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere) and Caroline M. (Wheeler), a daughter of Everett Wheeler, all natives of Stratford, the Wheelers being one of the old and prominent families of the county.

Our subject received a liberal education, in part at the schools of the neighborhood of his place of birth, and in part at Stratford Academy, afterward attending a private school in Bridgeport. At the age of eighteen he laid aside his books and commenced life for himself on his present place, where he has since carried on general farming. He makes a specialty of raising and shipping poultry, chiefly for breeding purposes, finding markets all over the United States and Canada. His favorite breed is "Plymouth Rocks," and his reputation for this strain of poultry is known far and wide.

In 1883 Mr. Welles was united in marriage with Mattie B. Curtiss, daughter of Peter and Mary E. (Fitch) Curtiss, and a cousin of Robert W. Curtiss, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. Four children were born to this union: Olive, Ruth, Myra Christine and Charles Ralph.

In politics our subject is a lifelong Republican, and at the present time is serving on the

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school board and as first selectman. Socially, he is a member of the Grange of his town. He has never allowed his private interests to interfere with his duties of citizenship, and he has thus become honored and esteemed by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, or who have met him in a business way.

WILLIAM JAMES A. O'HARA, M. D., was born in Hartford, Conn., on the eighth day of October, 1863. He received his preliminary education in the public schools, the Christian Brothers Academy and St. Joseph's Parochial School. After finishing school he entered the employ of Arthur Mulford to learn photo engraving, and this occupation he followed for a year. He then turned his attention to more advanced studies, and entered Niagara University, in Niagara county, New York.

In 1889 our subject commenced the study of medicine and surgery in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Baltimore, Md. Here he finished his medical studies after taking a full course, and graduated with degree in April, 1893. Soon after graduating he returned to his native town, Hartford, and entered the office of Dr. Horace S. Fuller, one of the oldest and foremost medical practitioners in the State. The Doctor studied attentively under the direction of his able tutor, and in January, 1894, opened an office at his present quarters, the corner of East Main and Sterling streets, Bridgeport. The Doctor soon established a practice here, and distinguished himself by performing several major surgical operations. In June, 1899, he entered the Practitioner class at the Post-Graduate College and Hospital, New York, in order to familiarize himself with the latest improved method of scientific treatment of medical and surgical cases, especially diseases of women and children.

In January, 1894, Doctor O'Hara married Miss Catherine A. Colgan, daughter of the late Denis Colgan. The Doctor is a member of the Connecticut, Fairfield County and Bridgeport Medical Societies; is medical examiner of the Letter Carriers Life Insurance Company; the C. L. B. G., and the Phœnix Mutual of Hartford, and of several fraternal societies; is also a member of the Park City Yacht Club, and of the Nassau Game and Fishing Club. In religious faith the Doctor is a practical Catholic, and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, East Bridgeport. Politically, he is a Democrat.

Francis Henry O'Hara, the father of Dr. W. J. A. O'Hara, was born in County Louth, Ireland, and with his wife, Ann (O'Connell) O'Hara, emigrated in 1842 to Holyoke, Mass., where he apprenticed himself to learn the machinist's trade, at the Ames factory. This trade he followed up to the time of his death. During his lifetime he held positions of responsibility. When he removed to Hartford, in the early "fifties," he became foreman of the screw department in Sharp's Rifle Factory, which responsible position he held during the Civil war, and in 1865 he accepted a similar position with Parke Brothers, gun makers, of Meriden, Conn. This latter position he held until his death, from pneumonia, after a brief illness, in 1875. Of a family of twelve children, only five survive the father: Dr. William J. A., our subject; Francis H., Jr., who is an expert mechanic, at present employed at the Western Electric Company, New York, formerly for twelve years model gunmaker with the Pratt & Whitney Company; Edward J., a machinist, who died in 1896, at the age of thirty-eight; Thomas J., who is a machinist and tool maker with the Pratt & Whitney Company; George M. (the youngest), engaged in the retail tea business at Hartford. Mrs. Ann O'Hara, the mother, is yet living, now (1899) aged seventy-nine years.

NELSON FREDERICK HUBBELL, one of the most enterprising and successful agriculturists of the town of Trumbull, owns an attractive homestead near the village of Nichols. As his present prosperity follows after many years of toil in his congenial occupation, he can take the greater pleasure in his surroundings and in the wholesome outdoor life which is a farmer's privilege.

Mr. Hubbell belongs to one of the pioneer families of the county, and is a direct descendant of Richard Hubbell, an early settler of Fairfield township. Joseph Hubbell, our subject's grandfather, was a carpenter by trade and made his home at Easton, this county. He married Miss Eunice Hooker, daughter of Dr. Daniel Hooker, of New Haven, and a descendant of Rev. Thomas Hooker, of Hartford, and had children as follows: Zalmon, Joseph, William, Alanson, Charlotte, Caroline, Mary Ann, Nancy, Eunice and Polly.

Alanson Hubbell, the father of our subject, was born in Easton, where he learned the carpenter's trade with his brothers. He married Miss Delia Ward, daughter of Thomas Ward, of Trumbull, and for a time made his home in the town of Newtown, but his death occurred in Trumbull when our subject was about nine years old. His wife passed away, in 1877, in Trum-

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bull. Our subject was the youngest in a family of four children, the others being Delia Ann, deceased; Thomas, who died in the Civil war; and Caroline M., deceased.

Nelson F. Hubbell was born January 12, 1836, in the White Plains District of the town of Trumbull, and his education was acquired in the schools of that neighborhood. On leaving school he spent four years as an apprentice with a shoemaker of the town, but later he was employed in Fairchild's paper-mill in Trumbull, remaining thirty years. During that time he purchased his present homestead, formerly known as the B. F. Brinsmade farm, and since 1885 he has devoted his attention exclusively to agricultural work. In 1859 he was married to Miss Mary E. Whitlock, a native of Bethel, this county, and a daughter of Marvin and Amanda Whitlock. Five children blessed this union: (1) Annie C. married Loring J. Ambler, of Stratford, Conn., and has one son, Nelson F. (2) Frederick N. (deceased) married Miss Harriet Hager, and had two children—Frederick N., and Alice (deceased). (3) Charles H. married Miss Harriet E. Way, of Bridgeport, and resides in Trumbull. (4) Evaline married Charles Nichols, of Shelton, and has had five children—Myrtle, Maud, Charles, Wesley and Stanley. (5) Wilmot H. resides in Shelton. The mother of this family died in 1895, aged fifty-six years.

MILO H. PARSONS. Few localities combine so happily the advantages of climate, scenery and refined society as does this favored region, and among the rural homes are many whose owners have, after wide travel, found no spot so desirable for a permanent residence. The pleasant homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, near South Norwalk, gives evidence of the culture and artistic taste of its occupants, and since locating there in 1886 they have become prominent in the best social circles of the vicinity. Their hall is ornamented by a fine old clock which stood in the capitol at Washington for many years.

Mr. Parsons comes of a good old Colonial family. He is of the fifth generation in descent from William Parsons, who emigrated from England at an early date in company with three brothers. Anson Parsons, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born at Durham, Conn., and became a farmer by occupation. Levi Parsons, our subject's grandfather, was a native of West Granville, Hampden Co., Mass., where he passed his entire life in agricultural pursuits. William H. Parsons, the father of our subject, was also born in Hampden county, Mass., and is now living at the homestead near South Norwalk. For some years of his early manhood he was engaged in business as a blacksmith and carriage manufacturer, but in 1867 he removed to Rochester, Beaver Co., Penn., where he followed the lumber business for about fourteen years. He then went to Rockland county, N. Y., to engage in farming, but since 1887 he has resided with our subject. In politics he is a steadfast Democrat, and he has taken an active part in religious work as a member of the Episcopal Church. His estimable wife, who also makes her home with our subject, is of English descent. Her maiden name was Maryette Oatman, and her father, Arnold Oatman, was a well-known resident of Hartland, Hartford Co., Conn., where she first saw the light. They had a family of four children: Milo H., our subject; Howard L., who resides in St. Paul, Minn., is engaged in the wholesale grocery business; Ellen died in infancy, and William did not live to adult age.

The birth of our subject occurred October 5, 1840, in Berkshire county, Mass., where he remained until he reached the age of fifteen. He was educated there and in the Connecticut Literary Institute, at Suffield, Hartford Co., Conn., his course in the latter school being completed in 1858. After graduating he spent seven years in Hartford, Conn., in a wholesale and retail shoe business, but in 1865 he went to New York City to engage in the manufacture of lubricating oils. In 1879 he retired from this business, and passed three years in Colorado seeking recreation and renewed health. On his return to New York City in 1882, he engaged in business as a grain broker, but his health became impaired again, and in 1885 he came to this county to recuperate. One year he spent in Stamford, and in 1886 he purchased his present farm of forty-five acres near South Norwalk. He is fond of good horses, and since settling at the farm he has devoted much time and attention to breeding and rearing fine specimens of horseflesh.

Mrs. Parsons, whose maiden name was Georgiana Hull, is a native of this county, her father, George Hull, having been a prominent citizen of Danbury. The family is helpfully related to all the varied progressive movements of the locality, and Mr. Parsons is an active member of several social organizations, including the Norwalk Club and the Knob Outing Club. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat. Of his three sons, (1) Frederick H. graduated from Columbia College, and is now engaged in business as a civil engineer; he married Miss Lulu D. Bedell, and resides at Bridgeport, this county.

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(2) Harold A., who is also a graduate of Columbia College, is a civil engineer; he married Miss Mary B. Paxson, of Bristol, Penn. She belongs to good old Pennsylvania stock, and one of the possessions of which she is justly proud is the table on which the Declaration of Independence was written, which belonged to Thomas Jefferson. Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Parsons reside in Stamford, Conn. They have a house full of valuable antique mahogany furniture. (3) Waldo H. has just been honorably discharged from service in the Third Conn. Regiment, and is in business in Boston, Massachusetts.

ARTHUR SHERWOOD. One of the most attractive farms in this section is that owned by the subject of this biography, a well-to-do agriculturist of Sherwood's Island, town of Westport. About half a mile of water front on Long Island Sound affords a beautiful view, and the farm itself, which contains about thirty-five acres, has been favored by Nature's lavish hand.

The island was named in honor of our subject's family, which is one of the oldest in this county. The first ancestors to settle here were Thomas Sherwood and Alice Sherwood, who came from England in 1634, and the line of descent to our subject is traced through Thomas (2), a son of the pioneer; Samuel; Daniel (1); Daniel (2); Daniel (3); and Franklin, our subject's father.

Capt. Franklin Sherwood, the father of our subject, was born November 3, 1810, on Sherwood's Island, and in early manhood he followed the sea, but in 1844, he engaged in farming at the present homestead. He was an excellent citizen, taking an interest in all that pertained to the welfare of the island, but he never aspired to official honors. His wife, whose maiden name was Jane Guyer, was a daughter of Gershom B. and Fannie Guyer, prominent residents of Westport township. Our subject was the eldest in a family of four children, the others being: Ida, who died at the age of twelve years; Jane, wife of L. P. Wakeman, of Westport; and Fannie, who married John H. Elwood, a farmer of Greens Farms. The father of this family died September 9, 1888, and the mother in November, 1882.

Arthur Sherwood was born October 16, 1842, in the town of Westport, and was two years old when his parents located at the present farm, where he has ever since resided. He attended the local schools and the academy at Greens Farms, while in his spare time he gained a thorough knowledge of agriculture by assisting his father on the farm. He is a general farmer, but at one time he was engaged in breeding fine horses, a half-mile speeding track upon the farm affording an opportunity for training them. Politically, he affiliates with the Democratic party, and in religious faith he is an Episcopalian, and he and his family take an active part in Church affairs. He possesses an excellent voice, a rare appreciation of music, and for many years he was a valued member of the Church choir.

In 1866 Mr. Sherwood married Miss Harriet J. Kemper, daughter of Charles H. Kemper, Sr., of Westport, Conn. She died April 17, 1881, and in December, 1882, he married her sister, Miss Mary Kemper. By the first union they had five children, several of whom inherited their talent for music: (1) Lillian A., an accomplished teacher of instrumental and vocal music, married Dr. J. C. Newkirk, a dentist of Norwalk, Conn. She is considered by musical critics to be one of the finest soloists in the State, and she has held positions in several large churches, having been soprano soloist in one of them for over seven years. (2) Alice A. is winning fame as a contralto singer, having recently met with a most gratifying reception by critical audiences at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, and in Brooklyn. At present she is singing at the Marble Collegiate Church on Fifth avenue, New York. She married L. H. Irwin, a stock broker in Brooklyn, N. Y. (3) Arthur P., who holds State records as a bicycle rider, was manager of a bicycle house at Bridgeport, and is now assistant superintendent with Warner Bros., corset manufacturers, Bridgeport. (4) Harriet E., a successful teacher in the schools of East Norwalk, is an accomplished musician and has an excellent contralto voice, being at the present time a member of the choir of the Congregational Church in Norwalk. She married V. H. Yarnall, an electrical engineer of New York, she and her sister Alice being both wedded at the same ceremony, at the Memorial Church of the Holy Trinity, at Westport, Conn., October 26, 1898. (5) Flora E. is also gaining prominence as a musician and soprano vocalist, and is now holding a position in the choir of the Congregational Church, Fairfield, Conn. By his second marriage Mr. Sherwood has one daughter, Mabel, who is attending school.

THOMAS McADAMS, who does a large contracting business as a mason builder in and around Stamford, Fairfield county, is a representative, well-to-do citizen of that place. He is a typical self-made man, steady, industrious and

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honest at all times, and is respected for the success he has won and well deserves.

Mr. McAdams is a native of Ireland, born April 22, 1845, in Armagh, County Armagh, where his father was engaged in farming, and he spent his early years attending the national schools of that town, in which he obtained a practical knowledge of the necessary branches. Before reaching his majority he came to America, and for a time lived in New York City, where he learned the safe-building business with the Hern & McFarland Company, for whom he worked two years. On account of ill health he left their employ and turned his attention to agriculture, settling on a farm in Westchester county, N. Y., where he lived for eighteen years, though not continuously, part of his time being passed in the town of Greenwich, Conn. For six years after this he was connected with the Stamford Manufacturing Company, for whom he did considerable mason work, and he has since been engaged in that line on his own account, erecting many well-known buildings in Stamford, which are the best recommendation and the most substantial tribute that could be paid to his skill. He built the gate, barn and filtering house for the Greenwich reservoir, and the Glenbrook and Waterside school buildings are also his work. He receives many large and important contracts in Stamford, where he has a reputation for reliability and satisfactory work surpassed by none, and enjoys a snug income from this line.

Mr. McAdams was first married to Miss Hester Ann Webb, who passed away in 1895, and he has since wedded, in Stamford, Miss Eliza Ann Moore, who is a native of the North of Ireland. Socially, he unites with Rippowam Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Wascusse Encampment.

CHARLES I. DAYTON, general night superintendent for the Stamford Manufacturing Company, and president of the Cove Transportation Company, was born in Stamford, August 14, 1841. He is a son of William Henry Dayton, a native of Bridgeport, Conn., who was a blacksmith by trade and was employed in the Stamford Foundry. William H. Dayton was united in marriage with Anna Maria Waterbury, daughter of Ebenezer Waterbury, and they reared a family of five children, viz.: William Henry, who is a resident of Stamford; Lewis Judson, of Fairhaven, Conn.; Charles I.; George W., who is deceased; and Anna Maria, who is the wife of George Scoville, of Norfolk, Connecticut.

Charles I. Dayton spent his school days in Stamford and Syracuse, N. Y., and was but twelve years of age when he entered the employ of the Stamford Manufacturing Company, in the licorice department. He has continued in their service ever since, and by steady habits has risen through different positions to that of night superintendent, which he is filling with his customary faithfulness and attention to duty. Mr. Dayton has been connected with the Cove Transportation Company ever since its formation, and since 1891 has held the office of president, for which he is well fitted. In 1861 he enlisted in the Union service, joining the Third Connecticut Volunteer Infantry for three months' duty, and in 1862 he enlisted in the United States navy, with which he served one year, part of the time on the "Dale," which belonged to the Eastern Gulf Squadron, and the rest of the time on the "Summerset."

Mr. Dayton was married April 28, 1861, in Stamford, to Miss Adelaide Morrell, a native of Greenwich, Fairfield county, and they had two sons: Clare H., and C. Elmer, a graduate of the University of Philadelphia, Penn., in the Dental department, but now deceased. Mr. Dayton, in religious connection, is a member of the Universalist Church. Fraternally, he is a Freemason, uniting with Lodge No. 5, and Rittenhouse Chapter.

BERNARD DALY is the proprietor of the "Daly House" in Greenwich township, Fairfield Co., Conn., which is known to the traveling public as one of the best hostelries between New York and New Haven. He is one of the substantial business men of the town where he has had his home since boyhood, and a credit to the race from which he springs, for he is a self-made man in the truest and best sense of the term, having risen to the prosperity he now enjoys from humble circumstances, and in the face of discouragements that would have overwhelmed one less brave and determined.

Mr. Daly was born April 20, 1854, in County Tyrone, Ireland, being one of the six children of John and Mary (Hart) Daly, the former of whom died in Ireland when a comparatively young man. He was a farmer. The widow, left dependent on her own efforts, concluded that America was the best place to rear her family, and she brought them to this country in 1861, leaving Liverpool in the sailing vessel "Universe," which landed them at New York after a voyage of seven weeks and four days. Mrs. Daly had a sister living in Greenwich, Conn., and here the family settled, the mother working hard to keep her children to-

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gether. Her death was the result of a brutal assault made by a tramp, a colored man, who went to the house with the intention of robbing it, and struck her with an axe when she was in the act of handing him some food, which he had asked for. Of the six children Bernard is the only survivor, Patrick and John having died in Brooklyn, N. Y., after reaching adult age; Margaret died in Cork, Ireland, whither she had returned; Kate died unmarried in Richmond, Va.; Peter died in Greenwich after reaching manhood.

Bernard Daly attended school during the winter time for the first few years after the family settled here, and some winters also worked for his board. The education thus acquired, however, was not as extensive as a boy of the present day is supposed to need before he commences the battle of life for himself, and Mr. Daly has accomplished more, with less equipment to start on, than most men would consider possible. He began work as a farm hand with Elijah Tuttle, in King Street, who paid him $10 a month, which went to help his mother. Later he learned the mason's trade, which he followed for ten or twelve years, working at different places, and being a steady, reliable young man, he had no difficulty in finding employment. In the fall of 1878 he opened a liquor store in Greenwich, near the depot, and conducted business at that stand until he built his present store and house, into which he moved in March, 1885. In 1892 he erected the Daly block, the most substantial business building in the town of Greenwich, and adjoining this is the "Daly House." The hotel business has been a decided success from the start, and the proprietor, by his attention and obliging manners, has won the good wishes and esteem of all who have come in contact with him. Mr. Daly has done more than any other one man toward the building up of that part of Greenwich lying around the depot, and he is respected by all who know him for the part he has taken in this work, and for the position which, by industry and good management, he has succeeded in gaining.

In 1873 Mr. Daly was married in Greenwich to Miss Catherine Ryan, who was born in Banksville, this county, daughter of John Ryan and sister of Hon. William Ryan, of Port Chester, N. Y. She is a thorough business woman and an efficient helpmeet, as her husband discovered after he commenced on his own account, and he gives her a large share of the credit for the success which has come to him. Four children blessed their union: Mamie, John W., Margaret E. and Barnard, Jr., of whom John W. died in childhood. The others are still under the parental roof, and are receiving every possible advantage to prepare them for useful and honorable lives. Mr. and Mrs. Daly are Catholics, and he serves as a member of the Church committee. Politically, he supports the Democratic party, and he has served as burgess and grand juror in Greenwich. In August, 1897, Mr. Daly and his daughter Margaret went to Ireland, where they spent nine very pleasant weeks, visiting the home and scenes of his boyhood. They made both voyages in the "St. Paul."

OLIVER L. FORD, one of the respected prosperous residents of Sound Beach, Fairfield Co., Conn., ranks among the most successful of the self-made citizens of this locality, and is highly esteemed as one of the valuable and substantial members of the community. He is a native of Sound Beach, born February 12, 1828, a son of Oliver L. Ford and a grandson of Eliakim Ford, who was the first of a family to settle in that place.

Eliakim Ford was born in the city of Troy, N. Y., and removed thence to New York City, where he was a successful merchant for many years, conducting a dry-goods and grocery business on the corner of Water street and Berlin Slip. In the latter part of his life he came to Sound Beach and bought a farm on which he passed the remainder of his days, dying at the ripe old age of eighty-three. His widow lived to the age of ninety. He was married, at Sound Beach, to Hannah Lockwood, daughter of Capt. Samuel Lockwood, and they reared a large family, of whom the eldest, Oliver L., was the father of the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch; Lettie married "Sandy" Henry; Benjamin was a merchant in New York City (he was the father of Mrs. W. B. Lockwood, of Sound Beach); Lucy married Peter Quintard; Isaac was a merchant in Philadelphia; Samuel C. was engaged in the dry-goods business in Philadelphia in partnership with Isaac; Sarah married (for her first husband) Abel Ferris, and (for her second) Henry Warring; Cornelius followed farming at Sound Beach; one child, Samuel, died young.

Oliver L. Ford was born in 1788 in New York City, where he grew to manhood, and from boyhood until 1830 he followed the sea, trading to the West Indies and "coasting." On abandoning his sea-faring life he came to Sound Beach and took up farming, which he continued during the remainder of his long life, reaching the age of ninety years and six months. He was married in Greenwich, Conn., to Miss Elizabeth A.

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Bayeux, who was born in 1788 in Westchester county, N. Y., of French descent, her father, Dr. Thomas Bayeux, having been a Frenchman and a physician and surgeon in the French army. Dr. Bayeux was located for a time in the West Indies, coming thence to New York, and finally, when Mrs. Ford was seven years old, settled in Sound Beach, where he practiced his profession for the remainder of his days. He married Miss Priscilla Eldredge, who belonged to the old family of that name in New York City, and she passed away at the age of seventy-four years; Doctor Bayeux and his wife are both buried at Sound Beach. Mr. Ford was a member of the Baptist Church, and his political sympathies were given to the Democratic party; he took no part in public affairs, however, beyond casting his vote. Seven children were born to him and his wife, viz.: Priscilla (Mrs. Walter T. Keeler), who died at Sound Beach; Hannah (Mrs. John Brompton), deceased at Bound Brook, N. J.; Sarah (Mrs. Abel Ferris), who died at Sound Beach; Thomas, who died at Sound Beach; Lucy, who married Twentyman Wood, and passed away at Westport, Conn.; Sophia, widow of Isaac Hurlbutt, living in Westport, Conn.; and Oliver L., the subject proper of these lines.

Oliver L. Ford received his education in the public schools of his boyhood days in Sound Beach, Miss Worcester and Alonzo Green being among his early instructors. When still a youth he went to New York to learn the carpenter's trade, but after a few weeks he returned home and took to the water, which he followed for over thirty years, in the oyster business, and as a "coaster" on Long Island Sound. He owned the sloops "Louisa" and "Emilie F. Ford," which he used in his business, and he still owns oyster ground in the Sound. In 1879 he retired from the water, and he has since lived in Sound Beach, where for a time he was engaged to some extent in real-estate dealing, selling lots for building purposes. Mr. Ford began life with limited means, but by industry and economy he has accumulated a comfortable property, and he is respected by all who know him as an honorable business man, one who fully deserves the competence which he has acquired in his active career.

On December 17, 1854, Mr. Ford was married, at Roxbury, near Philadelphia, to Miss Emilie F. Lachapelle, who was born July 16, 1836, in Philadelphia, in Callowhill street, daughter of Camille and Charlotte (Keeley) Lachapelle. Mr. Lachapelle was a skilled mechanic, and was engaged in the manufacture of ingrain carpets in Philadelphia. He died in 1876, at the age of eighty. He came from France, and his father, who was a general under Napoleon the First, was the owner of a large property in that country, which at the time of the political disturbances was in great danger of being confiscated, which was averted, however, by his marriage. Mrs. Ford received a thorough education, both in French and English, attending boarding school during her girlhood, and she has proved a competent and helpful companion to her husband in their long wedded life, her assistance being no small factor in his success. They commenced housekeeping at Sound Beach, and here their eight children have been born, viz.: Olivia, who is the wife of Charles Haines, and resides in Northport, L. I.; Adolphus L., of Sound Beach; Isabella (Mrs. George W. Kern), of Atlantic City, N. J.; Emma, who died at the age of twenty-four years; Charles W., of Sound Beach; Calvin, deceased at the age of nineteen (he gave promise of becoming a successful artist); Elsy B., who is an inspector for the traction company in Bridgeport, Conn.; and Emil W., who is superintending a beautiful farm of 260 acres in Princess Anne, Maryland, which his father purchased in the fall of 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Ford are active members of the Congregational Church at Sound Beach, of which they are liberal supporters, and he was foremost among the builders of the present church edifice. His political sympathies have been with the Whig and Republican parties, but at present he takes no particular part in politics, although he was formerly quite active in public circles; and though he was never an office-seeker he has several times been honored with election to positions of local trust, the duties of which he has discharged with that fidelity and ability which have marked all his actions. The entire family occupy a high position in the regard of their neighbors in Greenwich township.

JAMES G. WILLSON, who owns and resides upon the fine property in Greenwich township, Fairfield county, known as "Full View," is a son of Thomas G. Willson, and grandson of James Willson, both of whom were natives of Greenwich township, and were in their generation counted among the prominent and useful citizens of this locality. The great-grandfather was Jotham Willson, who died in October, 1827.

James Willson was married on February 22, 1828, to Sarah Green, who was born in 1797, and they reared a family of three children: Mary G., born January 29, 1829, who married Joshua

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Moshier, and died in Port Chester, N. Y., October 2, 1863; Sarah E., born April 12, 1832, who married Henry Clark, and died in Rye township, Westchester Co., N. Y.; and Thomas G., born February 21, 1836. The mother died March 4, 1860. James Willson was in many ways one of the most remarkable men in this section. He was the architect of his own fortune, having begun life with no financial backing, yet through industry, good management and shrewd judgment acquired a large property and comfortable income, which he enjoyed to the fullest extent. In Greenwich, his native town, he held many offices of local importance, serving as selectman, assessor, etc., and was called upon to settle up a number of estates, possessing the confidence and esteem of his neighbors and friends in an unusual degree. His distaste for differences and litigation of all kinds was well known, and his opinion in all ordinary matters so eagerly sought after and valued that on more than one occasion a lawsuit has been withdrawn from the courts, and the case turned over to him for settlement, the parties sure of a just and satisfactory verdict. He was five feet, nine inches in height, weighed 240 pounds, and was endowed with great physical strength and endurance, relating to which many anecdotes are still repeated in the neighborhood. It is told that he once wrote his name on a wall with both hands while holding a fifty-six pound weight on each thumb, his arms being at right angles with his body. He was a good horseman, owning several fine animals, and enjoyed a little "brush" on the road at any time. Politically, he was a stanch Democrat, and he worshiped at the Baptist Church.

Thomas G. Willson was reared on the paternal farm, and being the only son he worked at home until his marriage. He received his education in the district schools. On February 21, 1857, he wedded Sarah E. Smith, a native of Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., whose parents were Josiah and Betsey (Lockwood) Smith, the latter of whom was a daughter of Deacon Daniel Lockwood. The young couple commenced married life on the farm in King Street, then belonging to Mr. Willson's father, where they continued to make their home until his death, except for a short time when he was engaged in mercantile business in Port Chester. They became the parents of five children, namely: James G.; Jennie (Mrs. F. H. Merritt), of Tuckahoe, N. Y.; George D. and Francis F., both of whom died in childhood; and William Jay, who is living in Rye township, Westchester Co., N. Y. Thomas Willson, like his father, was most active and prominent in local affairs, and bore a reputation for moral integrity among both his business and social acquaintances that was absolutely unassailable. He filled a number of public offices in Rye township, among others that of highway commissioner, and no citizen was better or more favorably known as an advocate, either in belief or practice, of good government and progress. His home life was perfect, and he took considerable pride in his surroundings, believing that a farm and its appointments should be as complete, and deserved as much attention and care as a palace, and looking after his property accordingly. He was systematic in in every branch of his work, always aiming to get the best results, and whenever he made an acquisition to his belongings it was of the best. Mr. Willson passed away November 26, 1896, deeply mourned throughout the community, and the leading men of the town acted as his pallbearers at the funeral. Mrs. Willson makes her home with her daughter, at Tuckahoe. She is a member of the Episcopal Church.

James G. Willson was born October 23, 1858, in King Street, Rye township, Westchester Co., N. Y. He received his rudimentary training in the schools of his district, under Miss Carrie Merritt, and later he became a pupil at Smith's Institute, Port Chester, where he completed his school education. On February 15, 1882, he was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Husted, of Greenwich township, who was born December 27, 1857, and is a daughter of Mills H. and Henrietta (Brown) Husted. Up to this time Mr. Willson had lived with his parents, learning agricultural work as his father's assistant, but he now purchased and settled on the place known as the "Nehemiah Howe" farm, which has since been his home. It is appropriately named "Full View," as every part of the 175 acres can be seen from the residence, and is a credit to the owner, who cultivates and cares for his property with the same regard for system and neatness displayed by his father and grandfather. He is modern and progressive in his ideas and methods, and derives a substantial income from the proceeds of his place, which by his industry and good management has been made most productive. Mr. Willson has apparently inherited the sportsmanlike tendencies of his ancestors, for he is very fond of hunting, and interests himself in the replenishing of game in this region. He is public-spirited on every question, and may be relied upon to give his influence to any movement for the advancement of the general welfare, but he has steadily declined public honors and office. In October, 1898, he received the nomination for selectman, which he

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declined with thanks, but the declination was refused, and Mr. Willson was elected to that office, defeating the strongest Republican on the ticket. He is an efficient worker for the success of the Democratic party, whose principles he supports by voice and ballot. His friends throughout the neighborhood are legion. Fraternally, he is a popular member of Acacia Lodge No. 85, F. & A. M., of Greenwich, and Banksville Council No. 86, Jr. O. U. A. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Willson have had five children: Henrietta H., Mabel, Josephine C., Marie G. and James G., Jr., all of whom are receiving the best possible advantages for education and culture. In religious connection Mrs. Willson is a member of the Second Congregational Church, and Mr. Willson unites with the Episcopal Church at Round Hill, in which he has served as superintendent of the Sabbath-school; he is at present vestryman.

WILLIAM A WILMOT, one of the prosperous young business men of Greenwich township, Fairfield Co., Conn., has carried on a meat market in Riverside for the past ten years, during which time he has succeeded in establishing a thriving trade and made a substantial position for himself among the well-to-do citizens of the town He is known as one of the wide-awake, enterprising men of the place, and it is safe to say that a better example of the deservedly successful self-made man would be hard to find.

Mr. Wilmot is a native of Fairfield county, born April 1, 1863, at Sound Beach, and is a grandson of Joseph and Mary (Dodshun) Wilmot, who lived at Mianus The grandmother was born in England. They had a family of six children, viz.: William H., who died at Mianus, where he was engaged in merchandising for some time; Hannah (Mrs. Gilbert Marshall); Mary, who married Frank Elliott, and died at Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Joseph, the father of William A. Wilmot; Charles, of Mianus; and Enoch, who died young. Joseph Wilmot was a tailor by trade, and followed that occupation in Mianus, where he also conducted a clothing store. He built the big brick house near Mianus bridge, on the Post road, where he and his wife both died, and they sleep their last sleep in the Union cemetery at Greenwich.

Joseph Wilmot, son of Joseph and Mary (Dodshun) Wilmot, was born December 29, 1833, at Mianus, in the brick house above mentioned, and received his education in the common schools, finishing with a short term at the Greenwich Academy, under Prof. Button. On commencing the active work of life he took to the water, which he has always followed, and he continues to carry on the oyster business at the present writing. On December 29, 1857, he was united in marriage to Miss Susan A. Newman, who was born March 6, 1831, at Riverside, daughter of Sylvester and Ann (Peck) Newman, who had a family of five children: Susan A., Sarah E., Charles H., Hezekiah P. and John A. The father, who was a boatman and farmer by vocation, was killed by a train on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railway. The Newman family is one of the oldest in this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot commenced housekeeping at Sound Beach, where they have ever since resided. Six children have blessed their union, namely: Richard B., who is engaged in the brass-foundry business on his own account in New York; William A.; Mary E. (Mrs. G. K. Louden), of New Haven; Anna Hendrie and Alice Glendora (twins), the former of whom is the wife of Thomas H. Rossbottom, of Riverside, the latter being the wife of Henry T. Fuller, of Riverside; and Henry P., who was a merchant at Sound Beach, where he died at the age of twenty-six years, leaving a family. Mrs. Wilmot is, in religious connection, a member of the Episcopal Church at Greenwich. Mr. Wilmot's political sympathies are with the Republican party.

William A. Wilmot received his schooling in the Sound Beach district, where he attended for three years. On account of his health, which was rather delicate, he did not commence school until he was seven years of age. When about ten his parents' home burned, and he went to Waterside intending to live temporarily with John A. Peck, but he continued to live with him for twelve years, during which time he attended the public school at Stamford for two winters. In September, 1876, he began peddling meat for Mr. Peck, receiving eight dollars per month (and *not* his washing and mending) for the first year, after which he was given a small increase from time to time, remaining in Mr. Peck's employ until October, 1885. At that time no Chicago meat came here, and the butchers had to do their own killing, a condition of affairs which multiplied their labors considerably; but Mr. Wilmot worked faithfully and acquired a thorough knowledge of the business, always with the ambition of being one day able to start for himself. By economy and constant industry he succeeded in saving enough for all the necessary equipment except a horse, but he borrowed enough to buy one, and em-

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barked in business on his own account at Sound Beach, carrying on his place there until April, 1888, when he removed to Riverside, where he has since been located. Here he commenced in an old house, which he bought, and he has met with constantly increasing success, expanding his business and prospering as the years go by until he now owns one of the important business places of the town, and ranks among its best and most valuable citizens. Mr. Wilmot has worked his way up to his present position by his own exertions, and he has not only made an enviable place for himself in commercial circles, but has also gained and retained a reputation for integrity and honesty second to none.

On June 22, 1886, Mr. Wilmot was married to Miss Charlotte Louden, who was born January 30, 1865, in New York City, a daughter of Samuel R. and Charlotte (Keyes) Louden, the former of whom is at present serving as postmaster at Riverside. Three children have been born to them, as follows: Adelaide B., July 2, 1888; Charlotte L., August 27, 1889, and William A., Jr., May 28, 1894. In 1897 Mr. Wilmot erected the elegant home which the family now occupy, and in addition to that he owns two others—the old Newman homestead, the oldest house in this vicinity, about 160 years old, and the old Lockwood homestead—as well as a lot in Sound Beach. The Newman homestead has never been outside of the family, and yet it has never been "handed down," each successive owner having acquired it by purchase. Mr. Wilmot is a Republican in political sentiment, but in voting he selects the best men, and his first vote was cast for Grover Cleveland, his ballot being the first one cast for Cleveland at that election in Stamford township. The family attend the First Congregational Church, and, though not members, take an active part in its interests and work.

CHARLES GAYLOR, one of Stamford's most highly esteemed citizens, enjoys an enviable reputation as a financier, and his ability and sagacity have been demonstrated in numerous important business enterprises. His keen judgment and energetic, yet conservative management have made him a valued member of various banking institutions and other corporations, and at present he is the president of the Citizens Savings Bank at Stamford.

Mr. Gaylor's family has been identified with Stamford for many years, and his grandfather resided here. His father, Charles Stewart Gaylor, was a native of the locality and passed his life there, engaging in business as a hatter. While his education was limited to the course offered in the public schools of the town he supplemented this by observation and reading, and was well informed upon the topics of his time. He married Bethia Knapp, daughter of Hezekiah Knapp, and had the following children: John, born February 16, 1811, is deceased; Mary, born February 2, 1812, married Rufus Wardwell, and died August 30, 1888; George, born September 21, 1813, is deceased; Charles, our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Sarah Ann, born August 15, 1818, married James Voorhies; William H., born March 8, 1821, is deceased; Hannah Elizabeth, born January 13, 1824, married Benjamin A. Clapp, of Tarrytown, N. Y., and Hezekiah K., born October 16, 1826, is deceased.

The subject of our sketch was born at Stamford, March 21, 1816, and was educated there in a school located at the present site of St. John's Park. He learned the carpenter's trade in his youth, serving an apprenticeship of five years with Edwin Bishop, and in early manhood he engaged in the lumber business in New York City, where he remained about twenty years, the firm being known as Gaylor & Stevens, Gaylor & Carrington, and later as Gaylor, Carrington & Co. About 1861 he returned to Stamford, having become interested in the Stamford Gas Company, in which he is still a director. He soon became identified with the financial institutions of the place, helping to organize the Citizens Savings Bank, of which he has been president some six or seven years, and for some time he has been a director in the First National Bank. While not a politician in the commonly accepted meaning of the term, yet he takes much interest in political questions. In early life he was a Whig, but since 1857 he has been a stanch supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He is active and influential in local affairs, having served for many years as a burgess of the borough of Stamford, and at one time he was first selectman of the town. His sympathies have always been readily enlisted for educational and religious advancement, and since 18[illegible] he has been a member of St. John's Episcopal Church at Stamford, to which his wife also belongs. While in New York, Mr. Gaylor joined the State Militia, under William H. Seward, and October 25, 1842, he was made lieutenant in the 258th Regiment.

On March 10, 1842, Mr. Gaylor was married, in New York City, to Miss Caroline F. Budd, and four children have blessed the union: (1) Charles

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Henry; (2) Thomas E. and (3) Caroline B., all deceased. (4) Leonard Budd is vice-president and manager of the Black Manufacturing Company, at Erie, Penn., makers of the "Tribune" bicycle. Mr. and Mrs. Gaylor are both remarkably well preserved and young looking, and he attributes his good health to his temperate habits, for he has never used stimulants or tobacco.

Mrs. Gaylor was born May 25, 1820, in New Jersey, a daughter of Wesley and Sophia (Fisler) Budd, and granddaughter of Eli and Ann Budd. The Budds are of English extraction. The Fisler family is of German origin, and five brothers — Leonard, Jacob, Joseph, Benjamin and Samuel — came to West New Jersey, settling in Gloucester county, where the town Fislerville (now Clayton) was named after them. Of these, Leonard was the grandfather of Mrs. Gaylor. He married Miss Ann Marshall, and they had a large family, their daughter Sophia becoming the wife of Wesley Budd. To this union were born nine children—four sons and five daughters—of whom three only survive: Caroline F. (Mrs. Gaylor), who is the only one of the family in Fairfield county; Mrs. Eliza S. Haviland, of New York City, and Mrs. Sarah W. Berrian, of Clinton, Iowa. The parents died in New York City.

J. ALBERT LOCKWOOD, a leading citizen of the town of Greenwich, Fairfield county, has descended from one of the old New England families.

Born July 8, 1843, at Riverside, Fairfield county, Mr. Lockwood in line of descent is of the seventh generation from Robert Lockwood, the progenitor of the family in this country, which line of descent is as follows: (1) Robert, (2) Jonathan, (3) John, (4) Jonathan, (5) Frederick, (6) Uriah. Robert Lockwood came to this country from England in about the year 1630, locating at Watertown, Mass., where he remained until in about 1646, when he moved to Fairfield county, Conn., and here died in 1658. Frederick Lockwood, of the fifth generation, was born in the town of Greenwich, Fairfield county, February 3, 1763, and there died in 1808. His wife was Deborah Reynolds, born May 24, 1766, and died May 15, 1857, when upward of ninety years of age, a daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Lockwood) Reynolds. Their children were Seymour, Frederick M., Ezekiel, Alfred, Luke, Uriah, Lot, Ananias, Sally, Fannie and Deborah.

Of these, Uriah Lockwood was born in 1805 in the town of Greenwich. He attended the neighborhood schools, was early thrown on his own resources and became self-reliant while yet a boy. By occupation he was a farmer and a boatman, running a market boat for years from Mianus to New York. Later on he did a general packet and transient business on the river. He was an honorable man, a good citizen, and was held in high esteem. He married Rebecca Smith, who was from Stamford, Fairfield county, and their children were Henry S., now retired, and a resident of Cos Cob; William died when young; Frederick, a well-known conductor for years on the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., is now deceased; Mary A. married Andrew Ferris, and died at Port Chester, N. Y.; John L. keeps a feed store at Mianus; Emily E. is now Mrs. W. H. H. Ferris, of Port Chester, N. Y.; George E. was killed by unknown parties while watching oyster beds at Greenwich; and J. Albert is our subject. The father of these, who farmed almost altogether during the latter part of his lifetime, passed away in the fall of 1880. He became comfortably fixed in life, having saved a competence. Politically, he was a Democrat. His wife died in January, 1893. She was a member of the First Congregational Church at Sound Beach.

J. Albert Lockwood, of this review, received his primary education in the schools of Mianus district, going regularly during the winter season only, as his services were needed by his father. He worked on the farm chiefly until he became a brakeman on the N. Y. & N. H. R. R., and was so occupied off and on for three years. This position he left to enter the Civil war, enlisting September 1, 1862, as a private soldier in Company H, 28th C. V. I., under Capt. W. B. Wescome, and was promoted to second sergeant. His command was in the Banks expedition, their first engagement being at Port Hudson on the Mississippi river. He was a good and obedient soldier, ever ready for whatever duty was assigned him, sharing the fate of his command throughout its term of service. He received an honorable discharge August 28, 1863, and on his return home was occupied for a time with his brother, John L., who owned a vessel that plied on the river. He next tried railroad work again, then went into the oyster business, which he continued in several years. In 1878 he was elected assessor of Greenwich town, serving two years. At the expiration of this time, in 1881, he was elected to the office of selectman of his town, and has held the office ever since with the exception of an interim of three years. During all of this time, save two years, he has been first selectman. He has made a most faithful and efficient official, and enjoys the distinction of having held the office longer than any of his predecessors. He is a very affable and genial gen-

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tleman, and most popular. He takes great interest in anything pertaining to the G. A. R., of which he is a member, being identified with Lombard Post No. 24, at Greenwich. He was chairman of the committee that had charge of the erection of the Soldiers Monument at Greenwich. The monument is a handsome one, it being equaled by few in the State. On its site formerly stood the building in which many of those brave boys enlisted. Politically Mr. Lockwood is a Democrat, and has great influence in party affairs. He has been an enterprising and progressive citizen, and has erected four houses in his time, one at River Side and three elsewhere.

Mr. Lockwood has been twice married, the first time to Sarah A. Wescome, to which marriage were born children as follows: Albertina died at the age of nine years; William A. died in infancy; Bessie G. is now Mrs. Clinton Worden, of Stamford; and Clarence A. is now attending business college at Stamford. The mother of these children was the daughter of Capt. W. B. Wescome. After her death Mr. Lockwood married Mrs. Lucien Greene, whose maiden name was Ida F. Snyder.

RICHARD BULLWINKLE. This enterprising citizen of Mianus is blessed with many friends, is widely and popularly known, and, withal, possesses that happy temperament which is pervaded with comradery, and none know him but to feel the genial spirit of that disposition. Yet the sterling character of Mr. Bullwinkle is not a whit behind his manner, and he is regarded as one of the township's best citizens.

Mr. Bullwinkle is of German extraction. His grandfather, Henry Bullwinkle, was born near Berlin, Germany, but prior to his emigration to America, during the latter years of the last century, he had lived for some time in London, England. By trade he was a sugar maker, and for some time after he came to this country he worked in the factory where the Havemeyers were but engineers. He settled in New York City, remaining there up to his death. He followed the contractor's business, and owned property at Third and Orchard streets, buying lots and building houses. He was married in this country to Miss Mary E. Gable. Mr. Bullwinkle lived to the age of seventy, his wife surviving to the age of seventy-seven. The children of Henry and Mary Bullwinkle were as follows: Catharine, who married Henry Melins; Ann, who married Abram Ryker, and died in Brooklyn; John, a piano-forte maker, who died in New York; Henry J., who died in New York; Richard, father of our subject; Mary E., who married Benjamin Hicks, and died in Brooklyn; Margaret, who first married Alexander Buckhout, and afterward Mr. Studwell, and who was killed on the railroad at Port Chester, N. Y.; and Charles T., a truckman who went to Chicago, in the early "sixties" and there died.

Richard Bullwinkle, the father of our subject, was born on Orchard street, New York, April 29, 1815. He had little schooling, and when a young man bottomed chairs for a livelihood. However he attended night school, and became an excellent penman. As soon as he had properly qualified himself, he abandoned the manual trade he had learned and secured a position as a bookkeeper. In that capacity he had some interesting experiences. Once he was instructed by a member of the firm that employed him to make some false entries. He demurred, even when the dishonest employer drew a revolver and threatened to shoot him. The young bookkeeper could not be prevailed upon to become dishonest, but at once left the employ of that firm. He possessed a quick and retentive memory, and was well informed upon many subjects. His penmanship enabled him to secure a position as a draughtsman in a building firm, and soon after he was superintending for them the construction of the Moyamensing prison, and later that of the asylum at Ninth avenue and Thirty-fourth street, New York. He was also engaged in the construction of the Orphan home at Fifty-second street and Fifth avenue. For some years he was engaged as a contractor and as a dealer in builders' supplies. In 1860 he retired. He resided in New York until 1877, when owing to ill health he removed to near Mianus, where his son, our subject, now lives, and to him he turned over the management of his business affairs. In politics he was a stanch Republican, and he was a member of Dr. E. H. Chapin's Universalist Church in New York City. He died June 23, 1880, and was buried in Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn.

Richard Bullwinkle, Sr., was twice married, his first wife being Miss Maria M. Laughlin, who bore him two children: Sarah E., now the widow of Isaac Taylor, and living in New York, and Hiram G., who died at the age of twelve years. The death of Mrs. Bullwinkle left two young children, the elder of whom was only about four years of age. They were tenderly cared for by his second wife, who was Miss Mary Smith, and whom he married in May, 1848. She was born in Sussex county, N. J., July 15, 1825, daughter of John S. and Catharine (Beemer) Smith. John S. Smith was the manufacturer of a fancy

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side saddle for ladies, which was then very popular.

Mrs. Mary (Smith) Bullwinkle was one of eight children. She was reared on a farm, and was favored with a very fair education for the times, attending an academy in addition to the training which she received in the public schools. Her father lived to the age of seventy-five years, her mother surviving five years. The eight children of John S. and Catharine Smith were as follows: Charlotte, who married John Evans, and died at Port Jervis, N. Y.; William, a mechanic, who died in New York; Horace, who enlisted in a New Jersey regiment during the Civil war, was wounded at Malvern Hill, and died in Libby prison; Miranda, widow of Charles A. Harvey, Brooklyn; Mary, mother of our subject; Sarah and John (twins), the former of whom is the widow of Robert S. Allen, Brooklyn, John being a resident of Kansas City; and Coe W., of Elizabeth, N. J., for twenty-five years connected with the Central railway of New Jersey. Three children were born to Richard and Mary Bullwinkle, as follows: Anna G. (Mrs. Jesse Ritch), of Greenwich township; Richard, subject of this sketch; and Carrie (Mrs. W. G. Adams). The mother remained at the old home until April, 1890, since when she has been living with her daughter Carrie.

Richard Bullwinkle, the subject of this sketch, was born in New York City May 12, 1860. He attended the public schools of that city, and took also a short course at a private school, but at the early age of fifteen years, in 1875, he entered the wholesale hardware house of Hart, Bliven & Mead, Nos. 246–248 Pearl street, as a clerk. This position he resigned in May, 1877, to enter the employ of Goodyear & McKay, sewing machine manufacturers, No. 18 Murray street, New York. With them he remained until he came to the country to live, and to look after the business of his father.

Mr. Bullwinkle was married August 15, 1880, to Miss Estella A. Bowen, of Palmer's Hill. She was born October 15, 1860, the daughter of William and Sabina (Bonnell) Bowen. To Mr. and Mrs. Bullwinkle have been born four children: Richard, born August 26, 1881, a clerk in the Stamford National Bank; Edna M., born October 8, 1883; Horace K., born September 18, 1887, and Gertrude E., born June 29, 1895. Mrs. Bullwinkle is a member of the Methodist Church.

Since coming to Fairfield county Mr. Bullwinkle was for a time in the wholesale and retail grocery trade at Greenwich and later at Mianus. He was also at one time in the dairy business. He owns sixty-five acres of land which he rents, and lives in a commodious dwelling which was built by the family to replace one destroyed by fire in 1884. At present Mr. Bullwinkle has large New York interests. Politically, he is a strong Republican. He has served as a member of the board of registration at Greenwich, for three years was treasurer of that city, and postmaster at Mianus during the Harrison administration. Socially, he is prominently identified with the Odd Fellows and the Royal Arcanum at Greenwich. He is one of the leading social representatives of Greenwich township, and prominent in the affairs of the community.

PATRICK BOYLE is well-known to the people of Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., as the proprietor of a thriving business in Meadow street, and the owner of considerable valuable real estate in the city, where he has made his home since 1865

Mr. Boyle came to this country from Ireland, where he was born in 1847, in County Galway, a son of Michael Boyle, who was a lifelong resident of that county. By occupation he was a farmer and collector of rents, being the agent for an estate, and the family were in very comfortable circumstances. There were five children—four sons and one daughter. Patrick received a good education in the private, parochial and national schools of his native land, which he attended until he was eighteen years of age. Soon after his arrival in America he settled in Stamford, Conn., and he has not spent a night outside of the city since. He began his career in the New World as gardener on an estate, working thus for a year, after which he was in the employ of John W. Leeds for fifteen years, finally, in 1878, embarking in business on his own account as the owner of a grocery and liquor business in Meadow street. Later he bought a building on Main street, in which he conducted another store, but in November, 1897, he closed out that establishment to give his entire attention to the Meadow street store, to which he has added a meat market. Mr. Boyle has a constantly growing and profitable patronage, and in addition to his retail business he wholesales Clausen & Price's ale, the Albany Brewing Company's ale and Clausen & Sons Brewing Company's lager beer. Mr. Boyle has proved himself a good manager and judge in his mercantile career, and as a result enjoys a competence which affords him all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life, and is the owner of much desirable property in Stamford, which he has accumulated by economy

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and several timely investments. He deserves great credit for the advance he has made by his own industry, and he is respected by all who know him in Stamford as a worthy self-made man. In connection with his other business he, in 1898, erected at Shippan Point the "Auburn Hotel," and is conducting it as a summer hotel.

Mr. Boyle's marriage to Miss Katie Wendle took place in Stamford January 17, 1878, and has been blessed with eight children: Mary, Michael, Joseph, John, William, Marguerite, Catherine and Leona. Of these, Mary was for two years a pupil at Mt. St. Joseph's Seminary, Hartford, Conn., graduating from that institution in June, 1896. Michael, after spending four years at the Stamford High School, began his college career at Villa Nova College, Delaware county, Penn., in September, 1898. Joseph entered Merrill's Business College, Stamford, Conn., as a student in November, 1898. Mr. Boyle served four years as treasurer of the Fenian Association, and for some years held the same office in the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal organization. He is a member of the Liquor Dealers Association in Stamford. Politically, he has supported the Democratic party ever since he became a citizen of the United States.

OLIVER B. MORGAN, one of the progressive and wide-awake business men of Stamford, Conn., comes of an old and highly respected Connecticut family, his grandfather, Ezekiel Morgan, having been born in the town of Wilton, Fairfield county. He was a lifelong farmer; was married to a Miss Sarah Willock, also a native of Wilton, and had a numerous family.

Aaron Morgan, son of Ezekiel Morgan, and the father of our subject, was born in the town of Wilton, where he passed his boyhood, and where for some years of his earlier life he followed the trade of blacksmith. During the last twenty-five years of his life he engaged in agricultural pursuits in South Wilton, same county. In Ridgefield, Conn., he married Miss Susan Ferry, of that locality, and they both died in Wilton, the parents of four children: Oscar A., living in Stamford; Irad F., in Wilton; Emily, married to Theodore R. Fancher, of Wilton, and Oliver B., our subject. Aaron Morgan and his wife were consistent members of the M. E. Church, and in politics he was a Whig, later a Republican. He died February 15, 1874, his wife on February 25, 1884.

Oliver B. Morgan was born April 29, 1842, in the town of Wilton, Fairfield Co., Conn., and, as will be seen, is the youngest in his parents' family of children. He received his primary education at the public schools of his native place, which was supplemented with an attendance at Whitlock's private school. When twenty years of age he moved to Stamford, and clerked in the grocery store of R. S. Miller, until his enlistment, in November, 1864, in the Commissary Department, Second Brigade, Third Division, Twenty-fourth Army Corps, in which he served until the close of the war. In July, 1865, he returned to Stamford, and again entered the employ of R. S. Miller as clerk, remaining in that incumbency until 1867, in which year he embarked in the grocery business, on Main street, Stamford, under the firm name of O. B. Morgan & Co. At the end of seven years he sold out, and spent the following ten years on a farm in High Ridge, Conn.; during the subsequent four years he filled the position of bookkeeper for Hoyt & Potts. In 1889 he bought out the George B. Toms toy and newspaper business, which he has since conducted with eminent success on Atlantic street.

On May 24, 1869, Mr. Morgan was married to Miss Jennie Stevens, daughter of Cephas Stevens, of High Ridge, Stamford, and one son, Julian C., was born September 6, 1883. In religious faith, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are members of the M. E. Church; socially, he is affiliated with the G. A. R. Post of Stamford. They are most highly esteemed people, true to all the duties and obligations of life, and have many friends.

THOMAS BRADLEY. Connecticut sent to the defense of the Union many brave soldiers during the trying days of the Rebellion, and among them all none fought more devotedly for the cause of freedom than did this son of Old England. Coming to this country in boyhood, Mr. Bradley has always felt complete sympathy with the highest ideals of American citizenship, and his history shows that he possesses the energy and intelligence to make the best of life. At present he holds the responsible post of chief of police of the city of Norwalk, and in this as in other positions he has manifested ability and fidelity to duty.

Mr. Bradley was born October 27, 1842, at Leeds, England, where his father, Squire Bradley, was a bookkeeper in a woolen-mill. Squire Bradley and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Thompson, were both natives of England, but about 1847 they came to America and settled for a time in Newburg, N. Y., the father engaging in business as a manufacturer of horse

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blankets and similar goods. In 1854 he removed to Cohoes, N. Y., but his death occurred in Jersey City from drowning. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and a man of excellent character; his widow is also a consistent follower of the faith of John Wesley. His remains now rest in the cemetery at Newburg, N. Y. Of nine children six lived to mature age, our subject being the youngest. Sarah Ann married Thomas Longstaff, of Norwalk; Susan is the widow of Sheldon Nickerson, of the same city; Elizabeth married George A. Cunley, of Tarrytown, N. Y.; Mary B. is now Mrs. George B. Croft, of Philadelphia; and Etta married George Nickerson, of Norwalk.

Mr. Bradley was five years old when he crossed the Atlantic, and his youth was mainly spent in Cohoes, N. Y., where his education was begun in the public schools. As a boy he worked for some time in a cotton factory there, and at the age of sixteen he left home to enter the employ of a farmer in Orange county, N. Y., with whom he remained three years, his winters being devoted to his studies in the local schools. On leaving this place he went to Newburg, and found employment in the factory of the America Dessicating Company, and later he was sent to Williamsburg, N. Y., to take charge of their factory there. On September 4, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, 15th New York Volunteer Engineers, and was shortly afterward made first sergeant of Company A, same regiment, which rank he held until the close of the war. He took part in a number of important engagements but, fortunately, was never wounded. On July 2, 1865, he received his discharge, and on the following day he returned to his former residence in Newburg.

Like many of our gallant soldiers, he found his service in the army a sad interruption in business life, and for some time he was obliged to work as a farm laborer. As he desired to fit himself for something more congenial and profitable than this, he entered the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on November 1, 1865, and in May of the next year he was graduated from that institution. He then went to New York City, and on June 21, 1866, he received an appointment as policeman, in which position he served satisfactorily for twenty years, being released on June 22, 1886, at his own request. Since that date he has been a resident of Norwalk, where he was for a time employed as a shoe manufacturer. On February 10, 1894, he was appointed chief of police of that city, and his faithful and efficient service in that capacity has fully justified the confidence reposed in him.

Mr. Bradley has a handsome home at No. 62 Franklin street, Norwalk, and he and his wife, who was formerly Miss Lavina Brotherton, of that city, are identified with a select social circle. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and he is an active member of the G. A. R., in which he is a past commander.

GEORGE H. MILLS, a well-known and highly esteemed resident of Greenwich township, Fairfield county, is a direct descendant in the eighth generation of the Samuel Mills who was one of the first settlers of that township. He was born September 13, 1840, on the farm four miles north of Greenwich village where the first Samuel Mills settled, and which has ever since been owned and occupied by his descendants, the present occupant, also named Samuel, being of the eighth generation, and having a son Samuel of the ninth generation. Each generation has had a representative bearing the name of Samuel.

Samuel Mills, the grandfather of George H. Mills, married Martha Husted, who also belonged to one of the old families of the township, and they reared a family of six children, namely: Samuel, Roswell (of North Greenwich), Mary, Sarah, Deborah and Ann Augusta. Only one of the daughters married, and she died at an early age. Grandfather Samuel Mills was a devout Methodist, in this respect following in the footsteps of his ancestors. The eldest son, Samuel, was born in March, 1814, in the house which was also the birthplace of his father and son, and grew to manhood on the homestead farm, where he passed his entire life. He married Maria Trowbridge, a native of Bedford, N. Y., who was the daughter of Samuel Trowbridge and a descendant of the Trowbridge family which settled New Haven, and three children blessed their union: Martha A. (now deceased), who married Augustus N. Reynolds; George H.; and Samuel Elbert, who carried on the farm in Greenwich; he served in the Civil war with the Tenth Connecticut; he married Mary H. Reynolds, daughter of Abram Reynolds, and has three children—Helen T., Samuel Harold and Jennette R. Mr. Mills was a Democrat in political connection, and was one of the "wheel-horses" of the party in this section, taking a prominent part in its affairs. He was elected to office at different times, and was well known throughout the locality as an energetic, active man, one who gained the respect and friendship of all who knew him. Religiously, he was a member of the Second Congregational Church. He and

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his wife were laid to rest in the Episcopal cemetery, though his ancestors are all buried in a private cemetery on the Mills farm.

George H. Mills was reared on the place of his birth, and made his home there until his marriage, assisting his father with the farm work. His education he acquired in the Clapboard Ridge district school, which at that day was conducted in an old-fashioned building, and the literary facilities were correspondingly meager. Henry Close was his first teacher. On September 13, 1870, he was united in marriage to Miss Lucretia Mead, who was born November 30, 1846, in the house where they have since resided. She was the youngest child of Jonas and Abigail Mead, of Greenwich township, and the young couple took up their home with her parents, Mr. Mills, for the ten years following his marriage, carrying on a hardware and stove business in the village. They have a comfortable residence, and enjoy a goodly share of this world's goods, though they are quiet and unassuming in their manners and living. They have had two children: Maria A., who died when fourteen months old, and Winfield S., a son adopted when fourteen months old, who was born August 14, 1886.

Mr. Mills is regarded as a valuable citizen in his township, one who can be relied upon to take a public-spirited interest in any measure for progress or improvement, and who always has the welfare of the community at heart. He is non-partisan in political affairs, limiting his efforts in that line to seeing that good men are put into office. In religious connection he and his wife are prominent members of the Congregational Church, in which he has served as deacon for sixteen years, and for ten years he held the position of Sunday-school superintendent. He is a strong advocate of temperance, never using strong drink or tobacco in any form.

CHARLES E. PURDY, a prosperous and progressive member of the agricultural class in Greenwich township, resides in King Street, on what is known as the "Old Field Homestead," which is situated partly in Fairfield county, Conn., and partly in Westchester county, New York.

Mr. Purdy is a native of Westchester county, born November 4, 1845, in North Castle township, on the farm of his parents, Charles and Phœbe (Lane) Purdy. The father was born in Mt. Pleasant township, Westchester county, son of Eleazer Purdy, who died when Charles was a boy. The latter grew up in his native county, married there, and carried on farming all his active life, becoming well-to-do as time went on. He was a hard worker, although a man of very slight build, never weighing over 125 pounds. Mrs. Purdy was a daughter of Stephen Lane, a farmer, who lived to be ninety-five years old. She was the mother of five children: Elizabeth is the wife of Henry Mathews, of New York City, Mary (Mrs. Beebe) is now deceased; Charles E.; Stephen L., of North Castle township; and Annie, wife of Dr. Batchelor, of New York City. The father (now (1899) ninety years old) and mother are living retired in New York City. They are Friends in religious faith. Mr. Purdy has been a lifelong Democrat politically, and he served as supervisor of North Castle township for years.

Charles E. Purdy received a good common-school education, and also attended the Mt. Kisco (N. Y.) Academy for two years. From an early age he was trained to practical farm work, and until his marriage remained on the home place, in which he had an interest, working it after he reached his majority. After leaving the paternal farm he went to Mamaroneck, N. Y., for a year, and in the spring of 1877 settled on his present farm in Greenwich, which he rented for the first ten years of his residence there. He finally became the proprietor, purchasing from the heirs of Elias Hicks Field, and he is the first owner outside the Field family for generations. The tract contains 130 acres in all, and is one of the best farms in the vicinity, its present owner having added considerably to its value by his skillful methods in agriculture. He has remodeled the house, which is now one of the most comfortable homes in King Street, and has made numerous other improvements about the place, the appearance of which gives every evidence of his good judgment and progressive nature, for he is up-to-date in every respect. Mr. Purdy devotes much time and attention to apple growing, and does an extensive business in that branch, having a crop of from 600 to 1,000 barrels annually. He is well known throughout this section, and has a reputation surpassed by none for honesty and straightforwardness in all his dealings with his fellow men.

Mr. Purdy was united in marriage when thirty years of age, with Miss Joanna Pierce, who was the daughter of Moses Pierce and Esther Carpenter, his wife, of Pleasantville, N.Y., where she was born. They have five children: Elizabeth M., Esther C., Arthur E., Helen C. and Charles E., Jr., all of whom live at home. Mr. and Mrs. Purdy are faithful members of the Friends Church at Purchase, N. Y. Politically, he is an ardent Democrat, one of the best workers for his party in the township, though he has,

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in local affairs, supported good men of the other great party. He has served three years as a selectman of the town.

GEORGE E. HORTON, a well-known and representative business man of Greenwich township, Fairfield county, now employed as traveling salesman for A. J. Tower, of Boston, was born at Wilton, Conn., June 12, 1859, a son of William and Sarah (Silkman) Horton.

Early in life the father engaged in the retail grocery business, subsequently was a commission merchant in New York City, dealing in flour and grain, and later he owned and operated a farm near Wilton, Conn. He was a self-made man in the truest sense of that term, and was very successful, leaving to his family a comfortable competence. In 1880 he came to Greenwich township, Fairfield Co., Conn., and purchased from William Timpany a farm near Cos Cob, which he greatly improved. He was a Republican in politics, but was not strictly partisan, always endeavoring to support the man best qualified for the office. He died in his sixty-eighth year, and his remains were interred at Somers, N. Y. The mother of our subject had died some years before, and his father, William Horton, was a second time married, but by that union had no children. Two sons were born of the first marriage, Charles W., a farmer of Wilton, Conn., and George E., of this sketch. Our subject's paternal grandfather was David Horton, a farmer by occupation.

George E. Horton began his education in the public schools of New York. After his mother's death, which occurred when he was eight years old, he went to live with his paternal grandfather, but when his father re-married, about two or three years later, he returned home. For a time he attended Prof. Olmstead's school at Wilton, Conn., and afterward again entered the public schools of New York City, graduating from Public School No. 68 on 128th street, near 6th avenue. He also took a course at the New York College.

Mr. Horton began his business career as collector for the commission house of Pottle & Jacoby, with which he remained until 1880, when his parents removed to Cos Cob, and he took the management of the farm. Three years later he went on the road as traveling salesman for the Metropolitan Rubber Company, remaining with that firm ten years. Subsequently he was engaged in the hardware business, on his own account, and also owned a half-interest in a patent specialty. Returning to Cos Cob, he resumed farming, which he continued to follow until March, 1894, when he opened a retail grocery store at Mianus in partnership with J. D. Ayres. The firm conducted what was no doubt the largest business of the kind in Greenwich township, but on March 17, 1897, their store was destroyed by fire. Since January 1, 1898, Mr. Horton has been on the road for A. J. Tower, of Boston, selling oil clothing. He is a wide-awake, energetic man, of good business ability, and has the full confidence and esteem of his employers. Politically, he is an ardent Republican.

On June 27, 1888, Mr. Horton was married to Miss Kate L. Duff, a native of Cos Cob. She is a member of the Episcopal Church, and, like her husband, is the center of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

JOHN DUFF, Mrs. Horton's father, was born in New York City, September 22, 1824, a son of John and Harriet Duff. He was but eleven years old when his father died of cholera, and as his mother married again and he could not agree with his stepfather, he left home and came to Cos Cob, Fairfield Co., Conn. He had one brother, Richard, who died in boyhood, and a sister, Mary A., of whom he has lost all trace. He arrived in Cos Cob on the sloop "Theodore," and for five years made his home with Mrs. Nehemiah Mead, a widow, doing chores, and for one quarter attending the district schools. The following six years he lived with Charles Timpany, a carpenter and farmer, living in North Cos Cob, and with him learned the carpenter's trade and worked as a journeyman until 1848. He then helped to build the first railroad bridge at Cos Cob, and soon afterward purchased a half-interest in a shipyard at that place, his partner being a Mr. Gilbert, whose interest he afterward purchased. Although he knew little concerning the business at the beginning, he employed experienced workmen and soon became thoroughly familiar with every branch of it. Soon after his marriage the firm of White, Barnes & Duff was organized, and as general ship builders they built the following vessels: "Locomotive," "James H. Holden," "Sacramento," "Mary Elizabeth," and "Phillips," all sloops. For half a century Mr. Duff has now been interested in this business, and is well known along the Sound. Although he started in life for himself a poor, homeless boy, and endured many hardships and impositions, he has become one of Fairfield county's most highly respected citizens, and has reared an excellent family. He is a Democrat in politics, has been affiliated with the Acacia Lodge, F. & A. M., for

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over thirty years and is also a member of the Episcopal Church.

On November 3, 1851, Mr. Duff married Miss Deborah A. Palmer, who was born in North Cos Cob, March 15, 1831, a daughter of Henry and Anna (Pomeroy) Palmer. The children born to this union are as follows: Clarissa, who died when a young lady; Delia A., who died in childhood; John H., who was for years in the employ of Yale & Towne Company, of Stamford, being the only one of their employes to go to the top of the tall chimney at the Yale Lock Works (he died in Stamford, leaving two daughters, Sadie being the only one now living); Charles R., of Mountainville, who is manager of the Lawson Valentine farm in Orange county, N. Y.; William J., a resident of Cos Cob; Denom G., who was accidentally killed by a shot gun at the age of eleven years; Annie P., deceased wife of Arthur Tingue, of Cobleskill; Kate L., wife of George E. Horton; and Ruth C., at home.

THOMAS M. FAIRTY, who for the past thirty years has been successfully engaged in the butcher business in New Canaan, was born in that town August 28, 1832.

The father of our subject, James Fairty, was a native of Ireland, and came to America when a young man of eighteen years of age, becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States. He settled in Connecticut, and was married in New Canaan to Eliza Monroe, daughter of Nathan Monroe. Five children were born to them, namely: Frank, who is now deceased; Thomas Monroe; James, a resident of New Canaan; Joseph, living in Canada; and Ann Eliza, who is deceased. The father was a shoemaker by trade, and followed the same in New Canaan. In 1862, during the war of the Rebellion, he was in New York City, and was there run over by a mob and killed. The mother survived him many years, dying in 1894.

Thomas M. Fairty grew to manhood in New Canaan, attending during boyhood the Clapboard Hill District school and the Silver Mine District school, where he received all his education. During his earlier years he worked a little at shoemaking, and also farmed and dealt in cattle. When about eighteen years of age he removed to Wilton, Conn., where he engaged in farming and stock dealing until 1867, the year in which he settled in New Canaan. On his arrival here he embarked in the butcher business with Samuel Whitney, under the firm name of Whitney & Co., and this partnership continued for six years until Mr. Whitney's death dissolved it. Mr. Fairty has since conducted the store alone, and he has met with well deserved success, as a result of persevering industry and untiring attention to the details of his business. In addition to the butcher business he handles a full line of groceries. Mr. Fairty began life with very little money and not many more clothes than he needed, and the comfortable home and income which he now enjoys have been acquired by the constant exercise of his business ability and good judgment in the management of his affairs. For many years he was a director and the vice-president of the New Canaan National Bank. He has gained the good-will and respect of his fellow citizens by his thoroughly honest methods in all his dealings, and is looked up to as a reliable, trustworthy man. He has held several minor offices in his town, and served as selectman for nine or ten years to the satisfaction of all concerned. In political sentiment he is a Democrat, but in voting he is guided by his own judgment and conscience, never sacrificing principle for the sake of being partisan.

In 1854 Mr. Fairty was married at Wilton to Miss Margaret C. Geddes, daughter of Jeremiah Geddes, and they have had two children: Thomas J. and Charles H. Thomas married Carrie Lockwood, and has one daughter—Flora L. Charles H. married Sophia C. Rover, and they have four children—Florence May, Charles Edwin, Henry C. and Frederick. Our subject and his wife have a comfortable home on East avenue, in the village of New Canaan. Thus it may be seen in summing up the life work of this gentleman that penury in boyhood does not always prove a hindrance to success. His ambition from a mere lad was to be independent, and that he has attained it his prosperity stands in evidence, for he to-day ranks among the wealthy and influential men of Fairfield county. Through his kindness of heart some losses have fallen to him, for it is said that the distressed were never turned from his door unaided. His life has been simple and blameless, "his word his bond," uprightness and honesty his religion.

GEORGE H. DAYTON. Many of the most successful business men of New York have derived their vigor of mind and body from a youth spent amid the wholesome surroundings of country life in this section, and the subject of this sketch, a native of the town of Greenwich, is among the number who have demonstrated the ability of the "farmer boys" to make their way in the world.

The Dayton family is one of the best known

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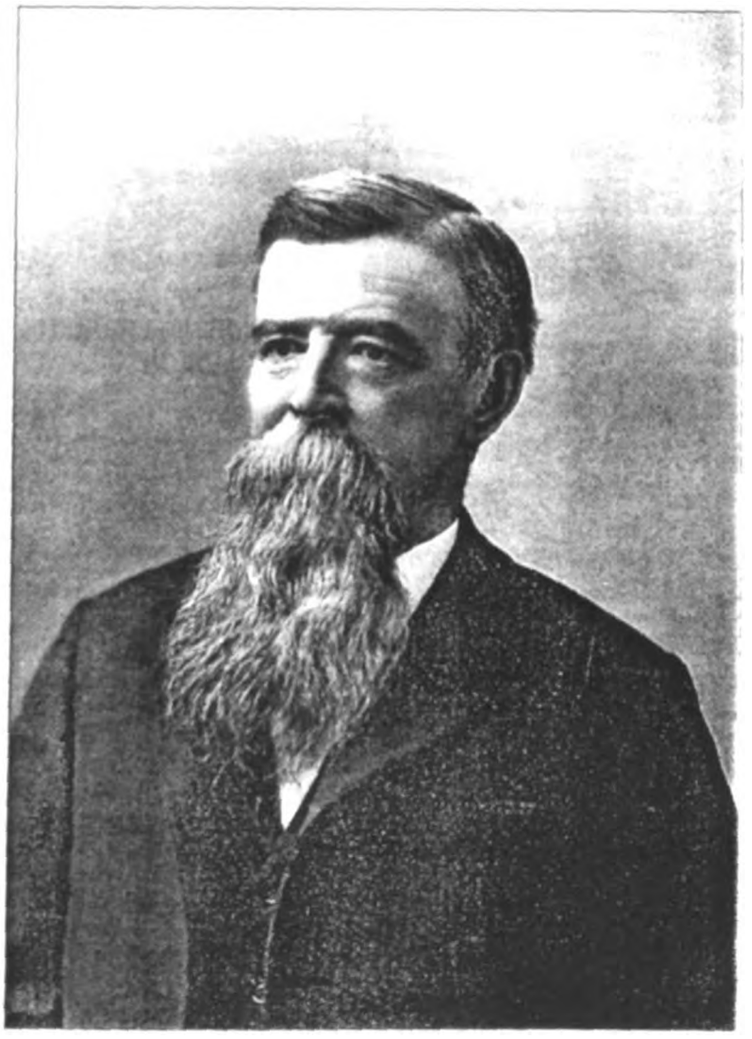

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in the town of Greenwich, its members being noted for the qualities that constitute good citizenship. Our subject was born August 22, 1842, on a farm at Stanwich, and is the youngest son and child of David Dayton, Jr., and his wife, Elizabeth (Brush), of whom mention is made elsewhere. A brother, John Dayton, is now a prominent resident of Greenwich. As the son of a busy farmer, our subject received a thorough training in the ancient and honorable business of agriculture, his attendance at school being often interrupted by the work on the homestead. With the exception of one term in the Greenwich Academy, then conducted by Prof. Philander Button, his opportunities were limited to the district schools of Stanwich, which were greatly inferior to those of the present time in both methods and equipment. Among his earlier teachers was Charles Gorse. After leaving school he devoted his attention to the work of the farm, but the outbreak of the Civil war aroused his patriotic spirit, and, mere boy as he was, he enlisted in August, 1861, as a private in Company I, 10th Conn. Vols. He was soon promoted to the rank of corporal, and he did gallant service in several battles, his first serious engagement being at Roanoke Island, under Burnside. On March 14, 1862, he was wounded at Newbern, N. C., by a bullet which he now has in his possession. It penetrated his right lung, striking a rib, where it was deflected, and coming out near the spinal column lodged in his coat. While undergoing treatment in the hospital at Newbern he was taken with typhoid fever, and in June, 1862, he was sent home, but later, his recovery being slow, he was transferred to a hospital at New Haven. While he was never again able to do field duty he found an opportunity, before the war closed, to make himself useful in the quartermaster's department at New York City, taking charge of the shipping of supplies from the Canal street wharf, on the North river. When the war ended he became connected with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, at the same wharf, and after twelve years of continuous work with that corporation he resigned to engage in the insurance business. From 1875 to 1883 he was associated with the Broadway Fire Insurance Company, and since that time he has been connected with the Eagle Fire Insurance Company, first as surveyor and later as superintendent of agencies.

In 1868 Mr. Dayton was married, in New York City, to Miss Elizabeth Louise Smith, a native of the metropolis, and two children have blessed their union: Jennie Louise and Ethel Frances. Mr. Dayton made his home in New York and Brooklyn until 1885, when he built his present comfortable and attractive home at Belle Haven. He was one of the first to recognize the beauty of that picturesque locality, and the little village, which had not yet received a name, has grown up since he settled there. As a citizen Mr. Dayton is highly esteemed, his energy and ability, as shown by his successful business career, winning the respect which is invariably accorded to the "self-made man." Politically, he has always been a stanch Republican, and while he is not an office seeker he votes regularly, and is at all times keenly interested in the success of his party. He and his wife are prominent in social life, and are both active members of the Congregational Church at Greenwich. While residing in Brooklyn he held various offices in the Church there. As might be inferred from his military record, Mr. Dayton is a member of the G. A. R., belonging to Lombard Post No. 24, at Greenwich, and he is also identified with the Indian Harbor Yacht Club, and the Greenwich Casino Association, being the present treasurer of the latter organization.

OSCAR LEANDER WILLIAMS. "A little farm, well-tilled," makes an ideal home in the opinion of most men, and, where thrift and industry combine to make the most of its resources, as comfortable a competence can be gained as from a larger estate upon which less business-like methods prevail. Mr. Williams is the owner of thirty-five acres in the Pembroke District, town of Danbury, and his judicious management has made the place a profitable investment.

Mr. Williams was born December 16, 1841, in the town of Kent, Putnam Co., N. Y., a son of Harrison Williams and grandson of Thomas and Jane (Merritt) Williams. His father, who was born February 14, 1814, was a farmer by occupation, and resided in early life in Putnam county, N. Y., but later removed to New Fairfield, Conn., where his death occurred August 26, 1884. He married Sarah Sturdevant, who was born May 16, 1814, in the town of Kent, Putnam Co., N. Y., and died June 10, 1889, at Farmers Mills. Our subject was the eldest of four children: Charles E., who died February 11, 1881, married Miss Jane Barnum, daughter of David and Jane (Gilbert) Barnum, and by this union had two children, Charles and David. Laura F. married Eli Mead, of Kent, Putnam county, and has six children—William S., Mary E., Ida F. and Ira E. (twins), and Cassie S. and Charles H. (also twins). Merritt J. married (first)

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Miss Olivia Palmer, daughter of Wright Palmer, and (second) Miss Maggie Barrington; he had two children by his first wife: Fannie O., who died in March, 1896, at the age of eleven years, and Louisa.

The boyhood of our subject was spent partly in his native county, his parents residing for a time in the town of Kent, and then in the town of Patterson. When he was about four years of age they located at New Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he received his education in the public schools and in a private school conducted by Levi Treadwell, now president of the Union Savings Bank of Danbury. The work of the home farm occupied Mr. Williams' spare time until he was twenty-one, when he found employment in a wagon shop, and a year later he began to work at the carpenter's trade, which he followed some ten years. In 1874 he married his first wife, Miss Melinda Barrett, a daughter of Peter and Mary (Sprague) Barrett, and soon afterward he purchased his present farm, where he has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He raises general crops, but for many years he made a specialty of tobacco growing, while at another time he was interested in dairy work, keeping about ten cows. His farm is bounded on the north by the lands of Widow Rachel Hull and Levi Peck; on the east by those of Levi Peck and Isaac Haviland; on the south by the Bradley property, and on the West by the estates of John Robinson and Leopold Jacobs.

In 1888 his first wife passed to the unseen world leaving no children, and in 1893 he married Miss Annie A. Conklin, a daughter of Joseph G. and Martha E. (Adams) Conklin, of the town of Kent, Putnam county, N. Y. Her paternal grandfather was William Conklin, who married Maria Barrett, daughter of Thomas and Rachel (Tompkins) Barrett. On her mother's side Mrs. Williams is a granddaughter of Daniel and Mary (Barrett) Adams, and a great-granddaughter of Asa and Elizabeth (Hunt) Adams. Mr. Williams and his wife have four children: Martha, who died in childhood; Martha L., Lillian M. and Oscar H., who are at home. The family attend the Baptist Church at Kent Cliff, of which Mrs. Williams is a member. Politically, Mr. Williams is a Republican, but he has never been especially active in party work.

JOHN J. NORTHROP is one of the successful business men of Newtown, and is identified with various enterprises, including the Bee Publishing Company. In political affairs he is prominent, and before he attained his majority his fellow-citizens began electing him to office—an excellent habit which is still continued.

Mr. Northrop is a descendant of Joseph Northrup, a pioneer settler at Milford, Conn., and was born November 9, 1862, in Newtown, a son of William N. Northrop. His education was obtained mainly at the Newtown Academy, where he practically completed the course, and at the age of seventeen he was qualified to teach. For one year he had charge of a school in the Head of the Meadow District, but he afterward devoted some time to assisting in the management of the homestead. Being an ardent Democrat, and possessing both ability and inclination for public affairs, he soon attracted attention among the local managers of the party, and when only nineteen was chosen the school committee for his district. In 1889 he was elected as a member of the board of education for Newtown, a position which he has ever since held by three-year re-elections, and during this time he has served continuously as secretary of that body.

He remained upon the farm until June, 1893, when he was appointed postmaster of Newtown by Postmaster-General Bissell, under the administration of President Cleveland. This office he held four years. At the time of the organization of the Bee Publishing Company Mr. Northrop was one of the incorporators, and served two years as secretary, while at present he is a stockholder.

Mr. Northrop is popular socially, and is an active member of the Grange, of which he was secretary in 1896, and is now lecturer; is also affiliated with the Knights of Honor, having some time ago joined Lodge No. 3720, of Newtown, now consolidated with Lodge No. 3159, of Bethel. He belongs to the Congregational Church of Newtown, and at present is secretary of that Society.

E. T. DOOLITTLE. The Doolittle family, which has long been prominent in this section, is of English origin, and the subject of this biography, a leading business man of Bridgeport, is of the fifth generation in descent from Abraham Doolittle, who came from England at an early period and was in New Haven, Conn., prior to 1642. His brother, John, who accompanied him from England, left no children, but Abraham had one son, Daniel, and there has been a Daniel in the family in direct line to the fifth generation.

Daniel Doolittle, our subject's grandfather, was born in Wallingford, and his life was spent upon a farm there. He married, and had nine-

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teen children, named as follows: Giles, Johnson, Sarah, Daniel, Michel, Rebecca, Nathan, Abigal, Rhoda, Isaac, Polly, John, Stephen, Lois, Elizabeth, Abram, Hannah, Jacob and Ruth.

Jacob Doolittle, the father of our subject, was born in Wallingford July 13, 1796, and became a farmer in North Haven, Conn., where he died June 22, 1850. His wife, Esther Tuttle, who died August 21, 1892, at the advanced age of ninety-three, was born in North Haven, February 3, 1799, a daughter of Samuel Tuttle, also a native of that town. Of the four children of this union, the eldest, George W., born March 21, 1825, is a farmer in North Haven, and for some time was engaged in business as a blacksmith and tool-maker; Willis E., born March 29, 1827, died in 1829; E. T., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; and Esther E., born February 21, 1834, died in infancy.

E. T. Doolittle was born August 28, 1831, in North Haven, and was reared upon the old farm, his education being secured in the schools of that locality. At the age of sixteen he went to New Britain, Conn., to learn the jeweler's trade, which he followed for fifteen years. In 1862 he was employed in Sharp's rifle factory in Hartford, and in 1865 he took a position in Pratt & Whitney's machine shop. In 1867 he removed to Bridgeport, and for twelve years was in the employ of Samuel E. Todd, who was engaged in the cement, pipe and sewer business. In 1879 Mr. Doolittle purchased the business, and he has since conducted it alone, occupying first a shop on Gilbert street, thence in 1892 removing to his present location, Nos. 10-12-14-16 Cowles street, East end, near Stratford avenue. He owns an extensive business as a contractor for constructing sewers, laying drains, digging wells, cementing floors and similar work, and has a large trade in ornamental chimney tops, well curbs, and hydraulic cement pipes, of which he makes a specialty.

On February 12, 1854, Mr. Doolittle married Miss Mary E. Hamlin, a descendant of a pioneer family, and who was born in Farmington, Conn., daughter of Daniel D. and Julia (Mallory) Hamlin, well-known residents of Middlebury, Conn. Five children have blessed this union: William E., who died in infancy; Carlos E., who is in business with his father; Julia E., wife of William J. Martin, of Bridgeport; Walter J., who is interested in his father's business; and Cora A. The family is prominent socially, and is identified with the Congregational Church, of which our subject's ancestors were devout members. Politically, Mr. Doolittle is an Independent, although he has usually voted the Democratic ticket in the past. He is an active member of the Masonic Fraternity, belonging to Corinthian Lodge No. 104, F. & A. M., and to Jerusalem Chapter, R. A. M.

NICHOLAS McKEON, a well-known citizen of Bridgeport, was born in Derby, Conn., March 24, 1850, and is of Irish descent in both paternal and maternal lines. Peter McKeon, his father, was a native of County Louth, Ireland, and came to Connecticut, in early manhood being employed for some time in the construction of the New York and New Haven railroad. Later he started the first grocery and liquor store established in Derby, and while making a success of this enterprise he also carried on an extensive business as a contractor, the moving of houses being his specialty. He died at Ansonia in January, 1892. His wife, Mary (Coss), who died in 1867, was a native of Queens County, Ireland, a daughter of Nicholas Coss, who came to America many years ago. Of the ten children born to Mary and Peter McKeon, five are now living, our subject being the eldest; Catherine married P. J. Melvin, of Bethel, this county; Peter resides in Bridgeport; Thomas, who is engaged in railroad building as a section boss, is in the West; and Henry is seeking his fortune in the Klondike region.

Our subject's early life was mainly spent in Ansonia, where he obtained a common-school education. On leaving school he found employment in H. C. Miles' grocery and dry-goods store in Ansonia for a year and a half, and for the same length of time was in W. & L. Hotchkiss' lumber yard. He then entered the employ of his father (who had a contract for railroad work), and spent one year near Derby driving piles for a new railroad. For thirteen years he was employed as train hand on various roads, but in March, 1881, he settled in Bridgeport and engaged in the liquor business at the corner of Green and Walter streets. After three years he removed to No. 437 Water street, and from the first he has enjoyed an extensive and profitable trade.

On August 24, 1881, Mr. McKeon married Miss Anna Lavey, a native of Newtown, a daughter of Peter Lavey, who was born in Ireland. Three children have blessed this union: Mary, Henry C. and Frances N. The family is connected with the Catholic Church at Bridgeport, and Mr. McKeon is affiliated with several fraternal orders, including the Order of Foresters of America and the Knights of Columbus. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party.

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JEREMIAH C. KLINEFELTER is a successful business man of Darien, where he has built up a substantial trade in ice, the enterprise being one of the largest of the kind in that city. He was born March 3, 1839, in York county, Penn., and was reared to habits of industry by his father, Abraham Klinefelter, who was a farmer and tanner by occupation. Abraham Klinefelter was a native of the Keystone State, and for many years was regarded as a leading citizen of York county, his advice being constantly sought on political affairs in his locality. He died in 1872; his widow, Eliza (Rhule), who was also a native of Pennsylvania, is still living at the advanced age of seventy-nine, and enjoys excellent health. They had seven children: Julia, widow of Charles Sechrist; Jeremiah C., our subject; Miss Catherine; Margaret, wife of William Walmsley; Susan, wife of William Gilbert; Joseph K. and Daniel.

Mr. Klinefelter's educational advantages were not of the best, as the work on the farm and in the tannery interfered greatly with his attendance at the local schools, but he made good use of the opportunities that fell in his way. At the age of twenty he went to New York City, and found employment on the 86th street reservoir, where he worked from August, 1859, to April, 1860. He then went to Lewisboro, N. Y., and remained until 1862, when he concluded to offer his services to the Government in response to the call for nine-months men in the army. He enlisted at Ridgefield, this county, in Company G, 23rd Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, and served a full year before receiving his discharge. The next few years he spent in Lewisboro, N.Y., but in 1868 he removed to Stamford, this county, and engaged in business, remaining about four years, and for the six years following he devoted his attention to farming in the town of Darien. He then engaged in contracting; four years later he purchased his present estate, and began in a small way in the ice business. At first he had but one ice wagon, but as trade increased he has enlarged his facilities until he now employs ten men all the year round, and during the busy season has from twenty-five to thirty men at work. He keeps two delivery wagons on the road all the time, and twelve or thirteen wagons are required during a part of the year. He is an alert, "wide-awake" business man, and his prosperity may be attributed to the fact that he does not allow opportunities to go by default.

In November, 1869, Mr. Klinefelter married Anna Minerva Rusco Hartson, of Fairfield county, and they have had two daughters: Kathryn, and Florina, wife of Dr. O. G. Palmer, V. S., of Stamford. Mr. Klinefelter is not a member of any Church, although he gives generously to the support of all denominations, but his wife and daughters belong to the Baptist Church at Stamford. He is identified with various fraternal orders, including the K. of P.; the Order of American Mechanics; the Knights of the Maccabees; the Royal Arcanum; the New England Order of Protection; and the I. O. O. F., in which he has attained the Encampment and Uniform degrees. He cherishes an abiding faith in the principles of the Republican party, but except for five years of service as a selectman in his town, he has never entered the political arena.

ISAAC H. BAKER, one of Stamford's most highly esteemed citizens, is a man whose quiet and unassuming disposition makes him disinclined to seek public notice, but during his residence in that city, he has won many friends by his excellent qualities of character.

Mr. Baker comes of a good old Pilgrim or Peregrine family, his ancestors having settled in New Jersey several generations ago. His grandfather, James Baker, was born at Salem, N. J., and throughout his life resided in that vicinity following farming as an occupation, his death occurring there in 1862, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-two years. The grandmother died comparatively young. The late John F. Baker, our subject's father, was born at Salem, January 16, 1816, and continued to reside there until his death on February 4, 1895. In early life he followed the occupation of waterman, being captain of a vessel, but later he engaged in agriculture. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Maull, died in 1886, and of their five children only two are now living, viz.: Isaac H. (our subject); and Samuel M., a resident of Camden, New Jersey.

Our subject's birth occurred June 27, 1848, at the old home in Salem, N. J., and he received his education in the public schools of that city. He remained with his parents until he attained his majority, when he engaged in the steamboat business on the Delaware river. Later he spent a few years in the West, and on his return he began the study of the science of steam and mechanical engineering. After one year of preparatory work he was employed as an engineer at Wilmington, Del., and in October, 1884, he came to Stamford to take the position of engineer with the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company, which he filled acceptably for eight years, at the end of that time retiring. Mr. Baker now devotes his time to looking after

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his real estate, owning considerable property in and about Stamford. He has never taken an active part in politics, but socially he is identified with various fraternal Orders, including the I. O. O. F., Washington Lodge No. 21, and the F. & A. M., Excelsior Lodge No. 54, both at Salem, N. J. He was also a charter member of the Stationary Engineers Association, of Wilmington, Del., being twice president and twice their delegate—first in New York, where the National Association of Engineers was first instituted in October, 1882, and again in Chicago, on October 5, 1883, when he became a member of the National Association of Stationary Engineers.

On July 18, 1888, Mr. Baker was married in Stamford to Miss Sarah A. Brown, daughter of Philip H. Brown, and sister of Mortimer S. Brown, well-known residents of Stamford. She was one of the leading workers in the Congregational Church at Stamford for thirty-four years, and is highly respected for her ability and worth. Of late years she has been identified with the Presbyterian Church. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Baker. Their home is located at the corner of Richmond Hill and Greenwich avenue.

WILLIAM E. STREET, a prominent resident of Darien, is engaged in business in New York, and by his daily trips to and from the metropolis manages to combine in a satisfactory manner the advantages of city and country life.

Mr. Street is a native of this county, having been born at Norwalk, in December, 1840, and is connected with several of the oldest families of the county. The late Chauncey Street, our subject's father, was also born in Norwalk, and became by occupation a ship-builder, while for a time he carried on a milling business in addition to his other interests. In disposition he was quiet and unassuming, but he was held in high esteem among his associates. He died in 1886, and his wife, Eliza Hoyt, who was born in Darien, is still living, at the advanced age of eighty-one years. Our subject was the eldest of three children, the others being Mrs. Fleet and Miss Ella M. Street, both residents of Norwalk.

Mr. Street obtained his education in the public schools of Norwalk, and on leaving the high school, at the age of sixteen, he went to New York City to engage in business. For some years he resided there, but for about twenty-eight years he has made his home in Darien, where he owns a handsome and commodious residence. In October, 1868, he married Miss Frances A. Watkins, daughter of William A. Watkins, of New York. Six children blessed this union: Frederick D. (who is now in business in New York City), Elsie G., Grace E. and Clifford W., living; and Editha and Archer E., both deceased, the latter of whom died when a young man just entering Yale College. Mr. Street and his wife are leading members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Darien, in which he has held offices as warden and vestryman for a quarter of a century. The family is prominent socially, and Mr. Street is a member of several clubs in the metropolis. Politically, he inclines toward the Democratic faith, but he is not a radical partisan.

GEORGE H. SOULE is a member of the firm of Lounsbury & Soule, of Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., who do a good business in the manufacture of ladies' and children's shoes. His parents, Thomas Jefferson and Mary A. (Gilbert) Soule, were both natives of Waterville, Maine, where the father was a prominent contractor and builder. They had a family of nine children, four of whom are now living, viz.: Charles S., in Chicago; William G., in Portland, Maine; Horatio M., in Waterville, Maine; and George H., whose name introduces this article.

George H. Soule was born July 19, 1846, at Waterville, Maine, where he was reared and educated, receiving the advantages afforded by the neighboring public schools and academy. At the age of sixteen years he went to Worcester, Mass., to take a position in a railroad office there, where he was employed for five years. He then became interested in the shoe manufacturing and jobbing business in Worcester, with Smyth Bros., continuing there until 1873, from which time until 1880 he traveled for different shoe firms, including the firm of Cook & Lounsbury, shoe manufacturers of Long Ridge, in the town of Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn. In the year last mentioned he became connected exclusively with this house, and in 1884, Mr. Cook retiring, the firm became Lounsbury & Soule. In 1885 they established their factory at their present location in Stamford, where they carry on operations, giving steady employment to one hundred hands. During his residence in Stamford, Mr. Soule has shown himself a worthy citizen of this thriving, enterprising community, and has taken considerable interest in the life of the place outside of his immediate business associations. He is president of the Stamford Branch of the Connecticut Co-operative Savings Society, a position for which he is admirably fitted, and has served

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as a member of the town school board continuously for the past eight years.

In 1868 Mr. Soule was married at Worcester, Mass., to Ellen Smyth, daughter of Robert L. Smyth, and three children have blessed the union—Mabel Winter, Eva Linnett and George H., Jr. The eldest daughter is the wife of Arthur D. Call, a superintendent of schools in Massachusetts.

MORTIMER S. BROWN, a prosperous contractor of Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., is one of her native-born citizens, and is a son of Philip H. Brown, who lived in that city for about fifty years.

Philip H. Brown was born in England in 1810, and was reared in his native country, which he left when about seventeen years old, coming to the United States, where he spent the remainder of his days. He was a mason by trade, and in time took up contract work, putting up many substantial business buildings and residences in Stamford—the town hall, the First National bank, the Fessenden block and the Quintard block being erected under his direction. He became a prominent man in other circles as well, was active in the public affairs of his adopted town, of which he served as burgess and selectman, and was a deacon in the Congregational Church, being one of its most faithful members and zealous workers. In Ridgefield, Conn., he was married to Miss Mary Betts, and their family consisted of eight children, as follows: Julia Emma, the eldest, is deceased; Amanda M. is the wife of W. H. Thomas, of New York City; Sarah A. married Isaac H. Baker, of Stamford; Eliza C. is the wife of Joseph H. Noble, of Washington, D. C.; Philip H. is the next in order of birth; William T. is a mason builder of Stamford. Mortimer S. is spoken of below; A. Lincoln is deceased. Mr. Brown passed away in 1891, Mrs. Brown surviving until 1894. Socially, he belonged to the I. O. O. F.; in political belief he was a Republican.

Mortimer S. Brown was born February 21, 1856, and during his early years was given a good practical education in the public schools of Stamford. When twenty years old he went to New York City, where he found a position as clerk in the establishment of Lord & Taylor, in whose employ he remained one year, after which he went west, spending a year and a half in Kansas. On his return east he began work with his father, learning the mason's trade, at which he worked as a journeyman eight years, and he has since handled contract work, doing a profitable business and making a good reputation as a reliable workman, who does his best to give satisfaction to all his patrons. Among other products of his skill we mention the Bell block, the opera house, the Florence block, and many private residences in Belle Haven, Greenwich township, and the new power house for the electric light plant at Waterside.

Mr. Brown was married, in Stamford, Conn., to Miss Delia Webb, daughter of William Webb, of Stamford, and they have had five children—William, Marion, Hattie, Mortimer S., Jr., and Gertrude. The family have a pleasant home at No. 91 Summer street, in Stamford. Mr. Brown gives his political allegiance to the Republican party.

CHARLES M. PINCKNEY. In 1812, when it became necessary for the young American Republic to force, by means of arms, the recognition of her rights on the seas, and to defend her citizens against the encroachment of Great Britain, there went from Putnam county, N. Y., one Stephen Pinckney, to take his part in the storm of battle. History records the bravery of this man, a carpenter by trade, and at the close of the war we find him—General Pinckney. His wife was a Miss Hill, and among their family of sons and daughters was William Pinckney. William Pinckney was born in the town of Carmel, Putnam Co., N. Y., and there grew to manhood, following the occupation of a farmer all his life. He married Miss Sarah Farrington, and by this union became the father of four children: Antha Jane (deceased); Franklin, of Brookfield; Lafayette, of Mahopac Falls, N. Y., and Charles M., mentioned below. William Pinckney was prominent in the affairs of his town, and, always a Democrat in politics, served his townsmen in various offices, such as constable and collector, in public life proving himself a faithful official, and in private life a courteous and honorable gentleman.

Charles M. Pinckney was born July 24, 1851, and passed his early days at the family home in Putnam county, N. Y. His education was acquired in the district schools of Mahopac Falls and Bedford, and in the latter place he learned the carpenter's trade, being apprenticed to his uncle, and later to a Mr. Watson, a wheelwright at Croton Falls, N. Y. After learning his trade, he was for a short time in the employ of a Mr. Hall at Brewsters, but soon returned to Mahopac Falls and opened up a shop for himself. He then worked in a number of places—Lake Mahopac, one year; Peekskill, eight years, and

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Shrub Oak, three years; at the last named place, however, he engaged in the carriage business. His health failing at this more confining work, he again resumed his trade, later coming to Brookfield. For some time he worked for Foster Bros., of Danbury, but in 1893 he opened the shop in Brookfield where he has since continued.

Mr. Pinckney has been twice married, the first time, in Peekskill, to Miss Ella Walters, who died in February, 1885. For his second wife he chose Miss Estella Bailey, daughter of Reuben and Harriet E. (Peck) Bailey, of Brookfield. To this union have come three interesting and attractive children: Lillian, Robert and Frances.

Mr. Pinckney is quite a musician, and for a number of years was leader of the 16th Battalion Band at Peekskill, also of the band at Lake Mahopac. He has been very successful as a teacher of both vocal and instrumental music, and in his pleasant home, presided over by its gracious mistress, there are many social gatherings where "music crowns the hour." In politics Mr. Pinckney has cast his ballot ever in support of the Republican party, but, outside of his valuable services as grand juror, has never sought office. The entire family attend the divine service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Reuben Bailey, the father of Mrs. Charles M. Pinckney, is a native of the town of Southeast, Putnam county, N. Y., where he was born July 24, 1822, the second in the family of nine children born to John and Sophia (Cowan) Bailey, the former of whom was born and reared in the same town, where he passed his life as a farmer and stone mason. The other eight children in this family were: Calistia, Anson Warren, Maria, Jane, John, Asher, Sarah and Charley. Reuben B. Bailey passed his boyhood days at his birthplace, but at the age of twenty-two years he left the old home to seek his livelihood elsewhere, and accordingly came to Brookfield, Conn., where two years later he was united in marriage with Miss Harriet E. Peck, daughter of Michael and Polly Peck. Nine children came to brighten their home, of whom the following is the record: Emily Frances married Frank Pinckney, and had nine children—Charles, William, Ida, Hattie, Susie, George, Florence, John and Ada K. (2) Harriet. (3) John died in infancy. (4) Estella (Mrs. Charles M. Pinckney). (5) Reuben Starr. (6) George W. and (7) Georgiana both died in infancy. (8) Eli Henry (deceased). (9) Ada married Andrew Bradley, of New Milford, Conn. Mr. Bailey farmed for several years, and then engaged in comb making. In politics he was a Republican, and in religious faith he was an Episcopalian. Mrs. Bailey was called to her long rest March 10, 1892, and on November 13, 1893, Mr. Bailey, too, was translated to that sphere in which is found perfect peace.

ALFRED AVISON, the well-known hustling marketman, of No. 158 Main street, Norwalk, is a native of Connecticut, born May 1, 1859, in Winnipauk, Fairfield county.

Thomas H. Avison, father of our subject, was born in England, emigrating to the United States when a young man, and for a time worked in a factory at Philadelphia. About the year 1857 he came to Norwalk, and became foreman in Lounsbury & Bissell Company's factory at Winnipauk, in which capacity he remained some nineteen years. After his marriage to Miss Mary A. Becroft, who was a native of England, they lived for some time near Philadelphia, where the eldest of their five children was born, the birthplace of the others being at Winnipauk. A brief record of the family is as follows: Thomas is a hatter in Philadelphia; Alfred is our subject; Charles died in Winnipauk, August 21, 1863; William is a butcher, also in Philadelphia; Gladys married Arthur Hubbs, of Cold Springs, N. Y., and died October 14, 1896. The parents of this family passed away, the father on March 5, 1879, and the mother on July 16, 1890. They were consistent members of the Congregational Church, and Mr. Avison held office in the Sons of Temperance Society; in politics he was a Republican.

Alfred Avison, the subject proper of this review, received a liberal education at the public schools of his native village, after which, his father having bought out a meat market there, Alfred conducted same for two years, doing a leading business. He was then in the employ of G. & S. H. Holmes, wholesale grocers, Norwalk, some six years, at the end of which time, fall of 1883, he embarked in the butchering business for his own account in Winnipauk, but at the close of a year he once more moved to Norwalk, and opened a business on Centre avenue, finally, in September, 1889, coming to No. 158 Main street, having built his present commodious market and pleasant residence in that year. He has a really fine market, equipped with all modern appliances and fixtures, including steam-heat for winter, a system of fans for summer, etc., and he is meeting with well-merited success.

On July 19, 1882, Alfred Avison was married to Miss Ardella Daniels, who was born in New York State, a daughter of G. D. Daniels, a

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shoemaker by trade, and a member of one of the old families of Westchester county. Two children have blessed this union: George A., born May 6, 1885, and Lelia M., born September 27, 1892. Mrs. Avison is a member of the Methodist Church, Mr. Avison of the Congregational. Socially, he is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum, and served as warden; is a member of the Norwalk Club, the Knob Outing Club, the Norwalk Fire Police Company, and the Norwalk Chess Club (of which latter he was elected treasurer in December, 1897, and re-elected in December, 1898). In October, 1898, he was elected councilman of the city of Norwalk, polling the highest vote of anyone in the city except one man. Politically, he is a Republican. Mr. Avison is one of the bright, young, progressive men of the county, and has secured his success simply by hard work, close application to business, at all times keeping the best of stock, and judiciously catering to the requirements of his many customers.

COL. LESLIE SMITH. This gallant soldier, whose record covers forty years of honorable service in the United States army, is now a resident of South Norwalk, where he has chosen an ideally beautiful home in which to pass the quiet afternoon of his life.

Situated upon a hill overlooking the city, the residence commands a most charming view, including as it does the wide-stretching waters of the Sound with the coast line of Long Island in the distance. Since locating at South Norwalk the Colonel has identified himself with the best interests of the community, and is regarded as a decided acquisition to the forces that tend to advancement in educational, philanthropical and religious work, while in social life he and his accomplished wife are recognized as leaders. They are members of the Episcopal Church, in which the Colonel has held the office of vestryman ever since his removal to the city, and for some years past he has been treasurer of the parish. He is also the treasurer of the village Improvement Society, and a director of the South Norwalk Library, for which he has done much active work, serving as cashier for four years. Among the social organizations in which he is enrolled, we may mention the New York branch of the Loyal Legion of the United States, army officers only being eligible to membership, and for some time he was an official in the Gentlemen's Club of South Norwalk. Although he is not desirous of prominence in the world of business, his sound judgment makes him a valued adviser in financial affairs, and at present he is treasurer and commissioner of the Electric Light Company of South Norwalk. In politics he is a Democrat, and he is now serving his second term as justice of the peace, his fellow-townsmen being fully satisfied with his able discharge of duty in that office.

Colonel Smith was born May 15, 1827, in County Antrim, Ireland, a son of Leslie and Fannie Harbison Smith, who were both natives of the Emerald Isle. In 1840 his parents went to Canada to settle upon a farm, and there they died during the Civil war in this country. There were five sons and five daughters, and of this family six are now living, our subject being the youngest but one. William is a farmer in Canada; Margaret (Mrs. Cameron) and Catherine (Mrs. McCann) married farmers in Canada, and are now widows; Fannie is the widow of a Mr. Conners, of Chicago; and Eliza married a Mr. Donáhue, of Iowa, who is living in retirement. The first thirteen years of our subject's life were spent in his native land, where he attended school for a time. In 1840 he crossed the Atlantic, and for nine years was employed as a clerk in various places in Canada. In 1849 he entered the United States army as a private, being enrolled at Philadelphia July 27 of that year, and then transferred to the principal recruiting depot at Governor's Island, New York Harbor. The following account is mainly taken from a work entitled "Records of Living Officers of the United States Army," published before the Colonel's retirement from the service. In August, 1849, he was detailed as a clerk at that depot, and in September he received a promotion to the rank of corporal. In July, 1850, he was made chief clerk of the depot, and continued to perform the duties of that office until July, 1854, having been promoted in the meantime, in July, 1851, to the rank of sergeant. At the expiration of his term in July, 1854, he was discharged, but soon afterward he was appointed paymaster's clerk by Major R. H. Chilton, paymaster in the United States army, and this position he held until 1861, most of the time being spent in Texas.

On April 29, 1861, he resigned to enter upon active service in the army, and on the following day he was commissioned as second lieutenant of the First Regiment United States Infantry. He reported for duty May 10, 1861, at Washington, and was assigned to service in the commissary department, his work being the receiving and issuing of subsistence stores to the large bodies of soldiers concentrated at the capital. This position he filled until October, 1863, accounting in that time for more than twenty-one million

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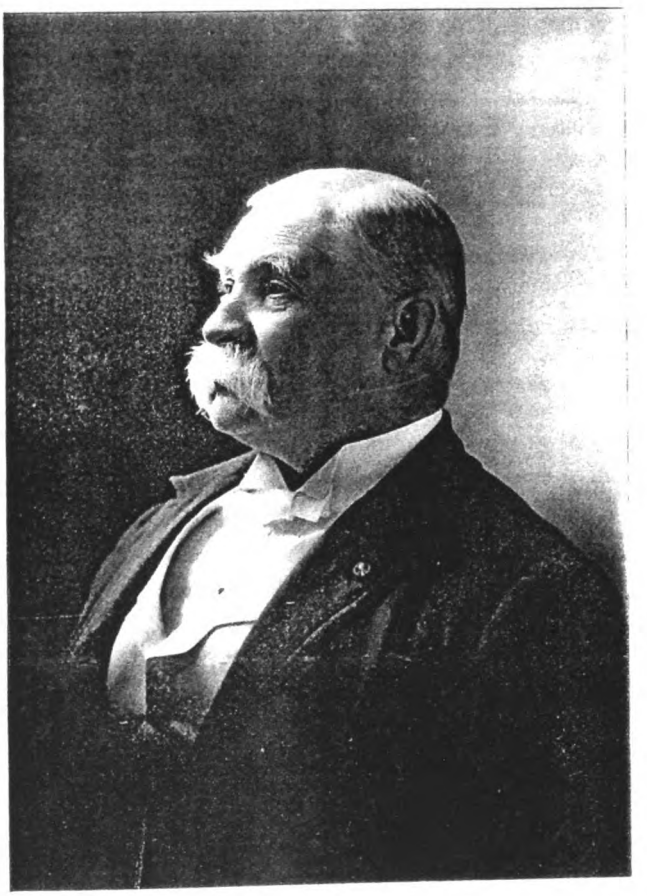

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dollars worth of goods, and his books were closed six months later without one error—not even one cent being lost to the United States under his management. He was appointed first lieutenant July 28, 1861, then as captain on April 6, 1862, and on October 31, 1863, he reported for duty with his regiment at New Orleans. From November 22, 1863, until February 29, 1864, he was provost marshal of Algiers, La., and he then remained with his regiment until April 26, 1864, when he was ordered to the headquarters of the Department of the South as commissary of musters. He reported for this duty at Hilton Head, S. C., May 26, 1864, and remained on this assignment until September, 1866, the last year being spent at Charleston, S. C., where he performed the duties of mustering officer in addition to those of commissary of musters. On May 13, 1865, he was appointed major, by brevet, "for faithful and meritorious services during the war," and after being relieved from his post in the commissary department he went to Jackson barracks, New Orleans, where he was engaged from January, 1867, until September of the same year in trying charges against citizens. While he was stationed there, yellow fever carried off one-fourth of the command in two months, and he did not entirely escape the epidemic, but fortunately recovered. His regiment was transferred to the Department of the Lakes, arriving at Fort Wayne, Detroit, Mich., April 5, 1869. From May 13, of that year, until June 22, 1874, he was in command of Fort Mackinac, Mich., and on the transfer of his regiment to Dakota, he was in command of Fort Rice during July and August, 1874. From September of the same year until December, 1877, he was stationed with his regiment at Fort Sully, Dakota, except for a five-months' leave of absence in 1876, which he spent in Europe.

In the fall of 1876 he was in command of four companies in the field, disarming the Sioux Indians, and during his stay at Fort Sully he was in command of the post from May, 1877, to November of that year. In the following winter a march was made from that point to Standing Rock, Dakota, and as they had the misfortune to be caught in the blizzard of January 3, 1878, two men were frozen to death, while all suffered more or less from frost. On finally arriving at Standing Rock our subject remained until May, 1878, when he was transferred with his command to Bear Butte, in the Black Hills, to spend three months, from June 22 to September 20. He was then stationed at Fort Mead, Dakota, until the completion of the post, a part of the time being spent with his company as escort for an engineering force which was sent out to survey the Cheyenne river. The regiment was next ordered to service in Texas, and on May 13, 1880, our subject left Fort Mead with his four companies, which he returned to the regimental commander at Fort Randall, Dakota, on May 22, 1880. On May 21, 1880, he was promoted to the post of major of the Second United States Infantry, and granted four months' leave of absence. However, he remained in command of four companies of the First Infantry during the trip from Fort Randall to Yankton, Dakota, and remained with the regiment until its arrival at St Joseph, Mo., on June 1, 1880. At the expiration of his leave of absence, on October 6, 1880, he reported for duty to the commanding general of the Department of the Columbia, Vancouver Barracks, W. T., and was assigned to duty at headquarters as chief commissary of subsistence. On November 15 he was relieved, and from December 13, 1880, to September 30, 1882, he was in command of Fort Spokane. He was then transferred to the command of Fort Lapwai, Idaho, where he remained until October 24, 1884, and after breaking up this post he was ordered to Fort Klamath, Oregon. In 1885 he received another well-merited promotion, being appointed lieutenant-colonel of the Twentieth United States Infantry, and he commanded Fort McGinnis, Mont., for three years, retiring with this rank in 1889.

In 1863 Colonel Smith married Miss Louise Allen, daughter of H. A. Allen, a prominent resident of Brooklyn, N. Y., and a member of a family which is well known in the Eastern States.

JOHN EVERETT KEELER. In glancing over the history of Fairfield county, we find, on the pages relating to the town of Ridgefield, that the name of Keeler is of so frequent occurrence, that the prominence of the family cannot be doubted. On August 20, 1672, Ralph Keeler, according to the Fairfield Probate Record, made his will, which was probated the following November. In this will bequests were made to John, Ralph and Samuel Keeler, and also to Elizabeth and Rebecca. Samuel, the son of Ralph, became one of the original twenty-five proprietors of Ridgefield, holding the grant to the lower part of the town. He married and became the father of Samuel (2), Joseph and Jonah and Timothy.

Timothy Keeler made his will August 30, 1748, and it was proved September 22, 1748. He had three sons—Timothy (2), Benjamin and Jeremiah—and the property was equally divided,

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one-third to each with the exception of the portion reserved for his wife. Jeremiah, the youngest son, succeeded to the home property, and in 1750 built the house ever since occupied by the descendants of the family. He married Hannah Seymour, and by her had the following children: Jeremiah (2), Thaddeus, and Hannah (Mrs. Truesdell). In his will Jeremiah Keeler bequeathed to his wife "my negro wench named Ellen", and to Jeremiah (2) the land at Flat Rock, as a birthright.

Jeremiah Keeler (2) married Sarah St. John, and they became the parents of: Benjamin, born March 2, 1792; Samuel, who went to Jacksonville, Florida; Sarah, who married Smith Scott, of Stamford; and Esther. The will of Jeremiah Keeler (2), probated August 29, 1837, gives the following legacies: $100 to his son Benjamin; to his daughter Sarah $500 in value of his real estate; to his daughter Esther $500 in value of his real estate, and the residue to go to his sons Benjamin and Samuel in equal portions.

After the death of his mother, Sarah (St. John) Keeler, Benjamin Keeler succeeded to the estate. He engaged in the coasting trade, and was also connected with a pottery at Huntington, L. I., but later became a farmer. In 1819 he married Sarah Slessor, who was born October 13, 1799, and their union was blessed with three sons: William Edgar, born September 15, 1820, died September 9, 1836; Samuel S.; and John S., born August 3, 1829, mention of whom is made elsewhere. Benjamin Keeler died August 23, 1864, and his wife passed away May 5, 1875.

Samuel S. Keeler was born February 8, 1826, and at the age of four years was brought to Stamford, where he passed the remainder of his life. His education was obtained in the public schools of that town, and on leaving school he learned the trade of saddler and harness maker, which he afterward followed. He married Mary Jane June, a native of Stamford, and they became the parents of the following children: John Everett; and Edith Egerton, born January 22, 1859, died February 27, 1896.

John Everett Keeler was born at Stamford, Conn., February 26, 1856, and received his preliminary education in the schools of that town. In 1877 he graduated from the classical course at Yale College, and then began the study of law under the able direction of Galvin G. Child, Esq., of Stamford. In 1879 he was admitted to the Fairfield Bar. One year after his admission to the Bar, he was made borough attorney, which office he has held for two years, and from 1883 to 1887 he was judge of the borough court.

On October 14, 1885, Mr. Keeler was married to Miss Harriet Alice Horne, a daughter of William and Harriet J. (Dodge) Horne, of Morristown, N. J., and they have two children: Ralph and Margery.

ALLEE COLE, one of the self-made men, whose lives present many lessons worthy of emulation, was born in the town of Wilton, Fairfield Co., Conn., January 16, 1850, a son of Sherman and Susan (Hurlbutt) Cole, a sketch of whose lives will be found in connection with that of Ira Cole elsewhere.

When Allee Cole was four years of age his parents moved from Wilton to Norwalk, and here our subject grew to manhood, attending the district schools until at the age of fifteen years, when he entered the grocery store of Stephen G. Seymour, as clerk. He remained for six months, and then entered the shirt factory of Morison & Hoyt, as office boy, and here in this same factory, by dint of industry and perseverance, he now holds the position of superintendent. Thirty-one years in one establishment is a good record, and speaks well for the confidence in which he is held by his employer. He is a man of sound judgment, and possessed of an ability to oversee the work, and at the same time retain the respect of the men under him.

On July 10, 1883, Mr. Cole married Miss Elizabeth E. Martin, a daughter of William B. and Elizabeth E. (Ripley) Martin, of Vermont. The Ripley family is one of the oldest in Montpelier, Vermont, and they are of English extraction. Elizabeth E. (Ripley) Martin was the daughter of Sylvanus Ripley. The Martin family is of English extraction.

In politics Mr. Cole is strictly an Independent, voting for the men and measures that in his judgment will produce good and lasting results. He is a man much interested in religious matters, and contributes liberally to the Churches regardless of denomination. His charities are many, but he is one of those who boast but little of his good deeds. Fraternally, he belongs to Our Brothers Lodge of Odd Fellows.

OSCAR PECK, a successful farmer and well-known citizen of Peck's Land, Greenwich township, was born March 1, 1847, on the farm which he now owns and occupies—the old homestead of his father, William Peck. He belongs to the Peck family for whom Peck's Land was

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named, that family being very numerous there in an early day. They no doubt removed there from what was then called Old Greenwich, and the first of whom we have any authentic record as locating in Peck's Land was Theophilus Peck, the great-great-grandfather of our subject. He had six sons, Israel, Isaac, Abram, Benjamin, Theophilus and Samuel—all of whom settled in that vicinity with the exception of Abram, who removed to the Hudson river. Of these, Benjamin was the great-grandfather of our subject. The grandfather, Elias Peck, was a very successful farmer and well-to-do citizen of Clapboard Ridge, and owned one of the first (if not the first) four-wheeled carriages in the town of Greenwich, it being manufactured at Ridgefield, Connecticut.

William Peck, our subject's father, was born on Clapboard Ridge, November 6, 1809, and was one of a large family of children. When a young man he learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed quite extensively, manufacturing shoes in Greenwich for the New York trade and employing a number of hands. He had entire supervision of the work, and was familiar with the business in every detail. The business prospered until the advent of machine-made shoes, when he abandoned it and removed to a farm in Peck's Land, which he had purchased some time previously, and where he spent his remaining days. On January 2, 1838, he married Miss Caroline Sherwood, who was born April 26, 1813, near Riversville. Her father, Benjamin Sherwood, lived to be eighty-eight years of age, and he had two sisters who reached the advanced age of ninety-five. The children born to William and Caroline (Sherwood) Peck were as follows: Julia A., born October 15, 1839, married Jared Peck and died December 11, 1873; Elias S., born February 6, 1842, was a member of Company I, Tenth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, and is now engaged in the hardware, tin and plumbing business in Greenwich; Harriet E., born July 20, 1844, is now Mrs. H. La Forge, of Greenwich; Oscar is the next of the family; John W., born October 28, 1849, died in infancy; Mary C., born September 12, 1851, lives in Greenwich; and Albert M., born September 19, 1853, is a tinsmith, of that place. The father died March 3, 1885, and the mother departed this life November 28, 1891. He was first a Whig, later a Republican, but took no active part in politics aside from voting. He was a prominent member of the Congregational Church of Greenwich, for a long time was a member of the choir, also of the Church Society. At one time he was captain of a militia company formed at Greenwich. He was widely known, and stood high in the estimation of his fellow citizens.

In the Peck's Land school, with Miss Bemis as teacher, Oscar Peck began his literary education; subsequently he attended the Greenwich public schools and the academy at North Greenwich. At the age of eighteen years he entered a carriage factory at Riversville to learn the trade, and remained there as a trusted employe for twenty-five years. He operated drilling machines, at first receiving only seventy-five cents per day, but as he became more proficient his wages were gradually raised, and he was able to save a part of his earnings.

In December, 1888, Mr. Peck married Miss Eva R. Husted, a native of Greenwich township, and a daughter of Nathan L. and Carrie (Brundage) Husted. They began their domestic life upon his father's farm, and when the place was sold he purchased the interest of the other heirs. He now owns the old homestead of sixty-two acres, besides twenty-four acres in the Clapboard Ridge District. He continued to work at the Riversville carriage works until July, 1892, since which time he has devoted his energies exclusively to agricultural pursuits. He has been the architect of his own fortune, and the success that has crowned his labors is due entirely to his own well-directed efforts. He is a member and past master of Acacia Lodge No. 85, F. & A. M., at Greenwich, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Second Congregational Church at that place, while, politically, he is identified with the Republican party.

AMOS EDGAR BRUSH, a leading resident of Cos Cob, Greenwich township, is an enterprising business man, and for sixteen years has held a position with Tiffany & Co., of New York City. His long service with that well-known firm is in itself a sufficient evidence of ability and worth, and his success has added one more to the lengthy list of "Fairfield County boys."

Mr. Brush was born July 12, 1854, at Cos Cob, in a house that stands near the site of his present dwelling, and he is connected with some of our most prominent families. On the paternal side he is a great-great-grandson of Edward Brush, who came to Greenwich from Long Island about 1700. Amos Mead Brush, our subject's father (of whom further mention is made elsewhere), married Miss Sarah Purdy Mead, and had five sons, our subject being the third child and the first who lived to adult age. On

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the maternal side he is of the ninth generation from John Mead, the noted pioneer, who settled in Greenwich in 1642. Amos Mead, our subject's great-great-grandfather, was the seventh son of Ebenezer Mead (2), and a brother of Capt. Abram Mead, of Revolutionary fame, who fought at the battle of White Plains. Mr. Brush takes justifiable pride in his ancestry, and has many interesting and valuable relics of the early times, including some cherished pieces of furniture formerly owned by them. Nor does his interest cease with articles embodying ancestral associations, as he has many other curios, among them being a mahogany table once owned by Gen. Israel Putnam.

Mr. Brush began his education in a private school at Cos Cob, with a Miss Kercheskie as his first teacher, and later at the district school with Miss Riggs, then under Frank Shepard in the academy at Greenwich. His unvarying courtesy wins him many friends, whose esteem is strengthened by further acquaintance, and he and his family are prominent in the best social circles. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist, and for many years he has been identified with the Church at Greenwich, his gifts as a musician having been utilized in the post of organist, which he held for ten years. Politically, he is a Democrat, but does not aspire to official honors.

Mr. Brush's residence, at his father's old homestead, is one of the most attractive in Cos Cob, and it is brightened by two children: Andrew Luke, born May 12, 1885, and Katharine Woodman, born July 18, 1896. Mrs. Brush, who was formerly Miss Elizabeth Luke, is a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Woodman) Luke, of Cos Cob. Her mother's ancestors were among the most prominent pioneers of Newburgport, and her maternal grandmother, Katharine Norton Woodman, who lived to the age of ninety-five years, was second in the class, the first being kissed by General Washington. She died a few years ago at Cedar Cliff, Cos Cob, the home of Mrs. Brush.

W. J. DARRAH, one of the self-made, well-to-do farmers and land owners of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., is a native of that township, born March 17, 1855, near the village of Greenwich.

John W. Darrah, his father, was born February 12, 1831, in the North of Ireland, whence when a young man he came to the United States. He located in Connecticut, and in 1850 was married at Greenwich, by Rev. Mr. Yarrington, to Jane Henderson, who had come to America a short time before from her home in the North of Ireland, where she was born September 10, 1826. They took up their residence in the vicinity of Greenwich, and Mr. Darrah's mother, who had followed him to the United States, made her home with them until her decease. Five children came to Mr. and Mrs. Darrah, as follows: Mary A., born October 10, 1851, who is married to Isaac Shriver, of South Norwalk, Conn.; Elizabeth J., born June 11, 1853, widow of John Kuroski, of Greenwich; W. J.; Margaret, born January 18, 1857, who died February 17, 1873; and Sarah L., born June 16, 1858, widow of Edwin Banks, of Greenwich. The father died November 19, 1858, of pneumonia, the mother following him to the grave on September 10, 1866, and their remains lie in the Union cemetery at Greenwich. They were Episcopalians in religious faith.

Mrs. Darrah succeeded, by dint of much industry, in keeping her family together after her husband's death, and she deserved to be highly praised for her efforts, as the children were all too young to help, and Mr. Darrah, being a laboring man, had had no opportunity of accumulating anything in the way of property. When she passed away the family was scattered, and W. J., then in his eleventh year, went to live with Humphrey Denton, a prosperous farmer living in East street, in the district known as North Cos Cob, this gentleman becoming his guardian. For a time he attended the North Cos Cob district school, where Miss Nellie Roberts was one of his first teachers, and later he was one of Prof. Shepard's pupils in the Greenwich Academy. Under such a competent instructor as Mr. Denton he was thoroughly initiated into the mysteries of agricultural success, and after reaching his majority worked for him for wages, living with the family, who always made him a member of the household. By his steady, industrious habits he won the confidence and good will of his guardian and employe, and in time, as Mr. Denton's advancing age compelled him to give up active work, became the owner of the place, where he has continued to make his home. On December 18, 1890, he wedded Miss Bertha H. Denton, who was born on her father's farm in Greenwich, October 6, 1855, and they have one child, Humphrey D., born September 5, 1893. Mr. Darrah, besides managing his agricultural work, has acted as agent for farm implements and fertilizers, thereby adding materially to his already comfortable competence. As an example of perseverance his life must certainly encourage any young man

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about to start out without financial assistance, for he has gained a snug property, a pleasant home and an enviable position in life solely through his own efforts. At the same time he has not allowed ambition to overrule honor, and his reputation is of the best. Mr. Darrah takes no active interest in public or political matters beyond casting his vote, with which he supports the Republican party. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church.

Humphrey Denton was born in Greenwich, October 10, 1821, and was fourteen years of age when his father, Jabez Denton, died, leaving a family of seven children, viz.: Humphrey, Julia A., Elizabeth, Emily, Samuel, Hannah and Mary, the last named being the only survivor. Humphrey was supported by his parents until he was ten, after which he started out in life to help support the family, doing farm work. He followed farming all his days. When twenty-four years of age he was married to Ruth M. Peck, and his last dollar went to defray the expenses of that event. They reared a family of four children, namely: Sarah L., who married James Shea and died in Brooklyn; Anna M., unmarried, who makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Darrah; Lillian J., who died at the age of twenty-seven years; and Bertha H. (Mrs. Darrah). Mrs. Ruth Denton died January 6, 1857, and was laid to rest in Greenwich Union cemetery, and Mr. Denton, for his second wife, married Catherine Kelley, who survives him. He died January 13, 1896, and is buried in the Union cemetery of Greenwich.

Mr. Denton was an unusually large man, standing six feet in his stockings, and weighing in his prime 286 pounds. His health was excellent, and he was an indefatigable worker, as may be judged from the property he accumulated and the prosperity that crowned his labors. Commencing life without a penny ahead, he purchased the farm on which he made his home ever after, improved it, rebuilt the dwelling and put up all the other buildings, in short converting it into a model farm property. He was respected as a most worthy man, and stood second to none among his neighbors and fellow citizens for integrity and honor in all his dealings. Politically, he was a Republican, and in religious connection he was a member of the Congregational Church.

JESSUP BROTHERS are dealers in wood, sand, gravel, grove trees and shrubbery, also conduct a boarding stable and are general contractors and jobbers, of Riverside, Fairfield county. This well-known and reliable firm is composed of Daniel G., Charles E. and Stephen W. Jessup, who are prosperous and wide-awake business men, and have succeeded in building up a large and profitable trade.

Their father, Edward P. Jessup, was born May 11, 1827, at Mianus, Fairfield county, a son of Samuel and Sarah (Purdy) Jessup. The grandfather was at one time a boatman running out of Mianus, and also conducted a grocery store there. In his family were five children, as follows: Charles, Stephen, Edward, Peter and Mary, all of whom reached years of maturity with the exception of Peter, who died at the age of two years.

The district schools of his native county afforded Edward P. Jessup his educational advantages. When quite young he went to New York City and secured a position as clerk in the clothing store of a Mr. Gillespie, remaining in that city until eighteen years of age, when he returned to Fairfield county. On January 14, 1849, he married Miss Antoinette Quintard, who was born November 29, 1828, on the same farm which she now owns and resides upon. Her parents were Robert and Sarah (Peck) Quintard. The father was born January 15, 1799, in Stamford township, Fairfield county, of French extraction, and belonged to one of the oldest families of that locality, while the mother was born near Bedford, N. Y., March 1, 1797. In their family were three children, namely: Seth W., Deborah P. and Antoinette.

After his marriage Mr. Jessup located on the old homestead belonging to his wife, but during the early part of his married life he was employed in New York in the clothing trade, being for fifteen years with D. Devlin & Co., on the corner of Broadway and Warren street, and also on the corner of Broadway and Grand street. His brother Stephen was a member of the firm. On giving up that business he spent his entire time with his family in Fairfield county. His death occurred October 16, 1895, after a few days' illness, and he was laid to rest in the Sound Beach cemetery. He was a stanch Democrat, but no politician in the sense of office seeking, and he had the respect and esteem of all who knew him.

Edward P. Jessup and wife became the parents of seven children: Mary G., born October 28, 1850, is now the wife of George Harris, of Stamford; Sarah E., born October 1, 1853, died at the age of seven years; Daniel G., born May 2, 1855; Antoinette, born April 5, 1863, died when only twenty-two months old; Stephen W., born May 21, 1865; Charles E., born October

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28, 1867; and Antoinette M., born November 21, 1873.

Mrs. Jessup is a member of the Episcopal Church at Greenwich, and is a most estimable lady. She is a thorough business woman, and was a highly valuable helpmeet to her husband. That her sons have become steady and reliable business men, and that the family's social standing is of the best, is much the result of her influence and efforts. The sons are all single, and it would be difficult to find in Greenwich township any more progressive, honorable or energetic business men than they. In addition to the business already mentioned, Charles E. conducts a dairy.

MILLARD K. PALMER is a leading representative of the business interests of Sound Beach, Fairfield county, where he is extensively engaged in the oyster trade. Of excellent business ability and broad resources, he has attained a prominent place among the substantial citizens of this part of the county, and is recognized as a leader in public affairs. He has won success by his well-directed, energetic efforts, and the prosperity that has come to him is certainly well deserved.

A native of Sound Beach, Mr. Palmer was born November 29, 1852, and is a son of Isaac B. and Armenia (Jones) Palmer. He attended the public schools at that place, one of his first teachers being Miss Kate Quintard; but his education was often interrupted by work. During early life he spent much of his time at home, and was engaged in clam digging. At the age of seventeen years he went to Stamford, where he was employed as general utility man by John C. Moffat, who was living retired, and he received $50 for the first year and $75 for the second. While there he attended a night school known as St. John's Guild, and also pursued his studies under the direction of Prof. Scipio Stevens for a time. Having by hard work made a little extra money, he was able to save $115 out of his two years' wages. A few months after his return home he accepted the position of night watchman at the railroad engine house in Stamford, and later was employed as fireman on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad for thirteen months. He liked this business but it did not agree with his health, and he was obliged to give it up.

Having saved some money, Mr. Palmer decided to embark in business on his own account, and in partnership with his brother, Joseph G., became interested in the oyster trade. They purchased the sloop "Louise," and together engaged in that business for several years, finally selling the vessel and dividing their grounds. Our subject then formed a partnership with William Whaley in the same business, and built the sloop "Libby M.," which they sold on the dissolution of the firm, at the same time dividing the grounds. Subsequently Mr. Palmer and his brother, Andrew, together carried on the oyster business, owning the "Mary Belle," and although they still own the grounds together, our subject has purchased his brother's interest in the sloop. A man of strict integrity, good business ability and sound judgment, he has prospered in his undertaking, and besides his own comfortable home he owns the Isle De Koss at Sound Beach, and three houses which he rents, besides another dwelling at Sound Beach.

In September, 1882, Mr. Palmer was united in marriage with Miss Kate L. Kane, a native of New York, and a daughter of Edward and Jane (Nolan) Kane, both now deceased, the latter dying when Mrs. Palmer was but a child. By this union there are three children: Millard K., Jr., born October 16, 1884; Helen L., born November 10, 1886; and Walter B., born January 2, 1890.

Although a stanch Republican in politics, Mr. Palmer cares nothing for the honors or emoluments of public office. Socially, he belongs to the Senior Order United American Mechanics at Stamford. He and his wife are devout Christians and leading members of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, in the work of which they take an active and prominent part. They are also numbered among the best and most highly respected citizens of Sound Beach.

WILLIAM H. GILBERT, senior partner of the firm of Gilbert & Lockwood, butchers, is numbered among the well-known business men of New Canaan, and though his residence in this place has been a comparatively brief one he is considered one of its substantial citizens. He was born April 6, 1852, at Two Taverns, Penn., son of Jonathan Gilbert, who was the only son of Philip Gilbert.

Philip Gilbert was born at London, Penn., and died when a young man, being killed by a horse. He wedded a Miss Little, and by her had four children: Angeline, Sarah, Jonathan and Ida. Jonathan Gilbert spent his early life on a farm in Adams county, Penn., being bound out to the owner, Jacob Diehl. Upon reaching his majority he commenced to learn the blacksmith's trade at Gettysburg, Penn., and after finishing his apprenticeship went into business

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for himself, having his shop at Two Taverns, Penn., on the Pittsburg and Baltimore turnpike. There he remained until 1860, in that year removing to Mt. Joy, Penn., where he carried on farming as well as blacksmithing until his death in 1894. By his industry and perseverance he was enabled to support his family very comfortably, and he was a man respected by all his neighbors and business associates. At Two Taverns he served as postmaster. In religious connection he was a devout adherent of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, and was an active worker in his Church. He was married at Gettysburg to Sarah A. Frazer, and they became the parents of eight children, viz.: Jane, who died in infancy; Charles W., a resident of Gettysburg, Penn.; James McLean, of New Oxford, Penn.; Julia L., who married Henry Keaver, of Taneytown, Md., and died in 1879; William H.; Sarah (Mrs. George L. Colestock), of New Chester, Penn.; Oscar D., of Westminster, Md.; and Ida Grace, who died in 1893. The mother of these children was born in Scotland, and sometime in the "twenties," during her infancy, was brought to America by her parents, the family settling in Gettysburg, Penn., where the father, Samuel Fraser, worked at his trade, that of watchmaker. Mrs. Gilbert survived her husband many years, passing away in 1885.

William H. Gilbert was reared in his native State, at Two Taverns, and Mt. Joy, and attended the common school in the Horners District. From the time of his father's death until he was sixteen years old he hired out to farmers in Pennsylvania and Maryland, and then proceeded to Shrewsbury, York Co., Penn., where he was occupied some four years learning the plasterer's trade. At the age of twenty-one, through the influence of his brother-in-law, Mr. Klinefelter, who was engaged in the butcher business on R. R. avenue, he came to New Canaan to clerk in the meat market, and remained here four years. At the end of that time he went to New York City, where for three years he was in the employ of James H. Fancher in the Clinton market. For the four succeeding years he clerked for LeRoy Adams, in South Norwalk, and then again we find him in New Canaan, clerking for Samuel Crissey. After three years of this work in Mr. Crissey's market he took the position of clerk with the Patterson Ribbon Co., in New York City, for whom he also worked three years. On March 4, 1893, Mr. Gilbert formed his present partnership with W. S. Lockwood, under the firm name of Gilbert & Lockwood, and they have since conducted a market on R. R. avenue. They do a thriving, successful, and constantly increasing business, their methods in dealing with all customers having proved them worthy of the patronage they receive.

Mr. Gilbert was united in marriage at New Canaan, to Miss Sue E. Klinefelter, daughter of Abram Klinefelter, of Shrewsbury, York Co., Penn., and one son, Hugh F., has come to bless this union. Fraternally, Mr. Gilbert is a member of Harmony Lodge No. 67, F. & A. M., at New Canaan (having been formerly connected with Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 143, at Shrewsbury, Penn.), and of Commodore Perry Council No. 44, O. U. A. M., at New Canaan.

WALDO R. BALLOU is a native of Massachusetts, born February 13, 1845, at Royalston. He is of the seventh generation in direct line from Maturin Ballou, one of the proprietors of the Providence Plantation, about the year 1645. (1) Maturin, (2) James, (3) James, (4) James, (5) Russell, (6) Luther, (7) Waldo R.) Grandfather Russell Ballou was born in Cumberland, R. I., July 11, 1763.

Luther Ballou, the father of our subject, was born September 7, 1797, in Richmond, N. H., whence in early life he moved to Royalston, Mass., where he passed the rest of his days. He married Clarissa Davis, born March 11, 1797, a daughter of Capt. Josiah Davis.

Waldo R. Ballou attended school at Royalston, Mass., until he was sixteen years old, at which time he commenced work at Winchendon, Mass., in the machine shops, remaining there some twelve years. From Winchendon he went to Boston, Mass., and for five years sold machinery for a commission house. Returning to Winchendon, he worked in the machine shops for two years more; then went to the Rodney Hunt Machine Company at Orange, Mass.; thence after two and one-half years, on January 23, 1882, he came to Stamford, Conn., to enter the employ of the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company. For nine years he was foreman of the tool room, and for the past three years has been master machinist of Department "A," Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company.

On November 25, 1873, Mr. Ballou was married at Malden, Mass., to Miss Sarah Hathaway, and two children were born to them: Harrison H., now in Harlem, N. Y., and Jeanette M. The mother of these dying, Mr. Ballou, for his second wife, married, in Stamford, Conn., Miss Ella Jones, by whom he had two children: Wallace W., who died at the age of four months, and Lester W., deceased when five years old.

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Socially, Mr. Ballou is a charter member of Stamford Council No. 999, Royal Arcanum; of Artisan Lodge No. —, F. & A. M., at Winchendon, Mass.; of Puritan Lodge No. —, I. O. O. F., at Stamford, Conn., and is vice-president of the Business Men's Club of Stamford. He is an enthusiastic Republican; for the past ten years has been a member of the town Republican committee, member of the city committee since it was organized, and was a member of the City common council for two years—1896–97.

ELBERT N. SIPPERLEY, one of Westport's leading citizens, has established an enviable reputation in various lines of business, quite disproving the old adage concerning the man of many trades being "master of none." Versatility does not in his case indicate superficial knowledge or undue love of change, and his career is worthy of emulation.

The Sipperley family is of Dutch origin, and John Sipperley, our subject's great-grandfather, was the first to leave the Fatherland and make his home in America. He located at Schaghticoke, N. Y., where his descendants have since been prominent citizens. John Sipperley, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Melrose and resided there throughout his life, following farming as an occupation.

John J. Sipperley, our subject's father, was born September 25, 1818, at Melrose, where he was reared, and he became a farmer and carpenter, his fine mechanical abilities enabling him to turn his hand to almost any line of work. He took his first contract for house building when nineteen years of age. He was active in local affairs, holding various offices in his town, and was a stanch supporter of the principles of the Republican party. His sympathy and aid were given to any worthy movement, and he was especially prominent in religious work as a member of the German Lutheran Church. He married Miss Harriet Gorham, who was born May 2, 1830, daughter of Samuel Gorham, a well-known citizen of Westport, Conn., and they had five children: Elbert N., our subject; George W., a carpenter in Bridgeport, this county; Charles H., a farmer at the old homestead at Melrose, N. Y.; Fannie E., wife of John Moore, of Bennington, Vt.; and John G., a resident of Melrose, N. Y. The father of this family died January 21, 1889, and the mother on July 9, 1873.

Our subject was born April 25, 1855, at the old homestead, where he resided until he reached the age of twenty-six. His education was secured in the local schools, and he also gained a thorough knowledge of agricultural work while assisting on the farm. At the age of twenty-two he began to follow the business of carpenter and painter, and at times he engaged successfully in other lines of work as opportunity came, no apprenticeship being necessary, apparently. In March, 1883, he removed to the town of Westport, Conn., where he purchased the old Kelly mills and engaged in a general milling business. At the time Mr. Sipperley took the business the manufactured products were chiefly flour (for human consumption) and feed. A few years later he developed a new department, which converts thousands of bushels of rye, each year, into flour which is afterward used as paste by the Lounsbury & Bissell Company. By them are made all the felt wads for the Union Metallic Cartridge Company of Bridgeport. The rye flour thus is converted into ammunition, and its manufacture is an important part of the milling business. His present extensive plant is fitted up with both water and steam power. Aside from the mill, his business comprises many lines, such as dealing in farm implements, vehicles, well supplies and similar goods. He is also one of the pioneers in the drilling of artesian wells, and he has drilled wells all over the county. The sale and erection of pumps and windmills are also branches of his business (which is too varied for further particularization).

On October 5, 1881, Mr. Sipperley married Miss Adelaide Nash, daughter of Edward H. Nash, a prominent resident of Westport, whose biography appears elsewhere. They have a beautiful home, and their residence, which was built in 1890, is equipped with every modern convenience, including electric light and a telephone connecting with Westport village. Six children have blessed the union—Elbert Nash, Irving H., Christabel Onona, Everett Leslie, Leona Adelaide and Elliott Hawthorne—all of whom are living. The family is prominent socially, and Mr. Sipperley is identified with the Patrons of Husbandry, better known as the Grange, and with the Order of Red Men, of Norwalk. Politically, he is a Republican, but he does not aspire to official honors.

THOMAS FORSYTH, a leading contractor and builder of the town of Fairfield, a typical self-made man and representative citizen, is a native of New York State, born December 20, 1855, in Hyde Park, Dutchess county.

John Forsyth, father of our subject, was born August 16, 1825, in Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland, and being left an orphan in early boyhood was

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reared by an uncle on a farm until he was sixteen years old, at which time he came to the United States, a poor boy, and for some years worked at gardening in Flushing, Long Island. In New York he married Miss Sarah S. Arthur, born April 26, 1827, a daughter of John Arthur, who, with his wife and family, came to the United States. He went to Hyde Park, N. Y., in 1848, and there John Forsyth made his home, and for some twenty-six years was in the employ of the Fuller family, in the capacity of gardener; then for three years conducted a garden of his own. In March, 1878, he and his family came to Fairfield, where he was given the position of gardener for Frederick Sturgis, whose wife was a Miss Fuller, of the family with whom Mr. Forsyth had worked for so many years in Hyde Park. With Mr. Sturgis he remained till 1895, making forty-three years' service, practically, in one family. Failing health, alone, caused him to leave the latter employ, and he did no more work. He died July 16, 1897, and was buried in Oaklawn cemetery. He and his wife were members of the Congregational Church; in politics he was a stanch Republican, taking great interest in the welfare of the party. The children born to this honored couple were as follows: Elizabeth, wife of J. E. Deyo, of Fairfield; Thomas, our subject; Minnie, wife of C. B. Summers, of Mamaroneck, N. Y.; John A., a carpenter of Fairfield; and Sarah (Mrs. Oliver C. Jennings, of Fairfield). The father was a quiet, plodding man, conservative in his habits, honest and industrious, and respected by all.

Thomas Forsyth, of whom we more particularly write, received a limited education at the common schools of his place of birth, and assisted his father in gardening for several years. In 1881, having decided to make a change in his line of business, our subject took up carpentry, learning the trade under Allen Anderson, in Fairfield, and for three years was in his employ, after which he worked for Northrup Brothers, carpenters and builders in Southport, nine years, during the last two or three years being in charge of part of their work. On January 1, 1893, Mr. Forsyth commenced business on his own account in Fairfield, as general carpenter, and in February, 1898, assumed the contracting and building business of Northrup Brothers, combining it with his own. He conducts an extensive trade, and oversees it all himself, something well worthy of record for a man who received such a limited education as he did.

On May 17, 1883, Mr. Forsyth was married to Miss Helen Jennings, of Fairfield, who was born January 3, 1859, a daughter of Horace and Harriet H. (Morris) Jennings, and children as follows were born to them: Clifford W., who died at the age of eight years; Gracie M., Lillian and Howard, who all died in infancy; and Helen, the only one living. Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth are members of the Congregational Church. In politics he is a Republican, and always votes that ticket in National and State issues, but in local affairs he is strictly non-partisan, casting his ballot for the candidate best suited for the office. Socially, he is a member of Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, Bridgeport, I. O. O. F., and of the Stratfield Encampment, also at Bridgeport; is also affiliated with P. T. Barnum Lodge No. 53, K. P., at Bridgeport.

It is almost superfluous to say that Mr. Forsyth is a successful man, his surroundings testifying to that fact more potently than could words. In 1885 he built his home, which he has supplied with all modern conveniences, and he owns one other house in Fairfield. He is recognized as an honest, straightforward man, one who has secured prosperity by his own individual efforts, sound judgment and native skill.

WILLIAM H. GILBERT, the well-known general contractor, was born in the town of Ridgefield, this county, June 20, 1842, a son of Harry Gilbert and a grandson of Ebenezer Gilbert.

Ebenezer Gilbert lived on the homestead just west of that of our subject, and followed his occupation of nail making all his life. He made the nails for nearly all the old buildings in the town—the Abner Gilbert home, and also that of J. W. Rockwell. Occasionally, when the nail business was dull, he would engage in stone laying. He married Betsey Roe, and had children as follows: Harvey; Mary Ann, who married David Sherwood; Alvah, who married Wealthy Utter, and died young; Ebenezer, who married Julia Bundy; Charles, who married Harriet Keeler; Harry, mentioned below; and Samuel, who married Eliza Stevens. The father of these died in 1848.

Harry Gilbert was born June 3, 1811, and was a carpenter by trade. He did all kinds of general contracting business, and a great deal in the way of moving buildings, being the only person in the county having proper appliances for this kind of work. The spirit of improvement had descended upon the people at this time, and the moving away of the old buildings to give place for new ones opened a field for quite an extensive trade. Among his enterprises Mr. Gilbert put up the first grater cider and press mill in

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the town, and this mill is now owned by his son, Aaron B. Active in his work, he reaped his reward in what for his time was remarkable success. He married Eliza Ann Keeler, who was born April 22, 1816, a daughter of Bradley Keeler, and they became the parents of two sons: Aaron B., born August 15, 1838, now a miller in Titicus, this county; and William H., our subject. Harry Gilbert was a Democrat in politics, but took no active part in political affairs, preferring to attend strictly to his own business, and leave the control of the government to those whose ambition or attainments peculiarly fitted them for the position. In his religious connection he was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. He was called to rest May 7, 1873, and February 19, 1893, his wife laid aside all earthly cares, and followed him into the Unknown.

William H. Gilbert first saw the light of day June 20, 1842, in Ridgefield. He acquired his elementary training in the district schools, later attending the select school of William O. Seymour. His education, so far as attendance at school was concerned, was completed when he was seventeen years old; his memory was excellent, and having a natural liking for books, he has gratified this taste until he has become a well-informed man of superior attainments, and the high personality that is the offspring of a contact with such refining influences. He learned his trade of his father, and under his tuition acquired a proficiency that places him at the top of his profession. His operations are almost entirely confined to Ridgefield and its vicinity, and many of the beautiful homes, the town hall, the Masonic hall, etc., all bear marks of his workmanship. At times he had as many as twenty-five men working for him. About ten years ago Mr. Gilbert retired, and has since lived in quiet enjoyment of what his labor has wrought.

In 1863 Mr. Gilbert was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Loder, who was born June 3, 1841, one of the four children of William and Nancy (Piatte) Loder, of Salem. The Loder family is one of the old French families who came to this country when in its infancy; one member of the Loder family, tradition says, came over with the army of LaFayette. The other three children of William and Nancy Loder were: William C., who married Mary Amelia Stone; Alfred (now deceased), who married Marguerite Curtis; and Frances, who married Arthur Dickens. To Mr. and Mrs. William H. Gilbert has come one child, Ralph Whitney, who is now the efficient telegraph operator, clerk and stenographer of the Consolidated railroad at Ridgefield, by which he has been employed eight years. Mr. Gilbert has steadfastly sworn allegiance to the Democratic party, and for five consecutive years was selectman of the town, and had charge of the roads. He served very acceptably both to his party and its opponents, and on leaving office carried the good will and esteem of all his fellow townsmen.

DAVID R. PINNEY. Energy and enterprise, directed by sound judgment, make a combination which will command success in life, and the career of the subject of this sketch, a well-to-do resident of Glenbrook, shows that he possesses these admirable qualities in full measure.

Mr. Pinney was born February 26, 1842, at Milford, Penn., and his early education was obtained in the academy at that place. His father, David R. Pinney, a native of Lewisboro, Westchester Co., N. Y., was for many years a resident of Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in business as a shoemaker. During his boyhood our subject went to Pound Ridge, Westchester county, where he worked for some time at the shoemaker's trade, later locating at New Canaan, this county, and engaging in the same occupation on his own account. While the Civil war was in progress he conducted the business of making shoes for soldiers, and after the war closed he went to Vista, N. Y., where he carried on a profitable business for a few years. Later he removed to Long Ridge, Conn., and there spent one year with Cook & Lounsbury, also seven years with Lounsbury & Soule, and on leaving that employ he went to Vineland, N. J., to take a position as a foreman in a shoe factory. After one year he decided to resume business as a manufacturer, and as the venture resulted satisfactorily he continued it for about five years. At the end of that time he found himself in need of rest, and wisely sought it in this favored region, the next two years being passed in retirement at Stamford. He then engaged in a decorator's business at South Norwalk, conducting also a paint and paper store at No. 11 Main street; after a year he removed to Derby, Conn., where he followed the same business for a year. In 1897 he settled at Glenbrook, where he engaged in a grocery and meat business as a member of the firm of Pinney & Wales, and this enterprise has met with well-deserved success.

As a citizen Mr. Pinney is much esteemed, his public spirit being manifested in many ways, and he is a member of the Baptist Church at Stamford. Socially, he and his family move in the best circles of the locality, and for a number

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of years he has been identified with the Masonic Fraternity as a member of Harmony Lodge No. 67, F. & A. M., at New Canaan. Since his removal to Glenbrook he has built an elegant residence, fitted up with every modern convenience, and making it one of the most desirable homes in the vicinity. On February 10, 1863, he was married at Pound Ridge, N. Y., to Miss Emeline Bonton, of that place, and the union has been blessed with three children: (1) Mary E. married C. T. Searles, and has one son, Carleton. (2) Frank R. resides at Glenbrook, Conn. (3) Alice married Charles Miller, of Stamford, who is engaged in the jewelry business with Clarson Hoyt.

AUSTIN H. WATSON "The proper study of mankind is man" wrote that strange poet-teacher, and from biography is gleaned much to guide us through life. Not only from the lives of law-abiding upright men and women, but even from the records of those whose paths have been crooked, whose wanderings vain. It is as well for the mariner to know the rocks and shoals to be avoided, as it is for him to follow the safe and open channel. But from the life of such a man as Austin H. Watson there is much to be found worthy of emulation.

Our subject was born April 27, 1842, at Wilmington, Vt., a son of Patrick J. and Caroline (Lathrop) Watson, and secured his education in the village school at Wilmington. His youth was passed on the farm and in his father's mills, and in early manhood he offered his services to his country. In August, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company F, 16th Regt. Vt. Vols., and on the promotion of one of his comrades became the clerk of the regiment, thus being relieved of all equipment and company duties. At Gettysburg, however, fired by a desire to take a more active part in the defense of "Old Glory," he seized an abandoned musket, and with a handful of cartridges sought out his company in the front, and there remained through the battle. His bravery was conspicuous, and won high commendation from all the officers of the regiment. Colonel Veazey knowing that this youth was the only detail man who voluntarily exposed himself on the battle-field, appointed him quartermaster sergeant of the regiment, the highest honor of his command. He was honorably discharged from service August 10, 1863, after a war record of which he may be justly proud.

In 1864, Mr. Watson secured a clerkship with the Western Union Telegraph Company at Rochester, N. Y., and two years later was appointed store-keeper in charge of the main supply depots at New York. Continued advancement in salary made this an agreeable position, which he retained until 1879, when he resigned to become junior member of the firm of James E. Vail, Jr., & Co., dry-goods and commission merchants, and manufacturers' agents, Worth street, New York. After six years of successful business operations, Mr. Watson purchased Mr. Vail's interest, and became the senior member of the well-known firm of Watson, Bull & Co. This firm dissolved on January 1, 1897, consolidating their business with the extensive notion house of Noyes, Smith & Co., Mr. Watson becoming the head of the new firm of Watson, Porter, Giles & Co., to-day the largest house of the kind in New York City. In all his business ventures he has proven himself singularly fortunate, and has become one of the substantial business men whose reputation for honesty and integrity is without spot or blemish.

On October 28, 1879, Mr. Watson was married to Miss Julia Brainard Vail, the accomplished daughter of James Everett and Ridelia (Kenyon) Vail, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Two children have brightened their fireside: Everett Vail and Beatrice. For some time after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Watson resided in Brooklyn, in 1886 removing to Stamford, where their beautiful home, "Oakdale," on the banks of the Rippowam river, is noted for its cordial hospitality so freely extended alike to stranger and to friend.

Socially, Mr. Watson is quite prominent, and as an officer in various clubs has many duties to perform. He was the first treasurer of the well-known Apollo Glee Club, of Brooklyn; secretary of the Oxford Club, of Brooklyn, in 1883-85; director of the Suburban Club and the Stamford Yacht Club, of Stamford; a member of Lafayette Post, G. A. R., in New York City; secretary of the Telegraphers Mutual Benefit Association, 1876-79; a director of the Stamford Social Club, 1889-92, and its president in 1893; he is president of the Forest and Stream Club, of Wilmington, Vt., and a member of other New York Clubs.

Quiet and unassuming in his manner, Mr. Watson is one of those strong characters that on occasion rises far beyond mediocrity; quick and far-seeing, he grasps the situation and becomes its master. As on those awful days in July, 1863, when he saw his duty, and so bravely bore a part on that sanguinary field, even so has he met the battles in the busy work-a-day world. He is ever ready to help the unfortunate, but of this the world at large knows little; wise in his judgments, progressive in his ideas, firm in his

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convictions, he is one of those men in whom his associates place implicit reliance both as a friend and as a man.

ZALMON B. BRADLEY. From the ranks of the quiet, persevering, yet prominent citizens of Fairfield county—prominent on account of what they have accomplished in life—there is no one more deserving of mention in a volume of this character than the gentleman whose name introduces this article. He is one of the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of the town of Fairfield, and in advancing his own interests he has materially promoted the welfare of the entire community.

Mr. Bradley comes of one of the oldest families in Connecticut, being of the seventh generation in direct line from John Bradley[1], who came from England to America in 1660, settling in Fairfield, Conn., where he died. In his family of children were the following: Francis[2], John, Daniel and Joseph. Of these,

Francis[2] settled in Greenfield, on Bradley's Long Lot, and died there about the year 1714, being the father of the following named children: Isaac, Francis, Samuel, John[3], Gersham, Ephraim, Peter and Eleanor. Of these,

John[3] settled in the northern part of Greenfield, in Deerfield District. On January 11, 1726, he married Sarah Gilbert, and they had twelve children as follows: John[4], Reuben, Lockwood, Seth, Enos, Moses, Ephraim, Abel, Isaac, Hannah, Louise and Marian. The father of these died October 5, 1777, and the mother on April 14, 1767. Of the above named twelve children,

John[4], the great-grandfather of Zalmon B. (our subject), was born April 14, 1731, and December 14, 175-, he married Abigail Merwin, who died December 19, 1787. The names and dates of birth of their children are as follows: David, January 10, 1752, died February 25, 1821; Lumon, February 16, 1754; Hannah, March 3, 1759; John[5], September 5, 1764, died May 15, 1840; and Abigail, March 18, 1778, died February 5, 1798. Of these,

John[5], the grandfather of Zalmon B., was married March 26, 1791, to Esther Sherwood, who was born May 6, 1763, and died July 19, 1847. Children: Zalmon[6], born May 22, 1793; Clara A., born March 26, 1798; and Medad, born September 9, 1803 (he was a farmer residing in Banks North District, and died at an advanced age leaving three children—John, Sophia and Alma). Of the children born to John[5],

Zalmon[6], the father of our subject, when yet a young man, married Sally Banks, who was born May 22, 1793, in Banks South District, a daughter of Jonathan and Molly (Wakeman) Banks. Zalmon was reared to agricultural pursuits, and followed that occupation all his life. On their marriage he and his young wife commenced housekeeping in the home which he had built, and where their son, our subject, now lives. Their children, two in number, were as follows: (1) Clara A., born January 12, 1813, married Samuel Banks, of Weston, and had one daughter, Harriet, now living in Weston; and (2) Zalmon B., our subject. The mother passed from earth some years prior to the death of the father, which occurred January 5, 1871, and they lie side by side in Greenfield Cemetery. They were members of the Greenfield Congregational Church, and in politics the father was a Democrat. He was very successful as a general farmer, including the raising, buying and selling of cattle which he would ship to Boston and New York—in fact he was a very extensive dealer for those days, made money, and at his death left a comfortable competence.

Zalmon B. Bradley was born at the old family homestead July 18, 1824, and received a liberal education at the schools of Banks North District—Minot Banks, Eli Wakeman and James Lyon being among his old teachers. He afterward attended Greenfield Academy, at the time when Zalmon Wakeman was principal of that institution. He assisted his father on the home farm until the latter's death, when he succeeded to the property, and has ever since lived thereon.

On September 21, 1853, Zalmon B. Bradley was married to Miss Sarah E. Sherwood, who was born in Southport, Conn., December 14, 1833, a daughter of William and Esther (Hill) Sherwood, the former of whom was a son of William Sherwood, the latter being a daughter of Jabez Hill. Mrs. Bradley's father was a merchant and postmaster at Southport for several years prior to retiring and removing into the country (Buckley's District), while at one time he was judge of the probate court of Fairfield county. In 1847 he took a trip to England for the purpose of searching genealogical records in the interest of the Jennings family of Connecticut; in 1850, at the time of the "gold fever," he visited California, subsequently "trying his luck" in Australia, in company with Nathaniel B. Hill and Edgar Pennoyer. Mrs. Bradley is the younger of two children born to her parents, the other being William C., who was a farmer of Banks North District, and died at the early age of thirty-six years, leaving a widow and seven children.

To our subject and his wife were born four children, a brief sketch of them being as follows:

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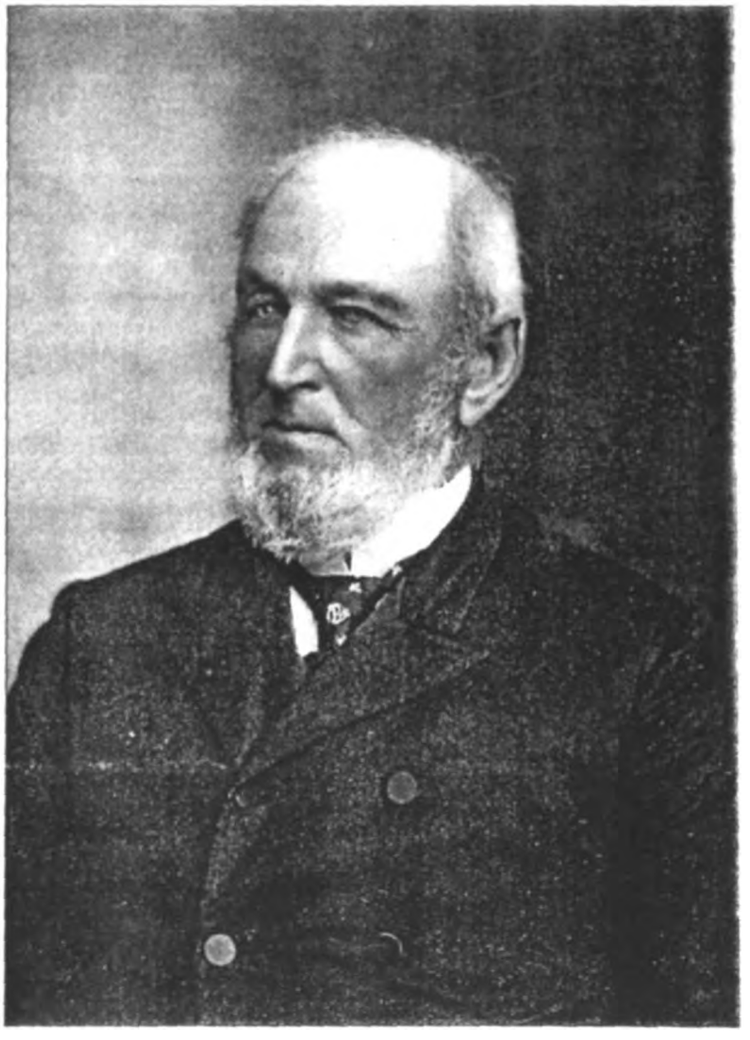

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(1) Clarence H., a farmer of Banks North District, born August 12, 1854, married Miss Adda Belle Chase, and has two children—Florence and Irene. (2) Simon C., born July 29, 1858, the first selectman of Fairfield, married Anna Belle Bulkeley, and they have two children—Elizabeth B. and Sadie E. (3) Clara A., born May 14, 1861, is the wife of Wilbur Jennings, and they have one child—John B. (4) John S., born October 4, 1863, died March 5, 1888, at Greenville, S. C.; he was a graduate of the Eastman Business College, and was filling the position of bookkeeper at the time of his departure for the South on account of failing health; he married Miss Elouise A. Arnold, of Bridgeport, Conn., a daughter of George and Sarah Arnold.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Bradley has at all times been loyal to his party, and an efficient worker in its ranks. In 1874 he represented his district in the Legislature, and for some ten or twelve years he was a selectman of Fairfield. Socially, he is affiliated with Greenfield Hill Grange No. 133, and in religious faith he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church at Greenfield Hill. In the social circles of the community our subject and his estimable wife occupy an enviable position. Their influence is always found on the side of right and progress, and it is safe to say that no couple in the county have more friends than Mr. and Mrs. Zalmon B. Bradley. Mr. Bradley has been fond of hunting all his life, and though now seventy-four years of age he still enjoys a day's sport. He is a large man, six feet in height and weighing two hundred pounds or over.

MARTIN FRANCIS HOULIHAN, a successful business man of Sandy Hook, is a representative of a well-known family of Newtown township. His father, John Houlihan, is a prominent citizen, and a brother, Hon. Michael J. Houlihan, is now a member of the State Senate from that locality.

Mr. Houlihan, our subject, was born September 11, 1864, in the Newtown District of the town of Newtown, and was educated in the common schools near his early home. Although for some years his attendance was limited to the winter terms, he managed by the time he reached the age of sixteen to acquire a fair English education, and as he is a constant reader of fiction and current news he can converse well upon these topics. His first employment was as a bell boy in the "Lake View House" at Litchfield, Conn., where he spent one summer. The next seven years were passed in the employ of the New York Belting & Packing Company, at Sandy Hook, in the curing rooms and the hose and tubing departments. On leaving this position he became a bar clerk in the "Grand Central Hotel," at Newtown, and after two years he resigned this position to commence the business of retail liquor dealer in Sandy Hook, on his own account. His store is one of the oldest of the kind in the town, having been started by Hall & Tilison some years ago, and continued, later, by Carroll & Boland, the bar being at the rear of the store. When the latter firm retired the place was taken by John Lillis for a saloon and bottling establishment, but previous to Mr. Houlihan's occupancy it had stood vacant for some time. The present proprietor has made his own way in life, and has given ample proof of energy in doing so. Politically, he is a stanch Democrat, and he takes keen interest in local affairs. In November, 1896, he was elected a member of the General Assembly by a majority of 150, the fight being a hard one, while his majority was among the largest on the ticket. In religious faith Mr. Houlihan is a Catholic, and he is a leading member of St. Rosa's Church at Newtown. Socially, he is identified with the Order of Foresters, Sandy Hook Court.

In 1890 Mr. Houlihan married Miss Anna Kilbride, daughter of Michael Kilbride, of Sandy Hook, where her family has long been well known. Two children, Maggie May and Helen Frances, brighten their home.

HENRY EMIL DITTMAR, sergeant of police of the City of Danbury, is an able and efficient officer whose faithfulness is highly appreciated by the people whose interest he guards.

Mr. Dittmar is of German birth, having been born November 20, 1854, in the Province of Hesse-Cassel. Christoph Dittmar, his father, was born in the same locality, in 1812, and died when our subject was eight years old. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Julia Dautchman, was born in Minden, Hanover, Germany, in 1813, and died in 1887. There were three children: William, now a resident of Danbury; Henry Emil, our subject; and Robert, who remained in Germany.

Mr. Dittmar was educated in the schools of his native land, and did not acquire a knowledge of the English language until after he came to America. At fourteen he left school and began an apprenticeship in a tin shop, where he remained nine months. In 1870, at the age of sixteen, he left the Fatherland for America, and in

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March of that year landed in New York. Going immediately to Patterson, Putnam Co., N. Y., he found employment on a farm, and followed agricultural pursuits until he was nineteen years of age. He then went to New York and shipped as a seaman in the United States navy, on the old ship "Vermont," setting sail from the Brooklyn Navy yards. Three years he spent in the navy, and then, returning to Patterson, he remained there a similar length of time, in August, 1879, removing to Danbury, where he learned the hatter's trade. For eight years he worked at this business for two different firms, Beckerle & Co., and Loewe & Co., but in September, 1887, he was appointed to a position on the Danbury police force. Since that time he has been in active service in that department, and on December 7, 1893, he was appointed to his present rank of sergeant. Politically, Mr. Dittmar is a Democrat, and he has always taken much interest in the questions that concern the welfare of his adopted country.

In 1883 Mr. Dittmar married Miss Annie C. Tilk, daughter of John and Fredericka (Miller) Tilk, and four children have blessed the union: Julia Fredericka, Carrie, Emil John and Henrietta Louisa. Mr. Dittmar and his wife and children are all identified with the German Lutheran Church; socially, he is an active member of Samaritan Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Danbury.

SILAS SUTHERLAND, a popular citizen and well-to-do farmer of Greenwich township, Fairfield Co., Conn., was born November 16, 1846, in North Castle township, Westchester Co., N. Y., in which neighborhood the family has lived since the middle of the eighteenth century. He is a great-great-grandson of Roger Sutherland, who came from Putnam county, N. Y., and settled in the town of North Castle near the Connecticut State line.

Roger Sutherland and his first wife, Abigail, were the parents of seven children, born as follows: William, March 16, 1745; James, January 27, 1747; Roger, Jr., March 16, 1748; Joseph, January 19, 1749; Hannah, March 15, 1751; Stephen, April 6, 1753; Silas, February 5, 1755. Mr. Sutherland's second wife was Mary Scofield, and her children were Abagail, born September 7, 1759; Mary, born June 24, 1761; and Sarah, born January 26, 1763. Silas Sutherland, the youngest child of the first wife, was a farmer, and died in 1846; he was for years a deacon of the East Stanwich Church. His remains rest in the Middle Patton cemetery, in Westchester county, N. Y. His son Silas was twice married, and by his first wife had children as follows: Harvey, Mary, Samuel, Laura, George, Deborah, Green and William, all now deceased. Samuel was the last to pass away; he was a bachelor and for years lived in the West (where he had acquired a snug fortune), spending his winters in Florida. He is buried in Middle Patton cemetery.

George Sutherland was born in April, 1813, in Greenwich township, near the New York State line. He was given such education as could be acquired in the schools of his day, and early in life learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked in different places in this region. In North Castle he married Deborah A. Searles, who was born in 1822 in Bedford, N. Y., daughter of James Searles, a farmer, and they commenced housekeeping in that township, later removing to Greenwich. Here he lived for twenty-five years before his death, which occurred in 1883, and his remains were buried in the cemetery at Middle Patton, N. Y. Mrs. Sutherland still survives, living at present in Norwalk, Conn. This worthy couple were the parents of six children: Mary, who married Daniel F. Thomas, and died in Greenwich; Silas; James, who is a resident of Norwalk, Conn.; Phœbe A., who died when fourteen years old; Samuel, deceased; and Evaline, who became the wife of Walter E. Scofield, and died in Rye, N. Y. Mr. Sutherland was a stanch Democrat in politics, but he took no part in public affairs beyond casting his vote regularly.

Silas Sutherland attended the country district schools in his boyhood, and began to learn the shoemaker's trade with his father when fourteen years old. He soon abandoned it, however, and engaged as a farm hand, working for the three sisters of Capt. John Banks, who conducted a farm in North Castle township. For five years after this our subject was employed as clerk in a grocery store at Twentieth street and Third avenue, New York City, and thence, in 1868, went to Texas, before there was a railroad to Austin, in that State. He was engaged in clearing the right of way for the railroad, and similar work, for two years, after which he returned east, living in New York for a time, where for over a year he was employed as conductor on the Third Avenue railroad. During his stay in Texas he made and spent money freely, but he has since been content with the more peaceful life of a farmer, in which he has been no less successful. In July, 1877, he was married, in Banksville, N. Y., to Miss Christina Sauter, of Washington Heights, N. Y., and they commenced housekeeping in Banksville, where they resided until 1882. The family then settled on the farm which has

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since been their home, the old "Conklin Husted Farm," which consists of 115 acres of good land. Mr. Sutherland has made numerous improvements upon this place since he became the owner and has also remodeled the residence at considerable expense, converting the place into a most comfortable, desirable home. He carries on general agriculture, enjoying a comfortable income from this source, and is considered one of the best farmers in his locality.

Five children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland, viz.: Edith E., Cora A., Laura E., Silas S. and Lillian M., all of whom are still at home, and the domestic circle is an unusually bright and cheerful one. The family are known all over the township for their sociability and hospitality. Mrs. Sutherland unites with the Congregational Church. Fraternally, Mr. Sutherland belongs to Banksville Council No. 86, Jr. O. U. A. M., of which he was a charter member. He is a Democrat in politics, and has taken an active interest in the public affairs of this vicinity, having served creditably in various local offices of honor and trust. For four years he held the office of assessor, was selectman two terms, and has also been a member of the grand jury. He has an extensive acquaintance throughout the township, where he numbers his friends by the score.

PATRICK DORAN, one of the substantial citizens of the thriving little village of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., is a native of the place, born October 17, 1854. He is of Irish descent, his father, Patrick Doran, having been born in County Westmeath, Ireland, where he grew to manhood.

The latter came to the United States when a young man, and for a number of years worked as a laborer, being employed during part of the time in the construction of the New York & New Haven railroad. By industry and frugality he managed to save some of his earnings, accumulating enough to set him up in the grocery and liquor business in Greenwich, Conn., where he settled. He built his own store, and commenced on a small scale, enlarging the place as trade grew, and never once relaxing his early habits of steadiness, perseverance and economy. On commencing life he was poor in this world's goods, but his honesty and many other good traits were a capital not to be despised, and when he died, in 1870, in the prime of life, he had acquired a comfortable competence by his labors. In New York City Mr. Doran was married, by Bishop Hughes, to Jane Mathews, who, like himself, was a native of Ireland, and they became the parents of seven children, viz.: Thomas, who lives in Greenwich; Annie, deceased in childhood; Mary E., unmarried; John (1), who died in childhood; John (2), who lives in Greenwich; William H., who died in Greenwich; and Patrick. The father was forty-five years of age when he died, the mother passed away at the age of fifty-four and they sleep their last sleep in the Catholic cemetery at Greenwich. Mr. Doran was an active and enthusiastic supporter of the principles of the Democratic party, in whose interest he was a hard worker, especially about election day, when he would do his best to get out every voter on his ticket. Few men do as much as he did for the success of the party without some expectation of reward; but he was no politician in the sense of office seeker, and had no ambition for political preferment for himself. Personally, he was a man of ordinary height and build, weighing about one hundred and fifty pounds.

Patrick Doran, whose name introduces this sketch, attended school in Greenwich during his youth, at which time Prof. Wright was at the head of the public schools. His education was over when he was seventeen, and he then commenced to learn the molder's trade, spending two years and a half in that business in Port Chester, N. Y. When work in that line grew slack he returned to Greenwich and started an express and draying business, which he sold at the end of a year, going to Stamford, where he found employment as a barber. Later he had a barber business of his own in that city, and in 1881 he returned to Greenwich for good, opening the liquor store he has since conducted. By strict attention to business and carefulness in all things, he has gathered a snug property, and is one of the well-to-do men of his town, in whose progress he takes the interest every public-spirited citizen should display. He is an ardent admirer of fine horse-flesh, and is the owner of some of the best horses in Greenwich.

Mr. Doran was married October 8th, 1884, in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., to Miss Mary McCann, a native of Stanwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., daughter of Charles McCann. They have three children: Bessie, Frank P. and Veronica J. The family are Catholics in religious faith; politically, Mr. Doran is a stanch Democrat.

LYMAN M. FERRIS is prominent among the large land owners and successful farmers of Greenwich township, Fairfield county, and is a native of same, born November 7, 1851, on the farm which he now owns and resides upon. The

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property has been in the Ferris family for about a century, having been owned by Nathaniel, the grandfather of our subject, who was also a farmer.

Nathaniel Ferris was born May 27, 1766, and died April 16, 1824; he was buried on the farm. His first wife, Lydia, was born September 13, 1768, and died August 13, 1808; the second wife, Permelia, was born March 30, 1783, and died November 30, 1856. There were ten children in the family, Henry Ferris, the father of Lyman, being among the younger members. He was born October 29, 1811, on the farm where he grew to manhood, during his early years attending the common schools and assisting with the work at home. When old enough he entered an apprenticeship to the shoemaker's trade, which he learned thoroughly, and which he followed, especially during the winter seasons, for many years. Henry Ferris was twice married, first to Eliza Mead, who was a native of Greenwich and a daughter of Bush Mead, and by her he had three children: Adaline (Mrs. Henry Searles), who died in Sing Sing, N. Y.; Emily, who is the wife of David Ingersoll, of Greenwich; and Sarah E., who died young. Mrs. Eliza Ferris passed away in 1847, and Mr. Ferris subsequently wedded Miss Lydia Mead, who was born February 6, 1809, in Greenwich, where her father, Edmund Mead, carried on farming. Two children came to this union: Lyman M., and Eliza (Mrs. Leander Sniffire), of Sing Sing, N. Y. After his marriage Mr. Ferris lived for some years in another house on the farm, but he finally bought the place and took up his residence in the old homestead. He died November 13, 1873, Mrs. Ferris on January 8, 1892, and their remains lie in the private cemetery on the farm. They were members of the Greenwich Congregational Church. Tall and spare in build, and in early years blessed with robust health, Mr. Ferris was a good worker, and became the owner of his desirable property by dint of steady industry during his active years. In early life he was a Whig, in later years a stanch Republican, and at one time he held office, serving his township creditably, though he was no seeker after political honors.

Lyman M. Ferris was given a good practical education, in his early youth attending the public schools of Stanwich, and, later, a select school of that place. As he was the only son in the family, he was initiated into the details of farm work at a tender age, receiving a thorough training under his father's tuition in general agriculture, which has proved of inestimable value to him. He was just one year past his majority when his father died, leaving him the farm, which he had worked the year previously on shares, and he has since conducted it on his own account, making numerous improvements on the place in the passing years. From time to time he has added to the original tract, and now has 150 acres, which he cultivates in a systematic manner, deriving a comfortable income from the proceeds of his work. He has also engaged to some extent in stock dealing, making a specialty of horses, and has raised some fine drivers, being an ardent admirer of good horseflesh; he owns several valuable animals, and is a prominent and enthusiastic member of the Greenwich Driving Club, which has done much to raise interest in fine horses in this locality. He is a charter member of the Greenwich Farmers Club, and is always found foremost among the advocates of improvement and progress in his township, where he is regarded by all as a most substantial citizen, one who is worthy of the respect he commands.

On April 28, 1875, Mr. Ferris was united in marriage with Miss Emily Derby, of Round Hill, who was born at that place in 1850, the daughter of Edward Derby. They have always lived on the farm. One child has come to bless this union, Herbert H., born March 1, 1877, who is now attending college at Worcester, Mass. Mr. Ferris is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., uniting with Banksville Council No. 86. Politically, he follows in the footsteps of his father, being a firm supporter of the Republican party.

FRANCIS E. WEED, senior member of the firm of F. E. Weed & Co., coal and lumber merchants at New Canaan, has been identified in numerous ways with the business, political, and social life of the town and locality where he makes his home, and is regarded as one of its most valuable and enterprising citizens. He was born in New Canaan, November 26, 1841, as was also his father; his grandfather, Carey Weed, settled on a farm here at an early date, coming from Stamford.

Carey Weed was born in 1782, and died November 9, 1842. He married Clarrissa St. John, a native of New Canaan, and by her had two children: Delia, born in January, 1811, in New Canaan, who married Morris Seeley (he is now deceased); and William H. (father of Francis E.), born April 23, 1813, died November 10, 1863. For his second wife Carey Weed married Hannah Reed, and they had one child, Andrew J., who is now deceased.

William H. Weed spent his boyhood in the locality of his birth, where he attended the district school, and was reared to farm life.

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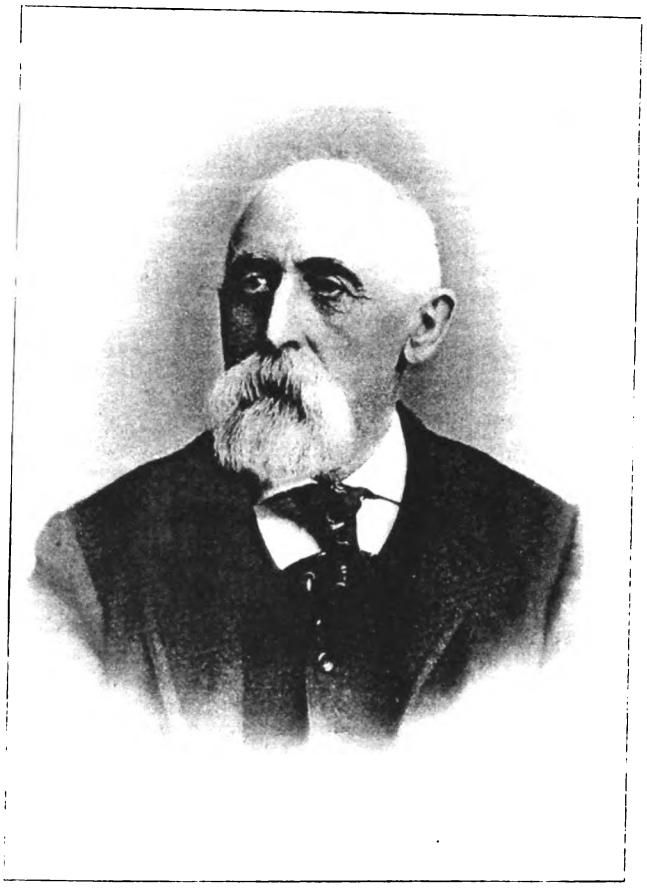

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When a young man he learned the shoemaker's trade, but he did not follow it long, engaging for the most part in farming, and, to some extent, in butchering. He also did contract work of various kinds, making cellars, laying stone walls, etc. On January 27, 1837, he was married at Pound Ridge, N. Y., to Mary E. Hanford, whose father, Austin Hanford, died in the service during the war of 1812. Seven children were born to this marriage, a brief record of whom is as follows: Harriet, born August 3, 1837, died September 7, 1852; Julia M., born December 23, 1838, is living in Norwalk, Conn.; Francis E. is the subject proper of this sketch; William A., born September 21, 1840, died June 9, 1864; Sarah A. (twin of William), born September 21, 1846, married Pierre Gentieu, and lives in Delaware; George W., born February 22, 1850, died December 19, 1873; Emma L., born May 18, 1851, married Julian Burt, and died September 19, 1893. The father of this family belonged to the Connecticut Militia, and was a captain in the horse artillery.

Francis E. Weed was reared in the town of New Canaan, and there received his education. He began active life at an early age, for when only nine years old he was working out by the month. At the age of eighteen he entered the New Canaan post office under postmaster H. B. Hoyt, and was employed there continually until the Lincoln administration. During the early part of the Civil war, he went down to Capt. Isaac Hoyt's farm, in Darien, to take charge while the Captain was in the service, but in the fall of 1861, not satisfied to remain at home at such a time, he himself enlisted. He joined Company B, 13th Conn. Vols., under Captain Comstock, and they served in the Department of the Gulf until the last year of the war, when they were transferred to Sheridan's command, and served with him in the Shenandoah Valley. Mr. Weed was taken prisoner at the battle of Winchester, Va., was first confined in Libby prison, and thence taken to the prison on Belle Isle, and Salisbury, N. C.; he was paroled at Goldsboro, and passed into the Union lines at Wilmington, N. C., just after the capture of Fort Fisher. He was a member of the famous storming column at Port Hudson, La. He was wounded in the Red river expedition, but continued in active service until 1865, when he was mustered out at Savannah, Ga. On his return to New Canaan he found employment with the Hoyt Manufacturing Company as shirt cutter, remaining with them until 1868, when the New Canaan railroad was built, and he was made station agent. In addition to the ordinary duties of agent he made all the freight contracts for the New Canaan R. R., and acted as general freight and ticket agent, retaining this position until January 1, 1879, when the road went into the hands of a receiver. In 1880 he embarked in the coal and lumber business, which he has ever since carried on, conducting it alone until May, 1882, when he took as a partner George E. Lockwood, the firm name becoming Weed & Lockwood. This partnership was dissolved in 1888, and in August of that year Mr. Weed formed another, George Kellogg becoming a member of the firm, which has since been known as F. E. Weed & Co. They do a very large business, and have side tracks, trestle work and all other necessary conveniences to facilitate the handling and shipping of their stock.

Mr. Weed has been quite active in the public life of the community, and has assisted in the local government in various capacities, having been honored with election to the offices of selectman, assessor, constable, member of the board of relief, and justice of the peace. At one time he represented the town in the State Legislature, and he has in all these positions displayed marked ability and good judgment in the discharge of his duties. He was the first business manager of the New Canaan *Messenger*, and then, as ever, gave his influence and support to all worthy and beneficial measures for the general good. He is at present one of the directors of the New Canaan Water Works; was instrumental in reorganizing the present volunteer Fire Department, and was its first president. He is president of the New Canaan Savings Bank. Fraternally, Mr. Weed is a prominent member of Wooster Lodge No. 37, I. O. O. F.; of Harmony Lodge No. 67, F. & A. M., of which for six years he has been master; and of S. P. Ferris Post No. 61, G. A. R., of which he was first commander.

Mr. Weed was married April 3, 1867, in South Norwalk, Conn., to Miss Martha J. Brush, who was born September 7, 1845, and two children have blessed their union, viz.: William Francis, born January 31, 1873, now an artist and a professional illustrator; and Bertha G., born April 25, 1875, who died July 9, 1880. The family worship at the New Canaan Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Weed is a member and vestryman, and for a number of years was superintendent of the Sunday-school.

Mrs. Weed's great-great-grandparents were Thomas and Lucy (Ball) Brush, the latter of whom was a daughter of Capt. Allen Ball. The great-grandparents were Eliphalet and Eunice Hall (Lee) Brush. Her grandfather was named Arza Brush, while her father was Henry Chap-

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man Brush. He was born February 16, 1820, and died at Ridgefield, Conn., April 26, 1897. Her mother, Clarissa (St. John), was born January 18, 1820, and died December 22, 1888.

REUBEN MOORE GIBBS, a well-known merchant of Bethel, Fairfield county, is of the eighth generation in direct descent from the noted pioneer, Giles Gibbs, who was among the earliest settlers at Windsor, Conn., coming from Dorchester, England, in 1633, and after a short residence at Dorchester, Mass., locating at Windsor, where he died in May, 1641.

The line is traced as follows through a list of ancestors whose high character has made the name an honored one in various fields of effort: (2) Samuel Gibbs, born at Windsor, died there February 8, 1719. (3) Benjamin Gibbs, who was born at Windsor in 1675, made his permanent home at Litchfield; he married Abigail Marshall in 1708. (4) Gershom Gibbs, who was born at Litchfield in July, 1721, was the first white male child born there; he married Tabitha Moore. During the Revolutionary war he served as a soldier under Captain Beebe and on November 16, 1776, he was captured by the British while defending Fort Washington, near New York City. He died on December 29, of that year, on board a prison ship. His brother Caleb also fought in the cause of liberty and was first commander of General Washington's Life Guards. (5) Moore Gibbs, who was born at Litchfield, January 12, 1751, was married in New Britain, Conn., on June 29, 1786, to Patience Skeels; he died in 1844 at the advanced age of ninety-three years. (6) Reuben Marshall Gibbs, our subject's grandfather, was born at Litchfield, March 14, 1794, and after attaining manhood's estate located at Kent, Conn., where he died August 22, 1871. His wife was Catherine Cole. In 1812 he enlisted in the Twenty-second Regiment Connecticut Militia, under Capt. David Scott, and did gallant service. (7) Marshall Cole Gibbs, the father of our subject, was born at Litchfield, October 20, 1820, but he has been spending his later years at Kent, Conn., where he still lives. He served as justice of the peace, was representative to the State Legislature, and was a prominent member of the Congregational Church, in which he held the office of deacon. He married Mary Ann Yale, a descendant of Elihu Yale.

The subject of this biography was born February 20, 1860, at New Haven, but his education was obtained in Kent, Conn., where he attended the public schools for a time and then took a course in the Cottage Seminary. Later he taught in the public schools of that town, and he has always manifested great interest in educational work, having served as a member of the board of school visitors at Kent. In the spring of 1887 he engaged in a general mercantile business at Kent, and in 1891 he went to Derby, Conn., as a member of the firm of Dunbar & Gibbs. This partnership was dissolved at the end of two years, and in the spring of 1893 he located at Bethel where he has ever since been engaged in the business as a general merchant. His success has been remarkable, his business now occupying two stores at Nos. 73 and 75 Center street.

On November 20, 1890, Mr. Gibbs was married in Brookfield, this county, to Miss Mary Adelaide Bradley, a native of Litchfield. The union has been blessed with three children: Mary Lemyra, born October 1, 1891; Marshall Bradley, February 16, 1894, and Dorothy Yale, January 13, 1896. The family is identified with the Congregational Church at Kent.

MILLS H. HUSTED. For more than one hundred and fifty years the Husted family, through six generations, have been residents of the town of Greenwich, Fairfield county, and he whose name opens this review, one of the substantial farmers of the town, is of the sixth generation who have occupied the same farm.

Born on this farm on Independence Day, 1860, Mr. Husted has descended from one Angel Husted, the progenitor of the family in Fairfield county, through the family line in the following order: Peter, Aaron and Mills H. Peter was born in May, 1742, was married in 1768 to Eunice Lyon, who was born April 1, 1750, in North Street, daughter of Job Lyon, also of North Street, and a sister to Isaac Lyon, a well-known citizen of his time. To the marriage were born: Amos, December 2, 1769, died when young; Cynthia, September 22, 1770, married Husted Hobby; Peter, October 11, 1772; Elnathan, January 16, 1775; Moses, December 19, 1776; Aaron (grandfather of our subject); Caleb, March 2, 1782; Eunice, January 24, 1784, became the second wife of Thomas Green; and Esbon, January 25, 1787, died September 19, 1792. The father of these was a farmer, and his sons were tailors, shoemakers and merchants. He was buried in the Husted cemetery on the farm, near Greenwich.

Of his sons, Aaron Husted, born on the farm of his father, and where his father before him

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was born, married Amy Hobby, and they had children as follows: Amos, Silas, Job, Emily, Harriet and Mills H. Of these, Amos died when young; Silas was a farmer, married a Miss Martha Mead, daughter of Jabez Mead, of Greenwich, and died in Greenwich; Job married a Miss Elma Brush, daughter of Edward and Sarah Brush; Emily and Harriet never married. The father of these, who lived to old age, was identified with the Congregational Church, and was buried in a private burying ground on the homestead. He was fond of horses, and kept the best. He was a good farmer and citizen, and reared his children to adorn society. All three of his sons who reached mature age engaged in farming.

Mills H. Husted (father of our subject) was reared on the old Husted farm, the place of his birth, which occurred November 28, 1825. He attended the district schools of his neighborhood and later went to Greenwich Academy. He was the youngest of the children by seven years, was reared on the home farm and lived all his lifetime there. He was a pious Christian man, greatly beloved for his exemplary life and kindly ways. He was a member of and an official in the Congregational Church, and was often a delegate to their Assemblies. He understood farming thoroughly, was a good business man, and accumulated a competence. He, too, was fond of horses, and his animals were of the best, and were well kept. Politically, he was a Republican. His death occurred October 10, 1861, after a spinal affection of years standing. He was buried in a private burying ground on his farm, but later his remains were removed to Putnam cemetery. He was twice married, first to Mary Brush, who was born in Indiana, daughter of Capt. Edward and Sarah (Ingersoll) Brush, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. She died childless, was buried in a private burying ground, but afterward removed to Putnam cemetery. For his second wife Mills H. Husted married, December 16, 1856, Miss Henrietta Brown, born August 10, 1839, in the town of Greenwich, a daughter of David and Sally J. (Brundage) Brown. Her father, David Brown, was a son of William Brown, and the mother was a daughter of Jonah Brundage. To the marriage of Mr. Husted and Miss Brown were born: Harriet, December 27, 1857, now Mrs. James G. Wilson, of Greenwich; and Mills H., our subject, referred to again farther on. Ever since the death of the father of these, his widow, who is a good business woman, has managed his business affairs well. She was reared in Greenwich, where she attended the public schools of the neighborhood, also private schools, and although but comparatively a girl when left a widow, she showed tact and at once developed remarkable business ability. She has been a most kind and indulgent mother, and is greatly esteemed by her many friends and acquaintances for her many virtues. She is a member of the Congregational Church. Great credit is due her for the successful management of the estate of her husband. She has assisted her two children in getting settled in comfortable homes.

Mills H. Husted, the subject of this sketch, was reared on the homestead. He attended the public schools of Greenwich, then went to Greenwich Academy under the principalship of Prof. Webster. The only son, and his father dying when he was but one year old, the lad soon felt that much responsibility rested on him, and he early relieved his mother of as much of the management of the farm as he could. At thirteen he was able to do almost a man's work, and at fifteen he carried on the farm. Born, reared and ever lived upon the same farm, occupied in agricultural pursuits, he has had a quiet and honorable life. On April 29, 1885, he was married to Miss Abby L. Smith, who was born June 1, 1864, at Port Chester, a daughter of Edmund L. and Adaline (Ritch) Smith, both of whom died in 1886, the father on April 17, and the mother on March 3. To the marriage of our subject and wife have been born: Adaline S., March 7, 1886, and Mills H., Jr., January 9, 1890. The father of these is one of the esteemed and respected citizens of the community in which he resides. Politically, he is a Democrat. The wife and mother is identified with the Congregational Church.

EPHRAIM THOMES. Few business men have shown greater versatility than has this enterprising resident of Rowayton, Fairfield county, who after some years of successful effort as a merchant, real-estate dealer and insurance agent in that pleasant village has engaged in contracting and building, with an office at South Norwalk. Although his varied lines of work have necessarily required close attention, he has also found time to take a prominent part in local affairs, and his well-known ability and energy have been called into service by his fellow citizens, who have kept him continuously in office as selectman for five years past.

Mr. Thomes comes of good Colonial stock, his ancestors having located in Maine at an early date. Samuel Thomes, his grandfather, lived up to the time of his death at Westbrook, a suburb

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of Portland, Maine. Augustus Thomes, our subject's father, was born in Portland, Maine, and spent his youth there, going to New York City when sixteen years of age. He engaged in the retail grocery business in New York in early manhood, and later came to Rowayton to continue the same occupation. In politics he was first a Whig, afterward a Republican, and as a citizen he commanded the respect of all who knew him. His wife, Ann Hoyt, was a daughter of Stephen Hoyt, and a member of one of the oldest families. Of the five children of this estimable couple our subject is now the only survivor.

Mr. Thomes was born in Rowayton, February 7, 1860, and his education was acquired in the schools of the locality. At the age of nineteen years he became assistant postmaster of the village. At twenty-one he was appointed as the head of the office, and this position he held some twelve years. During this time he was employed for ten years by the New Haven Railroad Company as ticket and freight agent, being at the time the youngest agent in their employ, beginning when he was nineteen. In the later years of his term as postmaster he conducted an extensive business as a dealer in coal, wood, brick, lime, cement, feed, grain, baled hay and straw and peat moss stable bedding. In addition, he represented several leading fire, life and marine insurance companies, and also dealt in real estate. During this period he held the position of notary public. In 1896 Mr. Thomes sold out his business and opened an office in South Norwalk, where he has since been engaged in a contracting business, making a specialty of large enterprises, such as the construction of bridges and docks.

As has been said, Mr. Thomes takes an active part in local politics, and he is one of the leading advisers in the Republican organization of his town. In 1894 he was chosen selectman, and his efficient work in that office has won approval from all parties. His wife, who was formerly Miss Kate Gleason, was born in Pittsfield, Mass., November 25, 1863. Their pleasant home at Rowayton is brightened by two children, Ruth and Russell. Socially, the family is prominent, and Mr. Thomes is a member of the Royal Arcanum, the I. O. O. F. and Old Well Lodge of Freemasons.

JEREMIAH MILLER, a leading merchant at Springdale, in the town of Stamford, is one of the most prominent citizens of that locality, and is held in high esteem for his ability, sound judgment and many excellent qualities of character. He is a man of much energy, and in addition to his mercantile business he acts as postmaster of the village, and also holds the position of ticket agent and baggage master for the New Canaan branch of the New York, New Haven & Hartford road at that point.

Mr. Miller's ancestors were identified at times with Fairfield county, and his grandfather, Alva Miller, a native of Cross River, Westchester Co., N. Y., resided for many years in the town of Darien, where he was engaged in the shoemaker's trade. He died in 1891, and his wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Jane Loder, passed away in 1892.

The late Lewis B. Miller, our subject's father, was born at Cross River, N. Y., and his early life was spent in New York City, where he engaged in the grocery business in early manhood. Later he removed to Darien, Fairfield county, and for some time was interested in the shoe business there, but during the last two years of his life he resided with his son at Springdale and assisted in the work of the store. In politics he was a Democrat, and socially he was connected with Rippowam Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Stamford, for many years. He married Miss Louisa Bell, daughter of Harmon Bell, a well-known resident of New Canaan, this county, and the following children were born of the union: Ellen L., wife of A. B. Knapp, of Springdale; Jeremiah, our subject; and Mary Amelia, wife of George C. Wilser, of Darien. The father passed to the unseen life July 5, 1896, at the age of sixty-four years. The mother is still living on the old homestead at Springdale.

Jeremiah Miller was born September 21, 1860, in the town of Darien, and his youth was spent there and in the town of Stamford, the district schools affording him a practical education. As a boy he became familiar with farm work, and later he learned the shoe-cutting trade with J. L. Tracy & Son, at Stamford, which he followed for exactly three years and seven months; but as it was not congenial he decided to engage in the grocery business at Springdale, where he opened his store on May 2, 1883. Since that time he has occupied three different stores in Springdale, and on November 5, 1896, his establishment was robbed and then destroyed by fire. He at once rebuilt at the same location, and his present store is a well-arranged brick building, 25 x 70 feet. For five or six years Mr. Miller served as assistant postmaster at the village, and in 1893 he was appointed postmaster, which position he has since filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people.

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Mr. Miller was married, in 1890, in the town of Stamford, to Miss Florence Strang, daughter of J. B. Strang, a prominent resident of that locality, and one son, Robert, brightens their home.

OLIVER C. JENNINGS, treasurer of the town of Fairfield, and the leading provision dealer in the village of Fairfield, is one of the wide-awake, progressive business men of the community.

A native of Connecticut, Mr. Jennings was born August 28, 1863, at Mill Plain, Fairfield county, a son of Horace and Helen (Morris) Jennings, the former of whom was born April 4, 1836, in the town of Fairfield, a son of Nehemiah and Abigail Platt (Saunders-Meeker) Jennings. [See sketch of C. A. Meeker.] Nehemiah Jennings was born at Redding, Conn., in 1780. He was three times married, his third wife being the widow of Aaron Meeker. She was born in Westport, Conn., a daughter of Thomas Saunders. Nehemiah followed the butchering business for many years, and when he had attained the advanced age of eighty-seven years he still ran a meat wagon—in fact, till within a few months of his death, which occurred July 28, 1868, when he was about eighty-eight, he was still an active business man. His last wife lived to within a month of being ninety years old, dying January 29, 1895, and they now rest side by side in the Oak Lawn cemetery. Their children were as follows: Horace, father of our subject; Stephen, conducting a butchering business in Fairfield; Mary, who married George Banks, and died in Fairfield; Nehemiah, a provision dealer of Southport; and Jane, deceased wife of William Morris, of Southport. Grandfather Jennings was a Whig and Republican in politics; in religious faith the grandmother was a Methodist.

Horace Jennings, father of the subject of this sketch, secured a liberal common-school education in the village of Fairfield, Moses Betts being one of his earliest teachers; but after he was fourteen years old he saw little of the inside of any school. At Birmingham, Conn., he commenced learning a trade, which after a few years, however, he abandoned, and he then returned home, remaining there until he was twenty-one, assisting his father in driving the meat wagon, etc. He then opened out a meat market in Southport, on a small scale, which he successfully conducted for several years, in which enterprise he was succeeded by his brother Nehemiah. Horace then, in 1866, established his present provision business in the village of Fairfield, which he has since carried on continuously with the exception of brief intervals during which he was farming. From 1874 to 1878 he conducted a grocery business on the corner of Spring and Sanford avenues. He resides at Mill Plain, where he erected a comfortable home with commodious outbuildings.

On February 10, 1858, Horace Jennings was married to Miss Harriet H. Morris, of Litchfield county, Conn., a daughter of Garry Morris, and children as follows were born to them: Hattie and Helen (twins), the former yet at home, the latter being the wife of Thomas Forsyth, of Fairfield; Annie, at home; and Oliver C., our subject. The mother is a member of the Presbyterian Church. In politics the father is a stanch Republican, but in State and local affairs he casts his ballot for the best man, irrespective of party. For three years he served the borough as selectman, and is looked upon and respected as a good citizen and a true friend.

Oliver C. Jennings, whose name introduces this sketch, received a liberal district-school education in Fairfield, one of his earlier teachers being Miss Kate Peet (now Mrs. Burr Perry). After leaving school he at once commenced to assist his father in the butchering and provision trade, and has ever since been associated with him in the former line. In 1893 he embarked in his present provision business, the leading one in Fairfield.

On April 10, 1889, Oliver C. Jennings was married to Miss Sarah S. Forsyth, who was born in Hyde Park, Dutchess Co., N. Y., a daughter of John and Sarah (Arthur) Forsyth, and three children have come to brighten their home: Amy, Elsie and Ruth. Mrs. Jennings is a member of the Congregational Church of Fairfield. Socially, Mr. Jennings is affiliated with Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, I. O. O. F., at Bridgeport; in politics he is a stanch Republican, and July 1, 1897, he was appointed town treasurer of Fairfield, while in the following October he was elected to succeed himself. As a good business man, well-known, popular and highly esteemed, he has all the promises of a yet brighter future.

ELGIN S. ANDREWS, one of the younger progressive manufacturers and wide-awake citizens of Bethel, Fairfield county, is a native of Connecticut, born in the town of Newtown, January 9, 1860.

George A. Andrews, father of our subject, was born in the town of Bethel, in 1824, a son of An-

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drew and Huldah (Stowe) Andrews, respectable farming people of that locality. They were the parents of children as follows: Henry (deceased) was a farmer of Roxbury, Conn.; Andrew (deceased) was a hatter by trade; Eden (deceased) was a resident of Danbury township, and a hatter by trade; William (deceased) was an engineer of Cheshire, Conn.; Thomas died young; George A. was the father of our subject; Eliza (deceased) married Ezra White; Mary Ann, of Bridgeport, married Benj. Ray; and Emily (deceased) married Moses Parsons. The father of this family died March 31, 1893.

George A. Andrews attended the public schools of Bethel, and was reared by his uncle Thomas until apprenticed to learn the trade of hatter with his brother-in-law, Moses Parsons, at Sandy Hook, town of Newtown. There he remained until his marriage, at which time he commenced in the hat-manufacturing business for his own account at Sandy Hook. During the Civil war he took up his residence in Danbury, and became foreman for E. A. Mallory & Son, with whom he remained several years; then moved to Great Plain, in the town of Danbury, where he acted as foreman for a time in the Nichols Hat Factory at Bethel, after which he started a small hat factory at Great Plains. In 1887 he moved to Bethel, and became foreman for Charles Smith, manufacturer of ladies' hats; at the end of four years he worked a short time for Judd & Co., later in the factory of Andrews, MacKenzie & Co. at Bethel, Connecticut.

In 1848 George A. Andrews was married to Nancy Sherman, daughter of Harry Sherman, comb manufacturer and truckman for the Rubber Factory at Sandy Hook. Children as follows were born to this union: George Edwin, now a resident of Bethel, married Gertrude Ricks, and had the following children—Stephen D., Harry and Alice; Carrie married George Ferry, and resides in Bethel, they have one child—Bertha; Elgin S. is our subject; Jennie married Leonard Judd, and lives in Bethel, they have two children—Emma, and Julius (of Judd & Co.); Frederick T. married Carrie Klinzing, and resides in Bethel, they have two children—Hazel and Pauline; Gertrude and Clifford both reside in Bethel. In politics George A. Andrews was a Republican, and while a resident of Great Plain he served as justice of the peace.

Elgin S. Andrews, whose name introduces these lines, received his education at the New Street public schools in Danbury, and learned the hatter's trade with his father at Great Plain, after which he worked for Judd & Co., Lane & Short, Charles Smith, and F. W. Smith & Co., consecutively. Between the time he was with the last two firms mentioned Mr. Andrews conducted an orchestra, and gave violin lessons.

In June, 1886, our subject commenced building the small hat factory that is now a part of his present plant, and engaged in business under the firm name of Andrews, MacKenzie & Co. (E. S. Andrews, F. W. and H. E. MacKenzie). In May, 1894, the firm name became Andrews, MacKenzie & Durant, changed November 27, 1895, to Durant & Andrews. The firm manufacture stiff hats only, and are doing a thriving business.

On December 10, 1879, Elgin S. Andrews was married to Lauretta Ray, daughter of George and Emily (Lloyd) Ray, and a native of Sandy Hook, in the town of Newtown. Four children have blessed this union: Emma Ray, Eudora N., Lauretta and Lillian. In religious faith Mr. Andrews is a member of the M. E. Church at Bethel; in politics he is a Republican; in social affiliation he is a member of the F. & A. M., Eureka Lodge No. 83, and of Eureka Chapter at Danbury; and member of the K. of P., Putnam Lodge, at Bethel. His residence is on Grant street, Bethel, and he and his estimable wife enjoy alike the respect of a wide circle of friends.

WILLIAM F. SHERIDAN, a well-known citizen of Bridgeport, has been for some time extensively engaged in business as a wholesale and retail dealer in wines and liquors, and his store, at the corner of Middle and Golden Hill streets, is one of the leading establishments of the kind in the city.

Mr. Sheridan was born in Bridgeport July 27, 1860, and is of Irish ancestry. Frank Sheridan, his grandfather, a native of Ireland, came to the United States many years ago, and his death occurred in Bridgeport.

John Sheridan, our subject's father, was born in County West Meath, Ireland, and came to America in early manhood, locating in Bridgeport, where he died December 8, 1885. He married Miss Bridget Kennedy, of Bridgeport, who survives him, and of their six children five are living: William F., the eldest, is the subject of this sketch; Mary Ann married Harry Bliss, who is in the employ of the Eaton-Coe-Burnham Company, of Bridgeport; John is connected with the Hayes fish market in Bridgeport; Miss Katie is at home; Thomas, a plumber by trade, went to Santiago, Cuba, as a member of Company L, United States Volunteer Engineers; and Michael is deceased.

During his youth our subject attended school

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in Bridgeport, and at the age of sixteen his father started him in business as a peddler of fruits. This work he continued successfully for nine years, and he then tended bar for Samuel Merritt for two years. Wishing to return to his former business, he entered into partnership with John H. Kush, under the firm name of Sheridan & Kush, and on the dissolution of the firm a year later Mr. Sheridan took a position as bartender with Moran & McCoy, remaining five years. In 1890 he established himself in his present store, where he has since carried on an extensive trade. Politically, he is an Independent, and he and his wife are prominent members of the Catholic Church in Bridgeport. On October 2, 1882, he married Miss Bridget E. Cannon, daughter of Thomas Cannon, of Bridgeport, and one child, Cathrine V., brightens their home.

GEORGE T. KELLY. This well-known resident of Bridgeport has gained for himself an honorable place in business circles through the exercise of the old-fashioned qualities of thrift and industry, and his frequent election to positions of trust and responsibility shows the high appreciation in which he is held among his fellow citizens.

Mr. Kelly is of Irish blood, and his father, Terrence Kelly, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, whence he came to America in early manhood, and for many years was employed on the Naugatuck division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, his home being in Bridgeport, where he died in 1862. He married Miss Bridget Stapleton, sister of George Stapleton, of Bridgeport, and she afterward married Edward O'Neil, and resides in Bridgeport. To Terrence and Bridget Kelly two children were born: Johanna, wife of John Kiley, of Bridgeport, and George T., of this sketch.

Our subject was born November 25, 1860, in Bridgeport, where he received his early education in the Grand street and Island Brook schools. At the age of fourteen he began working for his stepfather, Edward O'Neil, in the trucking business, and when twenty-five years old he engaged in a similar business on his own account in partnership with a half-brother, Michael O'Neil. They continued under the firm name of O'Neil & Kelly until December 1, 1897, when Mr. Kelly purchased his partner's interest, and he has since conducted the business alone, enjoying an extensive general trade. On November 21, 1887, he married Miss Catherine J. Killian, daughter of Thomas Killian, a well-known citizen of Bridgeport. Mr. Kelly and his wife are popular socially, and are both active members of the Catholic Church in Bridgeport. He is also connected with various fraternal organizations, including the Order of Foresters of America, the E. C. & B. Relief Association, the Catholic Benevolent Legion and the Knights of Columbus, being treasurer of the latter. Politically, he is a Democrat, and he is both active and influential in local affairs. In 1886, '88, '91 and '92 he was elected councilman for the Fourth ward, Bridgeport, and during the last two terms he served as chairman of the council. In 1893 he was elected alderman, and in all the positions to which he has been chosen he has discharged his duty to the public with ability and faithfulness.

CHARLES A. ROWE, who has been engaged in the dairy business here for the past twelve years, is one of the estimable citizens of Fairfield township, and has resided in his present home there since the fall of 1897.

Mr. Rowe is a native of Milan, Dutchess Co., N. Y., born April 27, 1860, and comes from an old and highly respected family of that county, of German extraction, his ancestors belonging to the well-to-do agricultural class. His father, Mark Rowe, was born in Dutchess county, son of William M. Rowe, a farmer, and grandson of Mark Rowe, and he passed his entire life there, engaged in farming in the town of Milan. He married Susan Squires, who was born in Fairfield, Conn., and removed with her parents, John and Clarissa Squires, to Dutchess county. They reared a large family of children, as follows: Adaline C. (Mrs. Lewis W. Near), of Rhinebeck, N. Y.; Isophine Mrs. Brush W. Mott), of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mary S., unmarried, who lives in Stratfield; Henrietta S. (Mrs. Nathaniel L. Morehouse), of Milan, N. Y.; Julia C., unmarried, who is a resident of Stratfield; John, deceased in childhood; Charles A.; Frank L., living in New Springville, Staten Island; and William M., of Rhinebeck, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe died at the ages of sixty and fifty-eight years, respectively, leaving a comfortable property. He was a Democrat in political sympathy.

Charles A. Rowe remained under the parental roof until he reached his majority, and received his education in the district schools of Milan township, Dutchess county. He was inducted into the mysteries of agriculture under his father's tuition, and followed same for some time after commencing life on his own account, when a young man coming to Bridgeport, Conn., where he was engaged at various occupations. Return-

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ing to his old home, he remained there several months and then proceeded to Weymouth, Mass., where he was employed by a dairyman for over a year, following which he again came to Bridgeport, and for a time worked as a farm hand. By dint of economy Mr. Rowe was, in the fall of 1886, enabled to start in business for himself as a dairyman, and he has continued in this line up to the present time with most encouraging success, for his trade has increased steadily from the start. As his capital was limited he commenced on a small scale, and for a number of years rented property, but in the fall of 1897 he located on the property where he now lives, and which he has improved materially since it came into his possession. Mr. Rowe's prosperity has been due entirely to his industrious, steady habits, and his perfect integrity in his dealings with all, his reputation both in business and private life being unsullied.

On October 12, 1897, Mr. Rowe was united in marriage with Miss Mary Schlump, who was born in Stratford, daughter of John and Mary Schlump. One child, born March 7, 1899, and named Helen S., graces this union. Mrs. Rowe is a member of the South Congregational Church of Bridgeport. Fraternally, Mr. Rowe unites with Adelphian Lodge No. 80, I. O. O. F., of Bridgeport, and the Rebekah auxiliary to that lodge. He is a stanch Democrat in political faith, but in voting he usually selects the best men, regardless of their political connection.

JOHN R. HILL, one of the most enterprising and successful merchants of Danbury, Fairfield county, is a young man who seems destined to become an influential factor in business circles. Born December 27, 1870, he has already "made his mark" at an age when many men have hardly determined upon their course in life.

The Hill family has long been prominent in this section. According to old Colonial records at Hartford, Conn., one William Hill came from England in 1632, and after spending some time at Dorchester, Mass., located at Windsor, Conn., where he bought land. Later he removed to Fairfield county to spend his remaining years. He held a high position in public affairs, and served as a deputy and representative in 1639, 1640 and 1644, and again as representative in 1652 and 1653, as town auditor in 1639, and afterward as assistant senator, collector of customs at Fairfield, and selectman in 1656. From him the line of descent runs through William Hill, Jr., who died December 19, 1684; Deacon William, who died in 1739; Joseph, who was born April 1, 1699; Major Jabez Hill, born June 17, 1744, an officer in the Revolutionary army, who married Sarah Read, daughter of Col. John Read, for whom the town of Redding, Conn., was named. Jabez and Sarah (Read) Hill had three children: Sarah, John Read and Moses. John Read Hill settled in Redding at an early day, and became one of its best-known and wealthiest residents, carrying on the manufacture of lime until 1823, when he retired from active business and settled at the homestead of his maternal grandfather, Col. John Read, living there until his death in 1851. On March 23, 1799, he married Betsy, daughter of Aaron Sanford, of Redding, and their children were: Aaron Sanford, Moses, William Hawley, Betsy, John Lee, Moses, Lydia and Joseph. John Lee Hill, our subject's grandfather, was born June 15, 1810, and on May 4, 1840, married Harriet N. Duncomb. Their children were: William Henry and Josephine E., both living. John L. Hill died January 18, 1852, his wife April 27, 1893.

William Henry Hill, father of our subject, was born May 1, 1845, at Redding. On October 5, 1869, he was married to Miss Mary A. Hotchkiss, a native of Sharon, Conn., daughter of Frederick A. Hotchkiss, who in his early years was a manufacturer of small hardware at Sharon, Conn. Mrs. Hill died October 1, 1886, deeply mourned by a large circle of friends. The children of this union were John R., our subject; Frederick H., who is in the jewelry business at Danbury, Conn.; Carrie L., deceased; and Ernest W., now a student in the Wesleyan College at Delaware, Ohio. William Henry Hill is a leading agriculturist of Redding. He is known throughout the State as an able politician, having twice represented his district in the Legislature, and he has also held several important township offices, serving as treasurer, clerk, and as first selectman. His influence has always been given to the support of the Republican party, and for many years he has been active in religious work as a member of the M. E. Church.

John R. Hill spent his youth in the town of Redding, amid the healthful surroundings of a country life, and after attending the district school near his father's farm for some years he took a course in the Hill Academy, in Redding village. At the age of sixteen his school days ended, but he remained at the farm until September, 1891, when he went to Danbury to clerk for D. E. Rogers, a dealer in furniture, carpets and all sorts of house-furnishing goods. There his business ability developed in practical work, and on October 1, 1896, he entered mercantile life on his own account as a member of a stock company, C. S.

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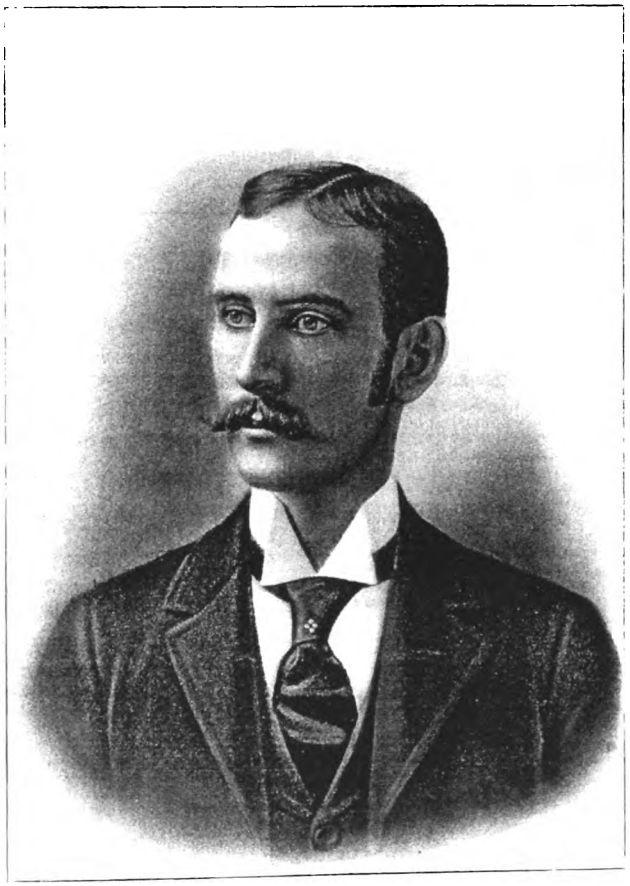

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Andrews and Andrew R. Jones, of Danbury, joining with him under the firm name of the Danbury Hardware Company, of which he is secretary and treasurer. They carry a large stock of hardware, paints, oils and similar commodities, and are leaders in their chosen line.

On June 24, 1896, Mr. Hill married Miss Minnie E. McCollum, of Danbury, a native of Croton Falls, N. Y., where her father, James S. McCollum, was born and was for many years a prominent citizen. Mr. Hill and his wife are members of the M. E. Church at Danbury, of which he is a trustee, and he is also identified with the Junior Order of American Mechanics, Ben Miller Council No. 11, of the same city. In political faith he is a Republican, and at the city election April, 1899, he was elected councilman from the First ward.

MICHAEL A. KENNY, alderman for the Twelfth district of Bridgeport, is one of the leading Democrats of that place, and his influence is a recognized factor in the work of the local organization. As a business man he is enterprising and successful, and his grocery and liquor business commands a profitable trade.

Mr. Kenny was born August 15, 1861, in County Armagh, Ireland, a son of Patrick and Adelia (Kelly) Kenny, both natives of that county. His ancestors have been engaged in farming for many generations, and his father followed that occupation first in Ireland, and later in Yorkshire, England, near the village of Grangetown, where both parents died some years ago, their remains being interred at Easton, England. Our subject is the eldest in a family of six children, the others being as follows: Henry, a contractor in the Shell mines near Edinburgh, Scotland; Patrick, a resident of Edinburgh; Mary, wife of James McNichols, of Grangetown, England; and Adelia and Ann, who are not married.

Our subject spent the first fourteen years of his life in Ireland, and soon after going to England with his parents he found employment in the Easton Steel Works. In August, 1885, he started for America, but on arriving in Liverpool, England, he took the position of conductor on a horse railroad. This he held until July, 1887, and then carried out his delayed plan and set sail for this country, landing in New York City with but $32 in his pocket. From New York he proceeded to Bridgeport, where he has since resided, and for about twelve weeks he was employed by the Rapid Transit Coach Company. In July, 1888, he became night watchman in George Seelep's livery stable on Broad street, and one year later he secured a position as clerk in the grocery and liquor store of J. A. McGuinness, with whom he remained until May, 1893. He then engaged in business on his own account, opening a grocery and liquor store at No. 442 Stratford avenue, and in 1898 he removed to his present location at Nos. 436-438 Stratford avenue. As he has always taken keen interest in public affairs, his abilities soon made him prominent in party work, and he has served as a delegate to several State and City conventions. In 1898 he was elected to his present position of alderman for the term of two years.

On June 7, 1894, Mr. Kenny married Miss Johanna Halligan, daughter of Thomas Halligan, a native of County Kilkenny, Ireland, who was a sergeant on the police force in that county. Two children have blessed this union: Thomas H. and Anna M. Mr. Kenny and his wife are prominent members of the Catholic Church at Bridgeport, and he is also connected with the Brotherhood of the Union and other benevolent organizations.

CHARLES FABLE, an enterprising and public-spirited business man of Westport, where he is engaged in conducting a first-class undertaking establishment, is a man whose energy and ambition commends him to his many patrons.

Mr. Fable is a native of the City of New York, born December 8, 1860, a son of Jacob Fable, whose birth occurred in Germany. In young manhood he came to America, and in this country followed his trade, that of an iron-moulder, throughout his life. He married Clara Yost, who, too, was a native of Germany. They had a family of seven children, four now living: Frederick, now employed by the Westport Paper Company, resides at that place; Edward is a foreman for C. S. Trowbridge & Son, paper-box manufacturers of South Norwalk; Amelia married Henry Wolf, of South Norwalk; and Charles is our subject. Both parents are deceased; they were honest, plain German people, good citizens and useful members of society. In their religious faith they were Episcopalians, and in politics the father was a Democrat.

Charles Fable, when about six years of age, was brought by his parents from New York to South Norwalk, Conn., where he received his education. After his school days were over he went to work in the Norwalk Lock Shop, where he was employed some eight years. He then went to New York, and there learned the barber's trade. From New York he went to Guilford, Conn., where he followed the occupation of

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a barber for his own account for a period of three years. In 1881 he came to Westport, and here for eight years followed the same occupation, at the expiration of which period he, in connection with James Driscoll, purchased the undertaking business which had been carried on by Edward Gorham. This partnership lasted about three years, when it ceased with the death of Mr. Driscoll. Since then our subject has carried on the concern alone. He is up-to-date in all that pertains to the business, and through his efforts to excel and please at reasonable prices he has become well-established, and is meeting with success. As a citizen he is highly esteemed, and, socially, he is prominent in the various orders to which he belongs. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, being affiliated with Temple Lodge at Westport; is a Knight Templar, member of Clinton Commandery No. 3, at Norwalk; a member of Naugatuck Lodge No. 62, I. O. O. F., at Guilford; also a member of Aspetuck Lodge, K. of P., at Westport.

On February 20, 1884, Mr. Fable was married to Agnes Perry, a native of Westport, and a daughter of James and Catharine Perry, her mother being of English extraction. Our subject and his wife have no children of their own, but they have an adopted son, Harry Lesley Fable. They are identified with the Episcopal Church, and in politics Mr. Fable is a Republican.

LOUIS OHLWEILER. The energy and practical sagacity of the typical German-American are admirably shown in the career of this well-known citizen of Bethel.

Mr. Ohlweiler is a native of this country, having been born in New York City June 19, 1862, but his ancestors on both sides were residents of Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany. His grandparents, Peter O. and Carloline Ohlweiler, spent their last years in New York, and his father, Charles Ohlweiler, who was born in Hessen-Darmstadt in 1832 and came to America in 1849, was for many years engaged in business as a barber in the metropolis, his death occurring there in 1876. Some time after his arrival in New York he was married to Miss Magdalena Frederich, also a native of Hessen-Darmstadt, who died in 1872. They had five children: Charles V., a resident of Bethel; John, who resides in New York City; Adam, a resident of Brooklyn; Louis, our subject; and Emily, wife of Harry Wolf, of New York City.

Louis Ohlweiler was educated in the public schools of his native city, and at the age of fourteen began to work in a tobacco factory. In 1882 he went to Danbury, where he was employed for a year in Richard Mahrr's barber shop, over Barnum's drug store. On October 22, 1883, he opened a barber shop of his own in Bethel, above what is now the New York Laundry. He began with but one chair, and so rapidly did his business increase that when Dimond's new building was completed he moved there and put in four chairs, making it the largest barber shop in Bethel. Later his wife built a business block at Nos. 19–21 Fountain Place, of which he took possession in April, 1895. Here he continues his former business on the same scale, and also deals in men's furnishings, of which he keeps a full line.

On October 29, 1884, Mr. Ohlweiler was married in Brooklyn, N. Y., to Miss Mary Elizabeth Woodward, daughter of William J. Woodward, a native of England, whose wife was born in Nova Scotia. Three children have blessed this union: William W., Magdalen M. and Restel Scott. Mr. Ohlweiler and his wife are prominent members of the Congregational Church at Bethel, and he is also an active worker in various social orders including the American Mechanics and the Heptasophs of Bethel.

WILLIAM L. MARKS. One of the most beautiful country places in this region, famed as it is for the charm of its scenery, is Laddins Rock Farm, in the towns of Greenwich and Stamford. Nature has dealt lavishly with this favored spot, the view from it being in itself a delight to an artistic eye, with its wooded hills and dells, brightened by a brook that sparkles here and there as it goes on its winding way.

The original tract was purchased by Mr. Marks in April, 1893, from the Selleck heirs, and by subsequent purchases he has enlarged it until he now owns 140 acres, having a road frontage of about two miles. With characteristic enterprise he has spared no effort in improving the place, enhancing its natural beauty and fertility, and building a superb drive-way past its most picturesque points, thus converting what was once a mere expanse of rocky land into a most attractive park and desirable spot. A building resembling an old farmhouse has been constructed for the residence of the superintendent, and another house built of boulders from the place, situated on the Post road, is the north-gate lodge, the effect of this novel material being most pleasing. Stables have also been built of the same material, and in all the appointments of the estate lavish expenditure and artistic taste have been

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combined effectively. Among the points of interest on the farm is the huge rock from which it derives its name. One edge is of great height and very abrupt in descent, and history records an interesting and touching story in connection with it. An early settler, named Laddin, who had made his home on this tract, was attacked by Indians, and after a brave defense of his cabin, finding his case hopeless, he determined to save himself from torture at the hands of the savages, and mounting his horse he deliberately plunged over the precipice, both man and horse being killed.

Mr. Marks was born August 11, 1862, in New York City, the son of A. A. and Lucy (Platt) Marks, of whom further mention is made elsewhere. His education was begun in the schools of the metropolis, but as his parents removed to Sound Beach during his boyhood, he attended the schools of the latter place for a time. At an early age he began to show unusual business ability, and rendered valuable assistance to his father, who was then engaged in the manufacture of artificial limbs in New York City. When the latter retired from active work our subject and his brother continued the business as before, under the old firm name of A. A. Marks. The establishment is located at No. 701 Broadway, New York, and the firm enjoys an enviable reputation and a trade second to none in the world.

On February 23, 1886, Mr. Marks married Miss Quintard, daughter of Charles E. Quintard, of Sound Beach, but in August of the same year the young bride passed to the unseen life, her remains being interred in the cemetery at Sound Beach. As a citizen Mr. Marks is held in high esteem, the people of Sound Beach appreciating the enterprise and liberality which has resulted in so notable a place as Laddins Rock farm. In politics he is a Republican, and socially, he is identified with a number of organizations, including the New England Society in the City of New York, the Suburban Club of Stamford; the Students Dramatic Club of New York; the Greenwich Driving Association, the East Side Rod & Gun Club, and the Riverside Yacht Club. He is also a member of the Masonic Fraternity, being connected with Manitou Lodge No. 106, F. & A. M.; Manhattan Chapter, R. A. M.; Palestine Commandery No. 18, K. T.; and the A. A. O. N. M. S., Mecca Temple.

EDMUND B. GODDARD, deputy collector for the Port of Stamford, and a typical young American hustler, gifted with a vast amount of energy and push, is a native of Connecticut, born December 6, 1874, in Bridgeport, a son of Walter and Kate (Gray) Goddard, the former of whom was from London, England, the latter from Ansonia, Connecticut.

In Bridgeport our subject received a liberal education at the public schools, and he also took a course at Bridgeport Business College. He entered the office of Congressman DeForest in Bridgeport, where he remained two years, after which he spent some time in the offices of the Waterbury *Republican* and Bridgeport *Farmer*. In May, 1896, he was appointed by Mr. Carlisle, the then Secretary of the Treasury, to his present position of Deputy Collector of Customs for the Port of Stamford, he being the youngest deputy collector in the United States.

In politics, Mr. Goddard, it is probably unnecessary to say, is a Democrat. Socially, he is a member of the I. O. F., past chief ranger of Stamford, Conn.; and chief of records of Powtaway Tribe No. 33, Improved Order of Redmen. He is also a member of the Corinthian Yacht Club at Stamford, and of the Democratic Club of Bridgeport, Conn.; also a director of the Puritan Building & Loan Association of Connecticut.

GILBERT S. BENEDICT, one of the most popular and best known citizens of Stamford, Conn., was for some fifteen years identified with railroad business in that city, and for the past four years has been a prominent insurance man.

Mr. Benedict is a native of Connecticut, having been born in Norwalk June 10, 1862, and comes of a very old family of the State. James Benedict, his grandfather, born in the town of Norwalk in 1797, married Susan Marvin, a descendant of the early (1650) settled family of Marvins in Norwalk, and the house that he (James Benedict) occupied stood where is now the LeGrand Lockwood place. He was a lifelong farmer, a Congregationalist in religious belief, and a Whig in politics. To James and Susan (Marvin) Benedict were born five children: William Jarvis (of East Morris, Conn.), Roswell and Catherine (both deceased), James (of East Morris, Conn.) and Charles F.

Charles Frederick Benedict, father of our subject, was born September 7, 1830, in Norwalk, Conn., where he attended the old academy. While yet a young man he taught school in the town of Norwalk, after which he for a time filled the position of accountant in the Bank of LeGrand Lockwood, Wall street, New York. At the present time he is in the employ of Hol-

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lister & Babcock, bankers and brokers, also on Wall street, New York. In 1851 he married Miss Mary Seely Dibble (daughter of Solomon Dibble), who died in March, 1895, the mother of the following named children: Charles Clifton; Mary G., wife of E. H. Barton, of Cincinnati, Ohio: Gilbert Sanford, our subject; and Edward Saltonstal, deceased.

Gilbert S. Benedict, whose name introduces these lines, passed most of the earlier years of his life in Norwalk, attending both public and private school there, and in Washington, D. C. After about two years spent in visiting Boston, New York, Florida and other places of interest, he managed a farm for a couple of years in the town of Norwalk. He then for some fifteen years was engaged in business connected with the railroad in Stamford, and for the past four years has been conducting the leading insurance business in the city, as already related. Recently he has engaged in the printing business in New York City under the firm name of G. S. Benedict & Co., besides being interested in the manufacture of patents now extensively used by the telephone companies.

On June 20, 1894, Mr. Benedict was married at Asbury Park, N. J., to Miss Daisy Parker Morehouse, daughter of Mrs. Adaline Morehouse, of Ocean Grove, N. J. Mr. Benedict is widely and favorably known throughout Fairfield county, and is held in the highest regard by all with whom he has come in contact, in either business or social life.

STURGES WHITLOCK was born January 28, 1844, at Ridgefield, Conn., a son of John Whitlock, of Derby. Sturges Whitlock was educated at Jackson's Academy, Danbury, receiving an excellent education, and left school when seventeen years of age. In the shop of his father he then learned the trade of a machinist, remaining with him until 1868, when he took entire control, and conducted it successfully for twenty years. During the first ten years, or from 1868 to 1878, he was engaged in a general line of machine work, and in the latter year he worked into the manufacture of printing presses, making the Whitlock press, a press designed and patented by Mr. Whitlock in the year 1877. Every year since that time there have been improvements made to it, and at the present time he has about twenty patents to these improvements. The press is now used in most all of the printing offices in the country. The company has put out about one thousand presses, and the factory now turns out about one hundred each year. These presses average in value about $2,000. Until 1887 Mr. Whitlock continued to manufacture in the plant in Derby, when he formed the present corporation, the Whitlock Machine Company. In 1888 it becoming necessary to greatly increase its facilities, the plant was removed to Shelton. This enterprise, developed as it has been largely through the efforts of Mr. Whitlock, is one of the prominent and substantial industries of the town.

Mr. Whitlock is a Republican in politics, but has taken no very active part in matters of this kind. He was assessor in the town of Derby one year; on the board of burgesses in the borough of Birmingham one term; in the fall of 1896 was elected representative of the township of Huntington in the Legislature of the State, and in 1898 was elected to the State Senate from the Fifteenth district. He is a member of King Hiram Lodge No. 12, F. & A. M., and of King Solomon Chapter No. 3, of Derby. He has taken an active interest in all public matters designed to benefit his town, is a director in the Derby and Shelton Board of Trade, and a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Mr. Whitlock was married to Mary Olive Singer, daughter of Isaac M. Singer, of New York City, and has two daughters; Olive Voulette, who married Walter Randall, of Shelton; and Mary Lillian, who married Alton P. Terrill, of Ansonia.

John Whitlock, father of the subject of this sketch, was born May 14, 1821, in what is called the Bennetts Farms District in Ridgefield, Conn. He was a son of Thaddeus Whitlock, who was born about the year 1796, and was a grandson of Thaddeus Whitlock, and a great-grandson of Jonathan Whitlock, a native of Ridgefield, Connecticut.

Thaddeus Whitlock owned a large farm which his wife inherited from her father, who was accounted a wealthy man. Thaddeus Whitlock was a man of influence as well as means, and highly esteemed. There is a tradition that there were three brothers that came from England in the early days, one of whom settled in Connecticut, one in New York and one in New Jersey, and from them have descended all the different families of Whitlocks in the United States. Thaddeus Whitlock, the grandfather, was in the war of the Revolution, and Thaddeus, the father, was in the war of 1812. The former was a sailor twelve years, and followed farming the remainder of his life, in what was known as the Bennetts Farms, dying when fifty-two years of age. He married Polly Smith, daughter of Azariah Smith, of Limestone, and later of Farmingville. Thaddeus Whitlock (2) had two children:

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John and Ruth Ann, the latter of whom, born in 1823, married Morris Stevenson, of Norwalk, Conn. She now lives in Danbury.

John Whitlock was educated in the schools at Bennetts Farms, enjoying no such advantages as now exist; but by observation and experience he added to the knowledge he acquired at school, and became a well-informed man. He served an apprenticeship as a millwright with George Crofut, of Danbury, and located in Birmingham in 1846, to work in the Iron and Steel Works, putting in the machinery there. He followed his trade as millwright until 1857, having started a small machine shop in Birmingham, where the Shelton factory is now located. In 1856 he began business alone, and built his present shop in 1863. This business he followed until his death in October, 1898.

During his whole life, until recently, he had been a Democrat, but had never taken any active part in politics. He was married in 1842 to Mary Ann Selleck, daughter of Sturges Selleck, of Danbury, and to this marriage there were born two sons: Sturges, the subject proper of this sketch, and Charles, who died in 1860. Mr. Whitlock was successful in business, and was in every way a self-made man, highly respected by all that knew him.

EUGENE L. SULLIVAN, of Bridgeport, is an enterprising and successful business man, and conducts an extensive trade in groceries, meats, wines and liquors at the corner of East Main and Jane streets. By his unvarying courtesy he wins and has won the good will of all, and his pleasing presence and fine mental qualities make him a general favorite in social life.

Mr. Sullivan's family is of Irish origin, and his grandfather, Eugene Sullivan, was a farmer at Carey, Ireland. Michael Sullivan, our subject's father, was born and reared at Carey, and was married in Ireland to Mary Sullivan. Soon afterward he came to America with his bride, and after residing for a time in different places settled at Colchester, Middlesex Co., Conn., where he followed farming for some years, and was then employed in a rubber factory. At present he resides in Willimantic, Conn., but our subject's mother died about the year 1865. Eugene L. Sullivan was born September 1, 1862, at Colchester, where he spent the first sixteen years of his life, his education being obtained in the local schools. In 1878 he came to Bridgeport, and was employed for six months in the Union Metallic Company's shops. He then spent four years as a sailor on the steamer "Katahdin," running between Boston, Mass., and Bangor, Maine. On leaving the ship he returned to Bridgeport, and after eight years passed as a porter in the "Atlantic Hotel" he formed a partnership with his brother, J. B. Sullivan, and engaged in the grocery and liquor trade under the firm name of Sullivan Bros. This partnership lasted five years, and at its dissolution our subject removed to his present store, which he opened on December 31, 1894.

In 1884 Mr. Sullivan married Miss Anna Cunningham, daughter of Edward and Mary (Moran) Cunningham, and granddaughter of Joseph Cunningham, of Woodbridge, N. J. Five children brighten their home: Mary, Agnes, Robert, Eugene, Jr., and Archibald. The family is identified with the Catholic Church, and Mr. Sullivan is also a member of various fraternal bodies including the Brotherhood of the Union and the Foresters of America. Politically, he is a Democrat.

HUGH LAVERY, a well-known wholesale and retail dealer in liquors at Bridgeport, is a self-made man in the strictest sense, and owes his prosperity to his own strict attention to business.

Mr. Lavery was born October 28, 1862, in County Armagh, Ireland, and was the third in a family of seven children born to Thomas Lavery and his wife, Alice, lifelong residents of Ireland. His father, who was a descendant of the great Hugh O'Neil, from whom our Hugh received his name, died when his children were all young. Our subject was educated in the schools of his native place, and at the age of seventeen he came to America to seek his fortune. He spent some years in Watertown, N. Y., where he learned the molder's trade, and in 1885 he removed to Bridgeport, where he was employed in that line of business until 1889. He then established himself in the grocery and liquor business at No. 380 E. Main street, corner of Maple, forming a partnership with Thomas F. Murray. On the dissolution of the partnership three years later, he removed to No. 374 E. Main street, where he continued in business alone until 1897. During this time he established a grocery and feed store at No. 438 Stratford avenue, where he also carried on a retail liquor business. About the same time he opened his present store at No. 521 Water street, engaging in a retail liquor trade. After about ten years in the retail line he went into the wholesale business in January, 1898, and now supplies a large and flourishing trade in Bridgeport and for about forty miles in that vi-

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cinity. He has sold his other stores to his brothers, who conduct them under the firm names of the Lavery Grocery Company and Lavery Bros.

On September 4, 1895, Mr. Lavery married Miss Mary E. Kelly, principal of School No. 13, Bridgeport, and daughter of Thomas Kelly. They have two children, Alice M. and Thomas H. The family is identified with the Catholic Church at Bridgeport, of which Mr. Lavery is an active member. Politically, he is a Democrat. Mr. Lavery is one of the leading merchants of Bridgeport, is held in high esteem, and is prominently identified with the progress of the city, being a heavy taxpayer. He is a popular member of the Foresters, Court Pembroke, and of several other local organizations.

GEORGE F. BENNETT is one of the thrifty, progressive young farmers of Fairfield township, Fairfield Co., Conn., and has resided on his present place since April, 1876, coming there as a boy to work for its former owner, Summers Morehouse.

Mr. Bennett was born in July, 1862, in Easton, Fairfield county, the younger of the two sons of Jerome and Annie (Turrell) Bennett. The elder son died in childhood. George received the advantages afforded by the public schools of the home neighborhood during his youth, and when fifteen years of age came to the town of Fairfield and entered the employ of Mr. Morehouse, with whom he remained during the latter's lifetime. That he proved an efficient and competent assistant may be judged from the fact that Mr. Morehouse made him his heir to the property, which is a valuable place, well improved, and kept in first-class condition by its energetic owner. Mr. Bennett is up-to-date in all his methods, and as the result of thrift and tireless labor he has succeeded in making his farm one of the most productive and desirable of its size in the neighborhood. One of the best springs to be found in the county is located on this land, and supplies his house by means of a hydraulic ram.

In 1886 Mr. Bennett was united in marriage with Miss Hattie S. Brothwell, daughter of John M. Brothwell, a well-known citizen of Fairfield, and the young couple commenced housekeeping in their present home, where two children, Frank Summers and Rubie A., have been born to them. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett attend the Baptist Church. Politically, he is a Republican except in local affairs, where he selects the best man regardless of party, but he takes no interest in public matters beyond voting. He is regarded as an exemplary citizen in every way, and he is highly respected by all who know him as a hard-working, reliable man.

GEORGE T. JEWELL, one of Stratford's successful business men, is the junior member of the firm of Bristol & Jewell, dealers in meats and vegetables, and his sound judgment and business acumen are important factors in the steady growth of their trade. As a citizen he is held in high esteem, and he is one of the leading workers in the Republican organization of his locality, being at present the treasurer of his town.

Mr. Jewell comes of grand old Colonial stock, and his great-grandfather, John Jewell, and grandfather, also named John Jewell, both served as soldiers during the Revolutionary war. The latter was probably a farmer by occupation.

George Jewell, the father of our subject, was born in Westchester county, N. Y., whence he came to this county in early manhood, and engaged in the grocery and meat business in Stratford, where he died in 1866. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife were leading members of the M. E. Church at Stratford. He married Miss Mary Elizabeth Lewis, of that town, a daughter of Sidney Lewis; she died in 1866. Our subject is the youngest of three children, the others being: Minnie, who married E. R. Cary, of Des Moines, Iowa (now deceased), and Warren L., a farmer of near that city.

George T. Jewell was born in Stratford April 4, 1864, and the greater portion of his life has been spent there. After attending the public schools of the town until he reached the age of fifteen years, he took a course in Yale Business College at New Haven, and on graduating he entered the employ of W. M. Terry & Co., of Bridgeport, as bookkeeper, which position he held some fifteen years. On April 27, 1896, he formed a partnership with William B. Bristol, and engaged in his present business. He was connected with the 4th Regiment, C. N. G., enlisting in Company K, of Stratford, May 19, 1885; was appointed second lieutenant April 26, 1887; first lieutenant February 10, 1890, and captain March 19, 1891, which rank he held until the removal of the company to Bridgeport.

Socially, Mr. Jewell is identified with St. John's Lodge No. 8, F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M., at Bridgeport, in which he now holds the rank of high priest; Jerusalem Council No. 16,

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R. and S. M., at Bridgeport, and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., of the same city. On November 2, 1887, he married Miss Mary E. Lillingston, daughter of David W. Lillingston, of Stratford. Mr. and Mrs. Jewell are active members of Christ Episcopal Church at Stratford

FREDERICK A. WALDRON, mechanical engineer, superintendent of the power and plant of Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company, of Stamford, comes of an old Vermont family, his father, grandfather and great-grandfather Waldron having all been born there

Our subject was born in Windsor, Windsor Co., Vt., December 14, 1864, but spent his early life and received his education at Hyde Park, Mass. When fourteen years old he entered the Brainard Milling Machine Co., at Hyde Park, Mass., as an apprentice, remaining with that firm four years, after which he had charge of the designing and constructing of special machinery for John T. Robinson & Co., of Hyde Park, Mass. In 1885 he went to Providence, R. I., where for two years he was employed by the Brown & Sharpe Manufacturing Company, makers of machine tools.

In 1887 Mr. Waldron came to Stamford, Conn., to fill the position of draughtsman and designer for the crane and pulley block works of the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company, and remained in that incumbency some four years. In the spring of 1891 he accepted a position with E. D. Leavitt, consulting engineer for the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company, of Cambridgeport, Mass., and in that connection did two years' service. He executed most of the detail work on the large hydraulic pumping engine at the Bethlehem Iron Works, said to be the largest stationary engine in the world, being rated as a 15,000-horse power, and is used in connection with the forging of armor plates for U. S. cruisers. In 1893 Mr. Waldron entered the employ of the George F. Blake Manufacturing Company, at East Cambridge, where he had charge of the design and construction of heavy water-works pumps, including large engines for the Toronto water works, and of the Mystic Pumping Engine No. 4, Boston water works. At the end of two years with this firm he, on January 1, 1895, once more came to Stamford, Conn., and has since been ably and efficiently filling his present position with the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company.

On January 17, 1890, Mr. Waldron was married at Windsor, Vt., to Miss Helen G. Horton, daughter of Marcus L. and Gratia Horton. One child, Celestine, born May 3, 1891, brightens their home. In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Waldron are members of the Episcopal Church; socially, he is affiliated with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the Yale & Towne Mutual Benefit Association. He is popular, and the center of a large circle of friends and acquaintances, by whom both he and his amiable wife are honored and esteemed.

SAMUEL B. WAKEMAN ranks foremost among the intelligent and progressive young farmers of Fairfield township, Fairfield Co., Conn., and he is descended on both the paternal and maternal sides from families old and prominent in this part of the State.

Mr. Wakeman was born October 26, 1863, on the old Wakeman homestead in Middle District, Fairfield township, son of Andrew P. and Cornelia (Burr) Wakeman, and received his early education in the local schools, later attending Fairfield Academy. His father was a thoroughly systematic and progressive farmer, and Samuel was early inducted into the mysteries of agriculture, for which he displayed unusual aptitude, remaining at home until he went west, in 1885. During 1885 and 1886 he was engaged in mining in Colorado, the greater part of the time in Gunnison county, after which, returning to Connecticut, he resumed farming, for a time taking charge of his father's farm. In 1892 he purchased what was then known as the Deacon John Banks farm, in Hulls Farms District, Fairfield township, and he has since given his entire time to its cultivation and improvement, the place being now one of the best kept and most productive in this vicinity.

Mr. Wakeman has made a practical study of agriculture, and wherever practicable has adopted the most modern scientific methods in his work, the result being that by the application of advanced ideas he has wrought a wonderful transformation in the appearance and value of his farm even during the comparatively short time he has lived there. Though still a young man he is as thoroughly familiar with the details of his business as many an old experienced farmer, and he is regarded as one of the most substantial, thrifty citizens of the town. He was one of the charter members of Greenfield Grange No. 133. His political sympathies are with the Democratic party.

In 1896 Mr. Wakeman was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Kealie, of Mill Plain, daughter of Denis Kealie. Mrs. Wakeman, who is a highly-accomplished and well-educated lady,

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and prior to her marriage was a successful school teacher, was born in Fairfield in 1873, and was a graduate of Bridgeport High School, class of '91.

EDWARD OSBORN, the only male representative left of a once very numerous family in the town of Fairfield, and one of the substantial well-to-do citizens of that locality, was born in the village of Fairfield, February 2, 1847, in the house wherein he now lives and which he owns.

The Osborn family is of English ancestry, the first of whom in this country, Richard by name, in 1634 set sail from London, England, in the good ship "Hopewell," and after his arrival in the New World first located, in 1635, at Hingham, Mass., removing thence to New Haven, Conn., in 1639. For service and bravery in the Pequot war he received a "land warrant" from the Government, said land being near the center of the present village of Fairfield, between that owned by John Cable and Thomas Stonington, and he finally bought that of Cornelius Hull, adjoining. In July, 1644, he took the oath of fidelity. He came to Fairfield between 1650 and 1653, became one of the dividend landholders of the town, and lived there until November, 1682, when he removed to Westchester. There he died, deeding his real estate to his son John and his heirs forever. He became a freeman in 1692. Richard Osborn was a prominent man in Colonial days, and a leading spirit in all public matters. He was the father of seven children: John, Hannah, Priscilla, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth and David.

John Osborn, son of Richard, was in his day one of the influential citizens of Fairfield. He married Sarah Bennet, daughter of James Bennet, in July, 1677, and their children were Hannah, Samuel, John, David, Joseph and Elizabeth. The father died July 15, 1709. David Osborn, son of John, married, and his children were as follows: David, born February, 1707; William, May, 1709; Sarah Jane, June, 1711; John, November, 1713; Eleazer, January, 1715; Dorothy, November, 1717; Hannah, February, 1720; Grace, January, 1724; and David, August, 1726. Sergeant David Osborn, the father, died in 1732.

Eleazer Osborn, son of David, was married June 29, 1738, to Hannah Bulkley, and their children were Eleanor, born April 11, 1739; Sarah, May 27, 1741; David, September 3, 1743; Gershom, April 23, 1746; Hannah, November 21, 1748; Grissel, March 14, 1751; Ellen, December 18, 1754; and Ebenezer (no date given). The father of this family died May 20, 1788. He served as a lieutenant in the French and Indian war. Gershom Osborn married a Miss Wilson, and had three children, viz.: Seth, who for years resided on Osborn Hill, and at his death left three sons and two daughters, all now deceased; Gershom (2); and Grissel, who married a Mr. Bradley, of South Carolina, and died in Fairfield, leaving one daughter, who died at the age of sixteen years.

Gershom Osborn (2), grandfather of Edward, was born August 14, 1777, in Fairfield, and was yet a boy when his father moved to what has for years been known as "Osborn Hill." Here the lad was reared, and here in after life he followed agricultural pursuits. On December 13, 1808, he married Miss Anna Burr, who was born December 28, 1776, at Westport, Conn., daughter of Ephraim Burr, a Revolutionary soldier. The children by this union were: Albert; Gould, born March 3, 1813, who went to California in 1849, and died there in 1872; Eliza, born January 20, 1815, died at the age of twelve years; Jane, born May 14, 1816, now living in the town of Fairfield, the widow of Henry Sturgis; Edward, born June 6, 1818, deceased when young; and Catherine, born March 28, 1820, living in Fairfield, the widow of John Nichols. The father of this family passed from earth February 22, 1827, the mother on July 9, 1831, and they were buried in the old cemetery at Fairfield. They were members of the Congregational Church. In 1816 he purchased the land whereon our subject now makes his home.

Albert Osborn, father of Edward, was born February 12, 1811, on the home farm, but when he was ready for school his father removed the family into the village of Fairfield in order that the children might have better educational privileges. Like his forefathers, Albert was a lifelong farmer, and he was a widely-known and highly respected citizen. On December 24, 1835, he married Maria Staples, who was born July 22, 1817, at Newtown, Conn., daughter of Samuel Staples. She was left an orphan in her girlhood, and then went to live in the family of her cousin, George Peck, at one time keeper of the jail at Fairfield. Mr. and Mrs. Osborn made their home throughout married life at the old homestead of the family in the village of Fairfield, and followed farming. The children of this honored couple were Elizabeth, born June 18, 1839, died unmarried February 22, 1863; Harriet, born September 3, 1842, died unmarried in June, 1868; and Edward, our subject, being the youngest. The father died June 23, 1865, the mother on January 27, 1861, and their remains rest in Fairfield East cemetery. They at-

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tend the Congregational Church; in politics he was a Republican.

Edward Osborn, whose name introduces this review, received a liberal education in part at the public school of Fairfield, and in part at the Academy. He was eighteen years old at the time of his father's death, and being the only son had to succeed him at once in the work on the farm. On November 6, 1872, he was married to Miss Mary Helen Nicholson, daughter of Charles and Anna (Head) Nicholson, who now live in Bridgeport, Conn. Mrs. Osborn is a native of England, born March 18, 1847, in Holbeach, Lincolnshire. Mr. and Mrs. Osborn have two daughters, Harriet Staples and Henrietta. They are active members of the Congregational Church, in which Mr. Osborn is a deacon. Socially, he affiliates with the Greenfield Hill Grange; politically, he has always been a stalwart Republican, and he has served his borough as selectman one term, is filling his fourth term as assessor, and for several years has been one of the school committee. Mr. Osborn is one of the leading and popular citizens of the community, and those who have known him from boyhood are numbered among his stanchest friends, while the entire family stand high socially. The historic old structure, known as the "Powder House," is situated on his farm, and at this writing is being repaired and restored by the D. A. R., who desire to preserve it.

GEORGE BURNS, a well-known contractor of Bridgeport, is one of the enterprising and successful young business men of that city, and is also prominent in local politics, being a valued worker in the Democratic party.

Mr. Burns was born in Bridgeport October 20, 1864, and is of Irish ancestry in both paternal and maternal lines. His grandfather, George Burns, was a farmer in Ireland. Patrick Burns, our subject's father, was born in County Mayo, Ireland, and came to America in early manhood, locating in Bridgeport where he was engaged in the teaming business for many years, his death occurring March 9, 1878. He married Miss Mary Stapleton, a native of Ireland, who survives him and resides in Bridgeport. They had four children: Our subject and three daughters.

George Burns was educated in the Grand Street school in Bridgeport, and at an early age began to display the business acumen for which he is now noted. For nine years he was assistant street commissioner of Bridgeport, and since that time he has carried on a general contracting business. While he has not been an office seeker, he devotes much attention to promoting the interests of his party, being an active member of the Democratic association of Bridgeport, and in the fall of 1898 he was a delegate to the Democratic county convention.

In 1887 Mr. Burns married Miss Josephine Baltes, of New York, daughter of William Baltes, a native of New York City, and two children brighten their home: George P. and Loretta. Mr. Burns and his wife are Catholics in religion, and are leading members of St. Patrick's Church at Bridgeport.

BANFORD STARR BEACH, of the town of Trumbull, is a young man whose ability and judgment have won for him an enviable standing in business circles, and whose influence is a recognized factor in local progress.

Mr. Beach was born March 11, 1868, in the White Plains District of the town of Trumbull, and is a descendant of a well-known English family. His ancestors were early settlers in Fairfield county, and his great-great-grandfather, Ephraim Beach, a Revolutionary soldier, was born there and made his home upon a farm in the town of Trumbull. Rice E. Beach, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Trumbull in 1779, and Charles Beach, our subject's grandfather, was born at Daniels Farms, in the same town, on January 7, 1805. William Frederick Beach, our subject's father, was born in 1842 in the White Plains District, and was educated there and at Easton Academy. In early manhood he clerked for a short time in Wessels Bros.' grocery in Water street, Bridgeport, but later he engaged in farming in Trumbull. He married Miss Mary J. Rowland, daughter of John Rowland, of Easton, and had seven children: Frederick R., a resident of Easton; Mary, wife of Miles L. Shelton, of Oxford, Conn.; Miss Cora Esther, who resides in Trumbull; Banford S., our subject; Burr F., a resident of Trumbull; John L., a ticket agent at Trumbull, and Howard S., a a partner of our subject.

During his boyhood our subject attended the public schools of his native town, and from an early age he has been interested in agricultural pursuits. For five years he was engaged in the milk business with his uncle, Stephen C. Beach, whose interest he purchased later. After continuing the business alone for two years he formed a partnership with his brother Howard, and they have since carried on an extensive dairy business in connection with farming. In the fall of 1894, Mr. Beach bought his present homestead at Daniels Farms, and in 1895 he built his attract-

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ive residence. He is a member of the Trumbull Grange, and has always taken an active interest in local affairs. In 1897 he was elected to the office of selectman on the Democratic ticket, and he has also served acceptably as justice of the peace. He was married in Norwalk, this county, to Miss Harriet Merrill, daughter of Edward Merrill, a well-known citizen of that place. Two children have blessed the union: Edward Merrill, born January 14, 1894, and Dorothy, born February 14, 1898.

E STARR SANFORD, junior member of the firm of Davis & Sanford, photographers, at No. 246 Fifth avenue, New York, is a "Danbury boy." In its particular line, that of portrait work, this firm has one of the largest businesses in the world, their customers being mainly found among society people. They employ about thirty assistants, occupy three floors at the above number, and the immense volume of their business is the more remarkable from the fact that their studio was only established in April, 1892. Mr. Sanford, our subject, notwithstanding these interests, has not entirely deserted Danbury as a place of business, for he is a partner in the firm of Elbridge, Gerry & Co., Library Place, Danbury, dealers in hatters' supplies.

Mr. Sanford was born September 27, 1861, and the public schools of his native place afforded him an education. At the age of fourteen he began to learn the art of photography with J. H. Folsom, of Danbury, with whom he remained thirteen years. He then established a business of his own in the same city, meeting with signal success for four years, when the building was destroyed by fire. He met this disaster with larger plans for the future, and, forming a partnership with Charles H. Davis, entered into business at their present location.

Mr. Sanford married Miss Emma Gray, daughter of John and Mary Gray, and one son, Charles G., blesses their union. They live at Danbury. Socially, Mr. Sanford and his wife are popular, and are members of the Second Baptist Church there. He belongs to numerous fraternal orders: The Knights of Honor; Progressive Lodge No. 18, I. O. O. F.; Union Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council, R. & S. M.; Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T.; Pyramid Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is also a life member of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Politically, he is a Republican.

Mr. Sanford is of the eighth generation in direct descent from Thomas Sanford, who came from Gloucester, England, in 1631, locating at Boston, where he died in October, 1681, his wife, Sarah, passing away in the same year. Their son Ephraim was married November 18, 1667, to Mary Powell, of New Haven, Conn., and one of their sons, Samuel, was married in November, 1695, to Hannah, daughter of Nathaniel Baldwin, of Milford. They had a son Samuel, of whom but little is known except that he had a son Seth, who served as a soldier in Washington's army during the Revolutionary war, and whose wife, Rebecca (Burr), was a native of Redding, Conn. Their son Elijah (our subject's great-grandfather) married Betsey Starr, by whom he had a son, Elias S. (our subject's grandfather), who married Elizabeth Wilcox.

Charles H. Sanford, father of E. S. Sanford, was born at Danbury, March 14, 1826, and died April 20, 1886. He was for many years librarian of the Danville Library. He married Miss Mary Emmons, a native of Cornwall, Conn., born December 15, 1836, who survives him, now residing in Library Place, Danbury. They had seven children: Emma, E. Starr, Mary, Grace, Kate, Martha and Fred.

JAMES J. LINEHAN, an enterprising and successful business man of Bridgeport, is the proprietor of a well-patronized grocery and liquor store, and for some years has been the local agent for Pabst's beer.

Mr. Linehan was born March 26, 1862, in Newtown, this county, and is of Irish ancestry. The late Daniel Linehan, father of our subject, was a native of Cork, Ireland, and in early manhood came to this country, locating in Newtown, where he followed the business of a gardener for many years, his death occurring in 1897. His wife, Hannah (Quailey), a native of County Clare, Ireland, died in 1896 in Newtown. They had three children: John, who is now clerking for our subject; Michael, who died in infancy; and James J.

Our subject was educated in Newtown and Sandy Hook, and at an early age began to contribute to the support of the family, taking care of his mother seven years. As a young man he clerked a year and a half for J. H. Warner, of Sandy Hook, and then, after working two years in a rubber factory spent a year with Edward Taylor, the landlord and undertaker. In 1884 he removed to Bridgeport and entered the employ of his cousins, E. & J. Linehan, as a clerk in their grocery and liquor store. In 1886 he became a partner in the business with E. L. Line-

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han under the firm name of E. & J. Linehan, and two years later he purchased the latter's interest. Since that time he has conducted the business alone at No. 139 Myrtle avenue, and his excellent stock of goods shows his sound judgment and enterprise. He is much respected for his honesty, and while in business with his cousin he paid off many debts which he could not have been compelled to meet had he chosen to repudiate them. In 1892 he married Miss Anna Martin, daughter of Neal Martin, who was for many years keeper of the lighthouse at Bridgeport. Five children have blessed this union: Frank, Alice, Helen, Mary and Leo. The family is identified with the Catholic Church at Bridgeport, of which Mr. Linehan is a leading member, having been appointed for eight successive years to take up the collections in the Church. He is also a member of the Order of Foresters of America and of various Catholic fraternities. Politically, he affiliates with the Democratic party.

THOMAS J. CARR, a well-known resident of Bridgeport, is engaged in an extensive wholesale and retail liquor business, making a specialty of bottling high-grade native wines and liquors for medical and family use. He is agent for the famous brand of Kentucky whiskey known as the "Thomas Jefferson," and the "Pride of Jefferson," and for the Wiener and lager beer of the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company, while he manufactures on his own account a popular wine, called "Carr's Wild Cherry Wine."

Mr. Carr was born February 7, 1863, in Somerville, Mass., and is of Irish ancestry. Robert Carr, the father of our subject, was a native of County Cavan, Ireland, and came to America at the age of fourteen, while his wife, Marie (Flaherty), was a native of the Isle of Arran. They met and were married in this country, and soon afterward settled in Somerville, Mass., but later removed to Stow, Mass. Both are still living (1898) at an advanced age, the father being ninety-six and the mother ninety years old. Of their six children, John died in infancy; Thomas J., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Maggie died in infancy; James R. is connected with our subject's business; Edward is a farmer near Stow, Mass; and Miss Mary resides at Stow.

Our subject spent the first eight years of his life at Somerville, Mass., where his education was begun. He then accompanied his parents to Stow, and there he continued his studies until he reached the age of fourteen, when he was graduated from the Hale High School. For a year he was employed in a paper mill at Waltham, Mass., and later he was a short time with the Russell Paper Company, at Lawrence, Mass. He then visited different places, working at the paper business as opportunity offered, and for six years he was employed by the Derby Paper Company, at Birmingham, Conn. In 1888 he removed to Bridgeport, and became connected with the Eaton, Cole & Burnham Company, remaining until 1895, when he established his present business at the corner of Broad and Cannon streets. Politically, he is an Independent, and he and his wife, who was formerly Miss Jennie Doyle, of Wethersfield, Conn., are popular in social life. He is a member of various fraternal societies, including the I. O. O. F., the B. P. O. E., the Order of Foresters, the Red Men, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Arions, the Rambling Wheel Club, and several others.

PETER J. DOYLE, a prominent citizen of Stamford, is manager for the establishment of James E. Quinn, at No. 25 Manhattan street, Stamford, Connecticut.

Mr. Doyle was born October 22, 1866, at Rondout, N. Y., and is of Irish descent in both paternal and maternal lines. His father, the late Nicholas Doyle, was a native of Wexford, Ireland, but came to America in early life, locating first at Rondout, N. Y., where he was engaged in business for many years as a cooper. Later he removed to Stamford, this county, and his death occurred there September 7, 1892. His wife, Julia (Boland), to whom he was married in Rondout, was also a native of Ireland. This worthy couple had seven children, our subject being the youngest.

Mr. Doyle's boyhood was chiefly spent in East Kingston, N. Y., his education being obtained in the schools of that locality. On leaving school he learned the cooper's trade with his father, but after working at the business for two years, he, in 1880, went to Greenpoint, L. I., and for nine months was employed in the oil works there. On May 2, 1881, he came to Stamford, and after working for six months in Collender Billiard Factory he entered the employ of the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company, spending two years and a half in "Department A" of their shops. His next employment was as a clerk in John McCormick's grocery and liquor store, and on giving up that position he went to New York City and worked for one year for the Consolidated Gas Company. Returning then to Stamford, he for a considerable length of time was employed in the market of James R. Eells, on Main street, and then accepted his present

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position, which he has now been occupying some six years. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, and he is both active and influential in local affairs, having been a member of the town and borough committees, while at this writing (1898) he is serving his second term as town auditor. Socially, he is popular, and he is identified with various fraternal orders, including the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Foresters, and the different guilds connected with St. John's Catholic Church. In 1896 he was married at Stamford to Miss Mary E. Kane, and their home is brightened by an attractive little daughter, Katherine Elizabeth.

BENJAMIN A. BURNS, a well-known resident of Shelton, has for many years held the position of foreman of the chasing department of the Derby Silver Company, his fine artistic taste and rare executive ability being highly appreciated by his employers.

The Burns family is of Scotch-Irish origin, and our subject's grandfather, Henry Burns, was a native of Scotland, whence in early manhood he came to America, locating in New York City. He married soon after coming to this country, and after ten years both parents died, leaving four orphans: Elizabeth, Margaret, Andrew and Patrick Henry.

Patrick Henry Burns, our subject's father, was born and reared in New York City, and at the age of nineteen he removed to Middletown, Conn., where he still resides. By occupation he is foreman of the tin department of the J. O. Smith Manufacturing Company, of Middletown, Conn., having retained this position for more than fifty years. Politically, he is a Republican, and he and his estimable wife are both members of the Congregational Church. He married Miss Lola Addis, a native of Cromwell, Conn., and had seven children: Edgar H., who married Edith Meldrum, of Berlin, Conn.; Jane, who married L. C. Hinman, an enterprising attorney of Meriden, Conn.; Andrew J., located in New York City; Benjamin A.; William H.; Edward M. (deceased); and Lola A. (deceased).

The Addis family is of English stock. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Benjamin Addis, was engaged for many years in the manufacture of brick at Cromwell, but later became interested in agriculture. His wife, Emily Stevens, of Deep River, Conn., was of English descent, and her ancestors were early settlers in the vicinity of Deep River. Her maternal grandfather was David Thompson, who served in the Revolutionary war as sergeant of Captain Ely's company, and later in the same capacity in Captain Humphrey's company. His daughter, Harriet Thompson, married Appleton Stevens, one of their daughters being Emily Stevens. To Benjamin and Emily Addis the following children were born: Mariette, who married Merritt Cornwell, a farmer of near Middletown, now deceased; Lola, our subject's mother; Jane, wife of Minor Treat, a farmer of near West Cromwell; Margaret, who married Isaac Cornwell, a liveryman at Middletown, where he has held the office of postmaster and is prominent in municipal affairs; and Charles, a mechanic and farmer, who married Emily Fessenden, and settled in Westfield, Connecticut.

Mr. Burns, our subject, was born November 15, 1863, in Middletown, where he received his early education, his attendance at school continuing until he reached the age of seventeen. In 1880 he went to Derby to learn the art of engraving on silver, and for eleven years he was in the employ of the Derby Silver Company. In 1891 he returned to Middletown, taking the position of foreman in the engraving and chasing department of the Middletown Silver Plate Company, but after one year he again entered the employ of the Derby Silver Company, becoming foreman of the chasing department.

On December 24, 1883, Mr. Burns married Miss Alice V. Garrod, a native of Ipswich, Suffolk, England, and a daughter of Robert and Mary Garrod. Five children have blessed this union: Andrew G., Charles A., Allan H., Lola A., and Harold B. (deceased). Since 1892 Mr. Burns has made his home in Shelton, and he and his wife are identified with the Congregational Church at that place. He is a member of Echo Hose Company of Shelton, and of Ousatonic Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., of Derby, while in politics is a strong Republican.

MAX A. DURRSCHMIDT, an enterprising and successful business man of Shelton, is gaining more than local fame as a contractor and builder. As the senior member of the firm of M. A. Durrschmidt & Co., he has control of a large and constantly increasing business, and among the many buildings erected under his supervision are some of the best in Shelton, Derby, Ansonia and other towns. Among these, we mention Germania Hall at Ansonia, built in 1892, and the large pavilion and boat house at Lake Housatonic Park, while St. Mary's school at Derby, which was begun March 25, 1897, is an admirable specimen of his work, its completion adding another attraction to that charming little city.

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Mr. Durrschmidt seems to have inherited his inclination toward his profession, as his father, Frederick A. Durrschmidt, who died in 1883, was a successful contractor and builder at Glauchau, Germany. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Johanna Crasselt, and who is yet living, is a native of Glauchau. This worthy couple had eight children, five of whom grew to maturity, our subject being the youngest. Gustav has been a detective in the employ of the German Government for twenty-five years; Annie is the wife of Bernard Henschel, a public official in Germany; Ernest is a merchant and shoe manufacturer at Halle, Germany; and Franz is a machinist at Chemnitz, Germany.

Our subject was born January 1, 1866, at Glauchau, Germany, and his education was obtained in the public schools of that city. From childhood he cherished the desire to come to America, and on October 8, 1880, when only fourteen years old, he landed in New York City, and began the struggle for a livelihood. Going directly to Hartford, Conn., he entered upon an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade with McKone bros., with whom he remained about ten years, their work taking him to different parts of this State. In the fall of 1889 he located at Shelton and engaged in business on his own account as a contractor and builder, in 1896 forming a partnership with Peter Reilly under the present firm name. Mr. Durrschmidt is much esteemed as a citizen, and is prominent in the Democratic organization in the town of Huntington, having served as township assessor for four years, from 1892 to 1896.

In 1888 he married Miss Mary Hill, a lady of English descent, and a daughter of Thomas Hill, a well-known resident of Shelton. Six children brighten our subject's home: Albert, Henry, Frank, Frederick, Dorothy and Alice. The family is identified with the Catholic Church at Derby, of which Mr. Durrschmidt is an active member, and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic organization.

ABRAM WELLINGTON was born at Great Neck, Long Island, August 7, 1864. At the age of ten years he was obliged to contribute to his own support, doing so by selling papers for Charles Rawlings (now an eminent physician of New Haven), delivering more than two hundred every evening. At the age of fourteen, having spent two years with The John S. Way Manufacturing Company of Bridgeport, Conn., he engaged to learn the plumbing business with Alfred Hopkins, of Bridgeport, Conn., at that time the leading heating engineer and plumber of New England, remaining with Mr. Hopkins for seven years. At the end of this time desiring a change, he carried on the grocery business successfully for about a year, at the end of that time giving the business to his father and returning to his trade as foreman for M. R. Leavenworth, of Bridgeport, Conn., where he remained for about three years.

Having now reached the age of manhood (being about twenty-five years old), and being ambitious to advance, he left Mr. Leavenworth and formed a partnership with his brother George for the purpose of doing a general plumbing and furnace business. But the partnership not being satisfactory he at the end of one year left the firm and started for himself at No. 46 Kossuth Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Here he gradually built up a profitable and substantial business till the autumn of 1897, when he formed a partnership with N. B. Curtis (mentioned more fully elsewhere) under the firm name of Curtis & Wellington, located at No. 459 East Main street, Bridgeport, Conn., where his strict honesty and thorough knowledge of the business, coupled with years of experience, are bringing their sure reward.

In 1887 Mr. Wellington married Miss Georgie Wells, daughter of Guerdon Wells, of Bridgeport, Conn. Mrs. Wellington died September 24, 1893, and, for his second wife, he married Miss Martha J. Arbuckle, daughter of John and Lucy Arbuckle. One daughter, Ellen, has blessed their union. Mr. Wellington is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Bridgeport, and of the Samuel Harris Lodge of Odd Fellows. He is a Republican in politics.

The parents of Mr. Wellington were both born in England. William Wellington, father of Abram, came to America when about twenty-two years of age, landing in New York, and, having an occasion to visit Boston, made the trip thither by stage. In answer to an advertisement he went to Long Island to work at stone masonry, which occupation he continued with farming, and those two he followed throughout his life, dying May 22, 1894, aged eighty-two.

His wife, Mary (Ratcliffe), came to America when five years old. The children born to them were as follows: The eldest died at infancy; William is a blacksmith, of Nichols, Fairfield county; George is a plumber in New Haven; Mary is the wife of George Bowe, a millwright of Shelton; Charles is a steam fitter of Bridgeport; Matilda is the wife of Charles Fanning, a carpenter of Bridgeport; Jane is the wife of

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William Potter, a quarryman of Ansonia; and Abram is our subject. The mother of this family lives among her children.

EDGAR E. HAMILTON, an enterprising, successful young business man of Danbury, conducts one of the best-equipped and best-managed printing offices in that town, at No. 268 Main street. While he makes a specialty of hatters' printing, he has the reputation of doing the finest work of every description for manufacturers, merchants and business men in general.

Mr. Hamilton was born in Danbury, September 13, 1860, and is of an old Scottish family. He is of the seventh generation in direct descent from William Hamilton, son of Gallatin Hamilton, of Glasgow, Scotland. William was born in Glasgow in 1643; came early to New England; settled on Cape Cod, and was persecuted as one who dealt with evil spirits, for having killed the first whale on the New England coast. He came to Danbury, where he died in 1746, aged one-hundred and three years.

Silas Hamilton, the next in order of descent, was born on Cape Cod, whence he came with his father to Danbury, and settled in Pembroke District. His son, John Hamilton, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Pembroke District, and made his home there throughout his life, following carpentering as an occupation. He served as a soldier during the entire Revolutionary war, enlisting twice. At the burning of Danbury by the British, during that war, Silas Hamilton, Jr., brother of John, had a piece of red flannel cloth at a fuller's, on South street. Hearing of the approach of the enemy he started post haste for his goods. As he emerged from the shop with his cloth, the British forces were close upon him. Remounting his horse he flew up Main street with the troopers in full pursuits, and steadily gaining ground on him; one in advance and close upon him swung his sword to cut him down, when a singular but most fortunate accident occurred. Silas lost a part of his hold upon the roll of cloth, and it flew out like a giant ribbon, frightened the pursuing animals so that he escaped with his life and—cloth!

Eli Hamilton, our subject's great-grandfather, was born and reared in Danbury township, and died there. He married Hannah Barnum, of Putnam county, N. Y., and settled upon a farm, the greater portion of his life being devoted to agricultural pursuits. Of his three sons, Norman, our subject's grandfather, was the eldest. George W., who became a farmer at the old homestead, was a prominent man in his day, holding numerous public offices including those of clerk, selectman, and judge of probate. Philander was a farmer in the same town.

Norman Hamilton grew to manhood at the old homestead where he first saw the light, and engaged in agriculture in his native town. He married Ann Hopkins, of Putnam county, N. Y., and had four children, George N., our subject's father, being the eldest. After passing his youth upon the old farm he learned the hatter's trade, which he followed for many years. He married Miss Mary E. Thorp, whose father, Joel Thorp, was a well-known resident of Danbury. They have three children: (1) Edgar E. is our subject; (2) Mary A. married George M. Stebbins, of Danbury; and (3) Miss Georgia B. is now a successful school teacher.

The subject of our sketch was educated in the schools of Danbury, and at the age of seventeen began to work at the hatter's trade. This not being congenial, however, he after a year engaged in his present line of business, beginning on a small scale. The first outfit that he purchased (in 1878) was a very small one, but as his business increased he improved his facilities until he has now one of the best equipped printing offices in this section of the State, his twenty years of active business having made him a past master at his chosen occupation.

In 1887 Mr. Hamilton married Miss Minnie E. Starr, daughter of Harry and Eliza (Hodges) Starr, of Danbury. Two children have come to this union: Mildred S., born in 1890; and George E., born in 1892. Mr. Hamilton and his wife are prominent socially, and he is a member of various fraternal orders, including the Masonic bodies, the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Royal Arcanum. He is also a director of the Danbury Board of Trade.

ARTHUR G. JESSUP, proprietor of a leading blacksmith and horse-shoeing establishment in Stamford, Conn., is a native of the State, born August 19, 1866, in the town of Stamford, Fairfield county.

William Jessup, his grandfather, was for many years a resident of Stamford, where he followed the trades of carpenter and miller. In social life he was a Freemason of high degree.

Charles Henry Jessup, father of our subject, was born in Strawberry Hill, in the town of Stamford. He first learned the trade of carpenter, at which he worked three years, then took up blacksmithing at Long Ridge, Conn., under the instruction of Sylvester Lockwood. At High Ridge he commenced business for himself, later,

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in 1868, removing to River Bank, in the town of Stamford, where he has since remained. By his wife, Jane B. (Merritt), of Portchester, N. Y., he had four children: Arthur Grant, our subject; Josephine, wife of Granville Pierce, of Stamford; Annie E. and Benjamin Harrison. Charles H. Jessup in religious faith is a member of the Congregational Church, and in politics he has always been an active Republican since the organization of that party.

Arthur G. Jessup received his education at the public schools of River Bank, after which he served a regular apprenticeship at his trade, blacksmithing, at Portchester, N. Y. In 1886 he established himself in business in Stamford, and for some three years had a partner, a Mr. Sargent, the style of the firm being Sargent & Jessup. Since 1889 he has been alone, enjoying a well-merited patronage, his reputation being wide-spread both in blacksmithing and horseshoeing, of which latter he makes a specialty.

On March 20, 1888, Mr. Jessup was united in marriage with Miss Laura E. Studwell, daughter of W. W. Studwell, and one child, Edith A., has been born to them. Socially, our subject is affiliated with Excelsior Lodge No. 49, Knights of Pythias, of which he is district deputy grand chancellor; he is a member of Leeds Council No. 16, Order of United American Mechanics, and a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, in which he is past sachem of Powahay No. 33 Tribe. While a resident of Portchester, N. Y., he was a member of Putnam Hose Company. In religious faith, he and Mrs. Jessup are identified with the Congregational Church at Stamford. They are deservedly respected and esteemed by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

JOHN H. SCHUTT, of Bridgeport, is an enterprising young business man, and has established a fine trade in meats and groceries at No. 135 Carroll avenue. His career demonstrates the fact that ability and well-directed energy will command success in business life notwithstanding the limitations imposed by lack of outside aid.

Like many of the successful citizens of Fairfield county, Mr. Schutt is of German ancestry, the old home of the family being at Holstein, Germany, near the Denmark boundary line. His paternal grandparents, Christian and Johanna Schutt, passed their lives there upon a farm, and his father, John Diedrick Schutt, was born there in 1858, coming thence to America about thirty years ago and locating in Bridgeport, where he has since resided with the exception of some six years he was on a farm in the town of Huntington. For about two years after his arrival he was employed in the lumber business, and for many years he has been connected with the Bridgeport Brass Co., being at present foreman of the forging department. He was married in Germany to Fraulein Christina Schraeder, and five children were born to them, viz.: Lizzie, wife of Frank Kienart, of Derby; William, who is employed in the Union Metalic Cartridge Company; Jennie, widow of Henry Eckel, of Bridgeport; John H., our subject; and Antonia, deceased.

Our subject was born January 12, 1875, in the East end of Bridgeport, and remained in that city until he reached the age of twelve years, his education being begun in the local schools. He then removed with his parents to the farm in Huntington, where he also attended school, and on returning to Bridgeport as a youth of seventeen he found employment in a cutlery shop, remaining about a year. After spending six months in a hat shop he returned to his first employer, and later he was employed by A. G. Felix in the meat business for five years. In October, 1895, he engaged in business on his own account, opening his present grocery and meat market on Carroll avenue, and he has met with well-deserved success, having a large trade through the north end of the city. Politically, Mr. Schutt is a stanch Republican, but he has not aspired to office, is popular socially, and is an active member of the German Reformed Church. He is not married.

LOUIS KUTSCHER, JR., president of the Hartmann Brewing Company, of Bridgeport, is a clever and successful young business man whose abilities have already won recognition in financial circles.

Mr Kutscher comes of German ancestry, and his grandparents, Frederick and Louisa (Zeuner) Kutscher, who came to America in 1854, were both natives of Clausthal on Harz, Hanover. Louis Kutscher, Sr., the father of our subject, was born there, but as a youth he accompanied the family to this country, and for some years he has been a resident of Bridgeport. [A more extended account of his life appears elsewhere in this volume.]

Our subject was born April 16, 1868, in New York City, but during his infancy his parents removed to Bridgeport where he has since resided, He was educated in the public schools and business college there, attending until he reached the

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age of seventeen, and at twenty-one he engaged in the brewing and bottling business with his father. Later he and his brother, William F. Kutscher, became interested in brewing and bottling Weiss beer under the firm name of Kutscher Brothers, and their partnership lasted until March 15, 1896, when it was formally dissolved. Soon afterward our subject became associated with the Hartmann Brewing Company, and his judicious management as president has done much to increase the prosperity of that well-known firm. Notwithstanding his business cares Mr. Kutscher finds time to take part in local affairs, and in the spring of 1894 he was elected to the city council of Bridgeport, in which he served acceptably for a term. Politically, he is a Democrat, and he is identified with a number of societies, including the I. O. O. F., the K. of P., and the German Rifle Club.

On April 20, 1897, Mr. Kutscher married Miss Flora Weber, daughter of Robert Weber, a well-known citizen of Bridgeport, at present, and for a number of years past, being town clerk of the City of Bridgeport, Conn., and of whom further mention is made elsewhere.

JOHN HENRY BARLOW was born in the town of Ridgefield, Conn., November 7, 1832, and there spent the days of his childhood and received his early education. His ancestry is traced to one of two brothers who came from England to America, settling in Connecticut, during the early part of the eighteenth century, one of them locating in the town of Redding, from whom descended the celebrated poet and politician; the other located in Fairfield, and it is to him that the subject of this sketch traces his descent. Mr. Barlow comes from honorable Masonic stock, both his father and grandfather having been Freemasons, and the latter was one of the signers of the famous declaration of Masonic principles, issued in 1832. At the age of seventeen Mr. Barlow removed to Birmingham, and there engaged in a grocery and hardware store as clerk, serving four years. In April, 1854, he entered the employ of the Shelton Company, manufacturers of tacks, as superintendent of the packing and shipping department, and remained in their establishment until July, 1891.

The Masonic career of Mr. Barlow has been an active and earnest one, for he has entered into the labors of the craft with zeal. He became a member of King Hiram Lodge No. 12, F. & A. M., in 1858, being initiated September 28, passed October 5, and raised October 12, of that year. Possessed of a wonderful memory, he soon acquired a perfect knowledge of lodge work and ritual, and was made senior deacon of the lodge in 1859, serving in that capacity three years. From this position he was advanced to junior warden, then to senior warden, and in 1865 he was elected worshipful master, and served two years. On April 25, 1859, he was exalted to a Royal Arch Mason in Solomon Chapter No. 3, R. A. M., and there also his capabilities as a workman were quickly recognized; he was elected High Priest of the Chapter in 1864, serving three years, and was again elected in 1870, serving two years more. On January 26, 1860, he was received and greeted in Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., was its Thrice Illustrious Master from 1864 to 1868, and on August 5, 1863, he was knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, of New Haven.

Brother Barlow's first appearance in the Grand Lodge was in 1863, and since then an annual communication has rarely passed without his being present. In 1871 he was elected Grand Junior Deacon, passing regularly through the chairs; in 1879 he was elected Deputy Grand Master under Israel M. Bullock, and on account of his death was called to fill the chair of Grand Master for the remainder of the term. He was elected Grand Master in 1880. Mr. Barlow has also served in subordinate positions in the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, and has regularly advanced to the highest station, having served in 1870 and 1871 as Grand High Priest, and in 1874 as M. P. Grand Master of the Grand Council. He held the office of secretary of his lodge from 1868 to 1899 (when he was compelled to decline further service), and has done much to place the history of this lodge on permanent record, besides serving for nine years as the head of the Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood. In 1894, on the death of Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, he was appointed to fill the vacancy by Grand Master H. O. Warner, of New Milford. At the session of the Grand Lodge in January, 1895, he was elected Grand Secretary, and has been re-elected annually ever since. He is a thirty-second-degree Scottish Rite Mason, and is a member of the Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. Mr. Barlow is one of the managers of the Masonic Home, which is located at Wallingford, and is secretary of the same. Brother Barlow has become widely known as correspondent of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, which office he has held since 1879, and in the Grand Lodge and Grand Council since 1894, and he has won the respect and confidence of the craft at

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large for the terseness and practical common sense of his reports. As a man he is courteous and unassuming, with a quiet demeanor and yet with a determined will, which, combined with good judgment, helps to mold a character noted for its inflexibility and tenacity of purpose in the cause of right and justice. Having many friends and scarcely an enemy, he fully enjoys the confidence of the fraternity of Connecticut

John Henry Barlow is a son of David Scott Barlow, who was born May 8, 1808, in Ridgefield, and a grandson of John Barlow, who was born in the year 1778 in Fairfield. John Barlow, the grandfather of our subject, had a blacksmith shop on Barlow Mountain, Ridgefield, and David Scott Barlow carried on the same business in the same place until he removed to what was then known as Birmingham (now Derby.) At this place he entered a machine shop, following the trade of a machinist up to the time of his death. John Barlow married Rane Scott, and by her had the following named children: Amy, who married Philo Wood; Phebe, who married Nathaniel Wood, of Danbury; Hannah, who married David Smith; Gould; John; Thaddeus; Caroline, who married David Pulling, of Ridgefield; and David Scott The sons were all blacksmiths, without exception, though John became a hardware dealer in Sing Sing, N. Y. Thaddeus moved to Somers, Westchester Co., N. Y., and Gould died young.

David Scott Barlow married Elizabeth Abbott, of Ridgebury, a daughter of Silas and Mary (Kendrick) Abbott. They had four children, viz.: John Henry, the subject of this sketch; David Edson, born December 1, 1834, now deceased; Mary Elizabeth, born September 30, 1837, and Morris Keeler, born March 1, 1843, both deceased. David Scott Barlow died in November, 1862, and his wife in May, 1888.

In 1891 John H. Barlow retired from the employ of the Shelton company, and established himself in the insurance and real estate business; he is vice-president of the Shelton Savings Bank. In 1893-94-95 he was warden of the borough of Shelton, and he has served as chairman of the board of assessors from 1893 to the present time. Politically, he was a Democrat up to 1884, when he became a Republican, and he has been ardent in his devotion to the party since that time. He was a member of St. James Episcopal Church, of Derby, for many years, and a vestryman thereof for more than twenty-five years; on his removal to Shelton in 1889 he was one of the first to assist in the formation of an Episcopal parish, the Church of the Good Shepherd, of which he is senior warden. Mr. Barlow has been a great reader and a close student of ancient and modern history, and is generally well informed. He is in every way a self-made man.

On May 13, 1861, Mr. Barlow was married to Miss Emeline Gilbert, daughter of George Gilbert, of Newtown, and by her had three children, as follows: Antoinette L., born July 14, 1863, living at home; Morris David, born October 18, 1869, who died November 24, 1875, and George Henry, born August 5, 1871, who graduated from the Yale Law School in 1897, became a member of the Fairfield County Bar, and met an accidental death on September 10 of that year. The mother of these children died October 20, 1875, and Mr. Barlow, on May 29, 1877, married Miss Lina Ells, daughter of Edwin Ells, of Ansonia.

JOHN MAHER. To the young man who is determined to succeed, who is restlessly, eagerly, irresistibly impelled along the line of industry, as it opens before him, success comes easy. Combined with integrity of character, industry of that kind is a sure winner in life's battles. An admirable example is found in the career of the worthy young business man whose name opens this sketch.

John Maher, ice dealer and general contractor, of Greenwich, who is thoroughly practical, and who from boyhood has always been at work, was born January 1, 1864, in Brooklyn, N. Y., and was a child when his parents, Daniel and Ellen (Ivery) Maher, removed to Sound Beach, where he was reared. He was the eldest child, and as his parents in those days were of limited means, his schooling at Sound Beach was often interrupted by the duties that fell to him. He was at an early age initiated into farm work, his father being a tenant for Samuel Adams. John, too, was often employed by Samuel Adams. When twelve years old he was employed by A. R. Ferris, of Sound Beach, at $7.00 per month, and at the end of five months he had saved $35.00, which sum was turned over to his parents. He was variously employed, and, being a steady young fellow brought up to work, he was generally regarded as a superior hand. For example, at dropping potatoes he was able to command $1.00 per day "and his dinner," and as he was very rapid, his services were in steady demand. The young man hardly knew what it was to be without work. He was in employ of John Melville at Riverside as a general utility boy, and for James Hammel he served in a similar capacity. He worked with horse and cart on the construction of the driving track that William Rocke-

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feller built at Greenwich, working until the track was finished in June, 1882. He was then coachman for Mr. Johns, at Riverside. When the paper-mill was being constructed in Stamford, he worked on the building of the foundation as driver of horse and cart.

In 1885, when Belle Haven was being laid out, he worked there for the contractor, Mr. Cramm, and on the morning of June 11, 1885, while repairing his cart saddle, a nail that he was attempting to drive flew up and struck his right eye, causing an injury that resulted in the loss of its sight. He was confined to the Park Row Eye and Ear Hospital, New York, for two weeks, and after returning home he found profitable employment in the use of a mowing machine (which he had previously bought at a very low price), and which investment, made on his own judgment, afforded light work for him until his recovery from the injury. This machine paid for itself many times over, during the several seasons he ran it. The purchase suggested business foresight. In September, 1885, he returned to the grading at Belle Haven, and was employed there until the work was finished. In the spring of 1886 he began the ice business, on a small scale. He bought an ice wagon from C. M. Scofield, of Mianus, and buying ice from the same man, he supplied customers in Cos Cob and Riverside, Mianus and Sound Beach. Against very strong competition he built up a business that promised well.

In the fall of 1886 he leased the Isaac Williams ice house at Mianus, and harvested, that winter, his first crop. It not being sufficient to supply the demand, he was compelled to buy elsewhere. His success in the ice business, like everything else he had undertaken, caused additional requests. Greenwich residents asked that he supply that town also, and their requests led to his purchasing, in 1887, the ice business and property around "Ten Acre Pond," that belonged to Henry Webb. For some years Mr. Maher, in addition to this new trade, carried on the business previously established at Mianus, Sound Beach, Riverside, and Cos Cob. Since 1891 he has confined his attention entirely to the extensive business that had been built up in Greenwich. Under Mr. Maher's management the ice business of Greenwich and suburbs has become quite extensive, and the able manner in which it is conducted is of great convenience to the patrons.

Mr. Maher, in addition to his ice business, does general contract work, and supplies sand and gravel, also builds houses. In a year's time he employs many men, and "they get their pay every Saturday night." Mr. Maher oversees his business personally, his practical knowledge and his natural sagacity contributing in no small degree to his success.

Mr. Maher was married March 27, 1889, to Miss Lizzie M. Reilly, of Sound Beach, a daughter of James and Mary (Hoggerty) Reilly, and the children born to them are as follows: Mary E., Katie E., Virgie (who died aged six months), Doratha and John D. In politics Mr. Maher is a stanch Democrat. He is no politician, but is loyal to his party and to its candidates. He is of that type of a Democrat of whom it is said, "they always knew how he stands," not because he tells everybody, but because he is true to his party. He and his wife are members of the Catholic Church at Greenwich, and he holds the office of trustee of St. Mary's R. C. Church. It is but proper to add here also that Mr. Maher bought fourteen acres of ground for a Catholic cemetery, which will make one of the finest cemeteries in the State. In conclusion, it may be said that Mr. Maher is enterprising, and a citizen who is of great value to any community. He has greatly improved his home and estate, and has one of the most charming homes around Greenwich. Though a young man, he is one of the substantial and prosperous business men of Greenwich. There are none whose reputation for fairness and honesty is better, none who can point to an early life more faithfully spent, none upon whom the crown of popular commendation can more fittingly descend.

JAMES L. MIDDLEBROOK was born in the town of Wilton, Conn., January 16, 1865, and there received his early education, later attending the academy at Wilton. After leaving school he went to New Haven with the New York & Eastern News Co., and was connected with that firm some nine years. At the end of that time he returned to Wilton, where he was engaged in the fish, oyster, fruit and vegetable trade, in connection with a store at the depot, until April, 1897, when he removed to Norwalk for a few months, returning to his old home in Wilton about October 1, same year. Mr. Middlebrook has been a very successful business man; and enjoys the confidence and esteem of his neighbors and friends. He is a member of the Congregational Church of Wilton.

On November 17, 1886, Mr. Middlebrook married Miss Henrietta C. Farnham, who was born November 29, 1867, in Worcester, Mass., a daughter of Elisha G. and Caroline A. (Edwards) Farnham, the former of whom was an

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undertaker and manufacturer, of the same place. The children born to this union were as follows; Louis F., born September 21, 1887, died in infancy; Carlton M., born July 4, 1888, also died in infancy; Lillie G., born March 7, 1889; Linwood G., born April 3, 1892, died in infancy; James M., born March 15, 1893; Henrietta F., born July 2, 1895; and Farnham Drunzer, born June 25, 1897.

Charles O. H. Middlebrook, paternal grandfather of the subject, was born in the town of Wilton, Conn., and educated in the public schools of that town. He always followed farming, his father before him having been an extensive land owner. He married Miss Sarah Monroe, and by her had children as follows: Mary, who married Henry Flower; Samuel, who married Artemesia Olmstead; Charles, who married Ella Murphy; James M., who married Emily Olmstead; and Sarah, who married Orsemun Sexton.

James M. Middlebrook, father of our subject, was born in the town of Wilton, Conn., January 22, 1820. After receiving his education in the common schools of that town he became a farmer, and followed that occupation until 1849, when he and a number of friends started for the gold fields of California. Remaining there for about six months, he returned and resumed his farm life in Wilton. In 1885 he married Miss Emily Olmstead, who was born February 22, 1837, a daughter of Lorenzo D. and Julia (Lee) Olmstead, the former of whom was a farmer at Wilton, Conn. By this union there were children as follows: Sarah, who married Stephen Thayer; Julia A., who died young; and James L., the subject of this sketch. The father of these children died in 1866 at the age of forty, and the mother then married Charles E. Morris, of Brookfield, Conn., becoming the third wife.

Alden Olmstead, maternal great-grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Wilton, and was there educated. He was always a farmer, except during the time he was serving as a soldier in the war of 1812. He married Miss Sarah Smith, by whom he had children as follows: Lorenzo D., who married Julia Lee; Betsey, who married (first) a Mr. Cogswell, and (second) William Lockwood; Seth, who died young; and Marvin, who married (first) Sarah Beers, and (second) Abigail - - -.

Lorenzo Olmstead, grandfather of our subject on the maternal side, was born in the town of Wilton in 1808, and was educated in the public schools of that town. At first he learned the comb-maker's trade, and later that of shoemaker, but never worked on the bench. He engaged in cattle buying and auctioneering, which he continued to follow most of his life. Politically, he was a strong Republican, and was honored by his fellow citizens with election to a number of minor offices, such as constable, tax collector, etc. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, standing well in his society. He married Miss Julia Lee, of Dutchess county, N. Y., who was born in 1812. By this marriage there were born the following children: Charles, who died in infancy; Artemesia, who married Samuel Middlebrook; Emily, who married (first) James M. Middlebrook, and (second) Charles E. Morris; Stephen D., who married Martha Morenus; Sarah I., who married Frank Mills; Lorenzo V., who was twice married, his first wife being Lavina Bennett; and Mary F., who died at the age of nine years.

WILLIAM P. BLAND was born in the village of Glentham, Lincolnshire, England, September 21, 1866, and was educated in Lincoln and other places in Lincolnshire. After leaving school he was apprenticed to a merchantman, thus becoming a sailor, afterward becoming an officer on one of the vessels, and remaining on the sea thus engaged until 1888. At this time he located in Winston, Conn., where he purchased a farm, and later removed to Wilton, where he purchased another farm, which he still owns and manages. He is a member of the Episcopal Church of Wilton. He was married in London, England, June 22, 1892, to Miss Emily B. Little, who was born in Kilmilston, Hampshire, England, February 3, 1866, a daughter of John and Harriet (Aked) Little. They have two children, as follows: Dorothy, born July 9, 1893; and Edith, born April 6, 1895.

John Bland, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Camby, Lincolnshire, England, and there received his education, and he always followed farming. He was a member of the Church of England. He married a Miss Sowerby, of Messingham, Lincolnshire, England, by whom he had the following children: George, who married (first) Mary Hinchfief, (second) Mary Little, (third) Alice Dobbs; Thomas, who married Mary Little; John, who married Eliza Sowerby; Harry, who died young; Frederick; Marion, who married James Bennett; and Grace, who married George Ellison.

John Bland, father of the subject, was born in Camby, Lincolnshire, England, in 1835. His education was received in the schools of that place. He became a farmer after leaving school, and continued in that occupation nearly all his

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life, retiring, however, in his old age, removing to London, and there dying August 25, 1891. His wife, Eliza Sowerby, was a daughter of William and Ann Sowerby, of Messingham, England, and she bore him three children, as follows: Catharine; William P., the subject of this sketch; and Harry, who died young. Catharine married Earnest Little, and has one child, Edward B.

John George Little, great-grandfather of Emily B. Little, wife of the subject of this sketch, was born in Blyborough, Lincolnshire, England, and there received his education. He became an extensive land owner, and there is now 1,000 acres of land in that place which still belongs to the family. He married a Miss Hill, and by her had the following children: John G., Thomas and Mary A.

John G. Little, Jr., grandfather of subject's wife, was born in the same place as his father, was educated there and always engaged in farming. He married Miss Elizabeth Sowerby, a daughter of William Sowerby, of England, and by her had children as follows: John G., who married Harriet Aked; Thomas, deceased; George, also deceased; William, who married Grace Danby; Mary, who married George Bland; and Elizabeth, deceased.

John G. Little, father of our subject's wife, was born in the same town as his father and grandfather, and he succeeded to the estate, thus becoming a large land owner. This property he cultivated until his death in 1886. He married Miss Harriet Aked, a daughter of Thomas and Jane (Bent) Aked, of Bradford, Yorkshire, England. She was born in 1841, and died in 1885. Their marriage took place April 16, 1864, and to them were born children as follows: Emily B., wife of our subject; Earnest W., who married Catharine Bland; Sidney, John G, Arthur and Nora, all four of whom are single, and there were six that died in infancy.

ISAAC M. SCOFIELD. The Scofield family has been identified with the town of Stamford from an early period, and its members are now numerous, the name being borne by more people than is any other in the town. The town records mention, under date of December 7, 1641, an award of a home lot and woodland to "Dan Scofield," the progenitor of the various branches of the family in Stamford.

Peter Scofield, the great-great-grandfather of the well-known citizen whose name opens this sketch, was a deacon in the Congregational Church, and did gallant service in the French and Indian war under General Abercrombie and General Amherst. He attained the advanced age of ninety-one or ninety-two years, and his mental and physical vigor during his last days is illustrated by the following incident: About a year previous to his death a militia company, of which he had long been a member, decided to honor him with a salute as they passed his house on their return from "trooping," but their pistols snapped and their plan was, perforce, given up. The old gentleman was sitting by a window watching them, and as they were about to ride away he rushed to the door and shouted "Hold on, boys, I will bring you a coal of fire."

Warren Scofield, the great-grandfather of our subject, married a daughter of Capt. Reuben Scofield, who was a captain of the town guards during the Revolutionary war, and, like Peter Scofield, was a deacon in the Congregational Church and a soldier in the French and Indian war.

Amzi Scofield, the only son of Warren and the grandfather of our subject, was born September 26, 1794, in Newfield, in the town of Stamford. He inherited the old farm and passed his life there, his early education being obtained in the local schools. His active and progressive management did much to develop the resources of the place, and at the age of twenty-four he built a house for himself upon the farm. On November 24, 1819, he married Polly A. Davenport, daughter of Deodate and Abigail (Sanford) Davenport, old settlers of New Canaan. Mr. Scofield died February 20, 1863, and his wife, who was born June 19, 1796, died July 23, 1891. Her faculties were well preserved, and she looked many years younger than some women who have not attained near her age. Of their children the following lived to maturity: Amzi L., Cyrus, William W., Abigail Louise and Henry.

Hon. William Wallace Scofield, our subject's father, was born March 2, 1825, in the Newfield District, of the town of Stamford, and was reared at the old homestead. He had the usual educational opportunities of a country boy of "the olden time," attending the local schools and later a private school in Stamford, in winter, while working on the farm in summer, and never received more than four months' instruction in any one year. In 1849, becoming affected by the "gold fever," he joined a company bound for California, where he spent a year in the mountains searching for the precious metal. He had fair success, although he suffered throughout his stay from the effects of a severe attack of Panama fever. Altogether he was absent

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from home about eighteen months, and on his return he resumed his work at the homestead, which he conducted in a thoroughly scientific manner, making it one of the best farms in the neighborhood. He acquired a handsome competence as a result of his excellent management, and enjoyed in a high degree the esteem of his fellow-citizens, not only for his ability and sound judgment but for his personal worth. In politics he was first an Old-line Whig, but in 1858 he was identified with the Know-Nothing party, being elected on that ticket to the State Legislature from Stamford, but later he gave his allegiance to the Republican party. He was frequently chosen to local office, serving as selectman for six years, and for the same length of time he was a member of the school committee. On December 17, 1855, he married Louisianna Cordelia Mead, who was born September 12, 1834, the daughter of John and Lucinda (Robinson) Mead, of New York. The Mead family is of English extraction. Her father, who was a native of England, was a tailor by occupation and imported his goods from the old country, crossing the ocean seventeen times on his business trips. W. W. Scofield died October 10, 1895; Mrs. Scofield resides at the old home. They had three children, of whom our subject is the eldest. (2) Frank Robinson, born May 29, 1861, married May Edson Ryan, of New York City, and died November 28, 1894. (3) Mary Louisa, born November 5, 1863, married George Sawter, United States Consul at Glauchau, Germany.

Isaac M. Scofield, who is one of the most highly respected residents of Stamford, was born March 8, 1859, at the old homestead in the Newfield District. He now owns and occupies this farm, endeared to him by so many memories, and is an enterprising and successful agriculturist. He was first married, in New Canaan, March 21, 1882, to Jessie S. Hurlbert, who died December 1, 1882, and on November 12, 1889, he was again married, this time in Stamford, to Jessie Strang, daughter of James B. Strang, a well-known citizen of that town. One son, Henry Nelson, has blessed this union, his birth occurring October 17, 1890. The family is prominent socially, and Mr. Scofield is a member of the New England Order of Protection.

CHESTER N. MARTIN. The village of East Port Chester is fortunate in numbering among its residents this enterprising and public-spirited citizen, who has done much toward the improvement and development of that locality. Thrifty, industrious and far-sighted, he is a man to command success, and his unswerving honesty has at the same time won for him the respect of all who know him.

The Martin family has been identified with the oyster business at Port Chester for four generations, their grounds, which are among the oldest in the States of New York and Connecticut, having been in their possession over a century. Isaac Martin, our subject's great-grandfather, was the pioneer oysterman of that section. He made his home at Port Chester, and he and his wife, Mary (Sands), had a large family of children, of whom the following lived to maturity: Jarvis (now residing at Port Chester at the age of ninety-eight years), John, Isaac, Sally, Mary Ann, Sarah and William.

Jarvis Martin, the grandfather of our subject, was also engaged in the oyster business throughout his life. He married Rebecca Seaman, and had children as follows: Lauretta, Caroline, James, Maria, Phœbe, George W. and Martin.

George W. Martin, our subject's father, is now a prominent resident of Port Chester, and for forty-eight years he has followed the oyster business successfully. He is in his sixty-fifth year, while his estimable wife, whose maiden name was Emily Jessup, is nearly sixty. They have six children: Warren, who resides at Port Chester, and is employed in the register's office at White Plains, N. Y.; Henry, an oysterman and boat builder at East Port Chester; Chester N., our subject; Emma R., widow of the late John Tompkins, and a resident of Port Chester; Phœbe S., now Mrs. John L. Thompson, of Port Chester, and Ida E., a successful teacher in the schools of Port Chester.

Our subject was born October 2, 1862, at the old home in Port Chester, and his education was obtained in the public schools of that town. From early boyhood he assisted his father in the oyster business, and the thorough familiarity with every detail of the management which was thus gained has been of great value to him. Possessing a keen, practical mind, he has made a scientific study of the business, and he is now regarded as an authority in many of its branches. At the age of sixteen he was given a one-eighth interest in his father's business, and they are still in partnership. By judicious investments in real estate at East Port Chester, Mr. Martin has greatly increased his capital, and his natural ability in mechanical lines has been used to good purposes in connection with the dwelling houses built by him in recent years. His own residence is one of the most attractive in the village, and he also owns a double house and three single houses, which were chiefly built under his per-

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sonal supervision. In the repair or improvement of these buildings he often exercises his own ingenuity, being apparently competent to turn his hand to any task. He is a close observer, and is quick to note and apply any idea which may be of use to him. Throughout his life he has been strictly correct in his habits, having never gambled or used either liquors or tobacco; the same is true of his brothers, and no better type of citizenship can be found. While he is not a politician he takes an intelligent interest in the questions of the day, and is a regular voter, his support being given to the Republican party.

In 1889 Mr. Martin married Miss Mary Newman, of Riverside, the daughter of John Newman, and a descendant of one of the prominent pioneer families of the town of Stamford.

HERBERT B. SHERWOOD. The career of this enterprising young business man of Southport illustrates well the energy, ability and sound judgment of the typical American. The Pequot Spring Lake Ice, now controlled solely by him, has a high reputation for purity, and in his extensive business as a shipper of produce and dealer in supplies of various kinds he has made it a rule to secure trade by placing on the market the best goods, and his success suggests the forcible wisdom of that time-worn proverb, "Honesty is the best policy."

Mr. Sherwood, who is a member of one of the leading families of the county, was born August 22, 1870, in the Mill Plain District of the town of Fairfield, a son of J. H. and Salina (Beecher) Sherwood, of whom mention is made elsewhere. During boyhood much of his time in the summer season was spent in farm work at the homestead under the direction of his father, who has been for many years prominently identified with the agricultural interests of that locality, but in winter he attended the schools of the district. As he had a decided inclination for a mercantile career, he also took a course in the Loveridge Business College at New Haven, choosing those studies which bore directly upon his chosen calling rather than the general training commonly given. At the age of twenty-one he engaged in business as an ice dealer at Southport, Fairfield and Greens Farms, and in 1891 he built a dam at Pequot Lake, by which he secured a large quantity of ice, while gaining good water power. His storage buildings, which have a capacity of more than two thousand tons, were built by him, and he also conducts a sawmill, with a turning lathe, and has good trade in saw and split wood kindlings, in addition to the other branches of business. On January 1, 1896, he took charge of the feed and coal business formerly conducted by the late Simon Banks, of Southport, one of the oldest establishments of the kind in that city, and in connection with this he utilizes a large feed grinder run by water power. He commands an extensive trade in general supplies, including grain, stone, loam and fertilizers of all sorts, and the schooner "George Edwin" is constantly engaged in shipping his cargoes of produce to market. His integrity is unquestioned, while as a citizen he is much esteemed, his public spirit being shown in the ready and practical sugport given all progressive movements. Politically, he is a stanch Republican, and while he is not an office seeker he takes an active share in party work, holding at present the post of secretary of the Republican Club of Fairfield township.

On October 23, 1895, Mr. Sherwood married Miss Clara L. Banks, and one daughter has blessed the union: Marion Louise Banks, born August 2, 1896. Mrs. Sherwood is a member of a well-known family of this county, and her father, the late Simon Banks, was one of the most successful merchants of Southport, accumulating through his own industry and shrewd management a handsome fortune. He was born May 16, 1830, in Banks North District, Fairfield township, a son of Aaron and Polly A. (Sherwood) Banks, and his death occurred May 20, 1897. He married Miss Nancy M. Brown, who survives him with three children: E. S., now judge of probate of Fairfield township; Miss Grace E., who resides in Southport; and Clara L. (Mrs. Sherwood).

JOHN J. HANLON, of Norwalk, is a member of the well-known firm of Hanlon Brothers, manufacturers of a superior brand of baking powder, which has become a prime favorite with the best housewives in the world—those of New England. This firm has now been in existence about seventeen years, and their trade is quite extensive.

The Hanlon family originated in Ireland, and Daniel Hanlon, our subject's father, was born in that country, in County Wicklow, whence he came to America as a young man to settle in Norwalk, where he engaged in the business of making wells. He took much interest in public questions, being an ardent Democrat, and he and his family were devout members of the Roman Catholic Church. He died in 1878; his estimable wife, Julia (Connor), who was also a native of Ireland, is still living. They had fifteen children,

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of whom the following reached adult age: Sons —John J., William P. and D. J.; daughters— —Mary, Lizzie (deceased), Ella (deceased), Agnes, Katie (deceased) and Honora.

Our subject was born in 1860, in Norwalk, and after attending school there for some years he entered the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he was graduated in 1879. During his boyhood he assisted his father in making wells, but after his graduation he opened a tea store in Norwalk, at No. 11 Main street, under the firm name of J. J. Hanlon. This lasted several years, and on its dissolution Mr. Hanlon engaged in his present business at Nos. 8 and 9 Wall street, Norwalk, with his brother, William P. Hanlon, as partner. They manufacture baking powder and shirt waist starch exclusively, and have continued the business at the same location during all these years. They have just finished a handsome brick block on Wall street to be known as the Hanlon Brothers' building, and since their modest start in 1878 their trade has been extended to all parts of New England.

John J. Hanlon owns considerable property in the town of Norwalk, and has a high standing as a citizen. On June 17, 1888, he married Miss Theresa Hinzes, who was born in Norwalk, a daughter of August Hinzes, a native of Germany, and for some years an employe of the woolen-mills at Winnepauk, in the town of Norwalk, this county. Three children—Leonella, Veronica and John J., Jr.—have blessed this union. Mr. Hanlon is a prominent member of the Roman Catholic Church at Norwalk, and is an active worker in the Catholic Club. In politics he has always been a stanch Democrat.

LYMAN F. LOCKWOOD. The energy, ability and enterprise of this well-known young agriculturist of Greenwich has won for him the esteem of all who know him, and although he is now suffering from the effects of a serious accident he conducts his farm successfully. He is emphatically a self-made man, having begun as a poor boy and, through shrewd management of his opportunities, gained a handsome competence.

Mr. Lockwood is a member of one of the oldest families of Greenwich, and is of the ninth generation in direct descent from Robert Lockwood, the immigrant, who came from England, of whom an account is given in the sketch of William F. H. Lockwood. His great-grandfather, Jonathan Lockwood, and grandfather, Mills Lockwood, were residents of Greenwich; the latter in early manhood was thrown from his horse and killed, the accident happening on his farm at Stanwich. William H. Lockwood, a son of Mills Lockwood and his wife Phœbe A. Holmes, was born April 27, 1832, in Stanwich, and as he was but a child at the time of his father's death he was reared by a paternal aunt. As a young man he engaged in the teaming business in New York City, and later he was employed for some time by the Erie Railway Company. On his return from the metropolis he located first in Greenwich and then in Port Chester, N. Y., but in June, 1897, he removed to Stanwich where he still resides. He has never been especially active in politics, but he takes an intelligent interest in the questions of the day, and while he was formerly a Democrat he declines to follow the present policy of that party, and so affiliates with the Republicans. He married (first) Miss Jane Reynolds, who died a few years later, and on November 27, 1861, he formed a second union, this time with Miss Ophelia Finch, who was born July 21, 1845, at North Castle, Westchester Co., N. Y., daughter of Jonathan and Jane (Davids) Finch, and niece of the late Thaddeus Davids, the millionaire ink manufacturer of New Rochelle, N. Y. She is still living, and is a devout and consistent member of the Methodist Church. The only child of the first marriage died in infancy; by the second marriage there were six children, as follows: Lyman F., our subject; Miss Jennie and Miss Josephine, who are at home; May E., wife of J. A. Sibley, of Washington, D. C.; and William Everett and Raymond L., who are both residing with their parents.

Our subject was born July 13, 1863, at Mianus, this county, and was chiefly educated in the schools of Stanwich, Miss Hannah P. Close being his first teacher. He remained upon the farm until he reached the age of nineteen, when he began to learn the moulder's trade at Abendrath's foundry in Port Chester, N. Y. After completing his apprenticeship he worked at the trade for four years, then engaged in teaming, and soon afterward in general contracting, and the supplying of sand and similar material. His profits were judiciously invested in real estate, and he made a number of profitable deals. He now owns a home in Port Chester, built by himself, and in June, 1897, he purchased from Erastus Burns his present homestead at Stanwich, a fine farm of 109 acres. On October 2, of the same year, he fell from a tree while picking apples, and his spine was so injured that he has been confined to the house ever since, partial paralysis resulting.

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Mr. Lockwood possesses more than ordinary intellectual ability, and although his educational opportunities were limited to a common-school course he has acquired a wide range of information through observation and reading, of which he is extremely fond. Political issues interest him greatly, and at present his sympathies are with the Republican party, although he was formerly a Democrat. So far Mr. Lockwood has not donned the matrimonial yoke.

EDWARD H. NASH. The Nash family is one of the oldest in the town of Norwalk, and none stands higher in public esteem and confidence, its members in every generation having been known as thrifty, upright, law-abiding citizens. The venerable gentleman whose name opens this sketch was born in Norwalk August 6, 1809, and is of the seventh generation in direct descent from Edward Nash, the pioneer, who settled in that town in 1652, and whose only son, John, was the first child born there of English parentage. An only daughter, Anne, died in childhood.

II. John Nash had two children: John, Jr., and Nathan, but the latter left no descendants.

III. John Nash, Jr., was born December 25, 1688, and his family consisted of seven sons: Edward, John, Nathan, Abraham, Micajah, Samuel and Ebenezer.

IV. Micajah Nash, our subject's great-grandfather, married and settled in Norwalk. He had three sons: Jesse, Samuel and Daniel.

V. Daniel Nash, the grandfather of our subject, married Freelove Wright, a native of the county, settled finally in the part of Norwalk which became a portion of Westport in 1835, and had six children: Daniel, our subject's father; Micajah and Dennis, who were bound out in boyhood to a hat manufacturer in Newtown, where they married and settled permanently, both leaving descendants: George, who became a farmer by occupation; Freelove, who married Isaac Hurlbutt, of Westport; and Sarah, who married a Mr. Hanford, of Norwalk.

VI. Daniel Nash, the father of our subject, was born May 12, 1770, and died August 2, 1865. He was a Whig in politics. His wife, Rebecca (Camp), was a native of Norwalk and a daughter of Jonathan Camp, a well-known citizen. Our subject was the eldest in a family of four children, the others being: Andrew C., born in 1811, who lived in Westport near his brother, and died July 11, 1898; Julia A., born in 1813, who married Joseph Wood, of Westport, and died some years ago; and Hannah, born in 1816, wife of Ezra Morgan, of Newtown, and mother of Daniel N. Morgan; she died about 1880.

VII. Edward H. Nash was reared upon a farm near Westport village, and has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is a public-spirited citizen, contributing freely to all progressive movements, and is especially interested in religious work, having given $10,000 at one time to Christ Church, Westport. While he has never been a politician, he has kept well-informed upon the issues of his time, and in politics he is a stanch Republican. In 1836 he married Miss Abigail Gorham, who died after twenty-three years of wedded life, leaving no children, and he afterward married Miss Margaret Williams, daughter of Judge Austin R. Williams, of Norwalk. He has had four children: Adelaide, Lloyd, Louise and Fannie. Some time after the death of his second wife in 1871, he married Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Partrick) Tuttle, who died in 1897 without issue.

VIII. LLOYD NASH, the son of our subject, was born February 18, 1865, at the old homestead in Westport, where he has always resided. His education was obtained in the district schools near his home, and at the age of fourteen he began to take an active share in his father's business, being placed in charge of the gristmill and cidermill on the estate. Soon afterward he undertook the management of the farm. Since 1883 he has had full control of all the work on the estate, including the management of the grist and saw mills, the cider-mill, and, since 1886, of a large wholesale and retail ice business. Much of the product of the last named enterprise is shipped to North and South Norwalk, and the fine quality has created a large demand. The ice is known as Island Rock ice, a large rock, fifty feet in diameter, standing in the center of a beautiful lake fed by natural springs, from which sheet of water Mr. Nash secures immense quantities of pure ice, 240 tons having been taken from it in one hour; it also furnishes water power for his mills to supplement the steam engines in use. Mr. Nash possesses unusual mechanical ability, the buildings and appliances on the place being mute witnesses to that fact, and no expense has been spared to bring about the desired results in the various improvements. The saw-mill, cider warehouse, gristmill and large barn are furnished with electricity, and all the buildings are models of convenience and taste, Mr. Nash having designed and constructed them. Before building the cider warehouse, which will hold 1,000 casks, the solid rock was blasted to a depth of seven and one-half feet over the entire surface of the foundation, making a

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cool vault, thirteen feet deep, which Mr. Nash can keep at a temperature of 48 degrees in midsummer. Mr. Nash, like his father, is a Republican, but the management of his business interests occupies his time too fully to permit him to take part in political affairs. Socially, he and his family are prominent, being identified with the best circles of that locality. On April 6, 1885, he married Miss Charlotte H. Colt, a native of Otsego county, N. Y., and they have two attractive children: Edward C. and Louise H.

FRANK W. BOGARDUS is one of the younger citizens of Stamford who, by the spirit of enterprise and progress they have already shown, promise to be factors in her advancement in the near future. He is the son of John S. Bogardus, a well-known architect in Stamford. The family traces its ancestry back to early settlers of Dutchess county, New York.

Frank W. Bogardus was born September 23, 1867, at Matteawan, Dutchess Co., N. Y., where his early years were spent and he received his primary education. At the age of twelve years he removed with his parents to Yonkers, N. Y., from the high school of which place he was graduated in 1881, and on March 1, 1882, he commenced as clerk in the office of St. John, Hoyt & Co. Some time later he was promoted to the position of bookkeeper, subsequently became cashier, and in April, 1897, he became a member of the firm of Getman, Judd & Co., lumber merchants. Mr. Bogardus certainly has a good start on the way to prosperity, and he has the hearty good will of all who come in contact with him in his business life. He is a member of the Suburban Club, of Stamford, of which he is at present serving as secretary.

On January 5, 1893, Mr. Bogardus was married, in Stamford, to Miss Eloise A. Waterbury, daughter of Samuel C. Waterbury. They worship at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Bogardus is a vestryman.

JAMES BROPHY, a well-known citizen of Bridgeport, was born in Bridgeport October 22, 1858, a son of Michael Brophy, a native of Dublin, Ireland, and his wife, Ann (McElroy), of County Cavan, Ireland. Michael Brophy learned the miller's trade in Ireland, and in 1847 came to America, locating in Bridgeport, where he and his wife still reside. They have had eight children: John, Mary Ann, Henry (1) and Henry (2), all deceased; James, our subject; Thomas, a resident of Bridgeport and a dealer in liquors and meats; William, an oyster dealer in Bridgeport; and Elizabeth, wife of John Cunmon, of the same city.

Our subject's early life was spent in Bridgeport, and for sixteen years he was employed in the oyster business there. On May 2, 1892, he opened a liquor store at Nos. 174–176 Newfield avenue, corner of Orange street, and the enterprise was so successful that he felt justified, four years later, in erecting his present building, in 1896, which is allowed to be one of the finest of the kind in Bridgeport.

On November 18, 1891, Mr. Brophy married Miss Bertha Smith, a native of Germany, and three children, Martha Ann, Nellie Louisa and James Henry, have blessed the union. Politically, Mr. Brophy is a Democrat, and he and his wife are leading members of the Catholic Church of Bridgeport.

EPHRAIM N. WAKELEY, JR., for some years a master and pilot for coasting vessels in the Sound, but of later years a prosperous farmer in the town of Stratford, is a native of the borough of Stratford, Conn., born July 20, 1867.

Samuel Wakeley, grandfather of our subject, was a native of this county, born probably in Easton, where he followed the trade of shoemaker, dying there. By his wife, Bessie (Booth), a member of one of the old families of Fairfield county, he had ten children—seven sons and three daughters—most of whom passed their entire lives in this county. Of these,

Ephraim N. Wakeley, Sr., was born in the town of Monroe, Fairfield Co., Conn., but was reared and educated in the borough of Newtown, where he learned the trade of hatter, which he followed for some time, but is now pursuing the vocation of an agriculturist in the town of Stratford. He is a professional "Nimrod," having at one time made hunting and fishing a business, and for some forty years he furnished one of the leading New York markets with game and fish. He married Miss Mary J. Farnum, born in Tioga county, N. Y., a daughter of Gilead Farnum, who was of English descent, and came from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Fairfield, where he married Rebecca Lattin, of this county, a lady of English lineage. Ten children were born to this union, named respectively: Nelson, Charles, Levi, Bessie, Samuel, Ellen, Homer, Nellie, Ephraim N., Jr., and Alfred, all yet living except Levi, Bessie and Ellen. The father is yet living, in politics a Democrat; the mother died February 22, 1899, aged seventy-two years and ten months.

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Ephraim N. Wakeley, Jr., received a liberal education at the public schools of Stratford, after which until he was twenty-two years old he followed the water in the capacity of master and pilot of steam vessels coasting in the Sound, but has since been practically identified with the farming interests of the town of Stratford. He has always been a Democrat, and has taken an active part in politics; in 1897 he was elected selectman of the town, and is at present serving in that incumbency. Socially, he is a member of the F. & A. M., St. John Lodge No 8; also of Pequonnock Lodge No. 67, O. U. A. M., both of Stratford; and he belongs to Mutual Hook and Ladder Hose Company, of the borough. Mr. Wakeley has not yet enlisted in the noble army of Benedicts.

PATRICK J. GARVIN, proprietor of Garvin's Drug Store, is one of the leading business men of the pleasant little city in which his store is located, and his history is appropriately inserted in this volume.

Mr. Garvin was born November 29, 1868, at Mitchellstown, County Cork, Ireland, a son of John and Mary (Condon) Garvin. His father, who is an expert carpenter and makes a specialty of indoor work, is now a resident of Stamford, this county, where he settled in 1883. There were thirteen children: Catherine, wife of Maurice Griffin, of Stamford; Mary, who died at the age of twenty-four years and seven months; Margaret, wife of William F. Coghlan, of Stamford; John M., who also resides in Stamford; Joseph, deceased; Patrick J., our subject; Honora and Thomas, deceased; Helen, a resident of Stamford; Julia E., wife of Hugh F. Roper, of Springfield, Mass.; Bridget, eleventh in the order of birth; Annie, deceased; and one that died in infancy. Both parents are members of St. John's Church (Roman Catholic) at Stamford, and the children have been reared in the same faith.

Our subject's youth was spent in his native land, and he was educated in the Christian Brothers School at Mitchellstown, where he was graduated in 1883. On May 3 of that year he left Queenstown for America, and after his arrival he located first at Stamford, finding employment as a clerk in the drug store of Parker & Ward, with whom he remained until 1892. On September 6, 1892, he appeared before the State Pharmacy commissioners at Hartford, passed the required examinations as a pharmacist, and on the 12th of December following he went to Bethel to open the Bethel Pharmacy for Charles J. English. Under his able management the business succeeded, and on July 9, 1894, he purchased it from Mr. English, in order to continue it alone.

On April 23, 1894, Mr. Garvin was married at St. John's Church, Stamford, to Miss Alice E. Foley, daughter of John Foley, of Springdale, this county. One child has blessed this union, A. Esther, born July 25, 1895. Mr. Garvin takes deep interest in all that concerns the welfare of his adopted country, and in politics is a stanch Republican. In 1890 he was naturalized at Bridgeport as an American citizen. Like all of his family, he is a devout Catholic, and he is a leading member of St. Mary's Church, Bethel.

JACOB SCHIETINGER, whose business establishment is located at No. 826 Main street, Bridgeport, is a native of Connecticut, having been born June 9, 1858, in Norwich.

Jacob Schietinger, Sr., father of our subject, was born in Wurtemburg, Germany, coming to this country when a young man, and locating in Norwich, Conn. In his native land he was a nail maker by trade, but in Bridgeport (whither he had removed from Norwich) he was a spring maker, having been in the employ of the Bridgeport Spring Company some twenty years. He then kept saloon for a time, until taking up farming in the town of Fairfield, his present occupation. By his wife Regina (Kleim), a native of Frankfort, Germany, he had a family of ten children, five of whom are yet living: Jacob, Jr.(our subject); Laura, living; Joseph, a bridge-tender and cigar dealer in Bridgeport; Fred, a spring maker; and Carrie, single.

Our subject was seven years of age when the family came to Bridgeport, in which city he received his schooling. His first occupation was with the Howe Sewing Machine Company, with whom he remained about six years, during that time learning the silver-plating business. He was then employed by the Frary Cutlery Company some six months, at the end of that time becoming foreman of the concern, with which he was connected altogether about eight years. Relinquishing this line of trade, Mr. Schietinger, in 1886, entered into partnership with R. W. Irving, under the firm name of Irving & Schietinger, in the liquor business at Bridgeport, which copartnership was dissolved at the end of seven years, our subject becoming driver of No. 4 Hose Company hose cart. After two years' experience at that he embarked, in 1892, in his present liquor business, his first location being at the corner of Commercial and Main streets. He does an extensive bottling business for both domestic

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and export trade, and enjoys a well-merited patronage.

On May 25, 1886, Mr. Schietinger married Margaret Malota, and seven children were born to them, only two of whom are now living: Joseph and Loretta. In his political preferences our subject is a Democrat. Socially, he is a member of the Firemen's Benevolent Association; of the Foresters of America; the Arion Singing Society; the Bridgeport Gun Club; the Bridgeport Turnverein, as well as of other local societies. His duties of citizenship are ever faithfully performed, and he is accounted one of the valued residents of Bridgeport.

EDWARD B. LAWRENCE is one of the rising young business men of New Canaan, Conn., where he has carried on his present furniture, carpet and undertaking establishment for five years.

Mr. Lawrence was born January 21, 1870, at South Salem, N. Y., where his father, Edward Lawrence, was born in 1846. The grandfather, Squire Cyrus Lawrence, was a typical country "squire", well known as a lawyer at South Salem, where he passed all his life, dying at the advanced age of eighty-two years. He first married a Miss Weed, by whom he had five children, namely: DeWitt C., who died in April, 1898, was a retired banker and broker; Cyrus J. is a banker and broker in New York City, doing business at No. 31 Broad street; Mary C. (Mrs. Thomas Gilbert) lives in South Salem; Edward; and Darius W. is deceased. By his second wife Squire Lawrence had one child, James F., a resident of South Salem.

Edward Lawrence spent his boyhood in the town of his birth, and received a good education. He farmed at South Salem the greater part of his life, but he was also engaged in school teaching at Ridgefield and New Canaan, Conn., and taught music as well for many years; he was himself a fine tenor singer. In 1876 he removed to New York City, where he carried on a milk business for some years, and during the Garfield-Arthur administration was a custom house inspector at that city. Edward Lawrence married Jenny A. Brady, who was also born in South Salem, daughter of Joseph O. Brady, and they reared a family of four children, viz.: Bertha, wife of Edgar Hoyt, proprietor of a restraurant at Katonah, N. Y.; Mattie, wife of Dr. K. C. Smith, of New York City; Edward Brady; and Norman W., of New York City. The father was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He died March 21, 1889.

Edward B. Lawrence attended the public schools of South Salem until he was thirteen years old, ween he entered the public school in New York City, from which he graduated. For three years he was employed in a butter, milk and egg business in Eighth avenue, New York, and for the following five years worked with Brady & Chardeayne in their furniture and undertaking store at Stamford, Conn. On February 4, 1893, he opened his store in New Canaan, where he has a complete stock of furniture, carpets and undertaker's goods. He is a practical embalmer, having taken a thorough course in the College of Embalming, New York City, and he conducts all the branches of his business in a systematic manner, profiting by the experience acquired while working for others. He has a prosperous trade, which has been growing steadily from the start, and his business, judging from present indications, promises to become one of the most flourishing of its kind in the town. The store in which he is located was originally the M. E. church at New Canaan, and later the town hall.

Mr. Lawrence was married, at Stamford, Conn., to Miss Fannie M. Davenport, daughter of William I. Davenport, and three children have come to them, namely—Jennie, Ethel and Edward. They attend the Congregational Church, of which Mr. Lawrence is a member. Fraternally, he is connected with Harmony Lodge No. 67, F. & A. M., in which he is worshipful master; with Wooster Lodge No. 37, I. O. O. F., of which he past grand; the Heptasophs No. 449; the Knights of the Maccabees, Tent No. 8; the order of United American Mechanics; the Royal Arcanum at Stamford, Conn.; the Fire Company of New Canaan, and the New Canaan Club.

WILLIAM A. REID, late station agent at New Canaan, Fairfield Co., Conn., for the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, rose to that responsible position from the humble one of baggage master for the same road by which he had been employed since he was a lad of seventeen.

Mr. Reid was born June 7, 1869, in the village of New Canaan, son of William A. Reid, Sr., who was a native of Scotland, born in the year 1824, near the city of Aberdeen. The grandfather was a captain in the English army, stationed at Drogheda, Ireland, where the son William passed his early life, and there in his youth served an apprenticeship at the shoemaker's trade. In 1847 he set sail from Ireland for the United States, and on his arrival here located

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in New York, during his residence in that city working in a shoe factory. In 1859 he removed to Norwalk, Conn., where he continued to work at his trade until his enlistment, in the fall of 1861, in Company F, 17th Conn. V. I., with which company and regiment he served throughout the Civil war. He was once wounded, in a battle on an island off the coast of South Carolina. In 1865, upon his return to the pursuits of peace, he settled in New Canaan, and entering the employ of Benedict & Co., shoe manufacturers, worked for them until 1880. From that time until his death, which occurred April 15, 1890, he was an invalid. He was a member of S. P. Ferris Post, G. A. R., and of Harmony Lodge No. 67, F. & A. M. Mr. Reid was married, at New Canaan, to Mary A. Slauson, widow of Daniel L. Slauson. Her maiden name was Mary A. Gasteen, and she was a native of Ireland. They had two children: Jessie A. and William A. The daughter became the wife of Harry S. Pope, who is an iron and steel broker, doing business in Beekman street, New York; they reside in Jersey City, and have two children—Charles and Francis.

William A. Reid passed his boyhood in the usual manner, attending the public schools, where he made good use of all the opportunities for education. At the age of seventeen he commenced work with the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad as baggage master, continuing as such for two years, when he became brakeman, holding that position for five years. In April, 1894, he was promoted to the responsible position of station agent at New Canaan. All the business of the New Canaan branch is managed from that station, from which it will be seen that Mr. Reid, though still a young man, was and is considered a trustworthy and reliable one. His successive promotions have been the sure reward of steadiness, fidelity and strict attention to duty, and he carries with him the good wishes of all who know him. On March 1, 1899, he resigned his position as station agent, and entered the coal and lumber business with Irving Lockwood, the firm name being Irving Lockwood & Co., with a yard at New Canaan, Conn., which Mr. Lockwood manages, and a yard at Nos. 122–124–126 Water street, South Norwalk, Conn., under the management of Mr. Reid.

In November, 1892, Mr. Reid was joined in wedlock in Stamford, Conn., to Miss Mary E. Lawrence, daughter of Israel C. Lawrence, and three children brighten the home: William Allan, Jr., Marion A. and Harold L. The mother died February 4, 1899, and is buried in Lakeview cemetery, at New Canaan, Conn. Mr. Reid, like his father, is a member of Harmony Lodge No. 57, F. & A. M., with which he united in 1890, and he is at the present writing serving as worthy master of the same. On May 1, 1898, he was elected warden of the borough of New Canaan, the highest local office within the gift of the people.

EDWARD A. MORSE. This young and enterprising business man is now conducting a prosperous wood-working establishment in the City of Derby, and has an extensive trade in building materials, his success reflecting especial credit upon him from the fact that it has been won entirely through his own efforts.

The Morse family is of good New England stock, and our subject's grandfather, Roswell Morse, was a farmer and wheelwright at New Marlboro, Mass., where his death occurred in 1887. V. E. Morse, the father of our subject, was born at Otis, Mass., and in early life learned the carpenter's trade there, and at Bridgeport, Conn. In 1882 he removed to this county, locating in Huntington township, and he has since carried on his trade successfully at Shelton and Derby. About two years after his removal he began to make a specialty of stair building, which he has followed in connection with his other work. He is a Republican in politics, and he and his estimable wife attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. On December 20, 1869, he married Miss Malina Hodkins, a native of North Adams, Mass., and a daughter of Elbridge Hodkins, a well-known citizen of that town. Our subject is the eldest in a family of five children, the others being Albert, a plumber in Ansonia, Conn.; and Ernest, Sadie and Pansy J., who are still at home.

Our subject, Edward A. Morse, was born January 26, 1871, at the old home in North Adams, and the first nine years of his life were spent in that town and in New Marlboro, where he attended school for several years. After the removal of the family to this county he continued his studies in a school near Shelton, later entering a school in the village. On leaving there he began an apprenticeship in the office of the Shelton *Advertiser*, where he remained about three years, and afterward he was employed for a year in a printing office in Derby. The next six years he spent with the Derby Lumber Company, and while there he learned the stair builder's trade. In July, 1894, he engaged in business on his own account as a stair builder and retail dealer in woods of various sorts for building purposes. He has a factory at No. 131 Main street, Derby,

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and at present he does an extensive jobbing business in veranda posts, balusters, rails, casings, jambs, stops, brackets, moldings, and all inside finishings, doors excepted. He also does band and scroll sawing, planing and wagon repairing, his factory being well equipped with all modern appliances.

On August 27, 1891, Mr. Morse married Miss Abbie Shelton, daughter of Charles F. Shelton, a former resident of Shelton village but now of Jacksonville, Fla. No children have blessed this union. Mr. Morse and his wife are popular socially, and they attend the Episcopal Church, taking an active part in the work of that Society. Politically, Mr. Morse is a Republican.

THOMAS P. CAVE, SR., a military veteran, is a prominent resident of Darien, where he has been engaged for a number of years in the business of painting and decorating. In his line he has no superior in this State, and as his success has been won by his own efforts, notwithstanding a most discouraging environment in youth, his history will be read with unusual interest.

Mr. Cave was born in 1833 in New York City, a son of Richard and Theresa Peck Cave, who were natives of England but came to this country early in their married life. They spent several years in the metropolis, but later they removed to Providence, R. I., where their remaining years were passed. The father was a stevedore by occupation, and as he was of a quiet, unassuming disposition, he never sought prominence in any way. There were seven children, but they became scattered during their early years, and our subject does not now know the whereabouts of any of them.

Mr. Cave had no educational advantages whatever, his boyhood being spent in such work as his strength permitted, and he learned to read by taking notice of the letters on the business signs in the streets of New York City. When he was thirteen years old he began to learn the painter's trade, his apprenticeship lasting six years, four months and twenty-one days. For a time he worked as a journeyman in Rochester, Buffalo, and other places, and one year he passed in the South. Later he located at New Haven and established a business of his own, employing eleven men for a time, but in 1859 he removed to Stamford, this county, hoping that the change would benefit the health of his daughters. During his residence there the Civil war broke out, and he enlisted in Company F, 3rd Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, for a term of four months. At the expiration of that time he returned home, but in 1862, as the "dark days" of the Rebellion drew on, he re-enlisted, this time in the 17th Connecticut regiment, which was organized in this county. Entering the service as sergeant, he was promoted through the successive grades until he reached the rank of first lieutenant, which he held when discharged, August 28, 1865. Since the close of the war he has been engaged in his present business at Darien, meeting with well-deserved success from the first.

On January 1, 1855, Mr. Cave married Miss Mary Henrietta Raymond, of New Jersey, by whom he has had six children: Adelaide, wife of Charles E. Stevens; Gordon E.; Carrie, wife of David Hart Weeks; Mamie Henrietta, who married Curtis Rile; Thomas P., Jr., and Lillian. Socially, Mr. Cave is identified with the G. A. R., the United Americans and the Masonic Fraternity, during the war being a member at large of the latter society. In politics he is a Republican, being a strong advocate for protection, but he is not especially active in party work, preferring to give his time to business. However, his fellow-citizens are not disposed to allow him to remain in private life, and in 1895, when placed in nomination by them for the General Assembly, he came within nine votes of election, although he did not personally solicit the support of any one.

JOHN H. DONOVAN, a prominent wholesale and retail liquor dealer at Shelton, is an enprising young business man who may be said to have grown up with that village. He remembers the time when there were but three houses there, and when the farm which occupied the site was laid out in lots; he watched the plow that marked out the streets of the new town.

Mr. Donovan was born in September, 1854, in County Cork, Ireland, where his family has resided for generations. Stephen O. Donovan, our subject's father, who was also born in County Cork, came to America in 1860, locating first at Baltic (now Sprague), Conn., where he followed the blacksmith's trade, in which he had been engaged in his native land. About 1878 he removed to Shelton to spend his remaining years, his death occurring there in 1886. His wife, Ellen (Reilly), a native of Cork, Ireland, died in the same year. Both were members of the Catholic Church, and in politics our subject's father was a Democrat. This worthy couple had seven children, two of whom died in childhood. The others are: Ann married John Reilly; Catherine

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is the widow of Dennis Sullivan; Johanna J. married Nicholas Larkins; John H. is the subject proper of this sketch; and Daniel (now deceased) followed the blacksmith's trade. All of this family settled in Shelton.

Our subject was about seven years old when he came to America, and for some time he attended school at Baltic. At the age of fifteen he removed to Shelton; and as he had already learned the blacksmith's trade with his father he soon secured employment in that line of work with the Housatonic Water Company, of Derby. Later he engaged in the grocery business in Shelton, at the corner of Howe avenue and Center street, and he also carried a stock of liquors. He continued the business about fifteen years, but has since devoted his attention to his trade in malt liquors. He owns a farm in Huntington township, containing about one hundred acres, and has won success as a general farmer, while he is also a member of the Board of Trade of Shelton. In 1876 he married Miss Martha Annie Kelley, a daughter of John Kelley, a well-known resident of Norwich, Conn. Five children were born of this union: Stephen F., Ellen E., John J., Mary C. and Daniel N. H., all at home.

Mr. Donovan is not a member of any Church, but he is in sympathy with progress, and says that his religion is to do unto others as he would wish them to do unto him. Politically he is a stanch Democrat, and he is active in local affairs. For a number of years he has served on the grand jury, and he was one of the incorporators of the borough of Shelton. He is well known also in social life, being a member of King Hiram Lodge No. 12, F. & A. M., at Derby, and of the Order of Foresters, in which he belongs to the ranks of both Shepherds and Knights.

THEODORE TURNEY, a well-known and highly honored citizen of Fairfield, now living retired and in the enjoyment of a well-earned rest, comes of an old family of the town of Fairfield, noted for their industry and honesty.

Abel Turney, grandfather of our subject, was a farmer by occupation, also a produce dealer, and in the latter connection had a process of preserving eggs unknown outside the family, which process is still in use by them. He owned an extensive tract of land running between Fairfield and Redding, which is still in the possession of the family. Abel Turney was twice married, and by his first wife had children as follows: Andrew, father of our subject; Esther, who married John Knapp, and died in Fairfield; Wilson, a sea captain, who was killed at a railroad crossing in Fairfield; Levi, who was also a sea-faring man, and resided in Fairfield; Emma, who married a Mr. DeForest; Mrs. Hubbell; and Samuel, who died unmarried, in Fairfield. For his second wife Abel Turney married a sister of his first wife, but had no children by her. During the Revolutionary war he served in the American navy. He was a prominent citizen, and a man of influence and means.

Andrew Turney, the father of our subject, was born on the old home farm, and received a liberal education at the schools of the neighborhood. In connection with general farming, to which he was reared, he followed the produce business extensively, personally making three-day trips into the country, collecting eggs, butter, etc., for miles around Fairfield. Like his father before him, he became a successful man in all his enterprises, and was influential and wealthy.

Mr. Turney was married in Fairfield to Miss Hannah J. Knapp. Their first housekeeping experience was in that borough, they later moving to a home on the land where they passed the rest of their lives, and which our subject now owns and lives on. The father passed from earth at the age of eighty-five years, the mother six years later when seventy-five years old, and they sleep their last sleep in Fairfield East cemetery. They were members of the Congregational Church, and in politics Mr. Turney was a Whig. The following is a brief record of their children: Julia A., born August 18, 1812, married Walter Bradley, of Newtown, Conn., and died February 14, 1884. Mary, born June 10, 1814, married David Wakeman, and died July 24, 1888. Deborah F., born November 25, 1815, married (first) A. N. Buskirk, and (second) Martin Gibbs, and died January 28, 1888. Albert, born September 27, 1817, died February 2, 1898, in Fairfield, where he had his home; he was a successful produce dealer, and left a large estate. Elizabeth, born October 1, 1819, married George Van Buskirk, and died March 29, 1848. Isaac W., born June 11, 1821, died January 15, 1852, in California. Andrew, born August 29, 1823, died November 18, 1862, in Iowa. Henry, born March 18, 1826, died February 19, 1850. Emeline, born October 5, 1827, is the widow of Henry Smith, and lives in Hartford, Conn. Theodore, the subject proper of this memoir, is the youngest.

Theodore Turney was born August 17, 1829, on the portion of the old homestead owned by his father, and attended the public schools of Fairfield, also the academy, later going to Green's Farms Academy, where he studied navigation.

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After laying aside his books, he went to Georgetown, D. C., where he entered the employ of the Sturgis-Clayman line of steamers, and was so engaged a few years. When the "gold fever" of 1849 broke out, he went to California that year, traveling by way of the Isthmus of Panama; but at the end of an eighteen-months' visit in the "Golden State" he returned home by way of Central America. After a few years' residence in various localities, Mr. Turney settled down to farming, etc., on the old home place.

In 1853 our subject was married to Miss Cornelia D. Baldwin, who was born in Bridgeport, Conn., a daughter of Deacon Josiah and Sarah Dimon (Burr) Baldwin, and children as follows were born to them: Emma C. (unmarried) lives at home. George B. died in Newark, N. J., at the age of twenty-five years. Josiah B. is a member of the firm of Turney Brothers, on Water street, Bridgeport, Conn. Theodore Lyman is a member of the firm of Cochran & Co., produce merchants, New York. Julia B. B. lives in Newark, N. J. Walter died in infancy. Sarah D. is the wife of Dr. A. Irwin Thayer, of Newark, N. J. Elizabeth also lives in Newark, N. J. Andrew, who was a member of the firm of Turney Brothers, of Bridgeport, Conn., died when twenty-four years old. Harriet lives in Bridgeport. The surviving sons are all prosperous business men.

Mr. Turney has always followed agricultural pursuits, and in connection has also dealt extensively in produce, buying and selling. He is a public-spirited, enterprising citizen, giving his support to all objects calculated to promote the general welfare.

JOHN M. SEARS, an enterprising citizen of Bridgeport, is engaged in the retail liquor business at No. 59 State street, and his well-ordered establishment commands an extensive patronage.

Mr. Sears is a native of Norwalk, Conn., born March 21, 1859. He is of Irish descent, in both paternal and maternal lines. Patrick Sears, his father, was born in Ireland and came to the United States in early manhood, locating in Norwalk, where he died in 1891. His wife, Alice (Farrell), also a native of Ireland, died in Norwalk in 1887; they had the following children: Thomas, an engineer in Bridgeport; Miss Jane, who resides in Bridgeport; Nellie, wife of Hugh O'Neill, formerly of Norwalk, and now of Massachusetts, where he is engaged in the shoe business; and John M.

Our subject spent his boyhood in Norwalk, obtaining an education in the local schools, later learning the moulder's trade there. After following that occupation for some time he removed to Bridgeport in 1876, and for seven years was employed by James Horan, the florist. He then spent two years in New York City in the florist business, and on returning to Bridgeport he conducted Mr. Horan's store for three years. During some twelve years he was employed as bartender by M. T. Fitzgerald, and in February, 1897, he engaged in the liquor business on his own account, meeting with success from the beginning.

On August 18, 1886, Mr. Sears married Miss Elizabeth Plude, a native of Brandon, Vt., but no children have blessed the union. Mr. Sears and his wife are members of the Catholic Church at Bridgeport, and he is an active worker in various fraternal orders, including the Brotherhood of the Union, and the Order of Foresters of America, belonging to Sanctuary Waldemere, in the latter organization. He is also a patron of the Mutual Reserve Fund of the New York Life Insurance Company. Politically, he affiliates with the Democratic party, in which he takes keen interest.

GEORGE H. ALLEN, of Norwalk, was born in the City of New York September 26, 1857, and there passed his boyhood days. He attended school until the age of twenty-one, at which time he entered the gents' furnishing store of Adams & Co. as clerk. After four years in this establishment he commenced in the drug business with Curry & Davis, No. 103 Maiden Lane, as clerk, remaining four years. Mr. Allen then accepted a clerkship in the Post Office Department, to which he was appointed on the recommendation of Roscoe Conkling. Here he was employed for two years, and then entered his brother's restaurant, where he served in the capacity of cashier. On April 1, 1888, he came to Norwalk, and during the summer of that year he managed the Dorland Point Summer Resort. In December, 1891, he established his present business, which by dint of perseverance and attention to his work has proven very lucrative, and he is now regarded as one of the substantial men of his town.

On August 15, 1887, George H. Allen was married to Miss Abbie J. Hall (now deceased), a daughter of Washington Hall, of Norwalk, and their union has been blessed with four children: Annie C.; Robert F.; Edna H.; and George W. In his political affiliations Mr. Allen is a Republican, tried and true, and he never counts the

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cost too great if by any sacrifice he can further the interests of his party. At present he is fire inspector for the city of Norwalk. Socially, he is very popular; is affiliated with the I. O. O. F., and is president of the Alpha Wheel Club of Norwalk. He is also a member of the Phœnix, No. 1, Fire Department. Well educated and naturally quick-witted and intelligent, he is an interesting conversationalist, and much sought after on all occasions.

Jesse Allen, the father of George H. Allen, was born in Albany county, New York, one of the two sons of Harry and Emeline (Coles) Allen, the former of whom was a farmer of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock (the other son was Martin V. B., now deceased). Jesse Allen engaged in the manufacture of sash and blinds in Albany county for a number of years, and then was appointed Custom House Inspector in New York, which office he held all through the Republican administration, or up to the time of his death, in 1880. He married Miss Harriet E. Staley, who was born in Troy, N. Y., a daughter of Oliver and Mary Staley, the former of whom was engaged in the sawmill business. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Allen: Emma, who died at the age of three years; George H., our subject; and William O. and Frank L., both in the employ of the Union News Company, of New York. Mr. Allen was an active worker in the Republican party, and a faithful adherent to the doctrine of Methodism. His wife died in 1887.

CHARLES R. EVITTS, of Nichols, town of Trumbull, is one of the leading business men of that vicinity, and is also prominent in local politics.

Mr. Evitts belongs to an old family of this section, and his grandfather, Elijah Evitts, was a well-known resident of Bridgeport in the early days. Thomas Evitts, our subject's father, was born in Bridgeport in 1780, became a mason by occupation, and resided in New Milford. He married Miss Betsey Reed, a native of New Milford, and had four children: Alanson, who died while serving as a soldier in the Civil war; Munson, deceased; Charles R., our subject; and Burr, who met a soldier's death in the Civil war.

Our subject was born December 24, 1830, in New Milford, where his youth was spent, his education being obtained in the local schools. In 1860 he went to Bridgeport, where he was employed in the Wheeler & Wilson factory for thirteen years. He then engaged in the meat business, opening a market on Water street, Bridgeport, and in 1883 he removed to Nichols, where he became interested in general mercantile business, succeeding Henry B. Curtis. This enterprise has proved entirely successful, and he commands an excellent trade. In 1883 he was appointed to the office of postmaster, which he has since held with the exception of nine months.

In 1860 Mr. Evitts was married, in Bridgeport, to Miss Jane Catherine Evitts, and they have had seven children: Jane, Sarah, Alice (wife of Frank T. Noonan, bookkeeper for the Brass Company at Bridgeport), Luella, Frederick, Roscoe, and James (deceased). The family is identified with the Episcopal Church, and Mr. Evitts is a valued member of the congregation at New Milford. In politics he aids the party or parties which in his opinion will best subserve the interests of the public.

MYRON E. CRAWFORD is descended from one of the oldest families of New Canaan, his great-grandfather, Joseph Crawford, having been a resident of the town. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. His son Thaddeus was born February 10, 1806, at the family residence in Ponus street, grew to manhood there, and learned the trade of shoemaker. He married Juliette Lockwood, of the same town, and they lived for many years on the Fairview farm in New Canaan. Of their five children, Mary (Mrs. John E. Selleck) lives in Oneoke avenue, New Canaan; Joseph is the father of Myron E. Crawford; Julia Anna is the wife of Samuel G. Lockwood, of Wilton, Conn.; John Lewis died October 10, 1868, aged twenty-six years; Henry died when sixteen years old. The father lived to an advanced age, dying April 8, 1892, while the mother passed away May 9, 1859.

JOSEPH CRAWFORD was born November 2, 1839, in Oneoke avenue, New Canaan, and spent his early life on Fairview farm, helping with the work at home and attending the district school. For a short time Mr. Crawford lived in New York City, where he learned the mason's trade, but with that exception he passed his life in New Canaan, where he carried on farming. He was an active man, taking a keen interest in all that went on around him, and served his fellow-citizens in the offices of selectman, assessor, and member of the board of relief. He was a member of the Grange, and of the Episcopal Church. On December 8, 1863, he was married in New Canaan, to Harriet Wakeman, daughter of Samuel Wakeman, and by her had two children—Cora Frances and Myron Elmer, the former of whom was married October 15, 1891, to Urban

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G. Seymour, of Lewisboro, N. Y., and to them was born a daughter—Harriette Frances, February 1, 1899. Joseph Crawford ended his days on September 16, 1896.

Myron E. Crawford was born June 20, 1873, in New Canaan, District No. 4, and has always made his home in the town of his birth. During his boyhood he was a pupil at the neighboring public school, and at H. C. King's private school in Stamford. He remained upon the home farm until his marriage, October 28, 1896, to Miss Marion E. Benedict, daughter of Theodore W. Benedict. The young couple occupy a very comfortable, pleasant house across the street from the old Crawford homestead. He is a member of the New Canaan Episcopal Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Crawford was born, August 10, 1897, a son—Joseph Myron.

Walker Wakeman, maternal great-grandfather of Myron E. Crawford, was a resident of Westchester county, N. Y. He married Molly Osborn. Their son, Samuel Wakeman, was born September 19, 1805, at Lewisboro, N. Y., and removed to New Canaan, where he died January 3, 1860. He was a lifelong farmer. On September 18, 1828, he married Harriet Whitlock, who was born March 25, 1808, and died November 16, 1847. They reared a family of eight children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Louisa, August 5, 1829; Hiram, December 29, 1830; Ruth, January 23, 1834; Lester, October 20, 1835; Samuel Sherwood, August 28, 1838; Andrus, March 11, 1841; Harriet (Mrs. Crawford), June 1, 1843; Alsop, May 29, 1845. Louisa married Charles Raymond and lives in Montague, Mass.; Ruth (now deceased) was the wife of Andrew Hoyt; Samuel lives in New Canaan; Andrus is a resident of Vista, N. Y. (he served in the Civil war); Alsop makes his home in South Dakota.

STEPHEN S. CHADEAYNE, a member of the well-known undertaking and furniture establishment of Brady & Chadeayne, which is located in the Florence Block, Stamford, Fairfield county, is one of the enterprising and popular business men of the city.

The Chadeayne family is of French origin. David Chadeayne (the grandfather of Stephen S.), a farmer by occupation, was a resident of the town of New Castle, Westchester Co., N. Y. John Chadeayne, the father of Stephen S., was a native of Sing Sing, N. Y. He passed his boyhood at New Castle, and after completing his primary education in the village schools, he became engaged in the lumber and hardware business at Katonah, Westchester Co., N. Y., where he passed his lifetime, dying September 6, 1896. He was a good business man and an excellent citizen. His wife, who was Miss Mary J. Lounsbury, a native of New Castle, Westchester Co., N. Y., died in 1863. The children born to them were: Annie E. (Mrs. E. E. Brady), and Stephen S. (our subject).

Stephen S. Chadeayne passed his boyhood at Katonah, where his primary education was received in the public schools. Subsequently he attended Drew Seminary, Carmel, N. Y. At a time when he was laid up with a broken leg he studied telegraphy, "picking it up," as it were, himself. He became quite an adept in this calling, and on recovering from the effects of his broken limb he accepted a position with the Western Union Telegraph Company, in one of their offices in New York City, and remained there some three years. Next he made a radical change in business—engaging in the trucking business in the same city. He remained so occupied until in April, 1888, then came to Stamford, Conn., where, in connection with Elmer E. Brady, he formed the firm of Brady & Chadeayne, dealers in furniture and undertakers' materials. Their first location was in the Bell Block, where they carried on business until 1891, then removing to their present stand. This is a most enterprising firm, and their goods and materials are new in design, as well as of superior quality.

In January, 1897, Mr. Chadeayne was married to Fannie L. Stevens, a daughter of Stiles C. Stevens, a sketch of whom follows. Socially, our subject is a member of Puritan Lodge No. 43, I. O. O. F., of Stamford, and of the Royal Arcanum.

Stiles C. Stevens, father of Mrs. Stephen S. Chadeayne, and a well-known and prominent citizen of Stamford, Conn., was born September 13, 1840, at Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N. Y. Capt. Jacob Stevens, his grandfather, was a native of Stamford, Conn., and was a brother of the grandfather of Sipsco Stevens. He was a lifelong resident and farmer of High Ridge, in the town of Stamford, and died in the summer of 1865. He married Phebe Curtis, of High Ridge, and had a family of children as follows: Jared, Henry, Cephas, Andrew, Mrs. Jones, Almira, Ann Eliza (Mrs. T. B. Fitch), and Mary Jane, all now deceased except Mrs. Fitch. The father of this family was a Presbyterian in religious faith, and in politics was a Whig.

Jared Stevens, father of Stiles C., was born in the town of Stamford, Conn., and passed his boyhood at High Ridge, remaining upon the home farm until his marriage with Sarah Provost,

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daughter of John Provost, of High Ridge. Children as follows were born to this union: Phebe and Alonzo (both deceased), Stiles C., Mary (wife of John G. Thatcher, of New Canaan, Conn.) and George (of Long Ridge). The parents of this family died, the father in 1865, the mother in 1876. From the time of their marriage they resided at Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N. Y. They were members of the M. E. Church, and in politics he was first a Whig, later a Republican.

Stiles C. Stevens attended the district schools at Pound Ridge, and had his home upon the old farmstead until 1868, in which year he engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account. He subsequently resided some two years at High Ridge, during which time he engaged in the retail meat business. In 1870 he came to Stamford, Conn., and here continued in that line until 1887, being located in the "People's Market." For the past ten years, however, he has given his attention solely to the wholesale local live-stock business.

Mr. Stevens was married in December, 1865, at Stamford, Conn., to Miss Kate Lockwood, daughter of Lyman Lockwood, and one child, Fannie L. (wife of Stephen S. Chadeayne), was born to them. This wife dying in 1884, Mr. Stevens for his second wife wedded Miss Mary E. Lockwood, danghter of Lyman Lockwood. Mr. Stevens has served as selectman four years (1888-1891), and on the board of burgesses one year. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church of Stamford, and in politics he is a Republican. His home has been at No. 53 Summer street, since 1873, when he built his house.

CHARLES G. BURR was born September 8, 1839, in Plymouth, Wayne Co., Mich., a son of Hanford and Clarissa F. (Twitchell) Burr, the former of whom was born in the town of Monroe, near Upper Stepney, January 4, 1806. Hanford Burr was a son of Stratton Burr and his wife, Huldah (Northrop), the former of whom was a native of Monroe township, a son of Hosea and Hepsibah Burr, the former of whom was born April 27, 1747. Hosea Burr was a son of James and Deborah (Turney) Burr, the former of whom was a son of Daniel and Mary Burr. Daniel Burr was a son of Jehu and Mary (Ward) Burr, of Fairfield county, and Jehu Burr was a son of Jehu Burr, whose wife's maiden name was Steadman, both of whom came from England.

Stratton Burr, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a farmer of Monroe township, and, as will have been seen from the above genealogy, was a member of one of the old families of his part of the State. He and his wife had the following children: Hanford, Harry, Mary A. (who married Thomas Eaton, of New York City), Huldah, Halsey, Charles G., Erastus, and Rosella (who married Charles Staples, of Monroe township).

Hanford Burr, father of the subject, was a tailor by trade, following this occupation until he was sixty-five years of age, after which time he took up farming. While he followed the earlier occupation he had a shop of his own at Woodbury for some time, and then he followed cutting for some years in the City of New York. For the most of his life he was one of the substantial citizens of Monroe township, where he died in 1889. While not particularly active in public affairs, yet he was always interested therein, and performed his duties as a citizen in a quiet but effective manner. In religion he was a Methodist. He married Clarissa F. Twitchell, of Oxford, Conn., a daughter of Gilbert Twitchell. He and his wife had the following children: Harriet, who died at the age of six years; Charles Gould, the subject of this sketch; Andrew Lewis, who is one of the selectmen of the town of Monroe; Mary A., widow of Doctor Scott, formerly of Meriden, but who died at Union City; Sarah S., who married Mortimer Hubbell, of Huntington, White Hills; and Rosa Belle, widow of Sylvanus Downs, of Monroe, and who is now a resident of St. Paul, Minn.; Arthur died when eight years of age. Mrs. Hanford Burr is still living, at the age of eighty-three years.

Charles Gould Burr was educated in the public schools of Derby, attending until sixteen years of age, and continuing to be a reader and student of general history and literature down to the present time. For some years after leaving school he worked in various factories, among them those of Shelton & Osborne, and Osborne & Cheesman. Afterward he embarked in the hoop-skirt manufacturing business in a small way on his own account. From 1872 to 1880 he was shipping clerk for the Shelton Bolt Company, and in the latter year began working for the Birmingham Corset Company as shipping clerk, which position he held until 1885, when he was advanced to the position of superintendent of the company. This firm employed on the average about 200 hands. Mr. Burr is a master of King Hiram Lodge No. 12, F. & A. M., and is a member of Solomon Chapter No. 3, of Union Council No. 27, and of New Haven Commandery No. 2; also member of Ousatonic Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., and of Kellogg Post, G. A.

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K. He is entitled to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic because of his service in Battery K, United States Fourth Light Artillery, having enlisted in 1861. He was detailed as hospital steward for a short time. He is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Huntington, Conn., of which he has served as vestryman, treasurer and warden.

On August 13, 1864, Mr. Burr was married to Miss Mary Jeannette Birdsey, daughter of Joseph Birdsey, of Huntington, and had one son, Arthur, born November 30, 1865, who died in infancy. Clifford Birdsey Burr, his other son, was born July 24, 1873, and is an electrician in Shelton.

THOMAS S. OSBORN, a widely known successful contractor and builder of much experience in his line, with residence at Norwalk, Fairfield county, is a native of New York City, born August 4, 1857.

Rev. Thomas G. Osborn, father of our subject, was born October 15, 1820, at Riverhead, Long Island, a son of Dr. Thomas Osborn, also of Long Island birth, who was a son of Daniel Osborn (born January 24, 1741, died July 11, 1801), who was a son of Capt. Daniel Osborn (born August 13, 1713, died August 5, 1779).

Daniel Osborn, father of Capt. Daniel Osborn, a carpenter and joiner by trade, came from Maidstone, Kent, England, prior to 1649, and settled at Lyme, Mass. In that year a certain Thomas Osborn moved from that city to New Haven, where he took a small colony and settled at East Hampton, Long Island. Our subject's great-grandfather Osborn was a graduate of Yale, and about 1783, also later, was a member of the Assembly. His name appears as supervisor of the town of Southold, Long Island, from 1789 to 1796. Our subject's grandfather was a practicing physician at Riverhead, L. I., and was a very prominent man in his time.

Rev. Thomas G. Osborn, father of our subject, received his earlier education at the neighboring schools of his place of birth, and afterward entering the Wesleyan College, at Middletown, Conn., graduated from that institution at the age of nineteen years. Deciding to make preaching of the Gospel his life work, in the Methodist field of labor, he studied theology, and becoming duly qualified commenced his studies at Southampton, afterward stationed at Bridgehampton, Patchoque, Birmingham, Conn., Bridgeport, Waterbury, Brooklyn, New Haven, Riverhead, Port Chester and Riverhead, L. I., last of all at Norwalk, Conn., as presiding elder. He was presiding elder three terms, twelve years, after being at Port Chester, and before going to Riverhead the last time. After he gave up preaching he made his home in Norwalk, Connecticut.

In 1846 Rev. T. G. Osborn married Miss Jerusha Cook, who was born at Bridgehampton, L. I., a daughter of John Cook, of that locality, and four children were born to them, namely: Mary E., Thomas G., Isabella C. and Thomas S. Of these, Mary E. married Henry Storer, of Brooklyn (formerly of New Haven), Thomas G. died in infancy and Isabella about eleven years ago. The mother of this family died August 25, 1857, the father on February 27, 1888.

Thomas S. Osborn, of whom this sketch more particularly relates, was reared in Riverhead, L. I., until he was about eleven years of age, but was educated chiefly at Norwalk, Conn. Returning to Long Island in 1876, he there learned carpentry; but after three years he once more came to Norwalk, and worked at his trade until 1885, when he commenced in the contracting and building line, which he has continued ever since with gratifying success.

On October 1, 1890, Mr. Osborn married Ada M. Wakelee, who was born in the town of Huntington, Fairfield Co., Conn., a daughter of George Wakelee, of that place (son of Charles Wakelee), and Emily J. (Jones) Wakelee, who was born in Sheffield, Mass. Five children graced this union: Helen G., Thomas G., Clara W. and Isabella F. and Ruth. Ruth died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Osborn are members of the M. E. Church at Norwalk; socially, he is affiliated with the I. O. O. F.; politically, like his father before him, he is a Republican. He is highly respected in the community in which he lives as a public-spirited, loyal and useful citizen.

EDGAR S. WOOSTER. The Wooster family has long been identified with the town of Huntington, and its members in every generation have shown the qualities which constitute good citizenship.

Lieut. Ephraim Wooster, of Revolutionary fame, the grandfather of the venerable and highly esteemed citizen whose name opens this sketch, was born April 8, 1755, probably in the town of Huntington, and for many years he was a leading farmer of the town, where his death occurred August 27, 1838. His wife, Abigail E. (Mills), was born February 24, 1756, and died April 29, 1831. They had ten children: Abbie B., born in 1776, who married William Hawley, a farmer of Huntington; Elizabeth A., 1779, wife of

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Hezekiah Curtis, a farmer in Huntington, who was for many years a deacon in the Congregational Church; Ephraim, 1781, who died in childhood in New Haven; Artecretia, 1784, who married Samuel Beard, afterward a farmer in Pennsylvania; Philo M., our subject's father; Laura, 1788, who married Ezra De Forest, of Huntington, a deacon in the Congregational Church; Sylvester, 1790, a physician at Lyme, Conn.; Sally, 1792, who married Dr. Rufus Turner, of Killingworth, Conn.; Julia, 1795, who married David De Forest, a wealthy resident of New Haven; and Adeline, 1797, who never married.

Philo M. Wooster, our subject's father, was born in Huntington January 6, 1787, and his life was chiefly spent in farming at the present homestead, where he died July 14, 1849. He was a Republican in politics, a Congregationalist in religion, and he and his wife were much esteemed for their excellent qualities of character. He married Miss Ruth Ann Cogswell, daughter of Stephen Cogswell, a farmer of New Preston, Conn., and she survived him many years, passing away April 12, 1884. Our subject was the eldest in a family of six children, the others being: Mary A. married Edward Norton, of Goshen, Conn., a manufacturer of the far-famed pineapple cheese, which was originated by his father, Lewis M. Norton; Louisa H., who died January 21, 1896, unmarried; Sarah E. married Theodore Mallett, a farmer of Trumbull township; Julia M. married Edward Dimon, who served in the navy during the Civil war, and for a time was a mechanic in New Hartford, and is now in Florida on an orange plantation raising garden truck, etc.; and Ephraim D., engaged in agriculture in the town of Huntington (is unmarried).

Edgar S. Wooster was born June 4, 1821, at his present farm, and his education was obtained in the local schools. He made good use of his opportunities, and for some time he taught school in his native town. On October 16, 1849, he married Miss Angeline B. Hyde, who was born near Huntington Center, and is a member of one of the old pioneer families of the town. Her great-grandfather, Daniel Hyde, grandfather, Elisha Hyde, and father, Obediah Hyde, were all agriculturists in that town, while her mother, whose maiden name was Mabel Bristol, was a native of Dutchess county, N. Y. After his marriage Mr. Wooster settled at the homestead in his present residence which he and his wife have now occupied for nearly half a century. He has about 200 acres of land in different parts of the town, and has been successful as a general farmer, but of late years he has left the active work of his estate to younger hands. He is an excellent citizen, public-spirited and reliable, and at one time he served as selectman of his town. In politics he is a strong Republican. His home has been brightened with four children: Francis W., now engaged in farming in Huntington; Eleanora E., at home; Frederick M., a farmer in Huntington; and Charles E., who died at the age of three years.

HORACE WHEELER, postmaster at Shelton, Conn., was born March 23, 1844, in Fairfield, Conn., the family removing to Easton when he was about six months old. He is a son of John Wheeler, whose ancestral history is given in full below. Horace Wheeler was educated in Staples Academy at Easton, where he received a good academic education.

During his school days, which lasted until he was about eighteen years of age, Mr. Wheeler taught school several terms in Fairfield, and after leaving school altogether he continued to teach in Easton, Bridgeport, Norwalk, Rockville and Nichols, most of these being graded schools. Mr. Wheeler was unusually successful in his profession, and has continually added to the knowledge obtained in school, so that he is one of the best informed men of his section. Having retired from the profession of teaching he established himself in the grocery business at Shelton, forming a partnership with his brother, William S. Wheeler, the firm name being Wheeler Bros. Later he formed a partnership with John H. French, of Easton, Conn., which continued some four years. Then selling his interest to his partner, he purchased the coal business of H. H. Warner, at the end of one year adding thereto a grocery department, which he continued to conduct for about fourteen years, or until he was burned out, his location being where the Huntington Piano Company now is. In 1890 he bought out a grocery business which was where Burkhardt now is, and in 1892 he sold his grocery business to the Burkhardt Company, which has continued it to the present time, Mr. Wheeler remaining in his coal business.

In February, 1894, Mr. Wheeler was appointed postmaster of Shelton by Postmaster-General Bissell, the office being of the fourth class, and being established at this time, Shelton having previously been supplied from Birmingham. The post office was opened for the first time in April, 1894, and has ever since shown a steady and healthy growth under his administration. He was largely instrumental in securing its establish-

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ment, and hence the appropriateness of his appointment. The office becoming third class, he was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland July 1, 1895, and confirmed by the Senate December 17, 1895.

Mr. Wheeler is a member of King Hiram Lodge No. 12, F. & A. M., of Derby, of Ousatonic Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F. He is a director in the Plumb Library. In 1872 he was married to Sarah A. Mallett, daughter of John Clark Mallett, and has children as follows: Alice E. and Franklin L. Mr. Wheeler has always been a Democrat with liberal tendencies, and he attends the Congregational Church.

In 1885 Horace Wheeler was appointed, without request or suggestion on his part, deputy sheriff of Fairfield county, by Sheriff Swartz, and later he was reappointed by Sheriff Clarkson for the two terms he held the office. He was court officer of the Superior and Common Pleas courts for both terms, and he may justly feel proud that during his ten years of official service no cause ever miscarried through error or neglect on his part. Mr. Wheeler has been a member of the school board of the town of Huntington for twenty-five years. He served two terms as member of the Legislature, also as burgess of the borough of Shelton, etc.

Regarding the ancestry of the Wheeler family, it should be stated that the following interesting account of the family was, in response to a letter of inquiry from the compiler, furnished by Justice Joseph P. Bradley, of the United States Supreme Court, Washington, D. C., whose mother was a Wheeler.

"Thomas Wheeler, who first settled at Concord, removed to Fairfield in 1649, in the company headed by Rev. Mr. Jones. He left his son Thomas at Concord, but brought with him to Fairfield his son Capt. John Wheeler, of Black Rock, and his nephew Ephraim Wheeler, of Fairfield. There was a contemporary Thomas Wheeler, of Milford, and his brother William, of Stratford; but old Fairfield town and Redding were generously supplied with Wheelers from the sources I have named, and mostly from Captain John, of Black Rock. He died in 1690, leaving his wife, Elizabeth, and thirteen children, whose names and ages are preserved in the records and published by Savage [Vol. IV, 498, top of page.] Calvin Wheeler, my great-grandfather, was descended from the third son and seventh child, Joseph; but I have a partial record of the descendants of the oldest son, John, called Lieut. John Wheeler, who was born in 1663, and who married Abigail Burr, March 12, 1692 (no doubt daughter of Jehu Burr, 2nd). Their children are given in the Fairfield book of marriages and births as follows: John, born 1694, died 1726; Sarah, born 1696; Abigail, born 1698, married Samuel Marvin, 1722; Mary, born 1701, died 1714; Elizabeth, born 1703, married John Dimon, 1727; Ann, born 1706. Abigail, wife of Lieut. John Wheeler, died February 7, 1711-12, and in October, 1712, he married Lydia Porter, of Windsor, and by her had: Mary, born 1713, died 1721; Obadiah, born 1718, died 1753; Daniel, born 1720; Jabez, born 1722, married Charity Beach, 1742; Ichabod, born 1725, married Deborah Burr 1752, daughter of Capt. John Burr; John, 2nd, born 1729."

To the above the compiler adds the following account of his ancestors: John Wheeler (2), born in 1729, son of Lieut. John Wheeler and Abigail Burr, as derived from family tradition; he is said to have had five wives, the last one being the Widow Turney, of Fairfield. He had three sons, so far as found: Stephen, Samuel and John, Jr.; and five daughters: Lois, who married Jesse Atwood and removed to Maine; Eunice, who married Philo Mallett, of Trumbull; Lydia, who married John Sanford, of Redding; Sallie, who married Ezekiel Wakeman, of Weston; and Abbie, who married Lyman Somers, of Weston.

Stephen Wheeler was a man of note, judge of the Superior Court of Connecticut, and besides filled other offices with honor. He married Eleanor Wakeman, daughter of Samuel Wakeman, and had children as follows: Willis, Burr, Sanford, Mabel, Nancy, George, Charles, Samuel Wakeman and Mary. Willis married Eliza F. Fairchild, and had children as follows: Frederick R., Rufus, Arthur Martin, now professor of History in Yale College; James W. and Stephen D.

Samuel Wheeler, son of John, married (first) —— ———, and (second) Esther ———, who died January 5, 1860, aged ninety-nine years, eight months and twenty days. By his first wife he had the following children: Silas, and Anna, who married David Sherwood, of Bridgeport; and, by his second wife, the following children: Wheeler, Daniel, Fannie, Sarah and Polly. Silas married Deborah Sanford, of Weston, and had the following children: Samuel, Sallie, Sanford, Esther, David, Eloisa, Ebenezer, Edwin, John, Burritt and Lydia. Samuel married and removed to Canada; had two children, Algernon and Silas. Sallie married Bradley Burr. Sanford married (first) Marietta Banks, (second) Laureny Wilson, and (third) —— Perry, and had four sons. Esther married Gershon Bradley Sanford, of Redding, their only child being Mary

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Burr, born at Redding August 29, 1830, and who, on September 3, 1848, married William Burr Wright, then of New Milford, Conn.; in 1862, Mr. Wright, having acquired a competence, retired from business, and with his wife removed to Westport, which place continued to be their residence until their death; they had but two children, a son, William B., who died at seventeen while traveling in the West, and a daughter, Elizabeth, who is married to Eli C. Smith, Esq., of Bridgeport, Conn., and has several sons and daughters; Mr. Wright passed away in 1883, and Mrs. Wright died suddenly at Westport August 2, 1890. David married Eunice Worden, and had children as follows: Elizabeth, Elmer and Worden. Eloisa married John Hull, of Easton, and had children as follows: Jeanette and Irving. Ebenezer married (first) Eliza Nichols, and (second) Eunice Gould; his children were James and Harriet. Edwin married Lucinda Thorpe, and had one son, Andrew. John married Malvina Smith, and had the following children: Horace, Burritt, Esther and William.

John Wheeler has been quite prominent in public affairs, having several times represented his town in the Legislature of the State; his son Horace is a merchant in Birmingham, Conn., and has served creditably as deputy sheriff and in other offices; his daughter Esther married Frank Sherwood, who was for many years postmaster at Southport, Conn.; Lydia married William Sanford, of Weston, and her children are Mason, Emma and Frederick. Samuel Wheeler was a strong Episcopalian. His portly form on a big grey steed riding up to the Episcopal Church in Weston, with a favorite granddaughter on a pillion behind, was a familiar sight for years.

MAJOR GILBERT L. FITCH, a resident of Stamford, has been connected for a number of years with business enterprises in New York City, and at present he has charge of the interests of the New York Life Insurance Company in the State of Connecticut, his offices being located at No. 769 Chapel street, New Haven. Although a young man, his tact, judgment and rare executive ability have already been recognized, and he doubtless has a bright future before him. As a citizen he is held in high esteem, and in military circles he is both active and influential.

Mr. Fitch comes of old Connecticut stock. His grandfather, Francis B. Fitch, was a native of this State, and for some years was engaged in educational work there; but later he entered politics, and held various important positions under the general government. He died in 1872, and his wife, Eliza W. (Dean), a native of Albany, N. Y., died in 1838.

Francis Stewart Fitch, our subject's father, was born in New Jersey in 1826, and married (first) Miss Sarah Faulkner, and (second) Miss Esther L. Oliver, both residents of Buffalo, N. Y. By his first marriage he had three children: Francis S., Benjamin L., and Caroline, now Mrs. W. T. Andrews. By the second marriage he had five children: Sarah E. F. (now Mrs. J. C. Johnston), William H., Gilbert L., Esther and Charlotte D. For many years he carried on an extensive mercantile business, and at present he is living in retirement at Darien, this county.

Major Fitch was born December 3, 1869, at Corfu, N. Y., and the first seven years of his life were spent at Buffalo, but his education was mainly acquired at Noroton, Conn., in a private school. At the age of fifteen he went to New York City to learn the machinist's trade, but finding the occupation uncongenial he secured a position in a wholesale paper warehouse, afterward engaging in the drug business. Later he became connected with the New York Life Insurance Company, remaining three years, and then for a time he was engaged in the dry-goods business at Hoosick Falls, N. Y., with a brother. In February, 1890, he returned to the New York Life Insurance Company, with which he has ever since been connected. In May, 1897, he was appointed agency director for the State of Connecticut, taking charge of all their agents here, and this position he has filled to the entire satisfaction of the company.

On October 1, 1896, Mr. Fitch was married to Miss Carrie O. Wood, a daughter of William E. Wood, a citizen of Stamford. The Major has been identified with Puritan Lodge No. 43, I. O. O. F., at Stamford since June, 1896, and his military service dates back to November 19, 1888, when he enlisted in Company C, 4th Connecticut National Guards, as a private. On August 3, 1891, he was promoted to the rank of corporal, and later he received rapid advancement, being appointed to second lieutenant on August 24, 1891; to first lieutenant on November 18, 1892, and to captain on July 19, 1893. On December 17, 1894, he resigned, but on January 9, 1896, he was elected captain of the company, and on January 18, 1897, he was promoted to the rank of major of the 2nd Battalion, of the 4th Regiment. Mustered major 3d Regiment Conn. Volunteer Infantry July 3, 1898; honorably discharged September 19, 1898.

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JOSEPH C. RANDLE, who for thirty-seven years has held the office of postmaster at Winnipauk, town of Norwalk, Fairfield county, was born in the town of Wilton, same county, September 24, 1833, a son of Samuel P. Randle, a member of an ancient English family.

Samuel P. Randle was born in Fishkill, Dutchess Co., N. Y., August 23, 1792. In his early manhood he learned the hatter's trade, and was an extensive manufacturer in his day in the town of Wilton, Fairfield county. He finally retired from business, and moving on a farm spent the remainder of his life in its management. On December 13, 1812, he married Sally Hyatt, who was born in Wilton, September 4, 1795, a daughter of Alvin Hyatt, a farmer of Wilton. They became the parents of seven children, namely: (1) George H., born July 25, 1814, a hatter by trade, though later engaged in the grocery business in Winnipauk; during the Civil war he served in the 5th Conn. V. I.; he died in 1884. (2) Lewis H., born February 7, 1819, a tailor by trade and later a farmer in Redding town, this county, where he died in 1892. (3) Henry C., born March 31, 1827, is in the store at Winnipauk with our subject; he was a hatter by trade, but went into the army, enlisting in the 5th Conn., where he remained four and one-half years. (4) Joseph C. is our subject. (5) Maria, born October 6, 1816, married William Ogden, of New York; she died in Philadelphia in 1878. (6) Mary, born June 8, 1821; and (7) Sarah E., born February 15, 1829, married Stephen A. Smith, formerly of Norwalk, now deceased; he at one time was a merchant in New York. Samuel P. Randle died in 1854; his wife, on March 2, 1881. He was a stanch Whig in politics, and for two years represented his town in the State Legislature; for twenty years he was selectman of the town. The entire family were strict followers of the tenets of the Congregational Church.

Joseph C. Randle passed the years of his boyhood on the farm in Wilton town in an uneventful manner. He attended the public schools, and completed his education at Wilton Academy. When seventeen years of age he passed from the rank of the happy, care-free school boys, and took up the burdens that are borne by the teacher. For two years he taught in the district schools, then for the same length of time engaged in civil engineering—later spending one year on the old home farm, where his father died. In 1855 he came to Winnepauk and entered the grocery store of his brother George, later becoming a partner under the firm name of G. H. Randle & Brother. This co-partnership lasted until 1862, when George withdrew, that he might enter the army. Joseph C. continued the business, and now has a general store that is one of the most popular trading places in the county, the genial manners of the proprietor, and his willingness to oblige everyone, winning the best and most substantial patronage. Mr. Randle is a Republican in politics, having voted for Fremont for President in 1856. For five years he was assistant postmaster, and is now nearing the two-score mark in his career as postmaster. It is unnecessary to add that he has been prominent in the politics of his town, and his place in commercial and financial circles extends beyond the borders of Wilton; he is director in the National Bank of Norwalk, and in the Fairfield County Savings Bank. He is also president of the Norwalk Pottery Company, and one of the directors in the Lounsbury & Bissell Company, of Winipauk.

On December 27, 1855, Joseph C. Randle was united in marriage with Miss Fannie H. Pinkney, who was born in New York City, a daughter of James W. Pinkney, of the prominent New York family of that name. Two children came to bless this union: William P., born July 9, 1859, now residing in New York, where he is connected with the Redding Hardware Company; and Frank C., born February 23, 1872, at home. On January 25, 1890, Mr. Randle was called on to mourn the loss of his faithful helpmeet, whose charming womanhood had for so many years graced his home, and lent its cheerfulness to brighten the hours that were darkest. A noble wife, a tender mother, she by her life fulfilled the high and holy mission of woman on earth. Mr. Randle's gentlemanly and kind-hearted manner wins friends wherever he goes, and his integrity and natural nobility of character claim the honest respect and esteem of the friends his geniality attracts.

JARED W. WATERBURY has been a resident of Fairfield county, Conn., for over thirty years, and has owned and lived on his farm in Greenwich township since 1874. He is a native of Westchester county, N. Y., born August 20, 1841, in Long Ridge, a son of Ebenezer Waterbury, a grandson of Jared Waterbury, and a great-grandson of Josiah Waterbury.

The grandfather, Jared Waterbury, died of winter fever before the war of 1812. He left a widow and children, four of whom grew to adult age, namely: Samuel, a shoemaker, who died

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in Pound Ridge; Phineas, a shoemaker, who died in New Canaan, Conn.; Elmira (Mrs. William Haight), who died in Pound Ridge; and Ebenezer, the father of our subject. The mother, for her second husband, married Thomas Potts. She lived to the advanced age of ninety years, dying at Pound Ridge.

Ebenezer Waterbury was born April 17, 1805, in Pound Ridge, and there he was reared, during his boyhood receiving such advantages for an education as the primitive schools of that day afforded. His brothers learned trades, but he began to assist his stepfather on the farm as soon as he was able to be of any use, and he continued to follow agricultural pursuits all his life. When a young man he married Caroline Smith, who was born in New York City, a daughter of Aaron and Betsy Smith, and they commenced housekeeping in Pound Ridge, Mr. Waterbury buying the farm on which they made their home. Later he removed his family to Long Ridge, and there passed the remainder of his days, dying at the good old age of seventy-nine. He was a small man physically, but he was an energetic, determined worker, and by his own exertions became the owner of a comfortable property, thereby acquiring a competence for his declining years. Mrs. Waterbury passed away at the age of eighty-two years. They were the parents of children, viz.: Aaron T., deceased; George P. and E. B., farmers of Greenwich; Sarah E., widow of Isaac Williams, of Bedford, N. Y.; William S., of Stamford, Conn.; Jared W., of this sketch; John O., of Pound Ridge; and Charles P., who makes his home in Stamford township. Mr. and Mrs. Waterbury's religious connections were with the Congregational Church, and they were highly esteemed by all their neighbors and friends, who were numerous in Greenwich and vicinity. He was originally a Whig in political sentiment, in time becoming a member of the Republican party, but although he took a patriotic interest in the public welfare he consented to hold office but once, in his later years steadfastly refusing to take any active part in political matters.

Our subject attended the Great Hill school house in the home neighborhood, and received his early instruction under Miss Sarah Hoyt, Hezekiah Robison and others of that day. Brawn as well as brain was required in the teachers in those times, for stern discipline was considered most important in conducting a school, and the literary training was vastly inferior to that of the present day. Farm work on the home place occupied Mr. Waterbury until he was twenty years of age, and for the next four years he worked at times for himself, and then again for his father even after his marriage. After he commenced to work for himself he engaged in the butcher business, and in a short time, in partnership with Wilbur Ayres, bought out Clark & Kellogg, whose business they successfully continued. Even as a boy Mr. Waterbury had a propensity for "dickering," managing in this way to save some money of his own, which enabled him to embark in this enterprise on his own account. For some time after his marriage he rented a farm in Greenwich township in partnership with his brother, George P., after which he lived at home for a while, working at different places. He next moved to Pound Ridge, from there to a rented farm in North Cos Cob, and thence to Greenwich township, to the farm of W. J. Mead. In 1874 he purchased seventy-four acres of his present farm from B. F. Husted, and now owns nearly twice that amount of land, having added to the place by five subsequent purchases until it comprises 130 acres, all under cultivation. Mr. Waterbury has always been a hard worker, and has kept up to the times in conducting his agricultural affairs, which have prospered in a most satisfactory way. But he was not content to devote his natural business ability to the management of his farm alone, for in addition he has established a trade as a dealer in agricultural implements and charcoal, which has added materially to his income; he has been agent for W. A. Wood for twenty years, selling mowing and threshing machines, cultivators and horse rakes.

Mr. Waterbury's first wife was Miss Emma Palmer, who was born in Pound Ridge, N. Y., daughter of George Palmer. She died leaving one child, Charles E., who now resides in River Bank, Stamford township, this county. His present wife was Miss Louisa M. Haight, of Pound Ridge, daughter of William Haight, and two children have blessed this union: Ella C., who is the wife of Fred Zahner, of Stanwich, this county; and Walter H., living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Waterbury are prominent members of the Congregational Church at Stanwich, in which he has served as deacon. Politically, he is a Republican.

JOHN ALEXANDER WADE, M. D., No. 270 Main street, Danbury, has won a place among the leading physicians and surgeons of that city, and as the members of the medical profession in this section are noted for ability and skill, his success is a satisfactory test of worth.

The Doctor is a native of the Empire State. His grandfather, Calvin C. Wade, married Mary C. Brown, a descendant of the royal family of

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England, and for many years made his home in New York City. The late Stephen N. Wade, the Doctor's father, was born in the Metropolis June 15, 1825, but the greater portion of his life was spent in Ulster county, where he was a leading citizen. For a quarter of a century he was a justice of the peace of the town of Oliver, and then he refused to hold the office longer. He was prominent also in religious affairs as a member of the M. E. Church at Olive Branch, and when the church edifice was built there, about twenty years ago, he solicited most of the funds and supervised the work of construction. For many years he conducted a large general store at Olive Branch, and his death occurred there May 29, 1879. His wife, Mary Jane (Seaman), who died April 15, 1876, in Ulster county, was a daughter of John A. and Elizabeth Seaman. Our subject was one of four children, two of whom died in infancy. His surviving sister, Celia, is now the wife of Cornelius Terwilliger, of Olive Branch, New York.

The Doctor's education was obtained in Kingston, N. Y., his native place, a course in the academy supplementing his public-school studies. His first practical business experience was secured in his father's store at Olive Branch, where he remained several years, and in 1880 he returned to Kingston to engage in the dry-goods business. This he continued for eight years, but having in the meantime gained a clearer knowledge of his abilities and inclinations, he decided upon the study of medicine. In the fall of 1888, after two years of preliminary reading with his preceptor, Dr. E. H. Loughran, he entered Bellevue Medical College in New York City, and took a complete course, graduating March 27, 1893. On May 12, of the same year, he opened an office in Danbury, where he found speedy recognition, and has established an extensive practice.

In 1883 Dr. Wade married Miss Euphemia A. Townsend, of Hartsdale, N. Y., a daughter of Rev. Samuel B. Townsend and his wife, Ann (Brundage). Dr. and Mrs. Wade are members of the M. E. Church at Danbury, and are prominent in its work. The Doctor is also a member of several fraternal orders, to wit: the Knights of the Golden Eagle; the I. O. O. F., Samaritan Lodge No. 7; the F. & A. M., Pine Lodge No. 40; Eureka Chapter, R. A. M., No. 23; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T.; is also a member of the Knights of the Ancient Essenic Order, in which he belongs to the Grand Senate; of Wooster Lodge No. 30, K. of P.; and Sons of St. George, Nelson Lodge No. 367. His professional work leaves him little time for participation in the political movements of the day, but he is a steadfast believer in the doctrines of the Republican party.

FREDERICK A. DISBROW, one of the wide-awake and energetic business men of Southport, may truly be called a representative self-made man, his success being purely the result of his own unaided efforts.

Abraham Disbrow, his father, married Miss Charity Hurlburt, and four children were born to them, two of whom are deceased, Frederick A. and Frank (twins) surviving, the latter of whom is now residing at Chestnut Hill, Conn. Both parents died when our subject was a child, and he has no recollection of them. The father was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, and died shortly after the breaking out of that struggle.

F. A. Disbrow was born May 12, 1859, in Bridgeport, Conn., and was reared in the family of Horace Ogden, a farmer of Greenfield Hill. He attended the common schools, and assisted his foster-father on the farm some twenty years, or until 1880, when he took a farm on shares, after which (having in the meantime married) he rented a farm from Horace Staples, in Westport, Conn., April, 1883, for one year. This line, however, not being to his liking, he concluded to embark in the butchering business in Southport, which he did against considerable odds, for he was an entire stranger to the business, had strong competition, and started where others had failed to secure a successful trade; moreover, his means were not large. However, having been steady, and his credit good, he had little difficulty in getting stock. After several months of profitless business, fighting against heavy competition, he tenaciously held on, and lived through a fight such as none of his predecessors had survived. Close attention to business, and honest and fair dealing, soon brought him a liberal patronage, which he has retained. His present shop, which is the third one he has occupied in Southport, was erected by him for his own use, and adjoins another business room which he also owns. Few cities furnish any better kept or neater and cleaner places of business in Mr. Disbrow's line. In addition to his meat market in Southport, he has conducted produce stores in other places, such as New Haven and Bridgeport.

Mr. Disbrow married Miss Hattie Meeker, of Southport, a daughter of Aaron Burr Meeker, and four children have graced their union: Edward P., Willis Frederick, Emeline Meeker and Harry Burr, all living. In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Disbrow are members of the Congrega-

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tional Church. Politically, he is a stanch Republican, and although he is no office-seeker he has served as constable one year. He is a straightforward business man and a valued citizen, one who worthily enjoys the public confidence.

WILLIAM F. NORTHROP, senior member of the firm of Northrop & Son, of Southport, Fairfield Co., Conn., is one of the leading citizens of that thriving town, with whose business interests he has been prominently identified for many years. He is a native of the "Nutmeg State," born November 6, 1836, in Kent, Litchfield county, son of Alvin Northrop, who was one of the two sons of Amos Northrop, the other being named Garry. Both became shoemakers.

Alvin Northrop was born in Chatham, New York State. He learned the trade of shoemaker, and followed it during his earlier manhood, in about 1846 removing to Greens Farms, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he spent the remainder of his life. He worked at his trade during the winter, and at farming in the summer, becoming one of the substantial, respected farmers of this locality. When a young man he married Miss Sarah Wakeman Alvord, and they became the parents of the following named children: Julia B. (Mrs. Charles Bulkeley), who died at Greens Farms; Francis N., deceased in childhood; William F.; Frances Josephine (Mrs. Charles A. Meeker), who died at Greens Farms; George E., of Southport; and Louisa A. (Mrs. George B. Mills), who died at Greens Farms. The father and mother both passed away at Greens Farms, aged seventy-three and seventy-seven years, respectively, and their remains rest in the East cemetery at Fairfield. They were Methodists in religious connection.

Up to the age of ten years William F. Northrop lived in his native county, attending the public schools there when possible, though he commenced work when only eight years old, being obliged to help at home on account of his father's ill health. He came with the family to Greens Farms, and up to the age of seventeen worked for different farmers, as he had been reared to agricultural pursuits from his earliest boyhood. He then commenced to learn the carpenter's trade under John Kerley, of Waterbury, Conn., receiving $60 and board for his first year's services. After completing his apprenticeship he immediately started out on his own account in Greens Farms, although at the time he was but a lad. For about two years he was employed in a carriage shop at Wolcottville (now Torrington), Conn., but he returned to Greens Farms and resumed contracting, finally, in February, 1858, locating in Southport, where he has ever since remained. In the meantime, after his marriage, he had farmed on a small scale, raising onions and garden truck about one year. On coming to Southport Mr. Northrop entered the employ of Sherman & Jelliff, builders and contractors, and remained with them as employe until 1865, when the firm dissolved and he continued with Mr. Jelliff, who succeeded to the business, after about one year becoming a partner to the latter gentleman, in connection with the lumber business, with whom he was in all for seventeen years. After Mr. Jelliff's retirement Mr. Northrop and his brother, George E., carried on the business under the firm name of Northrop Bros., this partnership lasting until January 1, 1897, when the present firm of Northrop & Son was established. During the preceding years, in addition to their extensive building and contracting business, the Northrop Bros. had engaged in other lines, and when the present partnership was formed the original branch was dropped, the firm now dealing in coal, lumber and builders' supplies, in which they are the leaders in this section. Mr. Northrop is a self-made man in the best sense of the term, and he has in all his dealings gained and retained an enviable reputation for integrity and sterling honesty, commanding the respect of his business associates wherever he goes.

At the age of twenty-one years Mr. Northrop was united in marriage with Miss Abby J. Baker, of Greens Farms, daughter of Ebenezer Baker, and two children blessed this union, viz.: Fred E., a graduate of Yale University, who is now his father's partner in business; and Ella A., who died when five years old. Mr. and Mrs. Northrop are devout and active members of the Methodist Church, in which he has been one of the foremost workers for years, holding all the offices, and he is at present serving as trustee. He is also an ardent advocate of the temperance cause, and sympathizes strongly with the Prohibition movement. In political sentiment he is a Republican. Fraternally, he affiliates with Pequonnock Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

HON. WILLIAM BURR HILL, one of the most prosperous and well-to-do agriculturists of Fairfield county, is a native of Connecticut, born January 5, 1826, at Redding, where in the district schools he received a liberal education.

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From some of the old documents of the Co-onial History of Hartford, Conn., it is learned hat the ancestors of the Hill family, of which our subject is a member, were English, the first o come to this country being William Hill, the late of whose advent on these shores was 1632, welve years after the "Mayflower's" first arrival. For a time he located at Dorchester, Mass., hence removing to Windsor, on the Connecticut iver, having bought land there. Later he came o Fairfield county, Conn., where he passed the est of his days. In 1636 he was elected select-nan of his town; was auditor of public accounts n 1639; in 1639 was appointed to view arms and ammunition in the town; was elected deputy or representative, in which incumbency he served rom 1639 to 1641, also in 1644; after his service n the House of Representatives was elected ssistant senator, and collector of customs at Fairfield, and in 1652-53 he again served in the House of Representatives. By his wife Sarah he had children: Sarah, William, Joseph, Ignatius, James and Elizabeth, of whom,

William Hill died December 19, 1684. By his wife Elizabeth had children: Sarah was the wife of Richard Widow; William died in 1728; Joseph, in 1690; John, in 1727; Eliphalet, in 1695; Ignatius and James (no record).

Deacon William Hill, great-great-great-great-grandfather of our subject, died in 1737; by his wife Sarah he had children: Joseph, William and David. Of these, Joseph, great-great-great-grandfather of our subject, was born April 1, 1699, and married Miss Abigail Dunon, who was born March 30, 1701, and died April 25, 1774. He died March 6, 1797. Children: Abigail, born March 21, 1732, married David Gould; Sarah, born August 21, 1733, married William Wakeman; David, born April 22, 1737, never married; Ebenezer, born February 26, 1742; Jabez, great-great-grandfather of our subject; and Moses, born June 11, 1748. Of these,

Jabez, born June 17, 1744, was a man of considerable ability, and served as a major in the Revolutionary army. He settled in the town of Weston, Fairfield county, and married Miss Sarah Read, daughter of Colonel Read, after whom the town of Redding was named, and three children were born to them: Sarah, wife of Timothy Blatt; John R., who married Betsey Sanford; and Moses, great-grandfather of our subject. Jabez Hill died of consumption October 9, 1779. Of his family,

Moses was born January 11, 17—, and died October 13, ——. He was married June 17, 1773, to Miss Esther Burr, who was born May 29, 1755, and died October 6, 1836, aged eighty-one years, and their children were: William, grandfather of our subject; Abigail, born October 14, 1776; and Esther, born June 17, 1777.

William Hill was born April 30, 1774, in Greenfield, Conn., and was a lifelong farmer. He married Betsey Barlow, who was born August 3, 1778, daughter of Nathaniel Barlow, and died September 9, 1864. Children: Bradley, father of our subject; Abigail, born November 12, 1800; Horace, born December 15, 1802; Burr, born December 23, 1804; Betsey (1), born August 2, 18—; Betsey (2); Ebbie, born August 23, 18—; and William, born October 6, 1807.

Bradley Hill was born September 9, 1798, in the town of Greenfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., and was a lifelong farmer. In the old-time training days he was a member of a troop of calvary, and shouldered his flint-lock musket with all the ardor of a true patriot. In religious faith he was a member of the Congregational Church. By his wife, Betsey (Banks), daughter of Zelmon B. Banks, he had children as follows: Abbie M., born September 27, 1823, married Lemuel Sanford; William B. is our subject; Sarah E., born January 31, 1836, is unmarried; and Arthur B. and Albert (twins), born May 28, 1847, the former of whom married Alice St. John, the latter being unmarried.

William B. Hill, the subject proper of these lines, on leaving school engaged in farming, and has ever since devoted his undivided time to that occupation, giving special attention to the buying, rearing and selling of cattle and horses, his business operations in this line extending to the West and various points. He has been quite prominent in politics, as a Whig (which party he joined in 1826) and a Republican, and has filled all the town offices; has served as selectman, as constable frequently, and for many years as a justice of the peace. In 1865-67 he represented his town in the State Legislature with characteristic ability and patriotism.

On April 26, 1854, Mr. Hill married Miss Katie A. Selleck, a daughter of Nathaniel and Eunice (Hull) Selleck, of Danbury. A brief record of the children born to this union is as follows: (1) Helen S., born May 10, 1856, in Redding, Conn., married C. W. Merchant, a prosperous farmer of Redding, and they have one child. (2) Nathaniel B., born July 30, 1859, in Redding, is a farmer and dairyman; he married Mary E. Morehouse, and has one child—Helena L. (3) Celia F., born August 21, 1863, married Walter P. Rowland, a farmer of Weston, and they have one child—Charles B. (4) Sarah M., born September 26, 1865, married Prof. Louis B. Treadwell, professor of biology in Miami

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(Ohio) College, and they have two children—Lois, born July 13, 1893, and Alvin H., born July 15, 1896. (5) Eunice P., born January 19, 1867, married F. B. Wickes, a foreman hatter of Bethel, Conn., and they have one child—David M. (6) Mary E., born February 22, 1870, married William G. Fish, a farmer of Redding. (7) William B., Jr., born May 27, 1871, is a farmer in the town of Redding; he married Eva L. Ferris, daughter of John Ferris, of Greenfield, Conn., and they have one child—Kate F., born September 23, 1894.

Nathaniel Selleck, father of Mrs. William B. Hill, was born in 1801 in the town of Danbury, Conn., and was a lifelong farmer. In politics he was originally a Whig, later, during the Civil war, becoming a Democrat. He married Miss Eunice Hull, who was born in 1809, daughter of Dennie and Polly (Platt) Hull, farming people of Redding, Conn., and children as follows were born to them: (1) Nathaniel B., a hatter by trade, was thrice married—to Sarah M. Burr, Decie M. Sherwood, and Martha Roscoe, respectively—and of his children one son, Nathaniel, is a physician in Danbury (he married Miss Mary Benedict). (2) David M., who resides in California, married Celia F. Miller, and has children—Eunice, Arthur, Katie, Laura and Oliver. (3) Ethan F., a carpenter by trade, died in Danbury; he married Julia Goodsell, and had one child—Caroline Selleck. (4) Oliver F., who was a carpenter in Danbury, married Mary Goodsell, and they had two children—William R. and Dora. (5) Katie A. (wife of our subject), born July 23, 1835, in Danbury, received her earlier education there and afterward attended the Normal School at New Britain, subsequently teaching school for some time prior to her marriage with Hon. W. B. Hill. By a second marriage Nathaniel Selleck had one son, Eugene W., who married Clara Banks.

Benjamin Selleck, grandfather of Mrs. Hill, was born in Maryland, and was the owner of a large plantation in the South; he was also extensively engaged in contracting. He married Hanna Taylor, of Ridgefield, Conn., and had children: Nathaniel, mentioned above; Hanford, married to Betsey Bennett; Benjamin, married to Phebe Wood; and Katie A., who died young.

NEHEMIAH PERRY, M. D. For more than two hundred years the Perry family has been noted for the achievements of its members in professional lines, and especially in the science of medicine. The subject of this sketch, who recently retired after a successful practice of forty-five years in Ridgefield, is the fifth in the line of medical practitioners who have brought distinction to the name of Perry, his career completing an unbroken record of one hundred and fifty years in which some one of his family has been in active practice in Ridgefield. As a physician and surgeon he has fully sustained the prestige of his name, winning a place in the front ranks of the profession, and during his long term of practice he has so established himself in the affectionate regard of the community that the following history will be read with unusual interest.

The first ancestor of whom we have definite knowledge was Richard Perry, a lawyer, who came from England in 1637 and settled at New Haven. In 1649 he received a grant of land in Fairfield county, where many of his descendants have remained. Richard Perry's son Nathaniel, born in 1652, died in 1681; he married, in 1675, Hester, daughter of Richard Lyon. Their son Joseph, born in 1677, died in 1753; his third wife was Mary, daughter of Michael Clugstone. Their son Micah (or Michael), born in 1721, died in 1797; he married, in 1742, Grace, daughter of Peter Sturges. Their son David was the grandfather of our subject.

Dr. David Perry was born in this county in 1747, and in 1772 settled in Ridgefield, where he was engaged in the practice of medicine for fifty years. He often rode to Bridgeport, and even to New York City, for text-books, and he acquired a wide reputation for skill and learning. He married Hannah Brown, by whom he had six children, viz.: David, who married Clarissa Benedict, of Ridgefield; Samuel, who married a Miss Catharda; Nehemiah, our subject's father; John, who died unmarried; Betsy, who became the wife of Thaddeus Keeler, of Ridgefield; and Lucy, who died unmarried.

Dr. Nehemiah Perry, Sr., the father of our subject, was born in Ridgefield in 1790 and died in 1866. He began the study of medicine with his father, and after completing a course in New York City received his degree in Connecticut from President Day, of Yale College. In 1811 he entered upon his professional career in Ridgefield, where he practiced the healing art for fifty-five years, having a very extensive clientele throughout this part of the State. For years he was a leading member of the Fairfield Medical Society, and his inherited talents, developed by study and observation, made him eminent in correct diagnosis and skillful surgery. He owned the property now in the possession of Ex-Governor Lounsbury. His first wife was Mary Sanford, daughter of Esquire

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Lemuel and Betsy (Herron) Sanford, leading residents of Redding, Conn., and after her death he married Clarissa Purdy, of Somerstown, Westchester Co., N. Y. By his first marriage he had five children, as follows: Lucy, who died in childhood; Sarah, wife of Hon. Henry Ruggles, of Norwich, Conn., who was consul at Barcelona, Spain, during Grant's administration, and is now living retired; Nehemiah, our subject, who will be mentioned more fully below; Lemuel, who died in infancy; and Samuel, who married Mary Osborn, of Redding, Conn. By the second marriage there was one daughter, Ellen Cliff Perry, who died in 1890, unmarried. Dr. Nehemiah Perry, and Sarah, Mrs. Henry Ruggles, are the only children living.

Dr. Nehemiah Perry was born in Ridgefield in 1827. He received his early education in the academy of Hugh Stocker Banks, and the private school conducted by Doctor Short, an Episcopal clergyman. His medical education was acquired under the able instruction of his father, with whom he was in practice from the age of eighteen until 1866. From that time until his retirement, in 1893, he practiced alone, his patients being scattered over an area of twenty miles in the immediate vicinity of Ridgefield. He undoubtedly inherited his adaptability to his profession, and by his skill and success gained more than a local reputation, having been called to New York City for consultation in more than one critical case. In surgical work he was notably efficient, although he is unusually well-grounded in all branches of general practice, and has been a close student all his life.

Doctor Perry married Miss Emily Pierson Jennings, daughter of the late Augustus Jennings, of Southport, Conn., and they have two daughters—Lucile Jennings Perry and Grace Jennings Perry. The family is identified with the Episcopal Church, and is prominent in the best social circles of this section. The Doctor is not active in public affairs, but he is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, while his father and grandfather were stanch Whigs.

B. E. MEAD, one of the leading dentists and worthy citizens of Greenwich, Fairfield county, was born in the northern portion of that town, March 8, 1826, a son of Allan and Rachel (Hait) Mead. The Hait family (whose name has been corrupted to Hoyt) is one of the old and well-known families coming of Revolutionary stock, and was originally of Swiss extraction. Our subject's father was born in Greenwich, Conn., in 1799, and was a son of Edmund and Rebecca (Knapp) Reed. In his younger days he worked at the cooper's trade, though he was reared as a farmer boy. He was married in Greenwich, and in 1837 removed to Otsego county, N. Y., which was a great dairying country, and while there he made many firkins of butter. He died of cholera in 1849, and his wife, who survived him for many years, passed away at the ripe old age of eighty-two, both being buried in Greenwich. They were faithful members of the Congregational Church, and he was a Whig in politics.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Seth, a druggist, who died in Peekskill, N. Y.; B. E. is next in order of birth; William, a farmer, is also deceased; Nehemiah is a druggist of Akron, Iowa; Sarah is the wife of Daniel Herbert; Rachel A. is the wife of Charles F. Horton, of Akron, Iowa; Mary L. is the wife of Rev. Cheney, a Congregational minister of Wisconsin; James was a highly successful physician of Chicago, where he died, upon his deathbed receiving the appointment to succeed Doctor Lee "in the highest medical position in Chicago;" and John H. (the youngest in the family), who died in Peoria, Illinois.

During his boyhood and youth B. E. Mead attended the public schools, which at that time were very crude. After his parents removal to New York he attended the Gilbertsville Academy for a time, but when yet in his 'teens he went to live with his uncle, Nehemiah Hait, of Greenwich, Conn., where he made his home for several years. After the death of his father he settled up the business of the estate in a skillful manner without any litigation, although he was yet quite young. He then looked after no small amount of business for his mother in connection with the estate of her brother, Nehemiah Hait.

For several years Mr. Mead was a resident of Peekskill, N. Y., and while at that place started the Peekskill Enamel Iron Company, which flourished under his superintendency, but rapidly declined under his successor. While in Otsego county, N. Y., during his youth, he spent considerable time in a dental office, but circumstances caused him to give up that work for awhile, and on his removal from Peekskill to Unadilla, that State, he again took up the study of dentistry under Doctors Niles & Ireland, successful and skilled practitioners. On returning to Greenwich, in 1869, he opened an office, and soon succeeded in building up a large and lucrative practice, which he still enjoys.

At the age of twenty-seven years, Doctor

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Mead was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth J. Weed, of Greenwich, a daughter of Isaac Weed, and their children are: Carrie, at home; Libby, now Mrs. J. Merritt Smith, of Greenwich; and Edward J., a leading dentist of Mamaroneck, N. Y. Doctor Mead has always been a robust, stout and hardy man, and is exceptionally well preserved for his years. In politics he is a stalwart Republican; in religious faith he is a member of the Congregational Church, while socially, he is identified with the Royal Arcanum.

JACOB MORRIS LOCKWOOD, of Ridgefield, Fairfield county, was born May 13, 1817, at Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N. Y., of English descent which is traced as follows:

(I) Robert Lockwood came from England in 1630, settling in Watertown, Mass., where six of his children were born, and he was made a freeman in March, 1636-37. He was appointed executor of the estate of Edmond Lockwood. About 1646 he removed to Fairfield, Conn., where his four younger children were born—ten in all, named respectively: (II) Jonathan, Deborah, Joseph, Daniel, Ephraim, Gersham, John, Abigail, Sarah and Mary. The mother of these children was Susannah———. (II) Jonathan Lockwood (Lieut.), son of Robert (I), was born September 10, 1634, in Watertown, Mass., and died May 12, 1688, in Greenwich, Conn. On January 1, 1657, he signed a paper at Easttowne, N. Netherlands, promising allegiance to the Governor so long as he lived within his jurisdiction. He moved to Stamford, Conn., October 16, 1660, and resided there until 1665, when he removed to Greenwich, and there became a freeman in 1670; in May, 1671, he was an assistant, and in 1672 he was one of twenty-seven proprietors. He became a prominent citizen of Greenwich, and represented the town in the Legislature four years. By his wife Mary (Ferris), daughter of Jeffrey Ferris, he had children: Jonathan, Robert, Gersham, (III) Joseph, John, Sarah (who married Michael Lounsbery), and Abigail.

(III) Joseph Lockwood, son of Lieutenant Jonathan (II), was born, in 1673, in Stamford, Conn., was admitted a freeman February 17, 1697, and died in 1759 at Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N. Y. He was twice married, first on May 19, 1698, to Elizabeth Ayers, who died in childhood December 16, 1715. For his second wife he wedded, August 10, 1716, Margery Webb, who was born October 4, 1683, and died January 2, 1739. A brief record of (III) Joseph's children by his first wife is as follows: Joseph, born March 15, 1699, married Sarah Hoyt; Hannah, born March 24, 1701, married David Dann; John, born September 18, 1703; Nathaniel, born April 1, 1706; Elizabeth, born May 15, 1708; Israel, born June 4, 1710; Mary, born ——, 17—; and Reuben, born December 15, 1715. The only child born to (III) Joseph by his second wife was (IV) James.

(IV) James Lockwood (Lieut.-Col.), youngest son of (III) Joseph, was born July 15, 1722, at Stamford, Conn., and married Mary Norton. Issue: Mary L., born March 3, 1742; James, born March —, 1758; (V) Jacob; Susannah, who married Ephraim Lockwood; Thankful, wife of James Benedict; Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Wood; Lydia, who married Elisha Pelham; and Esther, wife of James Harford.

(V) Jacob Lockwood, son of (IV) James, was born at Stamford, Conn., and appears to have moved to New Canaan. He married Mary Pelham, and children as follows were born to them:

(VI) James Lockwood, son of (V) Jacob, was born July 1, 1787, in New Canaan, Fairfield Co., Conn. He was a worker in wood, a wagon maker and mill-wright by trade, and frequently went to the South, being a widely-known expert in his line. He lived in Pound Ridge, Fishkill and Bedford, N. Y., in which latter place he died June 3, 1834, in his forty-seventh year. He served in the war of 1812. On August 3, 1808, at Pound Ridge, N. Y., he married Nancy J. Albin, daughter of Jonathan Albin, and children as follows were born to them: Hannah, born June 20, 1809, married Aaron Arnold, and died May 14, 1877; Sidney, born February 8, 1811, married Polly Arnold, and died in 1889; Mary, born January 10, 1813, married Alexander Lounsbury, and died in 1891; Jeremiah T., born January 7, 1815, married Jane Sheriger, and died in 1869 (she died in November, 1892); (VII) Jacob M. [see below]; Nancy J., born June 7, 1819, married D. Bishop, and died March 14, 1896; George W., born March 14, 1822, married Betsey Saunders, and died June 7, 1893; Eliza, born October 26, 1826, married David De Forest, and lives in New Canaan; John H., born August 3, 1828, died August 6, 1838; Charles, born February —, 1831, died January 19, 1881; and Anna M., born February 6, 1833, died in New Canaan June 17, 1886.

(VII) Jacob M. Lockwood, son of (VI) James, and the subject proper of this biographical sketch, was born May 13, 1817, at Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N. Y., and up to the age of fifteen years attended the public schools, receiving a liberal education, after which he learned the

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trade of cabinet maker with Hawley & Picket, of Ridgefield, following same as a journeyman some seven years, and also carpentry for a time. From 1840 to 1866 he conducted the principal trade in his line in that town, doing a large business, and he helped to build the M. E. church in Ridgefield, which still stands. In 1866 he commenced the undertaking business in Ridgefield, which he continued until 1875 in connection with carpentering, and he has occasionally engaged at it since. By hard work, judicious care, and strict integrity in all his dealings, Mr. Lockwood succeeded in amassing a comfortable competence. Leaving the paternal roof when he was but ten years old, he has in truth been the architect of his own fortune, and stands pre-eminent among the typical self-made men of his time. At one time he owned the land about his own home where now stands the Catholic church. In 1868 he started what was called the Ridgefield Cemetery Association, and he has ever since been its superintendent; from time to time he has sold lots to the association from his land.

In 1838 Mr. Lockwood married Miss Julia M. Stevens, daughter of Abner and Abigail M. Stevens, of Greenwich, Conn., and they had three children, as follows: (1) Adeline A., born April 25, 1840, married (first) Andrew Smith, by whom she has two children—James W. and Emma Frances; and after his death she became the wife of Bradley Edmond. (2) Frank Wilmot, born March 19, 1842, is a minister of the M. E. Church, in Philadelphia; he married Rebecca J. Hamilton, of Philadelphia, and has one son, Frank Hamilton. (3) Emma Lind (named after Jennie Lind, the songstress), born June 16, 1850, married Amos Randolph Northrop, of Lewisboro, N. Y., and had one child, Nellie Wilmot, who died at the age of six years.

In politics our subject was originally a Whig, voting for William H. Harrison in 1840, and since the organization of the party has been a stanch Republican. In religious faith he is a member of the M. E. Church at Ridgefield, of which he has for many years been trustee. He has always taken an active interest in the prosperity of the village and its enterprises, has been one of its most public-spirited citizens, and no one is more deserving of prominent representation in the pages of this work than Jacob Morris Lockwood.

ARTHUR BENNETT has been living retired in Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., for the past twenty-five years, occupying the "old homestead" where he was born, and it is safe to say that there is no more highly respected resident of this village, where he is as universally esteemed as he is well known. Mr. Bennett is a son of Deacon Charles Bennett (who in his day was an equally prominent man in this locality), and a grandson of Moses and Abigail Bennett.

Charles Bennett was born in 1792 in Westport, Conn., learned the trade of shoemaker, and after his marriage settled in the village of Fairfield, Fairfield county, where he passed the remainder of his days. He engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes on what was in those days considered an extensive scale, and was finally enabled to purchase the property still owned by his son Arthur, whereon he erected a factory, also the family residence, where he died February 1, 1871. Mr. Bennett prospered, and deservedly, after his removal to Fairfield, and he supplied a large Southern trade for many years. He became one of the foremost citizens of that neighborhood, taking an active part in public affairs, and as a public-spirited man, deeply interested in the welfare of his community, he was often consulted on matters of local importance, possessing the confidence of his fellow men to an unusual degree. He was a Whig and later a Republican in political faith, and though no politician in the sense of office-seeker he was elected to represent Fairfield in the State Legislature, an incumbency he filled with the ability and thoroughness which characterized all his undertakings. He was no less active in religious matters, and he was an earnest member and zealous worker in the Church, for many years holding the office of deacon. Mr. Bennett began life with no capital save a thorough knowledge of his trade and a pair of willing hands; but in spite of this discouraging lack of financial means at the outset he managed to accumulate a comfortable competence, and he reared his family well, at his death leaving a valuable estate. As a man of strict integrity and honorable principles in all the relations of life, he ranked second to none in his vicinity, and he was a most influential and respected member of the community where all his active years were spent. He was one of the executors of the will of Roger Sherman.

Mr. Bennett was first married, at the age of twenty-one, to Miss Polly Bennett, who was born in 1793, and died September 14, 1862. Her remains rest beside his in the Fairfield East cemetery. Five children blessed this union, as follows: Henry, who became his father's partner in the shoe business, died November 27, 1857; William, who was a tailor by trade, died October 13, 1896, aged seventy-five years; Oliver, of

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whom all trace has been lost; Arthur; and Jane (Mrs. Charles Bibbins). The father wedded, for his second wife, Miss Mary Bennett, who passed away August 15, 1892, at the age of eighty-five years.

Arthur Bennett was born July 18, 1826, in the village of Fairfield, where he grew to manhood, in his earlier years attending the common schools and later the Fairfield Academy, under Professor Benton and Professor Tufts. When seventeen he took up the shoemaker's trade in his father's shop, and he continued at the business during all his active years, conducting the factory after his father's retirement until it was abandoned. As above stated, he has led a retired life for the past quarter of a century, and he has passed all his days on the "old homestead" of the Bennett family. Our subject was married, at the age of forty-six years, to Miss Ellen Burr Perry, daughter of Curtis and Harriet (Sherwood) Perry, of Westport, Conn. Mrs. Bennett is a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Bennett was originally a Whig in politics, and is now a loyal Republican, though he takes no interest in party affairs beyond voting.

MAJOR THOMAS BOUDREN, who for the past twenty years has been superintendent of the White Manufacturing Company, of Bridgeport, is a native of New Jersey, born at Newark, January 3, 1832, a son of Michael Boudren, who came from Ireland to America in 1828, and died in 1844.

Mr. Boudren passed his boyhood in Philadelphia, New York, New Haven and Bridgeport, attending school in New York, New Haven and Bridgeport. At the early age of nine years he commenced earning a living, at first as errand boy, and when he was fifteen he was apprenticed in Newark, N. J., to the carriage-lamp making business. Leaving Newark for Bridgeport, in 1852, he commenced working for the Bradley & White Manufacturing Company, corner of Broad and Carmon streets, and continued with that [illegible] in which year he went to Philadelphia and embarked in the manufacture of carriage lamps on his own account.

At the breaking out of the Civil war, however, he closed his business and secured an engagement as instructor for several military organizations, and for six weeks put the 29th Penn. V. I. "through their facings" until that regiment was ordered to the front. On that occasion he was offered a commission by Governor Curtin, of Pennsylvania, but declined the honor. Returning to Bridgeport, our subject was appointed, by Governor Buckingham, to the position of instructor for Captain Siprell's company, 4th Conn. V. I., which was then being organized. As soon as his engagement with that company was ended he assisted Col. Richard Fitzgibbons in raising Company I, 6th Conn. V. I., of which he was made captain, and with which company he served in all its operations around Charleston, S. C., on James Island, the investiture of Fort Pulaski, and the battle of Pocataligo, S. C., until the spring of 1862. After that he was on recruiting service, and was assigned to duty under the provost marshal to assist in enforcing the draft. At Grapevine Point, New Haven, Conn., he organized the depot of drafted men for the States of Rhode Island and Connecticut. In 1863 he resigned his connection with the Connecticut Volunteers to accept service in the 25th United States Colored Troops, ten regiments of which were organized under the direct supervision of the War Department at Washington. He joined the 25th as captain, from which rank he was in course of time promoted to major, and he served in the defense of Newbern, N. C., and the department of Florida. He was also ordnance officer on the staff of General Asboth, commanding the Department of West Florida. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged, having served his country continuously from August, 1861, to December 6, 1865. Once more taking up the vocations of peace, he renewed the carriage-lamp manufacturing business, and in 1877 he became the superintendent of the White Manufacturing Company, of Bridgeport, manufacturers of carriage lamps, carriage hardware and hearse mountings, which concern has been in existence since 1832. Our subject is also a stockholder in same.

In 1854, in Bridgeport, Conn., Major Boudren was married to Miss Elizabeth North, a native of England, and two children have been born to them: (1) Elizabeth North, who married Alvin A. Libby, and has two children—Bessie and Helene; and (2) Sarah Ellen. Politically, the Major is a pronounced Republican, but has never sought office. Socially, he is a member of Elias Howe, Jr., Post No. 3, G. A. R., and has served the Post in every elective capacity from officer of the guard to post commander, which latter office he filled two years. He has a record of never having been absent from post meeting for over fifteen years, excepting in case of sickness or absence from town. He was also Senior Vice Department Commander of the Department of Connecticut, G. A. R., for the year 1898. He is affiliated with St. John's

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Lodge, F. & A. M., of Bridgeport, of which he became a member in 1859. The Major is one of the steady-going prosperous citizens of Bridgeport, one who has made his own way in the world, and as a citizen holds a prominent place in the estimation of his neighbors and friends.

HON. AUSTIN B. LOCKWOOD. "Man's sociality of nature," says Carlyle, "evinces itself in spite of all that can be said by this one fact, were there no other — the unspeakable delight which he takes in biography." The following history of one of the best known citizens of Bethel conveys a helpful lesson, and cannot fail to encourage any young man who aims at a substantial success in life.

Mr. Lockwood was born August 20, 1830, in the town of Redding, this county, and is a member of a family which has been identified with this section for many years. Joseph Lockwood, the father of our subject, was a native of the town of Weston, born December 31, 1785, and was reared in that locality, but his later years were spent in Redding. By occupation he was a cooper and stonemason. Among his acquaintances he was held in the highest esteem for his excellent qualities of character. He was a man of deep religious feeling, and a thorough student of the Bible. His wife, Hannah (Mills), who was also a native of Weston, was born in 1781 and died in 1848. Of their nine children none are now living except our subject.

The educational opportunities which Mr. Lockwood enjoyed in his youth were not as extensive as he desired, and after an attendance at the district schools of Redding and Bethel, he was apprenticed in June, 1845, to Mr. Joyce, a hatter of Bethel. In August of that year he accompanied Mr. Joyce to Port Jervis, N. Y., and later worked for two years in Gregory's hat shop, at Newburg, N. Y. He then returned to Bethel, and as the Mexican war was in progress he enlisted as a soldier, but as he was not of age and his father objecting, he was not allowed to go. From that time until he was twenty years old he was employed at the hatter's trade by Mr. McDowell, of Weston, and afterward he went to Easton, where he learned the business of shoemaking. In 1865 he located in Bethel and engaged in the boot and shoe business, his store being on Main street opposite the Congregational Church. In 1874 he removed to the old bank building on Chestnut street, and three years later he transferred his stock to a store at the corner of Chestnut and Center streets. In 1884 he sold out to Mr. Wheeler, and went into business in Danbury, but after three years he again opened a store in Bethel. Between 1883 and 1895 he took possession of his present store in Fountain Place. As a business man he is successful, and his sound judgment is recognized in financial circles.

Without neglecting his private interests Mr. Lockwood has taken an active part in local politics as a member of the Democratic party. In 1874 he represented his town in the State Legislature, and for some time he held the office of justice of the peace, while at present he is serving as a member of the town board of assessors. Socially, he is prominent as a member of Eureka Lodge No. 83, F. & A. M., with which he united about thirty-three years ago, and he also belongs to the order of American Mechanics.

Mr. Lockwood was married in the town of Monroe, this county, to Miss Julia A. Durand. Their only daughter, Effie Louise, born August 5, 1866, married George H. Crofut, and died January 26, 1892.

SAMUEL MARTIN SHIRK, M. D. Among the younger medical practitioners in Stamford, Fairfield county, Conn., Doctor Shirk is a well-known figure, and though he has been in general practice but a few years he has established himself firmly in the esteem of the people, and obtained a good start on the road to success in his chosen profession.

Doctor Shirk was born December 21, 1868, in New Holland, Lancaster Co., Penn., in which county the Shirk family has resided since 1733. His father, Samuel W. Shirk, has been a lifelong farmer there, and our subject was reared at the place of his birth, attending in his boyhood the public schools of the vicinity. He supplemented his primary education with a course at the Millersville (Penn.) Normal School, after which he taught for several years in Lancaster county. While engaged in teaching he commenced preparation for his life work, studying medicine under Dr. P. R. Keeler for some time. During 1887–88 he was a student at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Penn., and the two years following pursued his studies with Dr. D. W. Harner, of New Holland, Penn., finally in 1889, entering the Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1891. He was one of the men who tied for first place in scholarship in the class. He then took a one-year's hospital course in the Pittsburg Homeopathic Medical and Surgical Hospital, and in January, 1892, he went abroad with a Pittsburg gentleman, as attending physician. For two and one-half years

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after this he had charge of a private patient, traveling the greater part of the time, and it was not until the latter part of 1895 that he opened an office for general practice, settling in Stamford, where he has since been engaged in the duties of his profession. Doctor Shirk's ability as a master of the "healing art" has of course been the necessary factor in his success, and it has been most happily combined with his genial and cheerful disposition, which has been the means also of winning for him many friends, in both professional and private life. The Doctor was married in September, 1896, at Saratoga, N. Y., to Miss Grace A. Thompson, of Saratoga county.

C. L. WRIGHT, a well-to-do and prosperous farmer of North Greenwich District, Fairfield county, is a native of Westchester county, N. Y., born in New Castle township, July 28, 1857, and is a son of Charles and Elizabeth (Hunt) Wright. The family is of Scotch extraction. Our subject's paternal grandfather was John Wright, who in early life owned a stable of cows on Murray Hill, New York, and engaged in peddling milk in the city. Later he followed the occupation of farming.

At an early age Charles Wright, our subject's father, became familiar with the milk business, which he followed to a great extent throughout his active business life. For seven years he was also on the water as a sailor on a packet boat trading between New York and South American ports. After quitting the sea he engaged in hauling milk to points along the Harlem railroad, and in this business gradually accumulated enough capital to purchase a farm at Mt. Kisko, N. Y., where he lived for eight years. In 1868 he purchased the Alva Mead farm in North Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he made his home until called to his final rest in 1888. A short time after coming here he again turned his attention to the milk business, and later engaged in freighting along the Harlem railroad. Although he started in life for himself poor, he succeeded in accumulating a comfortable property, as he was industrious, economical, and possessed of good business ability. He married Elizabeth Hunt, a native of Chappaqua, N. Y., daughter of Lewis Hunt, a farmer, and of the children born to them our subject is the eldest; Effington is superintendent of a large stable on Water street, New York City; Lottie is the wife of Elliott Smith, of Port Chester, N. Y.; and Luessa, a teacher in the schools of Mt. Vernon, N. Y. The parents now rest side by side in the cemetery at Chappaqua, N. Y. The father was a Democrat in politics, and by birthright was a member of the Friends Church.

The primary education of our subject was obtained in the schools of his native district, and later he became a student in the Quaker Ridge Academy, when Samuel Peck was principal, completing his literary training by a one-term's attendance at the Chappaqua Boarding School. When his school days were over he returned home and worked for his father until 1879, when he married Miss Carrie H. Tripp, who was born on King Street, a daughter of Samuel H. and Elizabeth Matthews. For one year after his marriage he rented and operated the Oliver Matthews farm in Westchester county, N. Y., and then leased a farm near "Crystal Springs Hotel" on King Street, for eight years. As his father was in poor health, he returned home in 1887, and after his father's death, when the farm was sold at a public sale, he bought it. It consists of ninety-five acres of excellent and well-improved land in North Greenwich. Formerly Mr. Wright was interested in dairying, and also for some time was engaged in the freighting business along the Harlem railroad, but of recent years he has given his entire attention to general farming.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wright, the elder of whom, Elizabeth, died at the age of two years; Edna is at home. Our subject is purely non-partisan in politics, voting for the best men and issues according to his judgment. By birthright he is a member of the Friends Church, with which his wife is also connected. His success has been the result of honest, persistent effort in the line of honorable and manly dealing. His aims have always been to attain the best, and he has carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken. He is well known, and is numbered among the best citizens of North Greenwich.

SAMUEL A. MOSHIER has been connected with the retail grocery business in Greenwich for over a quarter of a century, during which time he has become one of the most successful in his line in Fairfield county. He is a native of the township, born September 8, 1852.

James Moshier, the father of Samuel A., was born in 1809, on Chestnut Ridge, in Westchester county, N. Y., of New England extraction. His father being a farmer, he was reared to agricultural life in his native county, and thence in early manhood he came to Green-

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wich township, where he married Miss Lois Timpany, who was born in 1814 in Mianus, Fairfield county, daughter of John Timpany. Mr. Moshier was a lifelong farmer, and at the time of his death had acquired a nice property situated three miles north of Mianus, which he purchased in 1850. At that time the land was new, and he did all the clearing, made numerous improvements, erected buildings, and attended to all the other details of converting it into a valuable property which yielded him a good income. He and his faithful wife worked and managed together, for they had only their own savings to build on, and it took years of constant industry to make the comfortable home which they had. Their family consisted of nine children, viz.: Edgar, who died at the age of fourteen years; Sarah A. (Mrs. Henry Olmstead, of Mianus); Mary A. (Mrs. B. I. Buxton, living at Bangall, Fairfield county); Sylvester, who died young; Jane (Mrs. Eli Timpany, of Stamford); Leander, who joined Company I, 10th Conn. V. I., for service in the Civil war, died in New Orleans in 1863, and is buried at Greenwich; Samuel A. and F. P., who now own the old homestead farm; and John T., of North Mianus. Mr. Moshier was tall and slender in build, weighing ordinarily about 150 pounds. He died January 24, 1877, after an illness of over a year, and was laid to rest in the Union cemetery, where his wife is also buried; she survived until February 3, 1891. She was a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Moshier was a firm believer in the principles of the Democratic party, though in voting he usually followed the dictates of his own judgment.

Samuel A. Moshier was given such education as the district schools of the day afforded, acquired, as was usually the case with farmer boys, during the winter season when his services could be dispensed with at home. He was only a youth when he commenced to work for other farmers, and received at first but seven dollars a month for his services, by the time he was sixteen commanding ten dollars. In the winter he worked for his board and attended school, being industrious and anxious to improve every opportunity to gain knowledge. He continued to work as a farm laborer until he was twenty years of age, when he came to Greenwich and entered the grocery establishment of Wright & Webb, where he acquired his first experience in merchandising. With this firm he remained four years, and for the following three years was with their successors, Wright & Brush. Mr. Moshier realized that his business success depended on his own exertions, and during the seven years of his clerkship he had exercised all the economy and thrift in his nature, and saved every dollar he could in the hope of being some day able to branch out on his own account. In partnership with a fellow clerk, Lorenzo Slocum, he bought the grocery store of R. Minor, which they conducted under the firm name of Slocum & Moshier for four years. During two years of that time they carried on business on a strictly cash basis, and made a success of the system, which they were the first in their line to introduce into Greenwich.

At the end of four years Mr. Moshier withdrew from the business, and shortly afterward became a member of another firm, Moshier & Mead, dealing in the same line. Four years later, in 1886, he became sole proprietor of their interests, and he has since been in business alone, commanding an extensive patronage in and around Greenwich. Enterprising and wide-awake in business matters, courteous and obliging to customers, and strictly honorable in all his dealings, his success is not to be wondered at, and it is the general opinion of all who come in contact with him that he well deserves the reward his efforts have brought him. As a citizen he commands equal respect, and Greenwich afforded no better example of the self-made man who, while pushing his own way to prosperity and position, does not forget his duty to the community he lives in, and does all in his power to further its general welfare and progress. He owns the building in which his store is located, also a comfortable home in the village, which he built.

Mr. Moshier's first wife was Miss Jennie H. Scott, of Orange county, N. Y., who died leaving no children. He subsequently married Miss Lizzie Rodermund, who was born in Greenwich, the only child of Michael Rodermund. The family removed to New York City when she was a child, and there she lived until her marriage to Mr. Moshier. Two children have blessed their union: Milo W. A. and Irvin R. Mrs. Moshier is a member of the Second Congregational Church. Our subject is a loyal Republican in politics, but beyond voting takes little interest in party affairs. For five years he had been a member of Company F, 4th Connecticut National Guard, when that organization flourished in Greenwich, and with his fellow members visited the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876, the company going into camp there; he received an honorable discharge from the militia. He was one of the first members of the well-known Amogerone Fire Department at Greenwich.

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GIDEON TOMLINSON, chief of police of the borough of Shelton, is an able and popular official, and the people of the town, irrespective of party ties, unite in commendation of his faithful and efficient service.

Mr. Tomlinson's family has been identified with this State for several generations, his grandfather, Huntington Tomlinson, having resided upon a farm near Stratford. Gideon M. Tomlinson, the father of our subject, was born at Stratford in 1819, and followed farming there throughout life. He died in 1883. In politics he was a Republican, and took an intelligent interest in all that affected the welfare of the community, being especially active in religious work as a member of the Congregational Church. He married Miss Abigail Welles, a native of the town of Monroe, and a daughter of Gideon and Lydia Welles, well-known citizens of the town. She is yet living. They had seven children, viz.: Sarah, married to William E. Wheeler, of Stratford, who was drowned; Rebecca, who married (first) Charles Burrett, a machinist at Huntington, who was killed by accident, and (second) wedded William Wilkinson, who resides in Huntington and is engaged in business in New York City; George H., a farmer at the old homestead near Stratford; Eliza M., wife of Alfred B. Fairchild, formerly of Trumbull and now a resident of Bridgeport; Gideon, our subject; William W., an electrician in New York City; and Jabez H., who died at the age of twenty-two years.

Mr. Tomlinson was born February 3, 1852, in Stratford, and during the first fifteen years of his career he had the advantage of the wholesome surroundings of farm life. After completing the course of study offered in the public schools he attended the Connecticut Literary Institute, in Suffield, Conn., for three years. About 1872 he engaged in the meat business at Stratford, and in 1883 he removed to Shelton, where he continued the same line of trade in a meat market on Howe avenue for three years, in partnership with his brother, William W. Later he took a position on the police force, and his ability soon brought him promotion to his present responsible position. He also holds the office of town constable and clerk of the Probate Court, and while in Stratford he served five years as street commissioner. Politically, he is a stanch Republican, and he is regarded as one of the leading workers in the local organization.

On February 3, 1873, Mr. Tomlinson married Miss Idwella I. Nichols, daughter of Lucius C. and Josephine E. (Curtis) Nichols, highly esteemed residents of the town of Trumbull. Four children have blessed this union: Josephine E. (married Wm. H. Lyon, of Ansonia, Conn.); and Charles H., Jessie M. and Lucius N., all at home. The family is prominent socially, and while residing in Stratford Mr. Tomlinson united with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

PATRICK CARROLL, one of the industrious, thrifty farmers of Fairfield township, Fairfield Co., Conn., is a native of Ireland, born March 17, 1849, in County Westmeath, a son of Thomas and Ann (Dunn) Carroll. The parents came to the United States in about 1850, settling in Fairfield, Conn., where they passed the remainder of their days, Mr. Carroll working on the railroad for many years. He died at the age of forty-seven, and the mother lived to the advanced age of eighty-three, dying in March, 1897, at the home of her son Patrick, who had supported her ever since the father's death. There were four children in the family who lived to adult age: Christiana (Mrs. William McCullough), Patrick, Mary A. (who is the widow of John Ellwell), and John (of Fairfield).

Patrick Carroll remained in Ireland for about a year after his parents came to this country, living with his uncle, Richard Dunn, who brought him across the ocean when he was two and one-half years old. He was reared to manhood in Fairfield county, and here received his education in the public schools, which he attended during the summer time only, and as he was not overfond of study he commenced work at the early age of ten years, working principally as a farm hand, though he was always handy with tools and able to do various kinds of work. He always lived at home, and after his father's decease he proved a most affectionate son, giving his mother a home and assisting her in every way for the remainder of her days. In partnership with his uncle, Michael Dunn, Mr. Carroll finally invested in land in Fairfield township, located in Bloch Lane, and when they divided the tract the portion which fell to our subject was unimproved with buildings of any kind, presenting a decidedly different appearance to what it does at the present day. Mr. Carroll now has between twenty-five and thirty acres of well-improved land, with good substantial buildings, all erected by him, and, although he was obliged to go in debt to a great extent for this property, he has, by industry and economy, managed to clear it of all incumbrances, and, in addition to his home on the farm, he owns another in Southport. Mr. Carroll has acquired all his property by his own exertions, for he commenced life a poor boy, but he has reaped the reward which

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always follows earnest, steady effort, and he now enjoys a comfortable competence. He is respected by all who know him as a straightforward, honest man and a good citizen in every way, and he is a friend of progress in every line, especially that of public education

On April 25, 1886, Mr. Carroll was married to Miss Bridget Sharkey, who was born September 13, 1858, in County Leitrim, Ireland, came to the United States when nineteen years of age, and lived in New York City for some years previous to her marriage. Six children have been born to this marriage, namely: Thomas J., Mary J., Anna L., Patrick, Jr., Catherine (who died in infancy) and Francis M. The family worship at St. Thomas' Catholic Church, in Fairfield, of which Mr. Carroll has been a prominent member for years; he is at present serving as trustee of the Church, and he has held various other offices with his customary faithfulness and attention to duty. He is a Democrat in political sympathy, though in local affairs he is non-partisan, supporting the best man, regardless of politics.

WILLIAM F. ACTON, D. D. S., of Norwalk, holds a leading place among the able and enterprising business men of that city. After winning a creditable reputation in his chosen profession of dentistry, he was compelled to abandon it on account of failing eyesight, but he quickly made his mark in business circles, and at present is the secretary, treasurer, and general manager of the Norwalk Street Railroad Company.

In both paternal and maternal lines Doctor Acton is of English descent. John W. Acton, his grandfather, was born in England, whence he came to America in early manhood and settled in New York City, where he engaged in business as a manufacturer of and dealer in shoes. Among his children was a son, Thomas C. Acton, who was for many years a prominent citizen of New York, and superintendent of the United States Assay Office there. For four years he was assistant treasurer of the United States, connected with the sub-treasury at New York, and he has been for many years regarded as one of the shrewdest and most successful financiers of the center of monetary interests. He helped to organize the Bank of New Amsterdam, of which he was the first president, and since his retirement from that position he has held the office of director. He has always been a leading worker in municipal affairs, and at the time of the great riots in New York he served as acting superintendent of police. On one occasion he was tendered the nomination for the office of mayor, but this and other propositions to become a candidate at the polls on his party ticket have been declined.

Charles A. Acton, our subject's father, was born and reared in the metropolis, and after receiving an excellent education at the University of New York City he engaged in teaching. Later he followed various occupations, and for some time he was connected with the United States mail service, operating different routes in New Jersey, and afterward he entered the United States internal revenue service as inspector of tobacco and other goods subject to export duty, his jurisdiction extending to all the ports of New York State. During his term in this position he was directly under the commissioner at Washington. In politics he was a stanch Republican, and in religious faith he was an Episcopalian. He died January 1, 1898. His wife, whose maiden name was Ellen Vaughan, was born in New York City, a daughter of Dr. Henry and Ellen (Vakay) Vaughan. The Vaughan family, since coming to this country, has been identified with the Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Acton was an active member until her death, which occurred July 23, 1895. Our subject was the youngest of three children, the others being Charles H., a resident of Norwalk, and Edward M., formerly a druggist at Tuckahoe, Westchester Co., N. Y., who died at the age of thirty-six.

Dr. W. F. Acton was born April 3, 1867, at Boonton, N. J., whence when he was about eighteen months old his parents removed to New York City, where he grew to manhood. He attended various schools, mostly private, and took a complete course in Packard's Business College, graduating in 1884. Later he entered the New York College of Dentistry, to prepare for his profession, but although he was qualified to graduate in 1886 he was not given a diploma until 1888 on account of his youth, and at the time of his graduation he was the youngest man ever sent out by the institution. On receiving the coveted diploma he immediately opened a dental office at Norwalk, where he succeeded in building up a very fine practice; but the work proved injurious to his eyes, and after five years he gave it up. He then took a vacation, and on returning to Norwalk with his health greatly improved he became secretary and manager of the Norwalk Horse Railroad Company. In 1894 the name of the corporation was changed by order of court to the Norwalk Street Railroad Company, and he has since acted as secretary, treasurer and manager of same. He is a mem-

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ber of the Board of Trade, and his sound judgment is appreciated in business circles. He is prominent socially as a member of the Masonic and other fraternities, including the Norwalk Club, of which he is president, and the Tennis Club, in which he formerly held the same position; he also belongs to the Connecticut State Dental Society. Politically, he is affiliated with the Republican party. The Doctor is unmarried.

EDWARD McCALL. This well-known resident of Bridgeport, who is now living in retirement after a life of industry, is held in high esteem among his acquaintances, and the enterprise and business ability shown in his successful struggle with adverse circumstances deserves a lasting record.

The McCall family is of Irish origin, and the home of our subject's ancestors has been located for many generations in County Monaghan, Ireland. Thomas McCall, our subject's father, who was a farmer in that county, married Miss Jane Smith, and had nine children, as follows: John (who died in infancy), Owen, Patrick, Margaret, Bridget, Jane, John (2), Edward and Thomas.

Our subject was born in 1833 at the old home in County Monaghan, and was educated in the national schools at that place. On leaving school at the age of seventeen he spent a year at home, but in 1852 he came to America, landing in New York City in May of that year. Being familiar with agricultural work, he soon found employment on a farm near Monroe, Conn., where he remained about a year, and he then went to Bridgeport and worked two years upon a farm at ten dollars per month. His next situation was at Black Rock, where he spent eight months in farm labor, but on drawing his pay for that time he decided to seek better opportunities in the West. Going to Detroit, Mich., therefore, he was employed for two years in the hardware store of McKibbon & Co., and then he purchased a horse and wagon with which he engaged in a trucking business. This he continued for three years, meeting with gratifying success, and his savings enabled him to purchase a farm fourteen miles from the city. After residing at the farm for three years he returned to Detroit, but soon afterward he wisely concluded that this section afforded greater advantages than he had found in the West, so, coming back to Bridgeport, he located here permanently. For a time he worked at various callings as opportunity permitted, and it was nearly a year after his return before he secured steady employment as driver of a milk wagon for a Mr. Hough, with whom he remained about three years. He then took a lease of the Bailey farm, where the Sea Side Park is now located. Twelve years later the farm was purchased by George Mallory, P. T. Barnum and Nathaniel Wheeler, who were then associated in extensive real-estate transactions, and Mr. McCall was employed by Mr. Mallory to attend to certain details of the work of the park. For about four years he had charge of the mowing, the machine being drawn by a horse, and about 1887 he retired from active work. During his business career he managed to accumulate a fine competence, his real-estate holdings in Bridgeport being worth from $25,000 to $30,000. This includes his comfortable residence at No. 156 Railroad avenue, three double houses on Myrtle avenue, and a store at the corner of Myrtle and Railroad avenues. For several years Mr. McCall served as a special policeman at Bridgeport, and he has always taken a keen interest in local affairs. In politics he is a Democrat, and he and his family are prominently identified with the Church of the Sacred Heart (Roman Catholic), in which he holds the office of first trustee.

Mr. McCall has been twice married, first to Miss Julia Monaghan, who died in 1877, and in 1880 he formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Miss Annie Gaynor, of Bridgeport, who died August 3, 1898. He has had three children (all by the first marriage), two of whom are living: Thomas, who is married and has two children (he is employed as engineer on a ferry boat plying between New York and Staten Island); and Mary Ann, who married Friendship Cole, and has five children—Lillie, Willie, Eddie, Charles and Annie. The family reside in one of our subject's houses. Mr. McCall has been a hard worker, is a man of good judgment, and commands the respect of the community.

JAMES CHASE LEACH is a prosperous agriculturist residing in Pembroke District, town of Danbury, his farm, though small, being well-managed and maintained in a fine state of cultivation.

Mr. Leach comes of good New England stock, and his grandparents, Amos and Helen (Pepper) Leach, were both born in Vermont, the former on September 25, 1776, and the latter on July 6, 1760. Their son Jacob, our subject's father, was born in Vermont January 9, 1801, and died in 1863. He was an excellent mechanic, and for many years was engaged in business at New Fairfield, Conn., as a millwright, blacksmith and carpenter, acquiring through his industry a valuable property, including a house, a gristmill, a saw-

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mill and a cider-mill. He married Miss Lavina Chase, who was born April 15, 1801, and died in 1874. Our subject was the youngest of five children, the others being Elial, Lorinda, William Bennett, and Daniel Pepper.

Mr. Leach, our subject, was born July 26, 1840, at the old home in the town of New Fairfield, and he received his early education in the district schools of that locality. At eighteen he began to work for his father, and so continued until he reached the age of twenty-two when he engaged in farming. For some time he rented different farms, but in 1876 he came into possession of his present place, which was known as the old Frost homestead. In 1860 he married Miss Harriet Matilda Frost, daughter of Jacob and Angeline (Stevens) Frost, and granddaughter of Stephen Frost. On the maternal side her grandparents were Zadoc and Phœbe (White) Stevens. Mr. Leach raises general crops, including corn and potatoes, and for several years he was engaged in tobacco growing. The farm contains about sixty acres, and is bounded on the north by the lands of Aaron Mallett, on the east by the Neversink Swamp, on the south by the lands of Aaron Mallett, and on the west by the highway running from Danbury to New Fairfield, commonly called the Bear Mountain road.

Mr. and Mrs. Leach have had five children: Harriet Annette, George Henry, Lewis LeGrand, Cora Belle (who died in infancy), and Floyd James. The family is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church in New Fairfield, of which Mr. and Mrs. Leach, Lewis and Floyd are all members. In politics Mr. Leach is a Democrat, and he has always taken an active interest in local affairs, especially in those pertaining to educational advancement, and for five years he served as school trustee.

FRANK D. MOREHOUSE, of Bridgeport, has won more than local reputation as a manufacturer of carbonated beverages, and his celebrated "Berkshire" distilled water has a wide sale.

Mr. Morehouse is of English descent in the paternal line, but his ancestors came to this section at an early day, and his grandfather Morehouse was a farmer in the town of Westport. Eliphalet Morehouse, our subject's father, was born in the town of Westport and, although he learned the shoemaker's trade in youth, became a farmer there. Later he removed to a farm in Wilton, this county, where he now resides. His wife, whose maiden name was Grummond, was a native of Wilton. Our subject is the youngest in their family of seven children, the others being Mary E., wife of Frank Nash, of Danbury, this county; Miss Anna A., who resides in Wilton; Helen (deceased), formerly the wife of Theodore Goff; Miss Josephine, who is at home; George (deceased), who was an engineer by occupation; and Emma, wife of James Hanford, of Wilton.

Our subject was born September 11, 1854, at the old home in Wilton, where his boyhood was spent. He learned the hatter's trade, but after following it about seven years he engaged in his present line of business, in 1882 opening a bottling establishment at Long Branch, N. J. In 1887 he removed to Bridgeport and founded his present establishment at No. 40 Ogden street, where he has built up a fine trade, the local custom being especially large. In 1882 he married Miss Catherine Sherwood, daughter of Perdy and Sarah Sherwood, of Wilton, and two children have blessed this union: Essie and Catherine. Mr. and Mrs. Morehouse are much esteemed socially, and he is connected with the Order of Woodmen of the World, an insurance society; the I. O. O. F., Butler Lodge of S. Norwalk, and the K. of P., Joseph Dowdell Lodge No. 40, at Bridgeport. Politically, he affiliates with the Republican party.

WILLIAM SHELTON STURGES was born May 29, 1852, at Southport, Conn. He is a son of Henry Sturges, who was born in 1812 at the same place, and he is a grandson of Jeremiah Sturges, one of the early settlers of Southport. Jeremiah Sturges was a shipbuilder of that place, also carried on a drug store and a coal yard. He owned some ocean-going ships, having nine vessels in the Mediterranean trade, besides several in the coastwise trade and in the West Indies trade. He was one of the most public spirited men of his times, and a great benefactor to humanity. He was largely instrumental in securing the building of the breakwater, himself being the contractor. Jeremiah Sturges married Maria Shelton, daughter of Philo Shelton, of Bridgeport, and by her had children as follows: Henry, and Henryetta, who married Henry Perry, a brother of Francis and Charles Perry. Jeremiah Sturges was prominent in political affairs, and he was president of the bank for many years. He taught navigation to all the sea captains of the State, keeping what was substantially a school of navigation. He died in the year 1845, his wife in 1861.

Henry Sturges, only son of Jeremiah, suc-

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ceeded to his father's business at Southport, except to the presidency of the bank. Though he followed shipbuilding only for a time, yet he retained his interest in the marine business for some years, retiring altogether early in life. Some time previous to the breaking out of the Civil war he purchased a farm in Plymouth, Litchfield county, on which he lived for some ten or twelve years, and then he purchased a plantation in southwest Georgia, which he kept seven years. This he exchanged for various properties, inclnding a farm on the Raritan river, and engaged in dairying on a large scale. After six or seven years thus spent, he retired from farming and dairying and returned to Southport, where he lived the remainder of his days. Though he was a graduate of Trinity College and a licensed lawyer, yet he never practiced law. Politically, he was a Republican, and had much to do in the way of administrator of estates, holding also several minor offices.

Mr. Sturges married Henryetta Baldwin, daughter of Abram Dudley Baldwin, of Greenfield Hill. He and his wife had six children, viz.: Jeremiah; Henry, living in Montreal, Canada; Henryetta Maria, married to Dr. William L. Wells; Dr. Abram Baldwin Sturges, of Southport; Anna B., married to John A. Gorham, of Southport; and William Shelton Sturges. Henry Sturges died in 1885; his widow is still living.

William Shelton Sturges was educated in the military academy at Cheshire, graduating in the year 1870. After leaving school he went to New York, where he learned the machinist's trade and studied drafting. Having served an apprenticeship of three years he went to the Norwalk Iron Works, and was there engaged in the drafting room for three years. During the next year he was on his father's plantation in the South, after which he turned his attention to farming, having a farm near Paterson, N. J. Selling this farm, he purchased one near Southport, Conn,, which he likewise sold, and then bought one in Raritan, N. J., which he also sold; then he went to work in the Norwalk Iron Works. After remaining here about one year he took a position with Forbes & Curtiss, and went out traveling over the entire country to introduce a patent, in which he was very successful, and remained with Forbes & Curtiss about two years. In 1883 he inherited a large farm in Huntington township, on which he began farming, and he has been thus engaged ever since. He has also for several years been engaged in the manufacture of lumber, having two or three portable mills in operation. In 1895 he erected for himself a handsome home just north of Shelton. In everything he has undertaken he has been successful, being a man of ability as well as enterprise. Politically, he is a Republican, and he was a member of St. James' Episcopal Church some twelve years, having been one of the vestrymen for a number of years. He is now junior warden of the Church of the Good Shepherd, of Shelton, and is also a member of King Hiram Lodge No. 12, F. & A. M., of the Royal Arcanum, of the Knights of Pythias, of the A. O. U. A. M., and of the Grange of Huntington.

Mr. Sturges was married to Julia A. Thorp, daughter of William A. Thorp, of Mill Plain, Fairfield county, and has six children: Ruth, Shelton, Thorp, Henry, William Shelton and Helen Hope.

BENJAMIN B. AVERY. There is probably no citizen in Stamford and the surrounding country better known than this gentleman, who has been identified with the best interests of the town all his active life, as an able business man and an active worker for the progress and good of the community.

Mr. Avery is a native of Iowa, born in 1849 in Mt. Pleasant. When he was four years old the family came east, locating in New Canaan, Fairfield Co., Conn., and where he lived up to the age of seventeen years, when he commenced work for himself. He obtained a situation as clerk in a grocery store in Bridgeport, Conn., and remained in that employ seven months, after which he began work with Aaron Ferris, a builder at Greenwich, Conn., under whom he learned his trade, that of a carpenter. Two years later he returned to New Canaan where he lived for about a year, and thence, in 1872, came to Stamford, where he has since made his home. Here he entered the employ of the Yale Lock Company, for whom he worked until 1882, during which time (1872–82) he took a contract from the post office for making the boxes to be used in distributing mail. The following year (1883) he became superintendent in the building department of the St. John Wood Working Company, retaining that position until 1888, when he took up contracting and building on his own account, making his headquarters at Stamford. In the year mentioned he was given a contract by the New Haven Railroad Company, for the erection of depots at Portchester, Mt. Vernon, Rye and Harrison, N. Y., respectively, which marked the opening of his business career in this line. Year by year his contracts have increased in number and importance until they are now estimated to be worth at least $60,000. Such success is

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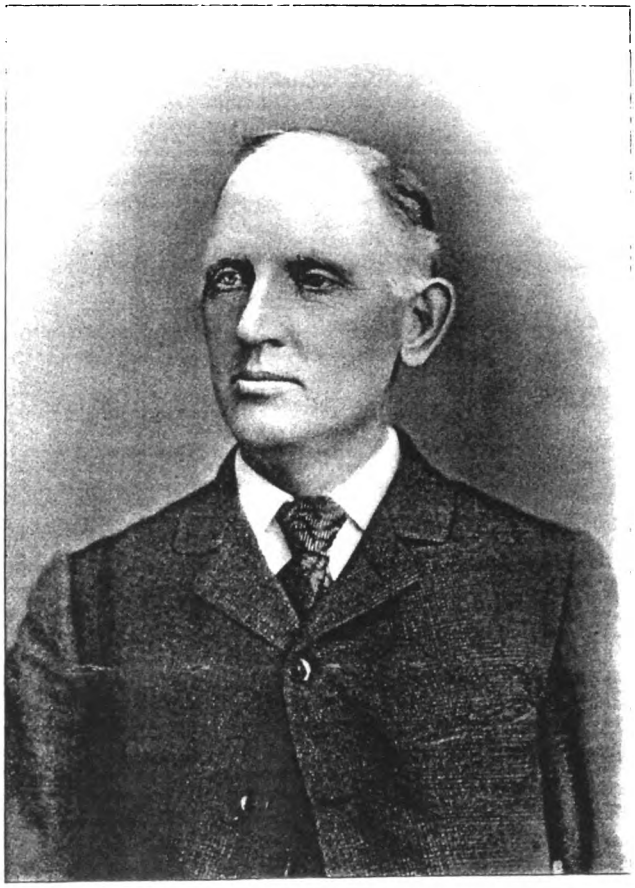

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indeed out of the ordinary, but all who know Mr. Avery unite in saying that it is merited, for no man in his line has a better reputation for honesty in his dealings, fidelity to contracts, or thorough and reliable work. A record of this kind can only be made by constant and conscientious care in the supervision of details, and an earnest desire to give complete satisfaction to all; and Mr. Avery's prosperity has been the sure reward attending the exercise of such methods and principles in his business affairs. He has been no less prominent, however, in local and public matters, to which he has devoted considerable time and attention, in spite of the demands his private interests have claimed. In political sentiment he is a Republican, always supporting the men and measures of that party in important issues, and though no politician in the ordinary sense of office-seeker, he has been honored by his party with election to several positions of trust and responsibility. In 1895-96-97-98 he was nominated for the office of assessor, and at the time of election received a larger number of votes than any other candidate elected. In the year 1897 he served as a member of the city council, and was chairman of the street committee, which has full control of all street improvements; in this incumbency he has won special praise and gratitude from his fellow citizens for the gallant fight which he has made on the question of park improvements, particularly the removing of the old railings around the parks, which was accomplished chiefly through the influence and support which he gave to the enterprise. This is but one instance, however, of the interest he continually shows in discharging the duties of his office and promoting the general welfare.

In 1874 Mr. Avery was married to Miss Mary Studwell, daughter of Calvin Studwell, of Stamford, and they have had four children, viz.: Stewart B., now (1899) aged nineteen; Leland R., thirteen; Bertha E., nine; and Willard C., six. Fraternally, Mr. Avery is a member of Union Lodge, F. & A. M., and of the Royal Arcanum.

GEORGE PHILIP WATERBURY was for a quarter of a century one of the busiest and most substantial merchants of Greenwich.

He is a great-grandson of Josiah Waterbury, and a grandson of Jared Waterbury, who was killed by the Indians before the war of 1812. He left a widow and children, of whom four grew to adult age, namely: Samuel, who became a farmer, died in Pound Ridge; Phineas, a shoemaker, died in New Canaan, Conn., Elmira (Mrs. William Haight) died in Pound Ridge; Ebenezer was the father of our subject. The mother married, for her second husband, Thomas Potts, and lived to the advanced age of ninety years, dying at Pound Ridge.

Ebenezer Waterbury was born April 7, 1805, in Pound Ridge, and there he was reared, during his boyhood receiving such educational advantages as the primitive schools of that day afforded. His brothers learned trades, but he began to assist his step-father on the farm as soon as he was able to be of any use, and he continued to follow agricultural pursuits all his life. When a young man he married Caroline Smith, who was born in New York City, the daughter of Aaron and Betsy Smith, and they commenced housekeeping in Pound Ridge, Mr. Waterbury buying the farm on which they made their home.

Later he removed his family to Long Ridge, and there passed the remainder of his days, dying at the good old age of seventy-nine. He was small physically, but he had excellent judgment in farming matters, was an energetic, determined worker, and by his own exertions became the owner of a comfortable property and acquired a competence for his declining years. Mrs. Waterbury passed away at the age of eighty-two years. They were the parents of nine children, viz.: Aaron T., who recently died in Pound Ridge, where he had been a successful farmer; George P., of this sketch; Ebenezer B., a farmer of Greenwich; Sarah E., widow of Isaac Williams, of Bedford, N. Y.; William S., of Stamford, Conn.; Jared W., a farmer of Greenwich; John O., of Pound Ridge; Charles P., of Stamford, and Caroline E., wife of Henry Lockwood, of New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Waterbury's religious connections were with the Congregational Church, and they were highly esteemed by all their neighbors and friends, who were numerous in Greenwich and vicinity.

He was originally a Whig in political sentiment, in time becoming a member of the Republican party; but although he took a patriotic interest in the public welfare, he consented to hold office but once, in later years steadfastly refusing to take any active part in political matters.

George P. Waterbury was born May 22, 1832, in Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N. Y., and there received his education in the district school which he attended until he was nineteen years of age, receiving his instruction from Dayball's arithmetic, the English reader and the history of the United States, which were the principal

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books then considered necessary for the enlightening of youthful minds. Being a farmer's son, he engaged in agricultural work while at home whenever his assistance was needed on the paternal farm, and he also worked for other farmers, cultivating land on shares, until he was about twenty-five years old, continuing meanwhile to live at home. After his marriage he worked land belonging to others until the spring of 1868, when he came to Greenwich and spent his first year learning the coal and lumber business. He then became a partner in that business with William P. Brush, with whom he continued four years, the firm being known as Brush & Waterbury. His next partner in business was his brother-in-law, H. Frank June, under the style of Waterbury & June. This copartnership lasted until Mr. June's death in 1893, when Mr. Waterbury sold out the business and again took up the occupation of farming. His farm is located in the North Street School District, and his residence, "Stonybrook," is one of the most attractive farmhouses in Greenwich.

Mr. Waterbury was married on April 12, 1859, to Miss Ellen F. June, and they have had one child, Agnes H., who is now the wife of Frederick A. Hubbard, of Greenwich; she has two sons, Carleton Waterbury and Drexel Tenney. Mrs. Waterbury's parents were Henry and Ann H. (Reynolds) June, the former of whom was a bootmaker by trade, and also owned and conducted a small farm. They had three children, Ellen F. being the only daughter. She was born April 14, 1837, in Stamford, Connecticut, and lived there until her marriage. She and her husband are devout members of the Congregational Church. They are spending their days in peaceful enjoyment of the fruit of their early labors, and of the esteem of all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance.

CHARLES MERWIN SLATER, a prosperous and well-known citizen of Stamford, Fairfield county, who is now living a comparatively retired life in that pleasant little city, is a native of this county, born September 13, 1847. The family has been prominent in Port Chester, N. Y., and vicinity for several generations, the great-great-grandfather of our subject having been one of the earliest settlers of that place. He came from England.

Dr. James Slater, the great-grandfather, was born at Port Chester. His son John was born at Port Chester, and was a blacksmith by occupation. He married Polly Sniffin, who was a Quakeress, and they had eleven children, of whom Charles, the eldest, is the only one now living. He, too, was a native of Port Chester, where he spent his early life, At the tender age of nine years he was bound out to James Griffin for an eight-years' apprenticeship at the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for some time. On his removal to Connecticut, he first settled at the Cove, in the town of Stamford, Fairfield county, and entered the employ of the Stamford Manufacturing Company, with whom he remained seventeen years. In 1845 he took up his residence on the Dann homestead, in North Stamford, where he carried on farming and commenced the manufacturing of barrels, in which he had an extensive business, employing twenty men. On March 24, 1861, he engaged in the mercantile business at North Stamford, which he conducted until 1872, at that time resuming farming, which he has ever since continued. Mr. Slater has for the most part devoted all his attention to his personal interests, and has not been particularly active in public affairs, though he has served as justice of the peace.

Mr. Slater has been twice married, the first time at Port Chester, N. Y., to Voleria Clawson, by whom he had three children: Charles, Lucretia and Mary, all of whom are deceased. The mother died in Stamford, and for his second wife he wedded, at North Stamford, Elizabeth F. Dann, daughter of John F. Dann. Four children blessed this union: Jeremiah, deceased; Charles, who died in infancy; Charles Merwin; and Amelia L., who died in North Stamford. Mrs. Elizabeth Slater died at the old Dann homestead, in the room in which she was born. Her grandfather, Squire Dann, who was born in North Stamford, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, serving 178 days; his old musket and the old powder-horn belonging to his son, John F., are now in Mr. Slater's possession. He was known as a strong Congregationalist. John F. Dann was born at North Stamford, married Elizabeth Clawson, and had eight children, all of whom are now deceased, viz.: Louisa A.; Elizabeth F. (Mrs. Slater); Walter S.; Rachel L.; Theodore (who died while serving in the Civil war); Elvin L.; Fannie and Angeline O.

Charles M. Slater received in his boyhood the advantages afforded by the public schools of North Stamford, in which locality he was reared. Subsequently he took a course at the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on his return home entering the store at North Stamford carried on by his father, which, on the latter's retirement in June, 1872, our subject

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took. He conducted it until 1877, when he sold out, removing to St. Louis, Mo., where he took charge of a general store for his uncle, A. O. French (Mr. French married Angeline O. Dann, daughter of John F. Dann). After two years' residence in that city he spent another two years in North Stamford, and in 1881 moved to Stamford, with whose business life he has ever since been identified. Entering the establishment of Hoyt & Potts, grocers, as bookkeeper, he remained with them for a year and a half, at the end of which time he became superintendent of William Greenwood's store, continuing there in that capacity for two years, until he became a partner in the business, the firm name being Greenwood & Slater. This partnership was dissolved in 1885, Mr. Slater retaining the business at the old stand, No. 88 Main street, where he remained up to 1895, the year of his removal to his own building at No. 98 Main street. On August 2, 1897, on account of ill health, he sold out to E. B. Bartram, of Bridgeport, Conn., and since that time he has not undertaken any pressing business. At the present time he is engaged in settling up the Mayer estate. He has all his life been a busy man, and success has come to him as the reward of persistent energy and industry in his several undertakings, enabling him now to enjoy the rest he needs.

In 1873 Mr. Slater was united in marriage, in New Canaan, Conn., with Miss Fannie B. Scofield, daughter of George H. Scofield, and three children—Laura Elizabeth, Edna F. and Howard W.—have been born to them. Laura E. is now the wife of Rev. George Fountain, who is a pastor in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the Newark Conference, and they have one child, Merwin Slater. Mr. Slater is in religious connection a member of the M. E. Church at Stamford, and fraternally he united with Union Lodge, F. & A. M.; Rittenhouse Chapter, Washington Council, R. A. M.; also Rippowam Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Wascusse Encampment; the Royal Arcanum; and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

ALEXANDER TURNER, prominent in the political circles of Danbury, was born August 21, 1847, at Sherman, Conn., the son of Lyman S. Turner and his wife, Patty M. Dakon.

Stephen Turner, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., and, with the same intense love for liberty and hatred of oppression that had induced his father to shoulder the musket and endure the hardships of a soldier's life in the war of the Revolution, he took his place in the ranks of the American army, in the war of 1812. He married a Miss Eastwood, and they passed their wedded life on a farm where their ten children were born, as follows: Alexander, Caleb, Lyman S. (our subject's father), Henry, Phirman, Peter, Bennett, Lydia, Lucy and Jane. The family were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Lyman S. Turner, father of our subject, grew up in the town of Pawling, Dutchess Co., N. Y., and there wedded Patty M. Dakon, a member of an old family in the county. After their marriage they removed to Sherman, Fairfield Co., Conn., where Mr. Turner followed farming as a means of livelihood. The following is the record of the seven children born to them: Alexander is our subject; Mary J. married Harrison Birch and lives in Sherman; John, George, Peter, David and Charles are all farmers in Fairfield county. Lyman Turner followed farming all his life except during the months when, following in the footsteps of his ancestors, he bravely gave his assistance in defense of the Union. He was a member of Company D, Twenty-eighth Conn. V. I., enlisting August 22, 1862, and was honorably discharged August 28, 1863. His discharge from the army was closely followed by his death, in December, 1863. In politics he was a Republican from the time the party was organized.

Alexander Turner, the subject proper of this sketch, passed his early years on the farm in Sherman, and acquired a good common-school education in the home district. After completing his literary training he for twelve years taught school with great success in the county. He then removed to New Fairfield and engaged in farming, continuing to follow agricultural pursuits until 1882, when he came to Danbury, and engaged in the hat business until October, 1893. He was then elected third selectman of the village of Danbury, and in 1895 he was the choice for first selectman, in which capacity he is now serving. His father was a Republican, but being an independent thinker, with the courage of his convictions, Mr. Turner is an ardent Democrat, and takes a very active part in the work of that organization. In 1882 he represented the town of New Fairfield in the State Legislature, for three years was tax collector, and for some time served as school director, and has also been one of the aldermen of the Third ward in Danbury.

On November 19, 1869, Mr. Turner and Miss Sarah Durgy, daughter of Miles Durgy, of Sherman, were united in marriage, and of this

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union one child has been born—Alexina T., an accomplished young lady, who is at home with her parents.

Our subject, though coming of a family whose members have all been Methodists, is not connected with any denomination, but he gives very liberally of his means to all charities, and is well known as a friend of the poor and afflicted. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., of the Hatters Society, and the Matternick Hose Company. He is one of the wide-awake men of the community, public-spirited and progressive, and stands high in the regard of his fellow citizens.

OSCAR COSSUM, the widely known and popular photographer of Stamford, Fairfield county, is a native of New York City, born February 24, 1861.

Charles Cossum and Richard Cossum, the father and grandfather, respectively, of our subject, were both born in Hastings, County of Sussex, England, the former in the year of 1826. Grandfather Cossum, who was the last of his name of that generation, was educated in England, and by occupation was a draper, or dry-goods merchant. In 1841 he moved with his family to the United States, settling in Oswego county, New York, where he retired from active life. In 1815 he was married to Miss Caroline Foster, and they had twelve children, those yet living being Charles, Edwin, Fannie, Decimus, Elizabeth and Caroline.

Charles Cossum, the eldest of these, spent his boyhood days in Oswego county, N. Y., and at the age of thirteen years started out in life for his own account. When twenty-five years old he was employed by the Hudson River Railroad Company as a brakeman, from which position he was promoted through the various grades to assistant superintendent and trainmaster. With this road he has a record of forty-two years, and is still in the company's employ, stationed at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. In 1858 he was married to Miss Sarah Wood, who was born in New York City, a daughter of Peter Wood. They have four children: Charles F., a prominent attorney at law of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Oscar, the subject proper of these lines; William H., a missionary in China; and Caroline.

Oscar Cossum received his primary education at the public schools of New York City, attending same until twelve years of age, later studying at the Poughkeepsie high school, where he graduated in 1876, being then but fifteen years old. After leaving school he served for a time as a messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Company at Poughkeepsie, and then clerked in the dry-goods store of Walter Van Kleek, in the same city. In 1882 he commenced learning the business of photography with Vail Bros., Poughkeepsie, and with them remained until 1892, in which year he moved to Stamford, Conn., where he opened out a photograph gallery, buying out James H. Kelley, and he has since successfully continued in that line of business there.

Mr. Cossum was married October 20, 1886, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to Carrie Rowland Mason, daughter of P. S. and Mary A. Rowland, and children as follows have blessed this union: Agnes and Clarence. Socially, Mr. Cossum has identified himself with various public institutions; for some time he was captain of Company C, 4th Regiment, C. N. G., and while a resident of Poughkeepsie he was a member of the 15th Separate Company. His sterling integrity and honorable, upright manhood fully entitle him to the position which he holds in the estimation of the people of the community in which he lives.

PATRICK CAMPBELL. This well-known citizen of Sandy Hook belongs to a race which is characterized by energy in action and sound judgment in the execution of plans once made, and in the following brief history of his career we find these qualities plainly indicated. His ancestry is Scotch-Irish, and his birth occurred in 1836, in County Donegal, Ireland, where the family has resided for several generations.

James Campbell, our subject's grandfather, was a farmer in that locality throughout, his active life, and James Campbell (2), the father of our subject, was born there in 1796, and attained to a good old age, passing away in 1887. He was a successful man, and carried on an extensive business as a feed merchant or miller until about twenty years before his death. His wife, Margaret (Kennedy), daughter of William Kennedy, of the same county, died in 1867. They had seven children, viz.: Mary, deceased (who was the wife of John McCafferty); Patrick, our subject; James; John, a resident of Sandy Hook; and William, Thomas and William (2), all three deceased.

Mr. Campbell received a good education in the national schools near his early home, continuing his studies until he reached the age of seventeen. On leaving school he assisted his father for some time, but in 1866 he came to America, locating first in Portland, Maine, where he conducted a saloon for about five years. In

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1871 he settled in Sandy Hook, opening a saloon at the New England depot, and three years later he moved his establishment up to the village, where he has now occupied the same stand for about twenty-two years. In 1893 he purchased the feed business formerly conducted by Jerome Judson, which he has continued with marked success, making it the leading enterprise of the kind in the village of Sandy Hook. As a citizen he is public-spirited, taking much interest in local progress, and he is a prominent worker in the Democratic organization in his locality, having been chosen to represent his town in the State Legislature in 1895.

In 1879 Mr. Campbell married Miss Mary Murray, daughter of Martin Murray, of County Clare, Ireland, and seven children have blessed this union, viz.: James; Catherine; Henry; Gussie and Margaret (twins), of whom the latter is deceased; Martin William, deceased; and Patrick William. The family attend St. Rose's Catholic Church at Newtown, of which Mr. Campbell is a leading member. In 1899 he purchased the residence formerly owned by Dr. D. P. Richardson.

GEORGE CRANE, a highly-respected resident of Newtown township, is a man whose abilities have been proved in practical work, and his farm near Dodgingtown gives evidence of his energetic and judicious management. Besides making a success in this calling he has been for a number of years the principal blacksmith of his locality, while as a citizen he has always taken a helpful attitude toward movements for public improvement.

Mr. Crane is a native of the Empire State, having been born at Patterson, Putnam county, July 28, 1839. His paternal grandfather came from England with seven brothers and settled in the town of Southeast, Putnam Co., N. Y., where he followed the blacksmith's trade for many years, his shop being located at the south end of the Brewster reservoir. He married and had six children, viz.: Sally, who never married; Polly, who married and moved to Pennsylvania; Zebulon, a blacksmith in the town of Southeast; Samuel, who died in Danbury; Elijah, our subject's father; and Elisha, who located in the West.

Elijah Crane, the father of our subject, was born in 1800 and in early manhood engaged in the blacksmith's trade and in farming, in which occupations he met with marked success. He owned a farm of about 140 acres in the town of Patterson, Putnam county, and was regarded as a leading citizen of that town. In politics he was first a Whig and then a Republican, but a few years previous to his death, which occurred in 1871, he became a believer in the principles of the Democratic party. Although he was never especially active in the local administration, he at one time held the office of assessor. For his first wife he married a Miss Howes, by whom he had three children: Maryette, Mrs. Alonzo Hill; Harriette, who married Egbert Steadwell; and Charlotte, wife of Eli Bailey. His second wife, Elizabeth (Travis), was a daughter of Gilbert Travis, of the town of Southeast, Putnam Co., N. Y., who owned all the land in the vicinity of the magnetic iron mines. Of the eight children of this union the eldest, Joseph, died in childhood; David resides in Westville, Conn.; Joseph is deceased; George, our subject, is mentioned more fully below; James, Elbert, Harrison and Rufus are deceased.

Our subject spent his youth in his native county, and his education was obtained in the common schools of the town of Southeast, which he attended until he was about sixteen years old, from which time until he reached his majority he assisted his father on the farm and in the shop. Becoming quite proficient in the blacksmith's trade during this time, he found no difficulty in securing work when he left home at the age of twenty-one, and for two years he was employed by Daniel Sunderland, at Lake Mahopac. He then rented a farm and mill in the town of Patterson for a year, and at the expiration of that time he went to Mill Plain, Fairfield Co., where he spent two years. Returning to Southeast, he next purchased a piece of property and built a shop of his own, which he conducted successfully until October, 1878, when he sold out and removed to his present farm near Dodgingtown. It is a fine homestead, containing something over one hundred acres, and its management, together with that of the blacksmith shop (which he built soon after taking possession of the place), occupy his time fully.

In 1860 Mr. Crane married Miss Margaret A. Warren, daughter of William Warren, of Carmel, N. Y., and three children have blessed the union. Byron W. is a hatter in Danbury; Frances E. is the wife of Moses H. Platt, of the town of Redding, this county, and Cenie married I. W. Andrews, of Bethel. Socially, Mr. Crane is identified with Hiram Lodge No. 18, F. & A. M., of Sandy Hook. So far as State and National issues are concerned he has always been a Republican, and since casting his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, he has supported every National ticket of his party. In local affairs he

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is independent, voting as the interests of the community may seem to demand. Since his removal to Newtown he has not been active in politics, but while residing in Southeast he held office as justice of the peace.

MINOTT AUGUR. A man who achieves through his own efforts a substantial success in business, at the same time gaining the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens, is worthy of a prominent place in such a volume as this, and the following biography will be of lasting interest.

Mr. Augur, who has been for thirty years a leading business man of Sandy Hook, was born in Bridgeport, Fairfield county, April 6, 1829, and his ancestors for several generations past have been identified with the State of Connecticut. Isaac Augur, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a resident of New Haven, and his son, Joel, our subject's grandfather, was born in that city. Joel Augur married Phila A. Newhall, the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, and they had the following named children: Lewis, Daniel C., Joel, George, Wealthy A., Susan and Elizabeth C.

Capt. Daniel C. Augur, our subject's father, was born in New Haven in 1807, and in early life learned the shoemaker's trade at Bridgeport, this county, where he resided from 1822 to 1829. He then returned to New Haven, but in 1838 he removed to Woodbridge, New Haven county. In 1839 he engaged in butchering in New Haven, and for seventeen years followed that occupation successfully, having an extensive wholesale and retail trade. Later he devoted his attention to growing garden seeds at his home in Woodbridge, where his death occurred October 24, 1890. He had great influence in local affairs, and held numerous offices, including those of selectman, justice of the peace and assessor, which he filled for ten years, while he was also a notary public for some time. From 1830 to 1834 he was a captain in the State militia, and at the time of his death he was the oldest militia officer in Connecticut, as well as the oldest Odd Fellow. He was married three times: First in 1828 to Delia A. Middlebrook, second to Caroline E. Clark, and third to Miranda Allen. Of the four children of his first marriage our subject is the eldest. (2) Amelia P. died in infancy. (3) Amelia E. is the wife of Judge Henry Stoddard, of New Haven, who served for eight years on the Bench of the Superior Court of Connecticut. (4) Charles P., who occupies the homestead at Woodbridge, married Isabella Allen, of Westport, this county, in 1871, and has had the following children: Edith (who married Charles E. Peck), Erroll (who married Adeline Peck), Elma, Ethel, Eimer, Eunice, Elsie and Edna.

Our subject acquired his early education in the district schools of Woodbridge and a private school at New Haven. At the age of fourteen he began to learn the printer's trade in the office of the New Haven *Register*, where he remained about six years. Desiring to embark in the newspaper business, he came to Norwalk, this county, and for two years was engaged in publishing the Fairfield County *Republican* as a member of the firm of Smith & Augur, but as the business did not prove as congenial as he had hoped he gave it up and returned to Woodbridge to follow farming at the homestead. In 1852 he engaged in the grocery and meat business in New Haven. From 1857 to 1867 he resided upon the old homestead, but in the fall of the latter year he removed to Sandy Hook and opened his present meat market in partnership with Philo Nichols, the firm being known as Nichols & Augur. Early in 1869 Mr. Augur purchased his partner's interest in the business, which he has since continued alone. It is now one of the oldest enterprises in Sandy Hook and the only market in the place.

Notwithstanding the time and attention required to make a success of his business Mr. Augur has given much thought to local affairs. At present he holds the office of assessor, and he has served as justice of the peace and grand juror since settling at Sandy Hook, while he also held several important town offices during his residence at Woodbridge. He has always been a Democrat, but his sympathies were with the Union during the Rebellion. Fraternally, he belongs to Olive Branch Lodge No. 84, F. & A. M., at Westville, Conn., and is prominent in religious work as a member of St. John's Episcopal Church at Sandy Hook, in which he holds the office of warden. His reading has been extensive, and while engaged in agricultural work he took great interest in the scientific questions connected with that calling. For eleven years he was secretary of the Woodbridge and Bethany Agricultural Society.

In 1852 Mr. Augur married Miss Ruth Eliza Peck, daughter of Bennett B. Peck, a well-known resident of Woodbridge. No children have been born to this union.

GRANVILLE TAYLOR. A glance over the early history of the town of Danbury gives to the most cursory observer an idea of the prominence attained by the family of the name

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of Taylor. In all the enterprises of note, from the very young days of the Connecticut Colony, we find representatives of this family taking an active part. Granville Taylor, a brief outline of whose life history is here given, was born June 28, 1823, a son of Joel Taylor. The latter lived many years at Great Plain, and died in 1870. A complete account of the ancestral history will be found elsewhere.

Granville Taylor spent his early days on the farm where he now resides, and attended the district school. He supplemented his public-school education with study at the academy at Danbury until he was about nineteen years of age, when he entered Yale Medical College, graduating from the last named institution in 1847. He never practiced medicine, but went to Illinois and for five years farmed in the Prairie State. Filled with a longing for the customs and people familiar to his boyhood, he returned to Connecticut, locating at Danbury, where he followed contracting and building for several years and also engaged as a hat manufacturer for a couple of years. His inclination to enjoy a closer contact with Nature led him to abandon his work in town and again take up agriculture as his life occupation, and he accordingly went back to the old homestead farm, which contains about thirty-two acres of rich and arable land, where he has since remained.

On September 29, 1847, Mr. Taylor married Miss Helen A. Stevens, of Danbury, a daughter of Dr. Sylvester and Angeline Stevens, and sister of Frederick S. Stevens, of Bridgeport. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have come three children, namely: Emma, who died at the age of eight years; G. Edward, a farmer; and Nellie, who died at the age of seventeen. G. Edward married Dora Leach, of Danbury, and they have three children — Mona H., Ernest L. and Paulina S. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor celebrated their golden wedding in 1897.

In his political affiliations Mr. Taylor was at one time identified with the Greenback party, but is now an independent voter. He has always taken an active part in politics, and has served his neighbors in the capacity of justice of the peace. In his younger days he was interested largely in things military, and for a number of years was a member of the State Militia. Religiously, he and his wife are liberal contributors toward the Congregational Church, and by his life he has added luster to the untarnished family name he bears. In whatever capacity he is found, — as friend, neighbor, business man or public official — he is ever the same genial, courteous gentleman; his clean, honest soul finding the good in, and winning the confidence of, all who come within the circle of his acquaintance.

BRADLEY DURGY, a prominent agriculturist of the town of New Fairfield, is a representative of one of the most highly respected families of that locality.

John Durgy, his grandfather, was born and reared in a small city in the North of Ireland, and was married there to Miss Hannah Congo, with whom he came to this country not long afterward. They settled near the site of the present village of Sherman, Fairfield Co., Conn., purchasing a farm which they improved for a homestead. They had seven children: Francis, Betsey, John, Andrew, Marcus, Ira and Joel.

John Durgy (2), our subject's father, was born in the town of New Fairfield, where he received his education in the schools common to rural settlements in that early day, and on leaving school he engaged in farming. He married Miss Abbie Osborn, by whom he had the following named children: Angeline, wife of Daniel Monroe; Flora, wife of Dennis Haviland; Granvil, who married Polly A. Durgy; Phœbe, wife Charles Wooster; Clara, wife of Silas Terrell; Neilson, who married Lucretia Hyatt; Bradley, who is mentioned more fully below; and Hannah, who married (first) Oliver Cromwell and (second) William Wildman.

The subject of our sketch was born in the year 1829, at the old homestead in the town of New Fairfield, and has always been a resident of that neighborhood. The common schools of the town furnished him his educational opportunities, and at an early age he became interested in his present business of farming. In politics he has been a steadfast Democrat, but he has never sought official rewards for his devotion to his party. He married Miss Abbie Conger, daughter of Ephraim and Maria (Hubbill) Conger, the former a well-known farmer of the town of Sherman. To this union came one son, William H. Durgy, born August 12, 1856, who after receiving a good common-school education followed his father's example and engaged in farming until his death, which occurred August 27, 1897.

SAMUEL F. HAGER, of the firm of Hager Bros., contractors and builders of Danbury, is a native of New York State, born in 1860, the son of John and Cecelia (Oberlee) Hager. The

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parents are both natives of Germany, though the mother is of English and French extraction.

John Hager and his wife were married in Germany, and in 1855 came to America, where he labored at his trade of millwright at various places. He finally located on a farm at West Morris. There were ten children in the family, namely: John, residing in Torrington, Conn., where he follows the trade of carpenter; George, of the firm of Hager Bros.; Samuel F., our subject; Carrie, the wife of Joseph Concelman, outside foreman in a foundry at Bristol, Conn.; Kate, the wife of Roland Hull, a machinist of Bristol; Rebecca, the wife of Clifford Barnes, a liveryman, also of Bristol; Sarah, deceased in infancy; Lewis, a merchant in West Morris, Litchfield Co., Conn., and Mary and Elizabeth, both deceased in infancy. The father died in 1874. He was a Republican in his political faith, and was an active worker in the cause of religion, being a member of the Baptist Church, as is also his widow.

Samuel F. Hager lived on a farm until he was seventeen years of age, when he began to learn the carpenter's trade at Southington, Conn., and for six years followed it at that place. Then for five years he worked at various places, but in 1888, in connection with his brother George, he formed a co-partnership, and Hager Bros. have since won a good reputation for superior workmanship and honest dealing in their business of contracting and building.

On January 6, 1892, Mr. Hager was married to Julia Procter, of Woodbury, Conn., a daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Terell) Procter, of Bethany, who were of English extraction. One child was born to this union, Florence J., on April 18, 1893. In politics Mr. Hager is a Republican, and in religious connection he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church. He is one of the substantial young business men of the place and ranks high in the estimation of those with whom he comes in contact. Of pleasant address and undoubted integrity, he has become a favorite socially, and his commercial success in the past is a good guaranty for the future.

DANIEL SEYMOUR BRINSMADE, civil engineer of Shelton. Prominent among the representative native-born business men of Fairfield county stands the gentleman whose name here appears, and who is one of the most honored and influential citizens of this region.

Mr. Brinsmade was born February 17, 1845, in the town of Trumbull, Fairfield Co., Conn., and is the youngest son of Daniel Stiles and Catherine (Mallette) Brinsmade. He is a direct descendant in the eighth generation from William Brinsmade, who came to this country from England in 1630, locating in Dorchester, Massachusetts.

John Brinsmade, the eldest son of William, settled in Charlestown, Mass., where, on May 2, 1638, he was made a freeman, and the same year married Mary Carter. About 1642 he moved to the town of Stratford, Conn., which at that time comprised within its limits both Trumbull and Huntington; and it is interesting to note that John Brinsmade and his ancestors have maintained a continuous residence within the limits of the original town of Stratford from the year 1642 to the present day—a period of over two hundred and fifty years.

Daniel Seymour Brinsmade, whose name introduces these lines, received his earlier education in the public schools of his native place and in the Gunnery at Washington, Conn. In 1867 he matriculated in the Scientific department of Yale College, and graduated in 1870, having taken the Engineering course. Immediately thereafter he went to Huntington, locating in that part now known as Shelton, and became assistant engineer on the construction of the dam there (which is the largest in the State), at that time being constructed by the Ousatonic Water Company. In the fall of 1870 he was made chief engineer of the company, and the further development of the water-power and its surroundings, including the laying-out of the borough of Shelton, together with its system of sewers and water works, have since been under his charge. In 1891 the dam built by the Ousatonic Water Co. in 1870 was swept away by an immense freshet accompanied by large quantities of ice, and upon Mr. Brinsmade devolved the responsibility of designing and constructing a new dam, one containing such features as would make it safe beyond peradventure, and capable of meeting the conditions which resulted in the destruction of the original dam. The efficiency and general plan, as regards strength and engineering skill, of the present Ousatonic dam are solely due to Mr. Brinsmade's success in this important work, and the wide and enviable reputation that he enjoys as a hydraulic engineer is not to be wondered at.

The intimate connection which the Ousatonic Water Company bears to the building up of both Shelton and Derby has naturally brought Mr. Brinsmade—as vice-president and treasurer of that company—into close relations with the financial and manufacturing interests of the com-

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munity. At present he enjoys the still further distinction of being vice-president of the Home Trust Company, and a director in the Birmingham National Bank, also in several manufacturing companies.

Notwithstanding his manifold responsibilities in various incumbencies, yet his time and efforts have not been entirely absorbed in his profession and business. For twenty-eight consecutive years he has been a member of the board of education of the town of Huntington, and is now its president; he is also president of the board of trustees of the Plumb Memorial Library.

Politically a Republican, our subject represented the town of Huntington in the Legislature of 1882, during which session he was largely instrumental in securing the charter for the borough of Shelton, and for much of the time since he has served that borough in some capacity, at present filling the position of warden with his well-known ability and efficiency. In religious faith he is a member of the Congregational Church of Derby.

In 1870 Mr. Brinsmade married Miss Jenette S. Pardee, daughter of Dr. John H. Pardee, of Trumbull, and to this marriage have been born five children: Frances L., Daniel E. (who graduated from Yale S. S., class of 96), Caroline C., Helen J. and Wallace S. The name of an honored old family Mr. Brinsmade bears worthily and well, and in both business and social circles he ranks deservedly high.

JAMES R. BRINSMADE, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and a representative manufacturer of Fairfield county, Conn., has demonstrated the true meaning of the word success as the full accomplishment of an honorable purpose. A soldier himself, he is descended from honored soldier ancestry who never drew the sword without a cause, and never sheathed it without honor.

Tradition has it that the first Brinsmead (for so the name was originally spelled to come from England to America was an officer of high rank in Cromwell's army, and that his sword, brought by him to this country, was highly ornamented, and furnished with a "guard" for the hand and arm up to the elbow made of small steel rings. "This was kept as a family record by his descendants until our great-great-uncle Peter's boys got possession of it, and had it made into a rat trap, at which act of vandalism our grandfather was most intensely indignant." [The above is taken from a record made by Charles Wesley Brinsmade, of Wellington, Ohio, in November, 1857.]

William Brinsmade came from England about 1628 or 1630 to Dorchester, Mass. His wife's name is not known. His children were: John, born in England in 1617; William, born in Dorchester, entered Harvard College in 1644, was first minister at Marlboro, Mass., from 1660 to 1701, on July 3 of which latter year he died [See Allen's "Biographical Dictionary"]; Alexander was in Charlestown, July 17, 1654, but there is no subsequent trace; Ebbet, born in Dorchester, married —— Hart, was appointed administrator of his brother (Rev.) William's estate July 23, 1701, and died in 1708; Mary married Benjamin Leeds, July 16, 1667, and died soon after; Jane, his other daughter, is mentioned in his notes or diary which is written in Latin. His eldest son John, who appears on the record of Charlestown in 1636, united with the Church, and was made freeman in 1638, married Mary Carter, who united with the Church in 1639; he removed to Stratford, Conn., in 1642, owned and lived on plot 72, in original layout of that village. [According to Connecticut records the spelling of the name Brinsmead was changed to Brinsmade by John Brinsmade, son of William.]

John Brinsmade, son of William above mentioned, born in England in 1617, married Mary Carter, and had children as follows: Mary, John, DANIEL, Zachariah, Paul, Samuel, Elizabeth.

DANIEL (I) Brinsmade, son of John above, born 1645, married Sarah Kellogg; children as follows: Mary, DANIEL, Abigail, Samuel, Ruth.

DANIEL (II) (Lieut.) Brinsmade, son of Daniel and Sarah Kellogg, above, born 1687, married Mary or Mercy Curtis, 1715, moved to Trumbull, Fairfield county, very early. Children as follows: Mary, Daniel, Hannah, ABRAHAM. Daniel (II) was commissioned lieutenant in connection with the French wars. [Family tradition.]

ABRAHAM BRINSMADE (Capt.), son of Lieutenant Daniel and Mary (or Mercy), was born in 1727; married Mary Wheeler; children as follows: Abigail, Hannah, DANIEL, and Abraham (deceased). Capt. Abraham Brinsmade was commissioned captain by Governor Trumbull, and was in Tryon's raid on Danbury.

DANIEL BRINSMADE, the great-grandfather of our subject, was the eldest son of Captain Abraham and Mary Wheeler, and was born September 22, 1752. He married Mary Beebe, and reared the following children: Abigail, ABRAHAM, Daniel, James, Federal, Mary and Ali.

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Mary Beebe was born January 20, 1755, daughter of Capt. James Beebe, who was born in Danbury, 1718; was chaplain in the French wars 1759; enlisted several times; was at the battle of Ticonderoga; he was a lieutenant and a captain in the Second Regiment, Connecticut line; transferred as captain by General Washington to corps of Sappers and Miners, and was at Valley Forge and siege of Yorktown. In 1783 he joined the "Sons of Cincinnati."

The following is taken from the "Hartford Cincinnati Records" in the possession of Yale University, New Haven, Conn.: "Capt. James Beebe, Stratford, detached, September 1, 1779, from the Second Regiment, Conn. Line, to serve with Sappers and Miners; resigned June 7, 1781; Society of Cincinnati 1783; James Beebe—Captain Stratford".

The following is taken from Orcott's "History of Statford"—"James Beebe, born in Danbury, 1718, graduated from Yale College 1745; chaplain in French wars; absent from his parish from May 5 to September 16, 1759." His name alao appears on the list of men who received back pay for service at Ticonderoga, September 2, 1775; and, in Church History, name appears as absent at Valley Forge.

ABRAHAM BRINSMADE (grandfather of our subject), born February 11, 1781, married Betsey Beach, daughter of Abel Beach, born January, 1780. He (Abraham Brinsmade) enlisted for the war of 1812 as private at Bridgeport, Conn., September 30, 1812.

Abel Beach, father of Betsey, enlisted in Captain Goodwin's company, Second Battalion, Wadsworth Brigade, raised in June, 1776, to reinforce Washington at New York; was taken prisoner September 15, 1776, and confined in prison ships in which he caught the fever, and three of his children died of the malady, having taken it from him after his return home.

Abraham Brinsmade and wife reared the following children: Pauline, DANIEL S., Caroline, Sarah M., Eliza J., Charles S. and Rebecca. Of these, Pauline married Powell Hickox, of Washington, Conn.; Daniel S. is mentioned farther on; Caroline married Sidney Nichols, of Trumbull, Conn.; Sarah M. married Daniel Frisbie, of Washington, Conn.; Eliza J. married Myron Hine, of Warren, Conn.: Charles S. married Mary E. Frisbie, of Roxbury, Conn.; and Rebecca married Stephen Stirling, of Trumbull, Connecticut.

CAPTAIN DANIEL STYLES BRINSMADE, father of our subject, was born February 22, 1808, in Trumbull. He married Catherine Mallette, daughter of Robert Mallette, of Trumbull, Conn., who was a grandson of John Mullette, a Huguenot refugee. Capt. D. S. and Catherine (Mallette) Brinsmade became the parents of three children: (1) Frances A., who married James R. Middlebrook, of Trumbull, Conn.; (2) JAMES ROBERT, our subject, who will be fully spoken of presently; and (3)Daniel Seymour, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. The mother of this family passed from earth in 1849, the father in 1872. He was commisioned captain of the Fifth Company, Fourth Regiment Connecticut Light Artillery, April 8, 1835. In their political predilections the Brinsmade family bear the record of having been Federalists, Whigs and Republicans.

JAMES R. BRINSMADE, whose name introduces this biographical sketch, was born August 25, 1839, in Trumbull, Fairfield county, Conn., and there received his elementary education, which was supplemented with a course of study at academies. In 1858 he commenced mercantile life with the dry-goods firm of Hall & Read, of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

While in their employ he enlisted July 23, 1862, and entered the United States service as corporal, Company D, 17th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers. The regiment was first ordered to Fort Marshall, near Baltimore, Md.; from there moved to defenses north of Washington, D. C., and after being assigned to the Eleventh Corps, operated with that corps in Virginia until after the battle of Gettysburg, when it was ordered to Florida, where it remained until the close of the war. On January 29, 1864, by special No. 45, War Department, he was detached from the regiment by order of the Secretary of War, and ordered to report to the Adjutant-General's office, Washington, D. C. He received an honorable discharge from the 17th Regiment, August 31, 1864, through the War Department.

On July 10, 1864, when it had developed that General Early was on the road to capture Washington, volunteers for a War Department regiment were called for, and a battalion of six companies was organized in one day, and went on duty at once. One company was on skirmish line July 12, and had several men wounded. Enrolled July 10, in Company A; was on duty July 12, when the opportune arrival of the old Sixth Corps made a speedy end of the attack. On July 29, 1864, was commissioned second lieutenant and transferred to Company K, War Department Rifles. October 6, 1864, was promoted to first lieutenant, same company and regiment. This regiment was on special duty in and around Washington for one year. (While in Washington our subject took Masonic degrees

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in Lafayette Lodge and Mount Vernon Chapter). Resigned position in War Department July 11, 1866.

Mr. Brinsmade then made a trip west, located at Cleveland, Ohio, and entered the office of Hon. Richard Parsons, Internal Revenue collector, as accountant, afterward as expert bookkeeper and accountant in mercantile lines. In 1872, on the death of his father, returned to Trumbull, Conn., where he remained until 1883, in which year he became connected with the Silver Plate Cutlery Company, of Bridgeport, which concern was, in January, 1855, removed to Shelton, where it built factories, and has since been in active operation. In connection with this company he first held the position of treasurer, then that of secretary and treasurer, and since 1894 he has filled the positions of president and treasurer.

In 1876 Mr. Brinsmade married Martha A. Beardsley, of Trumbull, Conn., a daughter of Col. Orville H. Beardsley, a direct descendant in line from William Beardsley, who came from England on the ship "Planter" in April, 1635. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brinsmade: C. Alice and James B., both yet under the parental roof. The family are members of the Congregational Church; in politics Mr. Brinsmade is a Republican; socially, he is affiliated with the G. A. R., and, as already related, with the F. & A. M. His pleasant, genial manner has made for him a host of friends in the city, where he now makes his home, and as a brave soldier, loyal citizen and honorable business man, he justly deserves the high regard in which he is held. He has a beautiful home on Elizabeth street, Derby, Conn., where hospitality reigns supreme.

MRS. LUCY A. BARTRAM LEE, a venerable resident of the town of Redding, is honored by all who know her. A long life has been vouchsafed to her, more than ninety years having passed over her head, and her last days are brightened by the company of her children and her children's children. Her husband, the late Milo Lee, who died May 12, 1877, in his seventy-first year, was a leading citizen of Redding, being influential in public affairs as well as in business circles.

As the Bartram family has been identified with the town of Redding from an early date the following history will be of general interest. Daniel Bartram, Mrs. Lee's grandfather, was born in England, and after coming to America located for a time in Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn. Later, however, he settled at Redding Centre, where he carried on an extensive business as a tanner, currier and shoemaker, the building used by him being still standing. He was a member of the Colonial militia, and at the time of the burning of Danbury was called into service to repel the British forces. He married Miss Ann Merchant, a member of one of the representative families of Redding, and they had seven children: Gurdon, Uriah, Levi, David, Annie, Julia and Phœbe.

Gurdon Bartram, the father of Mrs. Lee, was born September 21, 1776, in the town of Redding, and was educated in the common schools of the locality. On leaving school he learned the shoemaker's trade, but he never followed it, as he preferred to devote his attention to farming. He was active in religious work as a member of the Methodist Church, and was also identified with the Whig organization and prominent in local affairs, holding numerous town offices. His wife, whose maiden name was Loraine Sanford, was born September 3, 1787, the daughter of Oliver Sanford, a wealthy agriculturist of the town of Redding. Twelve children were born of this union, ten of whom lived to adult age. (1) Aaron R., born November 15, 1804, was educated in the common schools of Redding, and engaged in business as a carriage maker. On January 15, 1827, he married Miss Harriet Bates, by whom he had three children—Walker B., David and Lydia A. (2) Lucy A., Mrs. Lee, is mentioned more fully below. (3) Barney, born September 20, 1808, became a cattle broker in New York City. He married Miss Laura Culver, of Amenia, Dutchess Co., N. Y., and they had one daughter, Belle. (4) Coley, born November 1, 1810, learned the blacksmith's trade but became a farmer by occupation. He married Miss Malvina Adams, of Westport, this county, and they had four children—Nelson, Agnes, Sarah and Louisa. (5) Betsey, born May 23, 1813, married Ebenezer Wilson, a carriage maker of Redding, and had three children—Charles H. (now a resident of Chicago), Lucy and Annie. (6) Oliver, born July 11, 1815, died at an early age. (7) Daniel S., born January 14, 1818, engaged in farming. He married Miss Eliza Godfrey, and they had eight children: Eli, George, Frank, Charles, William, Laura, Catherine and Anna. (8) Ephraim B., born March 26, 1820, died in infancy. (9) Levi W., born April 25, 1822, became a farmer. He married Miss Sarah Haines, and had three children: Gurdon, Francis and Elizabeth. (10) Frederick A., born September 13, 1824, was engaged in business as a pork packer at Bridgeport. He

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married Miss Amelia Burr, and had four children: Edgar B., Lillie, Belle and Jessie. (11) Mary B., born July 16, 1827, married Rufus Banks, a farmer of the town of Redding, and had three children: Henry, Frederick and Carrie. (12) Julia, born September 30, 1829, married Myron Haines, a merchant in Illinois; they had no children.

Mrs. Lucy A. Lee was born August 27, 1806, at the old homestead in the town of Redding, where she received a good common-school education during girlhood. On April 18, 1830, she married Milo Lee, who was born and reared in Otsego county, N. Y., and for some years in early manhood was engaged in the hat manufacturing business, owning a shop at Redding. Subsequently he became interested in farming, his later years being spent in that occupation. He gave much attention to politics as a supporter of the Democratic party, and was a leader in local affairs, holding numerous offices from selectman down. Two children, a son and a daughter, survive him: (1) Gurdon B., born November 29, 1831, was educated in the district schools of Redding, and for a number of years followed the trade of carriage maker; at present he resides in Bridgeport, where he holds the office of town clerk. He married Miss Caroline Gorham, daughter of Joseph W. Gorham, of Redding, and they have had two children—Ella, who died at the age of twenty-four years, and Laura, living. (2) Mary received a common-school education in the town of Redding. In 1867 she married SAMUEL B. OSBORN, an intelligent and prosperous agriculturist of Redding, where she now resides, and they had two children—Carrie and Milo, of whom the first-named died when twenty-two years of age. Mr. Osborn passed away December 10, 1889, aged forty-six years.

WILLIAM AGNEW CUMMING. While childhood and youth have a distinctive charm, an even greater interest invests a personality which conveys to the thoughtful mind the impress of long years of useful activity and the wealth of wide experience. The subject of this biography has been for many years a leading resident of Stamford, and his worth as a man and a citizen has gained for him the esteem and confidence of the community. Although now well advanced in years, being now in the eightieth year of his age, he takes an interest in all that concerns the general welfare, and his influence is none the less potent for good because quietly exerted.

The Cumming family is of Scotch-Irish origin, and Thomas Cumming, the father of our subject, was a native of Bangor, Ireland, coming in early manhood to New York City, where he engaged in business as a contractor for city paving. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Susannah Pollock, died in the metropolis, he on March 6, 1861, aged seventy-seven, she on February 10, 1840, aged forty-five. Of their children, John, born in 1813, died January 11, 1894; he followed contracting in New York the greater part of his life. Thomas, born June 22, 1815, is a contractor, living in Hackensack, N. J. William Agnew is next in the order of birth. Susannah M., born June 5, 1822, is the wife of Rev. Dr. Patterson, of Brooklyn, N. Y. James P., born September 10, 1824, died in 1891, in Yonkers, N. Y.; he was a dry-goods merchant. Isabella H., born November 11, 1826, died in 1891; she married Rev. David Beattie, of Scotchtown, N. Y. Robert P., born November 20, 1828, died in 1887; he was a business man of New York. Stephen C. R., born November 22, 1830, died April 25, 1899, in Brooklyn, New York.

William A. Cumming, our subject, was born June 22, 1819, in New York City, where he was educated in a private school. On completing his studies he made several voyages, and later he engaged in business with his brothers, for some time conducting a flourmill at New York. He gave up this occupation to engage in contracting, which he followed successfully for forty years. Finally he became interested in the oyster business along the coast of Stamford and Greenwich townships, Fairfield county, and in this venture he met with his accustomed success. In 1856 he removed to Stamford with his family, and he has since made his home at Cumming's Point, a most desirable spot for a residence. While he has never been a politician, Mr. Cumming has nevertheless always watched closely the course of public events, and in early life was a stanch Whig, later giving his support to the Republican party. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian, and he and his family are prominently identified with the Church of that denomination at Stamford.

On May 4, 1847, Mr. Cumming was married in New York City to Miss Susannah Pollock, daughter of John and Isabella Pollock, who both died of cholera in New York in 1832, within two days of each other. Mrs. Cumming passed to the unseen life January 26, 1893. Of the four children born to this union, Thomas, who resides at Sound Beach, married Miss Alida Ford. Mary Ella married Dr. Philip H. Brown, of Stamford. Anna Anderson lives at home with her father. Susannah died January 17, 1854, at the age of five years.

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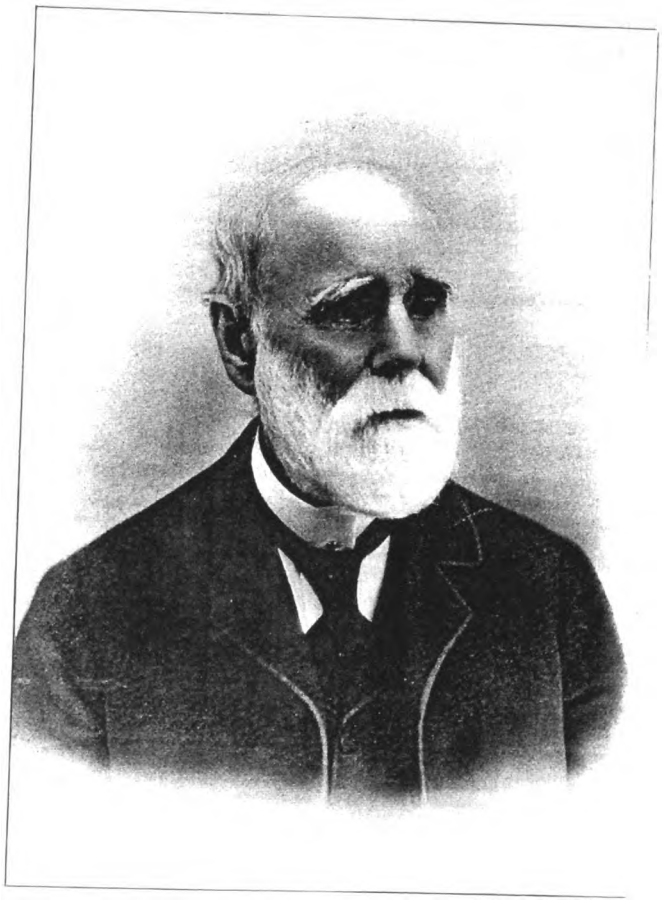

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The following biographical narrative is from the pen of our subject: "The first voyage I made at sea was on board the ship 'Harvest,' Capt. William Britton, my brothers, John P. and Thomas, owning two-thirds of the vessel. We sailed for Liverpool, England, May 1, 1841. On the tenth day out on our voyage we had a fresh gale from the southeast; toward evening it died away and the ship was lying almost becalmed, with fore, main and mizzen topsails set and also maintop-gallant sail, the sails flapping against the masts forward. Toward evening a light shower of rain came on, followed immediately by a furious hurricane from the northwest and struck the ship so suddenly and with such force that before the sails could be lowered and taken in the ship was thrown on her beam ends and was lying over at an angle of more than 45°, the water at times standing on deck nearly to her masts. The wind blew so hard that no canvass could stand it, and the ship was hove to under bare poles, with the exception of a tarpaulin lashed to the mizzen rigging to protect the watch on deck. The ship lay in that position nearly all night. As the gale abated in the morning more sail was set to keep the ship from getting into the trough of the sea, and more sail was set as soon as she could carry it, to get her before the wind, and having done so all sail was set and we proceeded on our voyage, not having experienced very serious damage from the rough usage we had undergone through the night. Our captain, having followed the sea for more than forty years, expressed it, as his opinion, that if the ship had been loaded with a heavy cargo instead of cotton the hurricane would have carried away our masts, and the ship would no doubt have foundered, and the first chapter in my seafaring life would have been most abruptly ended. We arrived in Liverpool May 31, without further mishap. While at Liverpool, there being but little seamanship to be learned in port, I, with Capt. Britton's permission, made an excursion by steamer to Belfast, Ireland, and to Bangor, the birthplace of my parents. While in Belfast, I was invited by a party, who were making up an excursion to the Giant's Causeway, and which I accepted, and visited the Causeway, also other towns, including Londonderry, from which port I took steamer to Liverpool. We left Liverpool June 24, 1841, with passengers, mostly Mormons (Latter Day Saints, they called themselves), and arrived in New York, August 4, 1841.

My next voyage was in March, bound for Antwerp in the same ship, this time Capt. Welsh. We experienced very heavy weather the whole passage, being obliged to heave the ship to, at times, for about five days. Off the banks of Newfoundland, we saw, at no great distance from us, several very large icebergs. When we made Land's End, Cornwall, England, we found the wind from the eastward dead ahead, and we were about two weeks beating through the English Channel, and passed through the Straits of Dover in company with about one hundred square-rigged vessels bound east, they having been detained in the English Channel by the easterly winds. We arrived in Antwerp, after a very rough passage of fifty-six days from New York. While in Antwerp I took the liberty of making an excursion to Brussels and the field of Waterloo. After going over the field, and the guide having pointed out the position of the different armies, and viewing the chateau Huguenot, where heavy fighting had been done, we walked up the mound built by the English Government, and surmounted by the inevitable British Lion. The view from the mound was very interesting, taking in the whole battlefield and the surrounding country. The ship being still detained in Antwerp, I took steamer for London, and having visited the Tower, where I saw the Crown jewels, I also paid a visit to Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral, and while in London had the pleasure of seeing Queen Victoria.

"Our passage home from Antwerp to New York was rather uneventful, moderate winds prevailing generally, and we arrived in New York in fifty-four days. My next voyage was to New Orleans. I now considered myself something of a sailor, being able to hand, reef, steer and help the captain to take observations and keep a log of our weather, progress, etc. We left for New Orleans the latter end of October and experienced fine weather rounding the Tortugas, and arriving at New Orleans in thirty days. We left New Orleans March 6. When off Cape Hatteras we experienced very rough weather with thunder and lightning, it being also so dark when reefing topsails that we could not see the man alongside, excepting by the flash of lightning. From Hatteras, it being March, we experienced rough weather until we arrived at New York.

"At this time, the ship being sold, my brothers offered me an interest in the flour-milling business with them, and having seen something of the world and seafaring life, I accepted the offer. Our flouring-mill had a capacity of making five hundred barrels a day, but we could not get a regular supply in New York of first-class wheat. Such being a difficulty to overcome, we decided to endeavor to make an arrangement with responsible parties in the far western country for a regular supply of wheat.

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Accordingly, being the junior partner in the concern, and being fond of traveling, I was elected to leave at once for St. Louis, my objective point being Burlington, Iowa, about four hundred miles north of St. Louis, on the Mississippi river, which was said to be about the best wheat country in the West. As this expedition was rather prolific of incidents and accidents, I will state it in brief: I took rail to Buffalo; after visiting Niagara Falls, I took steamer to Cleveland. From Cleveland I went to Cincinnati by mail coach and railroad. From Cincinnati I took steamer 'Swiftsure No. 3,' said to be very fast. On our way down the Ohio, when near Paducah, Ky., in the early morning before the passengers were up, the steamer struck a snag, which knocked a large hole in her bottom, which set her leaking so fast that, to prevent her from sinking in the middle of the river in deep water, the captain ran the steamer ashore, and many of the passengers got on land as soon as they possibly could. I remained on board, knowing that if she was aground she could not sink any deeper. A smaller steamer coming along, I, with many of the passengers, took passage on her for St. Louis, and on arriving I immediately went to the 'Planter's House,' and at once called on James Woodruff & Co., a branch of E. R. Collins & Co. in New York, and made arrangements with them for buying wheat. Remained in St. Louis to get all the information required for my operations up the river. Took steamer for Burlington, and as we approached the city of Quincy on the upper Mississippi, the weather began to grow so much colder, that when we reached Quincy in the morning the thermometer stood ten degrees below zero, and the river was frozen and closed for navigation. The steamer was also frozen up for the winter; but being bound for Burlington, I took a buggy and started on my way up the river. I think it took me two days to reach Warsaw, and Keokuk being called a good market for wheat, and about six or eight miles from Warsaw, although on the other side of the river, and it being frozen over with ice, I concluded to attempt to reach it, so having taken a conveyance, and reached a point opposite to Keokuk, I proposed to cross over on the ice. My driver declined to cross with me, however, saying he would watch me getting across. I prepared to make the attempt, and taking off my overcoat and moccasins, and picking up the branch of a tree about ten feet in length, started to cross the river, and was passing over so far safely, when just as I reached about the middle of the river, the ice without warning broke under me, and I went through with both feet, about up to my waist in water, the pole which I had in my hand resting on the ice over the opening. Keeping my head pretty level, and not making any struggle to get out, and thereby breaking the ice and enlarging the opening, I just rested on my stick, and took in the situation. I saw that the ice in the middle of the river had been running about an hour before, as I was told by parties on the other side, that I had stepped on some ice that, in consequence of the water running so swiftly, had not had time to freeze as hard as the other more stationary. I then laid a part of my weight on the stick which I had in my hand, and rested on the ice. Finding that the ice did not show signs of breaking, I added my whole weight to it, and then, raising my left foot on the ice, I placed the other alongside of it, and lest I should break the ice in doing so, I did not make any scramble in hurrying to get on my feet, but slid myself along far enough to get on solid ice to raise myself on my feet. The question was then: Should I go back or go on? I decided to go on and reach Keokuk, if possible, by looking sharp for and avoiding the thin ice, although it cracked considerably, but did not break, and without more trouble I got ashore at Keokuk. The first person I met saluted me with the remark: 'Well, stranger, I expected as much as anything to see you go through the ice, for the river had been running until about an hour since.'

"In getting all the information I could in regard to the object of my trip, thus far, I found that it would be likely that the river would remain frozen some months before any wheat could be got down the river from any place between Keokuk and Burlington, and that it would probably be the month of June. Such being the case, I concluded to buy 5,000 bushels of wheat at Keokuk as a sample, which I did, and returned to St. Louis. I took a conveyance to carry me to opposite Warsaw, and not reaching the place opposite by daylight, I, by looking very sharp for air holes, it being dark, managed to cross the river without any mishap to Warsaw, except being obliged to wade through water up to my knees to reach the shore. The next morning I and two others, who said they had been caught in a bad 'snap' by being frozen up the river, chartered a conveyance to take us to St. Louis. After a long but not very tedious journey, viewing the country and enjoying the scenery, including some Mormon houses that had been burned down, we arrived safe and sound at St. Louis, where we found the river frozen with ice so thick in some places that fires were kindled on the ice, and droves of hogs were driven over it. Not caring to travel any farther

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by land, I remained in St. Louis until the ice began to move out, then took a steamer for Wheeling, going down the river as far as Cairo, and we had the current and broken ice with us. But when we turned into the Ohio river we had the current and ice against us, and were often obliged to lay by in order to repair our wheels and buckets, they being broken by the ice. We arrived at Wheeling without serious damage. I then took the mail coach for Cumberland to get to the railroad crossing the Alleghany Mountains, during the night, and arrived at Cumberland in the early morning. Before leaving Cumberland I purchased a New York newspaper, and about the first article I read was that our flouring-mill was destroyed by fire. Rather tough news after being sunk in the Ohio river, and being nearly drowned in the Mississippi, and I not yet twenty-four years of age! My brothers rebuilt the mill, but did nothing more in manufacturing flour. My father then gave me an interest in two of his contracts.

"In 1846 the Hudson River Railroad Company, being incorporated, gave out contracts for rebuilding the road to Albany. My brothers, John P. and Thomas, gave in bids for several sections of it, and they were awarded to them. After looking over the work, and having other business which it would in a measure interfere with, they offered me an interest with them for superintending it, which I accepted. The cutting for the construction of the road in the sections which they contracted for was mostly through rock, the cut through Fort Washington being very deep. I superintended the work through winter and summer until the work was completed in 1849. I then went into the business of contracting on my own account in New York, Jersey City and Newark, and being fairly successful was soon capable of 'paddling my own canoe.'

"In 1856 and 1857, in connection with another party, I built eleven brown-stone-front houses, situated on 43d and 44th streets, near Broadway, New York, which we sold at fair profit for the investment. I also built three more on 44th street on my own account. In 1860 I took a voyage to Cuba on the steamer 'Quaker City,' Captain Schufeldt of the United States navy, who at one time resided at Stamford, and who, after the Civil war, was promoted to be an admiral. I spent a few days in Havana, seeing the sights; visiting Morro Castle and other notable places. Then took a trip to Matanzas, visiting the beautiful Yumuri Valley, with its beautiful palm, cocoanut and other tropical fruit trees, the sugar plantations, mills, etc. The next day I left for Havana (I found that the engineer belonged to Westport, not far from Stamford), but the train went off the track before we arrived at Havana. I left Havana in the steamer 'Bienvelle,' which was afterward taken into the navy and was in the fight at Port Royal. I arrived safely home on Washington's birthday, February 22, 1860.

"I and three others having purchased cement quarries at Rosendale, N. Y., on January 24, 1861, we organized the New York Cement Company, and built works with a capacity of manufacturing five hundred barrels of cement per day, and we were very successful. I was elected president of the company February 4, 1861, and had the honor of serving in that capacity for sixteen years, and the works being enlarged has now a capacity for manufacturing from one thousand to one thousand five hundred barrels daily.

"In 1876 I purchased fifty acres of land for raising oranges and lemons, situated in Enterprise, Florida, with a water front on Lake Monroe, some two hundred miles south of Jacksonville. I immediately proceeded to clear the land for planting orange trees, leaving a few large magnolia and palmettoes. I planted about one thousand orange trees. They grew fast, and commenced to bear in about six years and produced largely very fine oranges until we had a very severe frost in 1895, which injured the trees very much. I hold the property yet, but it will be several years before they produce as well as they did before the freeze of 1895.

"In 1856 I purchased the property where I now reside, the southern boundary of the city of Stamford, called 'Cumming's Point,' and being from my early days fond of being on the water, and having built a yacht, and also belonging to the Atlantic Yacht Club of Brooklyn, N. Y., I was induced to purchase some oyster ground for my own use. Buying more ground from time to time, and planting seed on it, I soon found it necessary to build a sloop, and so purchased another to market my crop. As business in that line increased, I built a steamer that could carry 1,100 bushels of oysters to market at one trip. I now retain my oyster business by planting seed on my oyster ground, of which I have 545 acres, and when the oysters are large enough for market, I sell them at wholesale as they lie on the beds. In my contract business of forty-four years, I have done some millions of dollars of work in New York, Jersey City and Newark, New Jersey, in railroad constructing, and other business that I have entered into from time to time. I retired from the contracting business in

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1891, and am now in the enjoyment of moderately good health in the eighty-first year of my age."—William A. Cumming.

AMOS W. AVERY. There is no better known citizen in Greenwich township, and none who stands higher in the estimation of his fellow men, whether in business, social, Church or public circles, than Mr. Avery, who is probably best identified in Fairfield county as a member of the firm of Avery & Wilson, of Greenwich. He is the oldest merchant in business in that town, and commands the most extensive patronage in his line.

Mr. Avery's ancestors have lived in Greenwich township for over a century, and his grandfather, Peter Avery, who was a farmer, owned and cultivated a place above Greenwich for many years. His father, Evert D. Avery, was born July 3, 1809, in Greenwich township, attended for a time the common schools of his day, and learned the trade of shipbuilder, which he followed for many years during his active life. In 1833 he was married in Greenwich to Miss Catherine P. Morrell, who was born May 2, 1817, and was the daughter of Daniel Morrell. They commenced their married life in New York City, but subsequently returned and settled in Greenwich, where they reared their family of nine children, who were born as follows: Thirza M., October 8, 1835; Sarah E., May 30, 1837; Mary J., September 28, 1839; Kate L., November 21, 1841; Mary L., May 2, 1844; Amos E., May 27, 1846; Emily A., August 8, 1848; Martha W., October 12, 1850; Amos W., October 12, 1853. Thirza M. and Mary J. died of scarlet fever November 6, 1842. Sarah became the wife of George S. Ray, of Greenwich. Kate married J. H. Ray, of Greenwich. Amos died July 5, 1848. Emily died of scarlet fever December 20, 1857. Martha W. is the wife of O. P. Knapp, of Greenwich. Mr. and Mrs. Avery celebrated their golden wedding in 1883, and led a happy married life of fifty-six years, well preserved and active to the last. Mr. Avery practically retired from labor in 1860, and passed away August 24, 1891, in his eighty-third years, followed to the grave by his wife, who died March 10, 1895. They were laid to rest in Putnam cemetery. He was a stanch supporter of the Whig party in his early manhood, and later joined the Republicans; he took no active part in politics, however, beyond casting his vote regularly.

Amos W. Avery was the youngest child in the family, and the only one of the sons to grow to manhood. He received his education in the common schools, which he attended until he was about fifteen years of age, having for his first teacher Charles Wright. After leaving school he entered the store of Brush & Wright as clerk, and two years later, having determined to learn a trade, he began an apprenticeship with Stephen A. Stoothoff, a carpenter, of Greenwich. He spent six years in all at this business, and then returned to mercantile life in the employ of Wright & Brush, for whom he clerked five years. In 1880, Mr. Avery and a partner bought them out, the firm becoming Webb & Avery, and in 1883 changing to Avery & Wilson, who continued the business until January, 1898, when Mr. Wilson retired and A. W. Avery continued. He carries a large line of groceries, flour, feed, hay and straw, and has the most substantial and extensive business in Greenwich, won by years of courteous attention to the wants of his customers, obliging disposition and honorable methods, coupled with good management and the use of sound business principles.

Mr. Avery has necessarily given a large share of his attention to his store, but he has divided his time among different interests, and has had no small share in the work of promoting the commercial welfare of this region. He holds stock certificate No. 1 of the Greenwich Trust, Loan and Deposit Company, in whose organization he took a most active part, canvassing personally for half of the stock, and was also one of the organizers of the Greenwich Board of Trade, of which he is the present treasurer. As a worker for the civic interests of Greenwich he is counted among the most valuable men in the town, for he is always ready with his means and influence to support any project which he believes is for the general good of the community. Politically he is a leader in the local ranks of the Republican party, and one of its most valuable members in his township, being a sincere worker for the success of the party, and not one who seeks merely to promote his own interests and popularity. For years he has served as treasurer of the Republican township committee, of which he is now secretary, and his continuance in office speaks for the efficiency of his service. There is no warmer friend of educational interests in the county.

Mr. Avery married Miss Hattie M. Stoothoff, of Greenwich, who was born September 10, 1859, daughter of Stephen A. and Susan Stoothoff, and one child blessed their union, Mabel R., born July 26, 1880, who is now an accomplished young lady, and has had unusual facilities for a finished education. The family have a comfortable, pleasant home, and are respected

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and liked by neighbors and friends for their sociability and the Christian kindliness which marks their intercourse with all. The old stock of the Avery family belonged to the Congregational Church, but our subject and his wife are devout members of and prominent workers in the Methodist Society at Greenwich, in which he serves as trustee. He is one of the most earnest workers in the congregation, and religious affairs receive a large share of his care and attention. Mr. Avery's life is a fine example of Christian citizenship, characterized as it has been by sterling integrity, uprightness and nobility of conduct toward all with whom he has come in contact, either in public or private life. He has scores of friends all over the county. Fraternally he unites with Acacia Lodge, No. 85, F. & A. M., of which he has been treasurer for years.

CYRENUS BEERS, one of the pioneer residents of Chicago, Ill., was a native of Fairfield county, Conn., having been born on a farm at Newtown, June 1, 1813.

After securing what education the academy in the village afforded at that time, Mr. Beers taught district school one year; but, his health failing, he returned to the home farm. Becoming tired, however, of agricultural pursuits, he told his mother that if he was to farm at all, it would have to be "where the soil was blacker than it was around there." About this time he joined a party that was just starting for the West, and, as he was not as strong as most of the others, he was given to ride the only horse they had. At this time the only public carriers were the steam and canal boats, and these conveyed the party only a small portion of the way. Before the journey was over, Mr. Beers had gained so much strength that he seldom had occasion to ride his horse. From Michigan City, Ind., he crossed Lake Michigan to Chicago in a sailing vessel, and upon arriving at the latter city he soon embarked in the hardware business with Jabez K. Botsford (who was also from Newtown, Conn.), the firm name being Botsford & Beers, and their place of business on the corner of Lake and Dearborn streets. In the business they continued many years, and Mr. Beers subsequently engaged in stock raising on a large scale, on a farm located near the present site of the stock yards, Chicago. He was successful in his business enterprises, but lost heavily by the panic of 1857 and the great fire of 1871. Shortly before his death he contemplated moving to Kansas to engage in stock raising.

In 1838 Mr. Beers visited Newtown, Conn., and was there married to Miss Mary Curtis (daughter of Gould Curtis), who died October 8, 1869. To this union were born one son, Charles G. Beers, and two daughters, Mary C. (Mrs. O. C. Foster) and Rissa J. (Mrs. Augustus Warner). Mr. Beers died February 25, 1878, of pneumonia. He was a man of excellent habits and good business qualities, and surrounded himself with a large circle of friends. He was a gentleman of fine presence and stalwart frame, being over six feet in height, and up to the day of his last illness enjoyed excellent health. In early days he took considerable interest in politics as an Old-time Whig, and at one time he served as alderman of the First ward in Chicago. He was a member of the "Fire Kings" (No. 1) of the Chicago volunteer fire department; and was a member of the Chicago Board of Trade at the time of its first organization in 1848; in 1857 he was president of the Mercantile Mutual Insurance Company, which was organized in 1855. In religious faith he was a member and liberal supporter of the Episcopal Church, and was one of the founders of Trinity Church, Chicago, which many years ago stood on Madison street, between Clark and LaSalle, where the "Brevoort House" now stands. In 1855 he deeded two lots for the benefit of the Bishop's Church. These lots were deeded to the Church, the consideration being that the Bishop was to build a church or the lots to revert to the donor; but the church was never built, and Mr. Beers gave $6,000 to the Bishop to clear the title so he could sell the same.

EBENEZER BEERS (2) (deceased) was descended from Anthony Beers, through John, Samuel, Nathan and Ebenezer (1). [See Beers Genealogy.]

Mr. Beers was born April 17, 1787, in Zoar District, of the town of Newtown, and became a successful farmer there, while he also devoted much of his time to the manufacture of ploughs, with which he supplied most of the neighboring farmers. He had quite an extensive practice in what was then called "pulling teeth," but he never claimed the art of doing it without pain. Like all of his family, he was an excellent citizen, and for many years he was an active worker in Trinity Episcopal Church, of Newtown, his fine musical gifts making him a valued member of the choir. He died October 25, 1856, and his wife, Phebe, daughter of Moses Botsford, a native of the same town, born November 29, 1787, died August 28, 1850. They had six sons:

1. John Beers, born August 6, 1809, married

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November 18, 1832, Roxy Ann, daughter of Silas N. Glover, and had children: (1) Mary Jane married Charles Edson Blakeman; their children were Austin B. (now a successful merchant at Botsford's, Conn.), Julia E. (deceased), Ida A. (deceased), and Charlotte E. (now Mrs. William Ives). (2) Sarah Maria, who died in 1870, married Lamson B. Lake; their children were Caroline L. (now Mrs. Frank A. Mallett), Frederick B. (deceased), and Catharine A. (now Mrs. William Johnson). (3) John Glover died young. (4) Angeline Eliza and (5) Caroline Eliza (twins) married, the former William H. Beers, whose children were Sarah E. (now Mrs. M. Botsford), Robert W. and John; Caroline Eliza married Robert Wilbur Burritt, whose children were Minnie E., Ina L., William J. (deceased), Robert W. and Ida May. (6) James M. is a resident of New Haven. He married Emily J., daughter of William Beach, and their children were Ernest B. (now holding a responsible position in the service of the Consolidated Railroad Company), and Emily F. (deceased). John Beers, the father of these children, died October 30, 1888, and his wife passed away January 21, 1881. He was a farmer throughout life, and resided in Toddy Hill District. He was quite a mechanical genius, was very handy with tools, and made sleighs, wagons, etc. He attended the Episcopal Church, was a Democrat in his political views, and a good citizen.

II. James B. Beers, born October 16, 1811, went, in 1835, to Berlin, Md., where three of his children—(1) John C. (deceased), (2) Albert (deceased), and (3) Frederick W.—were born; (4) Ann Eliza was born, in 1848, in Brooklyn, N. Y., to which city the father removed in 1845, and where at one time he dealt in gold pens and jewelry. After that he was for many years engaged as a publisher in company with his son, John C. His wife, to whom he was married August 30, 1835, was Huldah, daughter of James Clark, who died February 28, 1893. James B. Beers and William Prindle, of Newtown, are probably now the only survivors of the old Newtown band, consisting of eighteen members, organized in 1835. Mr. Beers played the flute and Mr. Prindle the bass horn, which instrument is now in the cabinet of Charles Henry Peck, of Newtown. John C. Beers, alluded to above, died May 30, 1883. He was possessed of a genial, companionable nature that ensured him friendship and confidence wherever he was known. He married, October 12, 1859, Marietta, daughter of Lemuel Beers, of Newtown, and their children were: James L., Carrie F. (Mrs. John M. Otis, of Bridgeport, Conn.), and Ella L. Frederick W. Beers married, December 29, 1863, Angeline E., daughter of R. N. Hawley, of Newtown; their children were: Clarence H., Charles A., Harriet E., Howard F. (deceased), Robert A., William L. (deceased), and Herbert N. and Helen M. (twins). Clarence H. married Ada M. Winterburn, and is an Episcopal clergyman in New York City; Harriet E. married Ralph W. Murdock, of Oneonta, N. Y.; Robert A., now in the Mechanics & Farmers Savings Bank, Bridgeport, Conn., married Mabel Buker. Herbert and Helen reside with their parents in Brooklyn, New York.

III. Charles Henry Beers was born November 5, 1813, and became a successful farmer in Newtown. He was educated in the public schools of Newtown, and in early life taught school successfully. His ingenuity was remarkable, especially in mechanical lines, as he could work with the tools of any trade as efficiently as one who had served an apprenticeship. In his business methods he was always conservative, and, while he fulfilled his duties as a citizen, he never sought prominence in public life. Politically, he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and in religious faith he was an Episcopalian, being a communicant of old Trinity Church at Newtown. On May 8, 1836, he married Mary E., daughter of Silas N. Glover, who was born November 4, 1815, and died September 13, 1882, and his own death occurred March 5, 1892. They had three children, two sons and one daughter:

(1) Silas N., who was born September 3, 1837, died May 12, 1873; he married Sarah, daughter of Isaac Nichols, and had one child, Susan L., who was married February 4, 1899, to Rev. Frederick Foote Johnson. Silas N. Beers was educated in Newtown, and when quite a young man became identified as a survevor with mapping firms, which profession he followed for many years. He was with D. J. Lake and F. W. Beers, and also with Beers, Lake & Beers. The latter part of his life was given to farming, though he gave some attention to the study of architecture, and drew the plans for Trinity church, as well as for several houses in Newtown. He was a resident of Mile Hill, Newtown.

(2) Daniel G. Beers was born October 19, 1841, in South Center District, town of Newtown, and was educated in the common schools of the locality, and in the academy at Newtown, then conducted by J. H. French. He made good use of his opportunities, gaining a good, practical education, and on leaving school, when about seventeen years old, he engaged in the map business, going first with his brother, Silas, to Western New York, where he spent two or

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three months. For several years his summers were occupied with that line of work, while in winter he taught school or was employed in drafting. In 1865 he formed a partnership with a Mr. Pomeroy, of Rochester, N. Y., under the firm name of Pomeroy & Beers, for the purpose of publishing an atlas of Delaware, and for three years they were engaged in that enterprise, and a similar one in Pennsylvania. On the dissolution of this firm Mr. Beers organized the firm of D. G. Beers & Co., and until 1880 he was engaged in publishing works in different localities under that title. His ventures met with uniform success, but in 1880 he turned his attention to placing upon the market a folding canopy top for wagons, patented by him, and he has since added a profitable business in trimming and upholstering. Notwithstanding his business cares, he has found time to read considerably, and is a well-informed man, while he has never lost his early fondness for mathematics. He is interested in political questions, being a stanch Republican, and of late has been active in local affairs, serving for some time as town auditor, and for fifteen years as member of the school board. All movements for reform find in him an earnest friend, and he is a leading member of Trinity Episcopal Church, in which he has served as vestryman for twenty years, and is now senior warden and parish clerk. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Newtown Savings bank, is also a trustee of Newtown Academy, and secretary and treasurer of the Newtown Village Cemetery Association.

On January 1, 1868, Mr. Beers married Miss Carrie S. Shepard, daughter of Edson Shepard, of Brookfield. She died August 9, 1868, and on November 15, 1870, he married Miss Arabella S. Fitch, daughter of Rev. Henry Fitch, of New Haven. Four children have blessed this union: Jennie F., Helen M., Harry C. and Bessie L. Mr. Beers has a beautiful homestead of fifty-five acres, purchased, in 1869, from John R. Tomlinson, and his present residence was built in 1871, while other improvements, added from time to time, make it one of the finest country seats in the vicinity of Newtown.

(3) Mary E. Beers, born December 28, 1853, married Frederick T. Beehler, and resides in Stamford, Conn. They have had four sons, Charles H., Robert M., Arthur L. and Leonard F., only two of whom—Charles H. and Robert M.—are now living. Their daughters were Ella B., Gertrude S. and Alice M., the first two of whom are now living.

IV. David H. Beers was born January 18, 1817, and on December 4, 1844, was married to Lucy Ann, daughter of Jonathan Sturgis Fairchild. Their children were: (1) Emeline, who married Charles Wheeler, of Danbury, and died February 5, 1890, leaving two sons, Edwin and Clarence; (2) William H. (deceased); and (3) Lucy A., now Mrs. George F. Duncombe; their only child is a daughter, Julia, who lives with her parents in Newtown. The father died November 9, 1871. The mother survives and makes her home with her only surviving child, Mrs. Lucy A. Duncombe. David was a good substantial farmer, attended the Episcopal Church, and in politics was a Republican.

V. Moses B. Beers, born January 7, 1819, married, April 9, 1843, Loraine Curtis, and they made their home in Michigan, first in Portland, and later in Hersey, where he died July 9, 1877. He was a physician. They had one daughter, Phebe, who married J. Selwin Newland. She died about 1870, leaving one son, Albert.

VI. Horace Beers was born May 6, 1821, and was married November 19, 1845, to Emily, daughter of Abiel Booth Terrill. He made his home in Brookfield, where he was prominent in Church work and in local politics. He was for years senior warden of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and was a very useful man in the community. His death occurred October 8, 1892. His children were: (1) Sophia E., who married William J. Kellogg, and their children were Florence L. (Mrs. Arthur S. Mansfield, of Brookfield) and Herbert Beers; (2) Herbert Booth and (3) Edward T. were drowned August 9, 1878; and (4) Frederick Horace married Florence A. Mapes, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and their children are Muriel W. and Hazel. He is a very enterprising and successful farmer of his native town, Brookfield.

The Glover family alluded to in the foregoing sketch is well known in this section. Silas N. Glover was a prominent citizen of Newtown, and carried on an extensive business as a dealer in cattle. His father was the well-known Rev. Solomon Glover, generally called "Capt. Sol. Glover," and his grandfather was Henry Glover, who was born in 1703. Silas N. was born September 30, 1783, and began his business career as a farmer in Brookfield, but removed in 1830 to Newtown, where with the exception of two or three years he spent the remainder of his life. He died May 12, 1869, and his wife, Nancy Morris, who was born July 1, 1790, died in 1864. Their children were: Roxy A., born September 13, 1811, who married John Beers; Eunice M., born July 24, 1813, wife of Charles Blackman; Mary E. (mother of Daniel G. Beers), who mar-

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Charles H. Beers; Betsey A., born September 16, 1817, who married Abel Prindle; Silas N., born June 12, 1819, who died in childhood; Daniel B., born July 19, 1820, who died young; and Nancy S., born August 28, 1828, who married James Henderson.

ABEL BEERS, known as "Major Abe," was of the sixth generation from Anthony Beers, the line of descent being through John, Samuel, Samuel (2), and Simeon [See Beers Genealogy].

Major Beers, born September 1, 1777, was a farmer and quite a large landowner of Newtown, his residence being south of Newtown Centre. In politics he was a Democrat, and was interested in public affairs. In 1827, 1831, and 1832, his name appears on the town records as selectman, and in 1830 as a representative in the State Legislature. In September, 1799, he was married to Mary Beach, daughter of John and Phebe (Curtis) Beach, and their children were: Sylvia, born June 24, 1800, married Sinclair Toucey; John B., born September 11, 1802, died March 3, 1860; Isaac, born March 10, 1805, died May 20, 1890: Charles C., born September 2, 1808, died November 28, 1843; Mary, born April 10, 1811, died April 26, 1829; Esther, born December 31, 1813, died November 28, 1863; Phebe, born August 4, 1816, died in 1835; Sarah, born September 6, 1819, died in 1831; and Rebecca, born April 27, 1822, died June 3, 1890. Major Abel Beers died February 18, 1858.

John Beach Beers, the eldest son of "Major Abe" Beers, was one of the substantial farmers of Newtown, a half century ago. He was born September 11, 1802, and died at Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 3, 1860, where he had gone some time before. He attended the first land sale held in Council Bluffs, about the year 1851. In 1857 he married Eliza Dunn, by whom he had one daughter, Sarah, who is now living at Council Bluffs, Iowa, the wife of Mr. Rohrer, former mayor of that city. Mr. Beers took an active part in public affairs, serving as selectman back in the "thirties," and in 1840 as a representative from Newtown, in the State Legislature.

Isaac Beers, mentioned above, received a common-school education in the public schools of Newtown, and, possessing a remarkable memory and being a great reader, became a well-informed man. He was a comb maker in early life, having learned the trade at the request of his father, although he wished to become a lawyer or merchant. He followed his trade for some years, associating with him Mathew H. Fairchild, the business being conducted near the site of Trinity church, Newtown. Mr. Beers also spent some time in Stratford and Bridgeport, and went as far west as Chicago, but returned to Newtown, and, by fortunate investments and keen business perceptions, acquired a fortune. He was at various times town clerk and justice of the peace, and was often called upon to settle estates. Possessed of some peculiarities and a strong individuality, he was just and exact in business. For his first wife he married Mrs. Maria Glover, widowed mother of Henry Beers Glover, and in 1871 he wedded Miss Elizabeth Bostwick, of Bridgeport, who survives him. His second wife was a daughter of Lyman Bostwick, and granddaughter of Elnathan Bostwick, both of Monroe township.

W. J. SMITH. Fortune comes to some men by slow and steady accumulation. A few grasp it as it flies. A brilliant opportunity is seen by one, while the multitude is blind. The occasion requires what is often denominated nerve, but it must be accompanied by coolness, judgment, foresight, generosity, and a dozen splendid attributes. Meteoric and permanent successes are rare, and their occurrence deserves special mention. A more unostentatious citizen than W. J. Smith cannot be found in Greenwich, yet the number of his real-estate properties exceeds those of any other resident.

The father of our subject was a poor Irish emigrant, who, like many of his courageous countrymen, left the land of his birth and people, and with his bride crossed the ocean to seek here a better chance in life. Patrick and Catherine (Doran) Smith, after fifty days on the water, landed at Boston with a capital of pluck and energy, but nothing in dollars and cents. The father engaged in common labor at different places, and they were living at Easton, Penn., when our subject was born, October 5, 1853. About 1854 he removed to Greenwich, where he met with an accidental death on March 9, 1863, when forty-seven years of age. While carrying lumber across the N. Y. & N. H. railroad tracks, near Greenwich, to a building in course of erection, he avoided one train, but the boards that he was carrying were struck by another, passing in the opposite direction, and he was instantly killed. His wife survived him several years. Both are buried in the Catholic cemetery at Greenwich, having been members of that Church. Patrick Smith was a Democrat in politics. His industry, aided by the economy of his wife, had enabled him to save some money, which was

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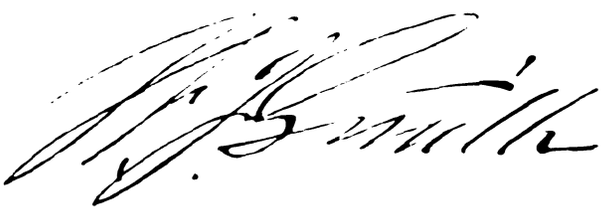

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invested in property in Greenwich. They had five children: Thomas, W. J., Mamie, Catherine and Patrick, W. J. being the sole survivor.

Our subject attended the schools of Greenwich during his boyhood days, and remained at home with his widowed mother until her death. He inherited rare mechanical skill, but was never apprenticed to any trade. In November, 1882, he was married to Miss Sarah Duffy, a native of Ireland, daughter of John Duffy, and to Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born two children, Catherine C. and Mamie, both living at home. Mr. Smith's present residence, in Arch street, is a superb home, perfect in all its appointments. All of the labor employed in its construction was of the highest mechanical order, and no part of the building was given out at contract; all of the fittings for plumbing were selected by Mr. Smith and adjusted by the H. B. Smith Company; the decorators were Allen, Hall & Co., of Boston, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Catholic Church, of which he is a liberal supporter. In politics he is a Democrat, but he is an independent voter in the selection of local officers. In his younger years he was connected with the Eagle Baseball Club, an organization quite popular and well-known in its day.

In his earlier years, Mr. Smith had some experience in the command of men as an overseer of various kinds of work, but his career properly begins in 1883, when Belle Haven was being transformed into a beautiful residence district. He had charge of much of the work in progress there, superintending the construction of many handsome buildings, and he gradually branched out in the business for himself, and as an individual erected many of the best homes in that region, among other structures the Bruce Memorial building. He then began to buy property and improve it for himself. Mr. Smith has, since entering the business, built more homes, for himself and others, than any other contractor in Greenwich, and he now owns more residence properties than any landed proprietor in that little city. He is a man whose enterprise, thrift and successful business plans have not only been sources of much pecuniary gain to himself, but of inestimable value to the town. He has given work to hundreds; has reduced, by big expenditures, what was looked upon as waste property, making money for himself, and helping to beautify the town; has built on his own account elegant homes, has laid out elegant estates, and then sold them to wealthy people who had been attracted to the place. But for him, the localities where are now these beautiful estates would have remained dismal and desolate wastes. His success in many enterprises might be ascribed to luck, but his plans were always kept to himself, and after months of study and preparation were quickly launched—a sudden success, it seemed, in public eyes. He founded the firm of Smith & Maher, and built the dock for the firm, from which he subsequently retired.

In all his transactions, Mr. Smith is his own confidential man, and in the extensive work he has done he has always been familiar with even the smallest detail, his mechanical skill, close observation and rare judgment being of great use. He can judge, with equal facility, the work of the man with pick and shovel and that of the fresco artist. With his great success he remains as approachable as when the goddess of fortune was arrayed against him. He has helped many a needy one with work when his services could have been dispensed with, and many a needy home has been the recipient of his generosity, which he would be more apt to deny than to admit. He is a man whose value to his community can be estimated only when he is gone. Mr. Smith is at present as active as ever in his business as contractor, builder and real-estate man, which is quite extensive. He is thoroughly self-made, and, though already worth a fortune, he still has the best business portion of his life before him.

HENRY BEERS, son of Samuel and Anna S. (Peck) Beers, the latter of whom was born March 16, 1760, daughter of Gideon and Abiah (Smith) Peck, was born April 13, 1792, and died November 19, 1864. He was twice married, (first) to Betsey, only daughter of Josiah and Rebecca Glover (who died November 4, 1835, aged forty-two years), and (second) to Julia Beers, daughter of Samuel Beers, Jr.; she was born April 18, 1803, and died November 19, 1864. His children were: Julia E., who died December 18, 1846 or '47, aged three years; Booth G., who died April 14, 1861, aged twenty-two; and Charlotte, who survives.

Henry Beers was for nearly fifty years an active and prominent merchant in Newtown, member of the firm of Baldwin & Beers. He was the first treasurer of the borough of Newtown on its incorporation in 1824, and he also served as selectman. In 1855, on the organization of the Newtown Savings Bank, he was made its president, and for years was identified with its affairs. He was extensively known as one of the largest cattle raisers and dealers in the State, his sales during the Civil war, it is said, netting

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him not less than $10,000 a year. In politics he was quite active, first as a Whig, then as a Republican.

Amariah Beers, son of Samuel and brother of Henry Beers, died March 6, 1865, aged seventy-one years, and Betsey Curtis (his wife), who was born November 14, 1795, passed away April 25, 1858. They had a son, Henry N., who is now deceased. Mr. Beers, who was a farmer, resided below Newtown Centre. He was identified with the Episcopal Church, in which he was an officer, while in his political views he was a Republican.

DENNIS C. GATELY, who for a third of a century or more was a prominent business man of Newtown, identified with the New York Belting & Packing Company at Sandy Hook, was born in Roxbury, Mass., August 12, 1816, in the same house in which General Warren, who was killed at Bunker Hill, was born.

When he was about twelve years of age Dennis lost his father by death, and, the mother being left with a large family, he was taken into the family of Supply C. Twing, a commission merchant of Boston, with whom he remained three years. Later he learned the trade of housewright, serving until twenty-one with the firm of James Sinclair & Co. In 1846 he was made the superintendent of a small rubber factory in Roxbury, which was succeeded by the Boston Belting Company. In 1856 he retired from this company, and was placed as superintendent of the factory of the New York Belting & Packing Company at Sandy Hook. Subsequently he made several valuable inventions which contributed largely to the advantage of the company in the manufacture of their goods. In July, 1884, he retired from active business, and removed to Mamaroneck, N. Y. Mr. Gately's business career, which was an eminently successful one, gave him high standing in commercial circles, and was an example of what can be accomplished by thoroughness and persistent attention to details. These were his characteristic traits from his earliest years, for whatever he did was well done, finished, and properly finished. Socially, too, he was highly respected, for his genial, kind and unassuming manners, and a consideration for all with whom he came in contact won for him the universal esteem of his fellow citizens, during his long residence in his adopted town, and, in every relation of life, an unusually affectionate regard. He died April 3, 1896, of intermittent fever, being in his eightieth year.

At the age of thirty-five Mr. Gately was married to Olive F. Perkins, daughter of William Curtis Perkins, of Maine, and his children were: Caroline Ryder, Ella Catherine, Curtis Perkins, Sarah Dennis, Charles Lincoln and Harry Grant. (1) Caroline R. was married, in December, 1879, to William Hermon Beers, of Newtown, Conn., who passed away June 22, 1882, and in June, 1894, she wedded (second) William Samuel Johnson, of Mamaroneck, N. Y. By her first marriage she had two children—William Hermon, Jr., born May 26, 1881, in Greensburg, Ind., and Eloise Gately, born November 5, 1882, in Newtown, Conn. (2) Ella C. was married, in December, 1878, to Maturin Ballou, of North Orange, Mass. (3) Curtis P. married, in April, 1893, Miss J. Maud Lewis, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and they have had two children—Doris Curtis, born March 19, 1894, and Lewis Brown, born August 8, 1898. (4) Sarah D. was married, in April, 1890, to John Hallett Clark, of New York City, and they have one child—John Hallett, Jr., born December 24, 1892. (5) Charles L. is still unmarried. (6) Harry G. was married, June 10, 1893, in Cambridge, Mass., to Miss Mary A. Murray, and died February 27, 1897, in Boston, leaving two children—Grant, born September 27, 1894, and Olive Perkins, born July 15, 1897.

BLAKSLEE. Ziba Blakslee, the progenitor of the family in Newtown, was a jeweler in Newtown village a hundred years ago, to which place he came from Plymouth, Conn., when a young man.

Mr. Blakslee is said to have been a most skilled workman in and manufacturer of all kinds of jewelry. His advertisement in the *Farmer's Journal*, published at Danbury, under date of December 22, 1792, shows that he carried on at the head of the street in Newtown the goldsmith's business in all of its branches, cast bells for churches, made and repaired surveyors' instruments, church clocks, and clocks and watches of all kinds. He gained some note as a story-teller. He was married to Mehitable Botsford, who died May 12, 1838. He died November 9, 1834. Their children were:

(1) Charles Blakslee was born in 1802, at the head of Newtown village. Along in the first half of the century he did a thriving business, making clocks, keys and other small brass work. In 1840 he was a resident of Sandy Hook District, and carried on his business in a shop near the Niantic Mills. He married Jane Botsford, and died at Washington City, March 28, 1849, aged forty-seven; John B., his son, died February 24, 1833.

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(2) William Blakslee was born in 1795, and followed the trade of his father—that of a jeweler. In an early day he went to St. Louis, Mo., on horseback (and there learned the jeweler's business), returning to Connecticut in the same manner. After a residence of four years in St. Louis, Mr. Blakslee returned to Newtown and took his father's business, following it until he was over eighty years of age, his place of business being on the north end of Main street. He was a man of good natural ability, enterprising and public-spirited, but not at all a public man; he was brought up in the faith of the Congregational Church, and he was a member of Hiram Lodge, F. & A. M. He married Chloe, daughter of James Beach Fairman. She died October 30, 1862, he on October 23, 1870. Their nine children were:

(a) James Beach Blakslee was born April 29, 1823. He inherited much of his father's genius, and at the age of sixteen he went to Sandy Hook to work with his uncle Charles, a machinist. When twenty-one he carried on business for himself opposite Nantic Mills. Later, in company with a younger brother, he built a large foundry, opposite the present M. E. church, in which they carried on business until 1857, when the business was closed out and James went to Meriden, Conn., remaining a year. Soon after he removed to New York, and with his brother-in-law, D. S. Hammond, worked at the manufacturing of satchels and valises from 1862 to 1872. Then he became interested in oil wells in Pennsylvania, formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, John C. Beers, and from this nucleus formed an important industry. Later the firm became Blakslee Bros., comprising James, Charles and William. William died years ago, but the firm remained unchanged. Their base of operations was (1887) and had been at Petersburg, Penn., and they were pioneers in oil development. They also went largely into the manufacturing of appliances for working wells. James Blakslee died in 1887. His widow, Susan J., who died May 29, 1899, was a daughter of Lemuel Beers. Their children were: Carrie and Annie B., both deceased.

(b) Eliza Maria Blakslee, born February 19, 1826, married Henry Beers Glover, and had children—Florence S. and Mary B. (c) Charles Fairman Blakslee was born September 24, 1827. His early life was passed in Newtown, where he was engaged in the manufacturing business. Later he became associated with his brother in the oil regions of Pennsylvania (as set forth in the foregoing), where he is still engaged in business, being the only one of the brothers now living. In Pennsylvania, he married Ella M. Hugus, of Franklin, that State, and they have two children—Florence Glover and Charles Fairman. (d) Sophia Augusta Blakslee, born February 26, 1829, married Daniel S. Hammond, of New York. (e) William Ziba Blakslee was born December 7, 1833. In early life he learned the trade of a machinist. Later he became associated with his brothers in the manufacturing business in Newtown, thence in 1853 he went to New York, and was there successfully engaged in business until 1864, when, attracted by the outlook in the oil regions of Pennsylvania, he located at Tarr Farm, where he was engaged in the manufacture of drilling tools. In 1872 he removed to Petersburg, Penn., and for years was associated in business with his brothers, as set forth in the foregoing. Mr. Blakslee became one of the incorporators of the Antwerp Pipe Company, a pioneer in the practical transportation of oil through pipes. He was one of the earliest operators in the producing firm of Bradley & Co., and a stockholder in the United lines. Mr. Blakslee married Eliza Dingman, and at his death, July 5, 1880, left surviving a widow and three children. (f) Mary Jane Blakslee, born July 20, 1831, died May 2, 1834, in her third year. (g) George Benjamin Blakslee was born July 19, 1830, and died May 8, 1880. He was reared and educated in Newtown. During the Civil war he served his country as a member of Company C, 23rd Conn. Vol. Inf. After the close of the war he was variously employed in Newtown. He did not marry. (h) Mary Jane Blakslee, born January 18, 1839, died single, July 5, 1881. (i) Sarah Grace Blakslee, born January 5, 1842, married Samuel C. Glover.

(3) Sarah Blakslee married a Mr. Stebbins, and they both died in early manhood and womanhood.

(4) Augusta Blakslee married Ziba Blackman, and had children: Sarah, John, Eliza, Mary, Hattie, Martha, and several that died in infancy.

JOEL BLAKSLEE. The Blakslee family of Plymouth, of which our subject was a member, descended from Samuel Blakslee, who was a planter in Guilford, Conn., in 1650, but who afterward removed to New Haven, where he died in 1672. His grandson, Moses Blakslee, moved from New Haven to Waterbury, Northbury (afterward called Plymouth), about 1739, and settled on land previously laid out by him on what is now known as Town Hill. He was appointed a deacon in the Congregational Church in Plymouth at its organization in 1740, and was an active and influential member of same and of the community. From him Joel Blakslee de-

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scended through John, born in 1725; Joel, born 1752; and Ransom, born 1781. Of the generation on the stage at the time of the Revolutionary war, two at least are known to have served in the Continental army, one in Capt. Joseph Mansfield's (of Litchfield) company of infantry, and one in the Light Horse.

SAMUEL CURTIS GLOVER, a son of Walter C. Glover, was a farmer in Hanover District, Newtown, where he was born December 29, 1831, and where he attended school, completing his education, however, in an institution away from home.

In his early life Mr. Glover was largely interested in stock, buying and shipping horses and cattle from the West and Canada for the local markets, in which line he was at one time associated with Fred Wheeler. In connection with this business Mr. Glover followed farming. He contracted with the New England Railroad Company for their supply of meat during the construction of the road through this locality. Later in life, owing to ill health, he retired from active business. He was a man of good business ability, public-spirited, and was successful in his undertakings. He was a Democrat in his political views, yet, properly speaking, he was not a public man, though he represented Newtown in the Legislature in 1865. Socially, he was identified with Lodge No. 18, F. & A. M., at Sandy Hook, and in religious faith he was an Episcopalian.

On December 18, 1878, Mr. Glover was married to Sarah G. Blakslee, who was born January 5, 1842, a daughter of William Blakslee, and a granddaughter of Ziba and Mehitabel (Botsford) Blakslee. To this marriage was born, October 11, 1883, a son, Samuel Curtis Glover. The father died July 5, 1890, and the widow and son now make their home in Newtown village.

WILLIAM E. DISBROW (originally spelled Disbrough), a well-known business man of Bridgeport, and a typical American "hustler," engaged in general insurance business and as pension agent, comes of an old and honored family of Eastern New York. The Disbroughs are still well-known residents and property holders of the town of Mamaroneck, Westchester Co., N. Y., and there is yet standing, on the southern part of the house lot of Henry Disbrough, the identical house he built in 1677.

Meeker Disbrow, father of our subject, was a resident of Brookfield, Conn., and a comb-maker by trade. He was married, in Ridgefield, Conn., to Julia Whitlock, daughter of Jonathan Whitlock, of that locality, and three children were born to them: Henry Selleck, of New Milford, Conn. (he enlisted, in 1861, in the 8th Conn. V. I., and saw service at the front); David Burr, who is deceased; and William E. The father of this family died in Brookfield, in 1846, aged thirty-five years.

William E. Disbrow was born March 15, 1844, in the town of Brookfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., and received a liberal education in the public schools of both Brookfield and New Milford, Conn. At the age of eighteen, on August 11, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, 19th Conn. V. I., being the youngest man in the company. This regiment later became the 2nd Conn. Heavy Artillery, and participated in many hotly-contested battles. Mr. Disbrow was with his company in all its engagements, was wounded at Petersburg, Va., and was mustered out at New Haven, Conn., when the war ended. Returning to New Milford, he remained there until October, 1866, at which time he came to Bridgeport, where, until 1870, he was with the Spring Perch Company. He then commenced in the insurance business—fire, life and accident—in which he has established a first-class connection and an excellent business reputation.

In 1890 Mr. Disbrow added to his office a United States pension agency. On January 23, 1867, he became a member of Elias Howe Post, G. A. R., of which he has been commander three terms. Under Governor Coffin he was quartermaster-general of the State of Connecticut. In 1880, under President Hayes, he was supervisor of census for Fairfield and Litchfield counties. For a term of years he was deputy United States marshal, and he has served as deputy sheriff of Fairfield county. He has held the office of registrar of voters, and as a Republican, first, last, and all the time, he has been State committeeman, also a member of the county committee, and has always been a hard worker in the interests of the party. Socially, he has been master of Corinthian Lodge, F. & A. M., at Bridgeport, and is a Knight Templar. In religious faith he and his wife are identified with the First Baptist Church of Bridgeport.

In 1878, at La Crosse, Wis., Mr. Disbrow was married to Miss Lillie J. Robinson, a descendant of Dolly Madison, Robert Trent Paine, and the Wilders. To this union have been born three children, to wit: Charles Robinson, Lillie E. and Helen J.

Mr. Disbrow, as already intimated, is a

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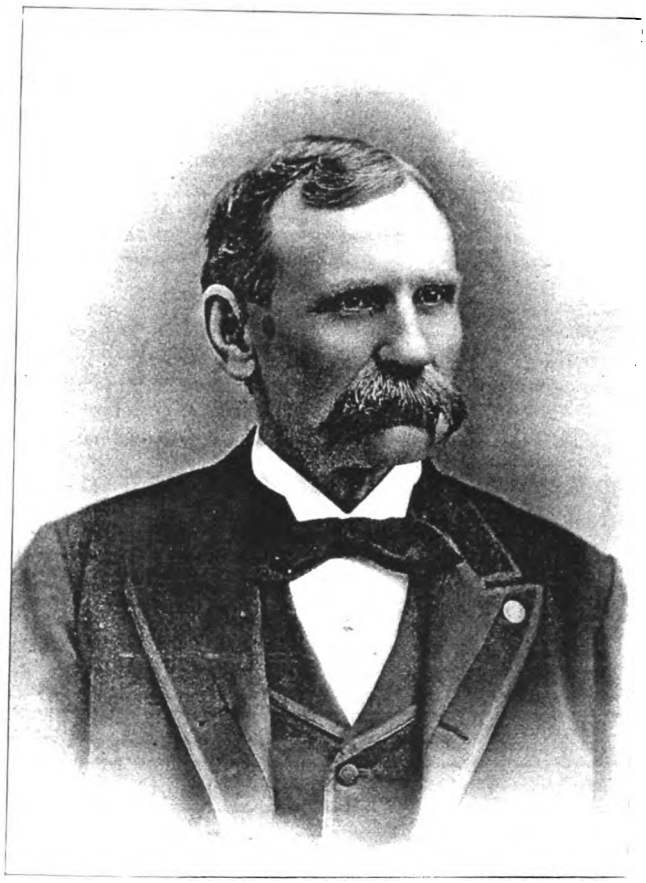

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"hustler," and the different offices which he has held from time to time have been filled most creditably, while the same shrewd judgment and energetic management which have won him success in the business arena have been devoted to the discharge of his official duties.

ABIJAH CURTIS, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Birdsey) Curtis, was born January 31, 1740. He married Sarah Birdsey, and they had the following children: (1) John, born in 1764, married Hannah, daughter of John and Phebe (Curtis) Beach, and had children—Carlos G., Charles, Russell, Lucy, Betsey and Beach. (2) Benjamin, born in 1766, died, childless, February 20, 1825. (3) Abijah Birdsey, born in 1772, died in 1857.

Major Abijah Birdsey Curtis was a great figure in Newtown history, and through tradition the youth of to-day are not unacquainted with his pointed jokes and quaint expressions. He repeatedly served as selectman, and was prominent in public affairs generally. He was a large landowner, and resided in the old red house standing north of the New York & New England railroad, near the Sandy Hook depot. Many of those who are yet living in Newtown can recall the Major's favorite driving nag, "Bess," the old gray mare. He acquired his title, it is said, in service in the war of 1812. There is a story still told of him in his military career: The soldiers had been stealing poultry and other eatables from the neighboring farmers during a temporary armistice, so Major Curtis got his men into line and read them a solid lecture on the enormity of stealing, winding up in a tone which type can not reproduce: "Boys, it's wicked to steal, but if you do steal, you mustn't get ketched at it." He married, in 1793, Anna Glover Curtis, and had children - Marcia (married to John Beach), Horatio N., Charlotte (married to Nicholas B. Lake), Anna (married to Simeon B. Nichols), Joseph B., Birdsey G. (married to Louise Ketchum), Caroline (married to Simeon B. Peck), and Ira Lawrence.

Ira Lawrence Curtis, born November 19, 1813, died January 1, 1843, in Newtown. In 1835 he married Marietta Glover, born March 27, 1814, died August 30, 1887. She was the elder daughter of John Glover by his second wife, Polly Curtis. Ira L. Curtis and his wife had two daughters: (1) Elizabeth married Daniel Webster Parker, son of Woodbridge and Harriet M. (Thornton) Parker, and had the following children: Cora (Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Leonard) and Alfred Curtis Parker (who married Gertrude Bowden, and has one daughter—Mabel); (2) Juliette married Winthrop Alvin Foote, son of Winthrop and Cynthia Childs (Barlow) Foote.

CURTIS. There resided in Nazing, County of Essex, England, two brothers—John and William Curtis. John was married there, on April 19, 1610, to Elizabeth Hutchins, and William, on August 6, 1618, to Sarah Elliott, sister of John Elliott, afterward apostle to the Indians. William Curtis and wife came to America, and settled in Roxbury, and from them are descended the Courtises of Boston. John Curtis, it seems, died in England, for Elizabeth, his widow, came with two sons, John and William (2), to this country, and settled at Stratford, Conn. From these are descended the Newtown Curtises and other families of the name in Connecticut.

The earliest mention of the family on the town records in Stratford is in 1652, excepting the entry of children's birth, and there we read: "Widow Elizabeth Curtis, mother of John and William."

William Curtis (2) took an active part in public and military affairs. The name of his first wife is unknown. His second wife, whom he married after 1676, was Mrs. Sarah Goodrich. His children, all by his first wife, were: Sarah, Jonathan, Joshua, Abigail, Daniel, Elizabeth, Ebenezer, Zacharay and Josiah.

Josiah Curtis, the youngest son of William Curtis, and the ancestor of the Newtown Curtises, was born in August, 1662. He married Abigail Judson, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Porter) Judson, and his children were: William, born September 22, 1693; and Ann, born in 1697, was married, in 1718, to Zachariah Booth, and died childless. The mother of these died in 1697, and the father married Mary Beach, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Peacock) Beach. Of their eleven children, Benjamin, born December 25, 1704, Josiah, born January 6, 1702, and Matthew, born in December, 1712 (says Cothren), "removed from Stratford to Newtown."

Benjamin Curtis, son of Josiah Curtis, married, August 27, 1727, Elizabeth Birdsey, daughter of Abel and Comfort (Wells) Birdsey. She died February 24, 1773, aged sixty-six years, and Mr. Curtis married, June 2, 1773, Bathsheba Ford. His death occurred September 4, 1776. His children (all by his first wife) were: Nehemiah (1727-March 20, 1804) married Martha Clark; Phœbe (born 1729) married Daniel Morehouse; Eunice (1731) married Amos Hard; Elizabeth (1733) married Capt. John Glover; Benjamin (1735) married (first) Phedima Nichols, (second)

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Mary Devine, and (third) Phebe Ferris; Abel (1738–1767); Abijah (1740) married (first) Sarah Birdsey; Salmon (1759–February 2, 1824); and Sarah married Nirom Hard.

Matthew Curtis, son of Josiah and Mary (Beach) Curtis, was born in 1712, and died in 1796, aged eighty-four years. He married, in 1737, Phebe Judson, daughter of David and Phebe (Stiles) Judson. Their children were: Phebe, born in 1738; David, in 1744; Matthew, in 1746; Stiles, in 1748; Jonah, in 1750; Josiah, in 1752; and Abraham, in 1754. The mother of these children were born February 9, 1717, and died September 18, 1758. The father in the following year married Abigail Thompson, by whom he had one son, Gould Curtis.

Benjamin Curtis, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Birdsey) Curtis, had by his first wife, Phedima Nichols, to whom he was married November 23, 1758, children as follows: Philo, born June 27, 1760; a daughter whose name is not given, born December 16, 1761; Elizabeth (Mrs. Peck), born September 21, 1766; a daughter whose name is not given, born December 20, 1769; and Benjamin, born September 10, 1772. The mother died February 15, 1773, and in 1774 the father married Mary Devine (deVine). To the second marriage were born children as follows: Sarah, born November 24, 1775, married Julius Curtis; Artemisia, born May 5, 1778, married Linus Sherman; Aurelia, born November 3, 1780, died April 23, 1796; Alfred Devine, born January 24, 1783; and Epenetus, born October 4, 1786. The mother of these children died August 23, 1795, and on May 6, 1801, the father was married to Phebe Ferris.

Philo Curtis, son of Benjamin and Phedima (Nichols) Curtis, born June 27, 1760, married Huldah Hubbell. He died March 7, 1818, aged fifty-seven, and she died June 25, 1853, in her ninety-sixth year. Their children were: Philo, Betty, Carlos, Huldah, Julia, Nichols and Phedima.

Philo Curtis (deceased), son of Philo and Huldah (Hubbell) Curtis, and who was one of Newtown's substantial men and farmers of years ago, was born in Newtown, in 1791, and died in 1872; his wife, Sarah Maria (Birch), was born in 1803, and died in 1893. Their children were: Jane, born in 1829, died in 1862; and Cornelia, who survives. Mr. Curtis, like his father before him, was a school teacher in his early years. Among the teachers in Sandy Hook District in early years of this century we note the name of Philo Curtis as having taught in 1814, receiving $18 per month for his services; the name also appears again in 1818 and 1819 for the teaching of which schools he was paid seventeen and sixteen dollars respectively, and boarded himself. The name of Philo Curtis, Jr., appears of record as the teacher in 1816, receiving for his services eighteen dollars per month. Our subject is said to have been a strict disciplinarian. He always took a deep interest in school affairs. Mr. Curtis, too, farmed as well as he taught. The old farm on which he resided was on the Bennett's Bridge road, beyond that of Benjamin G. Curtis. Mr. Curtis' name appears among those who served as selectman of the town. He was a respected and esteemed citizen.

SAMUEL B. PECK, who died at Newtown July 15, 1856, was one of the most prominent men of his time in that locality. He was born June 11, 1800, a son of Levi Peck, who settled in Southbury, Conn., where he died August 8, 1830. Levi Peck married (first) Mercy Peck, daughter of Henry Peck, and (second) wedded Eunice Erwin. Levi Peck was of the fifth generation from Joseph Peck, of Milford, the line of his descent being through Joseph (of the second generation), Ephraim, and Gideon.

Samuel B. Peck in the morning of life was quite a noted school teacher. He then went into merchandising in Sandy Hook, first with William B. Glover, afterward conducting the business alone, and later he was in partnership with Dick & Sanford, in a new store. In 1839 he represented the town in the State Legislature; also served the town as a justice of the peace. He possessed rare judgment, and the requisite make-up for a successful man of affairs. Tall and broad-shouldered, though spare, his appearance and character commanded respect. He was a leader of men, one to whom they went for advice, and he commanded respect and admiration. Such was his standing in the community that he was entrusted with the settlement of many estates, and his reputation was so good abroad that some time before his death he had been selected by two different banks for their presidency—one in Bridgeport, at the head of which the late Munson Hawley was for years, and one in New York City. He was also one of the incorporators of several banks, including one at Bridgeport, his wise counsel establishing it on a firm basis. His last work was in the settling up of the affairs of the Pequonnock Bank, which failed early in 1856. A few weeks before his death he was unanimously called to the presidency of a bank in New York. Mr. Peck's personality naturally attracted the friendship of men of ability and prominence, and he delighted to en-

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tertain in his hospitable home those kindred souls who could best appreciate his own worth, Gov. Dutton, of Connecticut, Charles Chapman, and many other leaders in business, political and social life, having been his guests. When his daughter, Miss Julia, was in school in New Haven, Gov. Dutton called upon her and invited her to come to his home with his granddaughter, her classmate, and let him tell her what an admirable man her father was and how he had mourned his loss.

S. B. Peck was married to Julia E. Fayerweather, of Newtown, and their children were: George B., deceased; Sarah J., who died in infancy; Julia E., and Edward S. George B., who died August 10, 1875, married Miss Emma J. Clarke, daughter of Walter Clarke. [See Clarke family sketch.] They had four children: Samuel Clarke, born April 24, 1866, died June 13, 1896; Walter Toucey, May 11, 1871; Elizabeth Fayerweather, October 12, 1872; and Susan Emma, May 28, 1874. Edward S. Peck was married in 1877 to Miss Lilie Lackitt, daughter of Thomas Lackitt, of the firm of George Lackitt & Sons, wholesale grocers and pork packers of Brooklyn, N. Y. She comes of an old English family, and her grandfather, Thomas Lackitt, came from England, bringing a large fortune, and established in Brooklyn three large enterprises, the pork packing and grocery business mentioned and a fringe factory. He was noted for his charities, and his wife was especially prominent in social life. Edward S. Peck has had three children: George Fayerweather, who died in 1879, aged eleven months; Edward Stanley, Jr., born in 1881; and Grace Lackitt, born in 1885.

Mrs. Julia (Fayerweather) Peck died June 26, 1883, aged sixty-five years. She was a descendant of Col. John Fayerweather, who was killed in the "Battle of Long Island" at what is now called "Battle Park," enclosed in Prospect Park, Brooklyn. Capt. Sam Fayerweather, great-great-uncle of Mrs. Samuel B. Peck, was also in the battle of Long Island as a lad of nineteen. When the war of 1812 came on he insisted upon taking the place of a son who had been drafted, and showed notable courage and boldness throughout that struggle. He died at his home in Stepney, Conn., and on his deathbed called the roll of his old company and fought his battles all over again. His grandson, the late Daniel Fayerweather, was one of the contestants under the famous "Fairweather Will." Mrs. Peck's father, Curtis Fayerweather, a carriage maker, died in Easton, Conn., about 1827, aged twenty-eight years. He married Sarah Johnson, who was one of sixteen children, twelve boys and four girls. The boys were named after the twelve sons of the Patriarch Jacob, and Benjamin, the youngest, was given a "double portion" by his father's will, following the Biblical example. Curtis and Sarah (Johnson) Fayerweather had three sons: (1) William, who died in 1840, aged twenty-one years; (2) John, who died in Paterson, N. J., leaving one son, Oakley, a prominent business man, now president and treasurer of the Passaic Rolling Mills, in Paterson, with an office at No. 45 Broadway, New York City; (3) Walter, who is living in Danbury, at the age of eighty-three, and has two daughters.

JOSIAH SANFORD, who was a prominent business man and well-known citizen of Newtown during the earlier part of the present century, descended from Thomas Sanford [see genealogy of the Sanford family elsewhere in this volume] through Samuel (1), Samuel (2), Samuel (3) and Samuel (4).

SAMUEL SANFORD, of the fifth generation, had a shop opposite the old Sanford homestead, and was engaged in the manufacture of spinning-wheels, reels and looms for spinning thread and weaving cloth, carpets, etc. He was succeeded by his son Josiah, who followed the same business until 1830, when he entered into the manufacture of broadcloth, cassimeres and satinets, in the village of Sandy Hook, in which industry he remained, extending it from time to time until some time in 1842. Between the years 1830 and 1842 he did a very heavy business, which led to the building up of a considerable part of the village of Sandy Hook. He erected a large factory there, and in addition kept a general store; also bought a large tract of land, and farmed extensively. He was a man of great force of character and originality. On August 7, 1816, he married Polly, daughter of Capt. Enos Johnson, and his children, eight in number, were as follows: Edwin, Julius, Henry and Frederick, all deceased; Charlotte (Mrs. George B. Wheeler), born January 6, 1828, lives in Howard, S. Dakota; Margarette (Mrs. Albert Northrop), born June 6, 1830, lives in Pittsburg, Penn.; Josiah, born January 26, 1836, lives in Los Angeles, Cal.; Miss Augusta, born September 22, 1838, lives in Pittsburg, Penn. Our subject died July 26, 1851. He was a leading member of Trinity Episcopal Church, and one of the founders of Newtown Academy.

CAPT. JULIUS SANFORD, second son of Josiah (above), was born August 27, 1819. At the age of eighteen years he went to Naugatuck to learn the machinist's trade in the shops of War-

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ner & Isbel. At the close of his apprenticeship he returned to Sandy Hook, and there learned the hatter's trade with Moses Parsons, with whom he remained several years. On leaving his employ he commenced the manufacturing of hats in the same village, in which industry he continued until the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, when he enlisted in Company C, 23d Conn. V. I., and was elected captain of his company. At Brashear City, La., he surrendered to a superior force of the enemy, and for fourteen months he suffered imprisonment at Camp Ford, near Tyler, Texas. At the close of the war Captain Sanford made his home in New Haven, Conn., and there passed the rest of his days, dying November 1, 1879.

Capt. Julius Sanford married Miss Mary Parsons, daughter of Moses Parsons, his former employer, and children as follows were born to them: Ellen Louisa (Mrs. Sherwood S. Thompson), Katie and Gertrude. In politics Captain Sanford was first a Whig, later a Republican; socially he was affiliated with the F. & A. M.; and in religious faith he was an Episcopalian.

HENRY SANFORD, third son of Josiah (above), was born in Newtown, June 2, 1822. At the age of fourteen he was placed by his father in the general store of Baldwin & Beers, with whom he remained some nine years. When twenty-three years old he purchased a half-interest in the store, in time became sole proprietor, and still later purchased the grounds and buildings. For forty years or more he conducted a large business alone or with others, and became a very successful and prosperous man. He was enterprising and public-spirited, and at his death left several monuments to his enterprise in Newtown. He was largely instrumental in building the present beautiful Trinity Episcopal church edifice, of which Church he was for years a vestryman and treasurer. On November 9, 1845, he married Mary E., daughter of Dr. Cyrenius H. Booth, and their children were Anna E. and Sarah E. Henry Sanford, the father, died November 19, 1882.

FREDERICK SANFORD, fourth son of Josiah, was born in Newtown, Conn., September 18, 1825, and at the age of eighteen he commenced business life. After some time spent in the South and West, he returned to Newtown on the death of his father in 1851, and engaged in various business ventures. In 1867 he retired from active life, and made his home once more at the old homestead, where for five generations the family had lived, and there he died of apoplexy July 8, 1899. In politics he was a Whig and Republican, and he filled many town offices and other positions of trust. In religious faith he was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, at Newtown, of which he at one time served as treasurer. He was unmarried.

FRANCIS HENRY AUSTIN was born in New Haven, Conn., in 1827. The sudden death of his father led his mother to remove with her young child to Fairfield, Pickens Co., Ala., where her relatives resided, having settled in that locality and given it that honored name in remembrance of the Connecticut home. Mr. Austin bore the full name of his father. His grandfather, Daniel Austin, was of French descent. Another ancestor of note was the Rev. Mr. Ogden, the "fighting parson" of Revolutionary fame. Mr. Austin traced his maternal ancestry through the Chappells of England, one of whom was William, a tutor of John Milton, a position which he left to take the provostship of Dublin University. He came to this country in company with Bishop Berkley, and settled in New London.

Francis H. Austin spent his boyhood days in his Southern home, which he left at the age of fifteen years for New Haven, Conn., where he engaged in the shipping and grocery trade with marked success, remaining there for several years. Later he removed to Danbury, Conn., where he conducted a general mercantile business for more than twenty years. As a merchant, he was watchful of commercial markets, sagacious, prudent, and possessed of good judgment—qualities which, with his social nature, his strict integrity, and his unquestioned credit, made the way comparatively easy and direct to the success which crowned his business ventures. His elder sons, having become familiar with his mercantile habits of management, succeeded him in the business, while he retired from commercial life to rest and give personal direction to the improvement and development of the real estate of which he had become possessed.

During his residence in New Haven, Mr. Austin married Miss Jane L. Hughes, of that city, whose mother, Jane (Beecher) Hughes, was a direct descendant of Dr. Lyman Beecher, of Litchfield, Conn. She died after a brief wedded life, leaving one son, the well-known citizen, Willis Henry Austin. A few years later, Mr. Austin married Miss Adeline, daughter of Joel and Linda Taylor, of Danbury, and sister of James T. Taylor. On her father's side she was a descendant of some of the first settlers of Windsor and Danbury, Conn. Through her mother, Linda (Adams), she was a descendant of

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the Adams family, who were among the earliest settlers of Massachusetts and Connecticut. To this union were born four sons, who survive their honored mother: Francis Taylor, Nelson Ellis, Major Clifford and Leonard Adams; they are today worthy and respected citizens in the business and social life of Danbury.

A few years after the death of his second wife, Mr. Austin married Mrs. Henrietta Stevens, widow of Henry Reed Stevens, of Danbury, and daughter of William Washburn, and a granddaughter of LaFayette Washburn, of Gloversville, N. Y. Her mother, Eliza K. (Blackman), was the daughter of Dr. J. Blackman, whose name for fifty years has been "familiar as household words" on various proprietary and medical preparations well-known to the public. Her maternal grandmother, the wife of Dr. J. Blackman, died July 4, 1885, at the age of seventy-eight years; she distinctly remembered her grandfather, Jared Bartholomew, who was born in France in 1750, and during the civil and religious commotion that agitated the country in after years escaped the guillotine by secret flight. Being a personal friend of LaFayette, he sought his aid and with him sailed to this country, bidding his native land a sad adieu forever. To the marriage of Mr. Austin and Mrs. Stevens one son, Frederick W., was born, making six sons, who have all reached the age of manhood and survive their honored father.

Francis H. Austin was a prominent and active member of the Episcopal Church and a vestryman for twenty-five years or more. His mature judgment and advice were sought, and as a member of the various working committees of the Society he rendered efficient service; he was a liberal supporter of the Church financially.

In political life, Mr. Austin's convictions were decided. He was a constant reader, keeping well informed in regard to the public movements of the day, and was alert and liberal toward any measures intended to advance the growth and prosperity of the town. He was one of the incorporators of the Union Savings Bank, and a director to within one year of his death, which occurred March 27, 1895, and closed the career of one of Danbury's best-known and esteemed citizens.

REV. NEWTON E. MARBLE, D. D., who for twenty-one years was the beloved pastor of Trinity Parish, at Newtown, Fairfield county, was born September 1, 1808, at Bradford, Mass., the eldest of six children—five brothers and one sister.

At his father's home he spent the years of his boyhood, faithfully discharging his varied round of duties upon the farm, and improving what time and opportunities he had for study. He was fitted for college in the academy of his native town under the tuition of the celebrated mathematician, Benjamin Greenleaf, and was graduated with honors from Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire. His early preferences were for the law, which he studied in connection with teaching. He taught at Hampton, N. H., and at Dover, N. H., in Franklin Academy. In 1838 he was appointed professor of mathematics and natural philosophy in the collegiate institute, Petersburg, Va. In 1839 he was confirmed in St. Paul's Church, Petersburg, Va., by Bishop Moore. In 1840 he was elected principal of the Petersburg Classical Institute. He had up to this time vigorously prosecuted his law studies; but God had a higher work for him to do. His convictions of duty, his earnestness of purpose, and the sincerity and consistency of his Christian character, caused him to relinquish the study of law and prepare for the work of the ministry. He accordingly resigned his position in August, 1840, and a few days thereafter received from Bishop Morris letters transferring him as a candidate for orders to the Eastern Diocese. In October, 1840, he entered the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary in New York, where he studied Divinity one year, completing his course at Philadelphia, and was admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons by Bishop Eastburn in Trinity Church, Boston, September 7, 1843. He preached his first sermon in Trinity Church, Bridgewater, Mass., September 17, 1843. In December, 1844, he was admitted to the Order of the Priesthood by Bishop Eastburn, in Trinity Church, Boston, and at once entered upon his ministerial work, which he prosecuted with untiring devotion and fidelity until compelled by infirmities that could not be overcome to retire to private life.

His first charge was at Trinity Church, Bridgewater, Mass., then for a short time at Christ Church, Salmon Falls, Somersworth, N. H. Resigning the latter charge March 1, 1846, he became principal of the Classical School at Taunton, Mass., holding the same for two years, continuing at the same time his ministerial work. In February, 1848, he resigned his office as principal of the school at Taunton, and accepted a call to the rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Concord, N. H., which Church he served until April 1, 1857. On August 10, 1854, he received the honorary degree of D. D. from Norwich University, Vermont. On August 1, 1855, he was chosen

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chaplain of the New Hampshire Legislature. On October 1, 1855, he was elected chaplain for Concord Insane Asylum. In 1855, he was very active in founding St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H. He accepted a call to Trinity Parish, Newtown, Conn., began his work there April 5, 1857, and remained in charge for twenty-one years and five months, his resignation taking effect September 1, 1878, occasioned by infirmities, having suffered greatly from rheumatic difficulties. "His beautiful Christian life has been to the Church and to all who knew him a benediction. Truly may it be said of him, he was in its broadest sense one of Christ's servants, who in doing his most noble work, practiced self-denial and endured even unto the end; daily showing that he was actuated by that spirit that enables one not to count his life dear, if by any means he might aid in extending Christ's Kingdom and, by God's blessing, save souls for whom he died." His death occurred at Newtown, September 28, 1881.

Doctor Marble was twice married, the first time April 6, 1847, to the daughter of Hon. Asa Freeman, of Dover, N. H., to which union three children—two sons and one daughter—were born. Of these, Frances Atkinson only survives. The wife and mother passed away September 6, 1854, and in June, 1857, Doctor Marble was married to Miss Mary Gillis, of Wilmington, Mass., daughter of Josiah and Mary (Stark) Gillis. To this union two children were born, namely: Frederick Parker, and Mary Gillis, who died March 29, 1874. On a tablet, beautiful in design, which adorns the walls of the church, is this inscription, composed by Bishop Williams:

Sacred to the memory of the Rev. Newton E. Marble, D. D. For twenty-one years the faithful and beloved Rector of this Parish. This Church, erected during his rectorship, stands as his monument; but a nobler and more enduring one will be found in the souls he won to Christ. Born September 1, 1808. He slept in Jesus September 28, 1881, having lived on earth seventy-three years.

HERMON PECK (deceased), son of Dan Peck, of the sixth generation from Joseph Peck, of Milford [see "Connecticut Pecks"], his line of descent being through John, Joseph, Moses and Dan.

Hermon Peck was born October 24, 1805, and married Maria Hawley. They had children: (1) Edward Hezekiah Booth, deceased October 10, 1838, aged three years. (2) Sylvia M., who married E. T. Clarke, November 5, 1848, and died May 4, 1889. (3) Edward Booth, deceased February 1, 1859. (4) Elizabeth, who married J. A. Morris, November 4, 1865, and has one daughter, Annie J. (5) Hermon H., who is more fully spoken of farther on. In his earlier years, and at a time when comb-making was one of the leading industries of Newtown, Mr. Peck followed that occupation; later, he was engaged in farming. He was a zealous member of Trinity Episcopal Church, in which he was warden for sixteen years. In his political affiliations he was a Whig, and he was held in high esteem by the community. His death occurred February 13, 1872; his widow survives, now at the advanced age of ninety-two years.

Hermon H. Peck, son of Hermon, resides at the old homestead. He was born in 1846, in Newtown, and was there educated, attending the academy under Beach Hill and others. Mr. Peck is a substantial farmer of the town, and at this time is a director of the Newtown Fair Association, while he is an enthusiastic member of the Grange. In religious faith, he is a member of Trinity Church, in which he is a vestryman. Mr. Peck married Emily J. French, of Easton, and has one daughter, Sylvia Marion.

WARNER. John Warner, one of the early settlers of Hartford, Conn., was a soldier in the Pequot war of 1637, and received a pension for his services. He was one of the commissioners sent to view Mattatuck (now Waterbury), Conn. In 1649 he married Ann Norton, a daughter of Thomas Norton, one of signers of the Guilford Compact, which Compact, historically speaking, is second only to that of the "Mayflower" in interest. He settled in Farmington, and there died in 1679. His children were: Daniel, John, Thomas and Sarah.

II. John Warner, Jr., was a freeman of Farmington in 1669, and became one of the original proprietors of Waterbury, Conn. He died at Farmington, while on a visit, in 1707. His children were: John, Ephraim, Robert, Ebenezer, Lydia and Thomas. Of these, Lydia married Samuel Bronson.

III. Dr. Ephraim Warner (son of John, Jr.) was born in 1670 in Farmington, and went with his parents in boyhood to "Mattatuck." He received his first grant of land on January 21, 1689–90 (on the northeast corner of Willow and Grove streets), built a house, and resided in the town until in 1701. He lived for a time at Bucks Hill and at Woodbury, in which latter place his skill as a "practitioner" became manifest, although there is no evidence that he practiced before his removal, and in 1714 his former townsmen took action at a town meeting to secure his return to Waterbury. They voted

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in April, that "to encourage Dr. Ephraim Warner to come and live with us the town grant him the use of the school land for three years." They also voted him "ten acres in the sequester," on condition that he remain four years. He accepted their "call," and became the "physician" of the town. He again selected Bucks Hill for his residence, and as the years passed on his sons settled around him and he gave them houses and lands. In 1738, or earlier, he removed again into the village, and occupied the northwest corner of Cook and Grove streets. After his return to Waterbury, Doctor Warner became one of prominent men of the town. He was selectman, school committeeman and town collector. He was sent as a deputy to the General Court in 1717, 1719, 1720 and 1722, and in this last mentioned year was chosen captain of the train-band, being the second who was thus distinguished in the town.

On August 16, 1692, Doctor Warner was married to Esther, daughter of Obadiah Richards, and five of their seven children were born in Waterbury before the Doctor's removal to Woodbury. He died August 1, 1753. His children, whose names we have, were Ephraim, Margaret, Benjamin, John and Obadiah.

III. Robert Warner and Ebenezer Warner (sons of John, Jr.), (says Cothren), settled in Woodbury, Conn. Dr. Ebenezer Warner married, in 1704, Martha Galpin, who died in 1745. He died April 23, 1755 (Cothren, in his second edition says that the inscription on the first Dr. Ebenezer Warner's tombstone reads: "In memory of Ebenezer Warner, Captain and Doctor. He deceased, April 20, 1700, aged seventy-eight years." Their children were: Ebenezer, Martha, Dr. Benjamin, Margaret, Rebecca, Tamar, Lydia, Thomas, Frances and Rachel.

IV. Dr. Ephraim Warner, Jr. (son of Dr. Ephraim), baptized in 1693, married Eleanor Smith, of Farmington, Conn., and settled in Waterbury. Their children were: William, Abijah, Rebecca, Epha, Seth, Seth (2), Eleanor and Esther.

IV. Dr. Benjamin Warner (son of Dr. Ebenezer), born May 6, 1709, married Silenee Hurd, in 1736; she died November 15, 1785. Their children were: Hannah, Dr. Benjamin, Jr., Daniel, Col. Seth (of Revolutionary fame), John, Dr. Reuben, Elijah, Asahel, David and Tamar.

V. Dr. Benjamin Warner, Jr. (son of Dr. Benjamin), born in May, 1739, married (first) Rebecca Castle, November 2, 1761, and (second) Jemima Chambers, of Newtown, Conn., and had children: Benjamin, Allyn, Rebecca, Silenee, and Rhoda (married to Major Abraham Bronson).

V. Dr. William Warner (son of Ephraim, Jr.), born in 1740, married, in 1762, Mary Chambers, of Newtown. He died about 1784 on Long Island, N. Y. Their children were: Austin, Loretta and Hermon.

VI. Hermon Warner (son of Dr. William) was born April 16, 1769, in Woodbury, Conn. He settled in and for many years was a prominent resident of the village of Newtown, Conn., where he engaged in business as a saddler and harness maker. He was a man of influence in the community, and at one time held the office of sheriff of Fairfield county, while he was also active in religious work, being a regular attendant of the Episcopal Church. He died January 30, 1855, in his eighty-sixth year, leaving a large family of children. His first wife, Rebecca, daughter of Silas Camp, to whom he was married January 30, 1793, was born April 28, 1771, and died May 21, 1815, at the age of forty-four years. He was married on April 21, 1816, to his second wife, Deborah Curtis, born March 19, 1780, daughter of Gould Curtis; she died November 10, 1861. By the first marriage there were ten children, whose names with dates of birth are as follows: Bennett, November 15, 1793; William Bennett, July 15, 1796; Harry, October 16, 1798; George, June 21, 1801; Abigail, August 2, 1803; Mary, December 22, 1805; Charles C., October 19, 1807; Wooster, July 24, 1809; Rebecca, November 21, 1811; and Hermon, Jr., December 15, 1813. By the second union there were five sons: David, March 4, 1817; John, November 1, 1818; Curtis, April 23, 1820; a son, who died in April, 1823, unnamed; and David C., born March 30, 1830. Of these, John and David C. are now residents of New Haven, Connecticut.

HON. CHARLES CAMP WARNER (deceased), late of Newtown, where through a long lifetime he was a conspicuous figure, was born October 19, 1807, in the town, and there died July 24, 1885, in his seventy-eighth year.

Judge Warner was descended from one of the old Colonial families of Connecticut, being of the seventh generation from John Warner, of Hartford, Conn. The line of descent was through John, Jr., Dr. Ephraim, Dr. Ephraim, Jr., Dr. William and Hermon. [See Warner genealogy above.]

Judge Warner in early life left home to live with his uncle, James Bennett, near Bennett's Bridge, in Wapping District. He worked on a farm at first, and later acquired local fame as a successful school teacher; he also took up land

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surveying. For many years he followed agricultural pursuits, retiring some twenty-five years before his death. His sound judgment gave him great influence among all classes of people. He was regarded as one of the leaders of the Democratic party in this section, and was long in public service. In 1843, 1850, 1859 and 1870 he was a representative in the State Legislature. He served as judge of probate from 1860 to 1877; as selectman six terms during the period from 1847 to 1853; and was town clerk from 1863 to 1870; he also for a time was a justice of the peace. "His popularity was such that he always led his ticket at an election, for his faithfulness to trust, his remarkable probity, and his peaceful disposition made every one his friend, and he was universally respected." In business he was quite successful, while his extensive legal reading made his assistance of value as executor and administrator of estates. Like all of his family, he took much interest in the advancement of religion, and was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church of Newtown. On November 4, 1832, he married Miss Ann Maria Clarke, born January 7, 1811, daughter of James and Polly (Sherman) Clarke, of Zoar District, Newtown. [See Clark genealogy in sketch of Hon. Robert A. Clark.] Mrs. Warner died November 23, 1875, and Judge Warner afterward married Angeline Twitchell, who survived him. His children, all born to the first marriage, are:

(1) JAMES HOBART WARNER, born in Wapping District, town of Newtown, November 6, 1835, was for many years one of the leading merchants of the town. He was identified in business in Sandy Hook, either as clerk or partner, for nearly fifty years, during which period his record as a citizen and business man was a most honorable one. In 1852 he engaged as clerk in the store in which he became a partner, William B. Glover being then the proprietor. A few years later he became a member of the firm of William B. Glover & Co., being associated with Mr. Glover and his son, Smith P. Glover. The partnership lasted about six years, when the firm of Glover & Warner was organized, and in 1881 Abel F. Clark took an interest in the business, the firm name being Glover, Warner & Clark. On the retirement of Mr. Glover, the firm became Warner & Clark, and later George F. Taylor joined and caused a further change to Warner, Clark & Taylor. After the retirement of Mr. Clark, some years ago, the business was continued under the style of Warner, Taylor & Curtis until Mr. Warner's death, which occurred January 3, 1899. On October 15, 1863, Mr. Warner married Miss Flora J. Beers, who was born March 20, 1842, a daughter of Hermon and Phebe (Sherman) Beers (both now deceased), well known residents of Newtown in their day. Six children have blessed this union: Mary S., Howard C. (who died November 26, 1886), Paul B. (a sketch of whom follows), Florence A., Hobart G., and William A. (who died September 19, 1882). The family attend St. John's Episcopal Church, Sandy Hook, in which Mr. Warner held the office of senior warden for many years. In politics he was a Democrat, but as his time was given to his business interests, he never took an active part in partisan work, although as a citizen he fully sustained the reputation of the family for public spirit so far as non-political movements were concerned.

Paul B. (above) was born October 8, 1870, in Sandy Hook, town of Newtown, Connecticut. He graduated from the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut in 1887, after three years of study in the scientific department, and afterward studied one year (1888–89) at the Yale Law School. In the fall of 1889 he commenced clerking for the firm of Warner, Clark & Taylor, of Sandy Hook, Conn., and remained with them until the firm was changed to Warner, Taylor & Curtis, remaining with the last named firm until May 1, 1891. On June 1, 1891, he left for Chicago, and engaged with his uncle, Augustus Warner, in the silverware business, in which occupation he still continues. He married, January 8, 1896, Anna Teresa, daughter of Elliott Foote and Anna Augusta (*née* Way) Driggs, of Brooklyn, N. Y. One son, born December 12, 1896, has blessed this union. In politics Mr. Warner is a Republican, in religion he is an Episcopalian.

(2) AUSTIN WARNER, born September 5, 1837, in Newtown, was here reared and educated. He clerked a few years in the store of Edward Starr in Newtown Centre, and in 1859 went to Vicksburg, Miss., and there became engaged in business, from which time he has been closely identified with the business interests of that city. He is one of the leading merchants of Vicksburg, being senior member of the Warner & Searles Co., and holds various positions of trust and responsibility. He is an enterprising and public-spirited citizen, and one of the substantial men of the South, where he is widely and favorably known. In 1866 Mr. Warner was married to Miss Belle T., a daughter of Eli M. Lawrence, of Vicksburg, and their children are: C. Lawrence, Jessie C., Austin M., and Howard S. C. Lawrence married Miss Harriet P. Glover, daughter of Smith P. Glover, and they have one son, Lawrence Glover.

(3) AUGUSTUS WARNER was born August 10,

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1839, in Newtown, where he passed his boyhood, completing his education at New Britain, Conn. In 1859 he began making surveys for county maps, and later on became engaged in the publication of maps, atlases and local histories. In 1860 he located in Chicago, his partner being J. S. Higgins, of Stepney, Conn. In the following year J. Hobart Beers, a friend of his boyhood, became associated with him, and for years the firm of Warner & Beers was one of the substantial publishing houses in its line in Chicago. During the campaign of 1876 he published the Chicago *Courier*, a Democrat daily newspaper, and in 1878 he retired temporarily from active business. In 1882 he resumed publishing, and in 1891 became engaged in the manufacture of silverware in company with his nephew, P. B. Warner. On January 15, 1880, Mr. Warner was married to Miss Rissa J., daughter of Cyrenius Beers, and their children are: Charles C., born December 1, 1880, and Raymond C., born September 28, 1885.

ELIJAH SANFORD, formerly of Newtown, was born in 1787, the son of John and Amy (Northrup) Sanford, and died October 26, 1846. His wife, Abigail Elizabeth, daughter of Josiah Tomlinson, was born October 29, 1789, and died February 3, 1853. Her father, Josiah Tomlinson, was of the fifth generation in descent from Henry Tomlinson, through Agur and Zachariah, and his parents were Capt. Beach and Charity (Shelton) Tomlinson. By occupation he was a farmer, and his old house in Newtown, about two miles from Zoar Bridge, is still standing. He was married, January 7, 1773, to Anna, daughter of Samuel Shelton, a cousin of his mother. She died in May, 1830, and his death occurred in 1841. To Elijah and Abigail Elizabeth Sanford three children were born, as follows:

(1) David, born August 1, 1806, married Emily A., daughter of Isaac and Phebe (Atwater) Townsend, of New Haven, Conn. Their children were: John T., born September 5, 1832, was married to Hattie Mills, daughter of Isaac Mills; William J. is married and has three children; Jane E., born March 8, 1836, married Rev. William H. Moore; Grace S.; Juliet; Julia, born May 3, 1844; George M., born December 18, 1841; and Paul J., born October 1, 1846. Only Paul and William are now living. David Sanford figured quite prominently in public affairs in Newtown, where he was a citizen of worth and usefulness. He was a representative in the State Legislature in 1845, and again in 1858; and from late in the 'fifties until the time of his death he served as selectman. He died May 3, 1866, at the age of fifty-nine years. Emily Augusta, his wife, died February 6, 1875, aged sixty-four years.

(2) Juliette married George, son of Isaac Townsend, of New Haven, Connecticut.

(3) Elizabeth was educated in Brooklyn and New Haven, and married Edward T. H. Gibson, of Boston, Mass., a descendant of a prominent New England family. Their Newtown home was the old Elijah Sanford place, now known as the Gibson place and occupied by the family of the late J. Hobart Warner. To Mr. and Mrs. Edmund T. H. Gibson were born children as follows: E. T. H. and C. D. T. (twins), the former of whom is now treasurer of the Illinois Central Railway Company, the latter with the Lancashire Insurance Company; John Cotton, who died in 1871; Emily and Elizabeth, who died in infancy in 1842; William Hamilton, who is mentioned below; Juliet S., wife of C. M. Noble, son of Col. William H. Noble, of Bridgeport; Henry S., who is engaged in the insurance business in New York City as a member of the firm of Gibson & Wesson; and Hubert T., an actor, at present with Lincoln J. Carter, in Chicago. William H. was born in the old homestead where his mother was born; the others are natives of Brooklyn, New York.

WILLIAM HAMILTON GIBSON, who died in Washington, Conn., his country home, in 1896, was one of Newtown's most distinguished sons, being widelyknown as an artist, author, lecturer and naturalist. His interest in nature gave a trend to his literary work which resulted in a number of books which delight all lovers of out-door life, the charm of the written words being enhanced by profuse illustrations. At the time of his death he was engaged in compiling a work on botany, in which English terms were given instead of Latin. Chief among his published writings are: "Our Edible Toadstools and Mushrooms, and How to Distinguish Them," with thirty colored plates and fifty-seven other illustrations; "Sharp Eyes, a Rambler's Calendar"; "Strolls by Starlight and Sunshine"; "Happy Hunting-Grounds"; "Highways and Byways, or Sauntering in New England"; "Pastoral Days, or Memories of a New England Year"; "Camp Life in the Woods, and the Tricks of Trapping and Trap Making"; and "My Studio Neighbors." Among the many important works illustrated by him we may mention "The Heart of the White Mountains," by Samuel Adams Drake; "Nature's Serial Story"; "The Pictorial Edition of Longfellow," and "In Berkshire With the Wild Flowers," while he also made many illus-

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trations for magazines and furnished a number of the natural history illustrations for the "American Cyclopædia."

BOOTH. Tradition says that the American Booths descended from three brothers, the sons of Richard Booth, of Cheshire, England, who came to America some time prior to 1640, their father having died previous to their emigration. John Booth settled at Southold, Long Island, N. Y., and the younger brother went north. History speaks of one Robert Booth at Exeter, N. H., as early as 1645. Richard Booth, the eldest brother, settled at Stratford, Conn., in 1640.

The father of these boys, says tradition, was the fifth son of Sir William Booth, Knight, who died and was buried at Bowdon, Cheshire, in September, 1578. Richard Booth (the emigrant) married Elizabeth, sister of Joseph Hawley, of Stratford, the founder of that name in America. This Richard Booth was the progenitor of the Booths of Fairfield county. Richard and Elizabeth (Hawley) Booth's children were: (1) Elizabeth, born September 12, 1041, was married to John Minor, of Stratford. (2) Ann, born February 14, 1043. (3) Ephraim, born in August, 1648. (4) Ebenezer, born November 19, 1651. (5) John, born November 6, 1653, was twice married, for his first wife marrying, June 14, 1678, Dorothy, daughter of Thomas Hawley, of Roxbury, by whom he had—Thomas, Jonatnan, Ephraim, Mary, Ann, Sarah and John; this wife died in 1710, and for his second wife he married Hannah, widow of Robert Clarke, she dying in 1717. John Booth, the father, took an active part in the Pequot war, serving as sergeant. (6) Joseph, born in February or March, 1656. (7) Bethia, born May 18, 1658. (8) Johanna, born March 21, 1661.

Jonathan Booth, of the third generation from Richard through John Booth, was born at Stratford, Conn., in the winter of 1681–82. He was married, in 1703, to Hester, daughter of Samuel Galpin, and after the birth of his eldest son, it is said, he, with his cousin Ebenezer, came to the site of Newtown, in 1707–08. On this journey from Stratford in search of a place to settle they followed up the Housatonic river from its mouth to where the tribe of Pootatuck Indians lived, and purchased an extensive tract directly west of them, Jonathan Booth taking a prominent part in the purchase. It has been stated that he was the first white man who felled a tree in what afterward became Newtown. They immediately commenced to clear the forests of the land for cultivation, returning the next year to prepare dwellings before they moved their families. The first home that was built, it is said, stood directly above the residence owned by Edward Clark in 1880. Jonathan Booth settled on the place occupied twenty or more years ago by Edward Starr. He was buried near the center of Newtown burying-ground, and his moss-covered, reddish gravestone reads as follows: "In memory of Mr. Jonathan Booth. He died February 8, A. D. 1755, aged seventy-three years." The grave of Hester, his wife, lies by his side, but the inscription on her gravestone is only partially legible. Jonathan Booth's children were: Daniel, Abel, Ann, Jonathan and Mabel.

From Jonathan and his cousin, Ebenezer Booth, all the Booths of Newtown have descended, and there is scarcely an old family name in the limits of the town but can (by inter-marriage) trace their lineage back to them, as, for instance, the Beers family, the Nichols family, Hawleys, Glovers, and many others. His (Jonathan's) youngest son, Jonathan, built a house on the old homestead lot, nearly in front of his father's, in 1740. This dwelling was covered with cypress shingles; those on the roof lasted eighty years before renewal, and the bricks used in the construction of the chimney were brought from Holland. The plastering was done by an Indian, and the ring, composed of mortar, in the ceiling of the parlor was considered a great piece of art in those days. The house remained until a few years ago, when it was removed to the opposite side of the street and replaced by the more modern structure now on its site.

The following is taken from a biographical sketch of the life of Lieut. Daniel Booth, which appeared in the Newtown *Bee* December 17, 1879. (Daniel Booth was in the fourth generation from Richard Booth through John and Jonathan, and was born at Stratford January 12, 1704). "When he was about four or five years of age his parents, in company with others, moved twenty miles north of Stratford, three miles from the Housatonic river, on whose banks there lived a small tribe of Indians near the mouth of a small stream called Pootatuck Brook. From these Indians a number of settlers from Stratford and Milford purchased a large tract of territory of land for a nominal sum, migrated thither, and settled on these lands in 1708–09, and in 1710 it was incorporated into a town called Newtown; a site for a village was selected at its earliest commencement, and some dozen or more of the settlers took up their residence on the main street in lots about five acres each, with

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their land in the rear. Jonathan Booth's lot was on the east side, at the upper end of the street, near the North Centre school house. The Indians cultivated their corn in a primitive way, with rude implements, but since the proximity of the whites among them they have been greatly facilitated in their labors by the introduction of the plough. The father of young Daniel used to join with the Indians ploughing out their corn, and they in turn would come and hoe out his corn.

"Daniel Booth was married to Eunice, daughter of Thomas Bennett, by the Rev. John Beach, then a Congregational minister. By his marriage he had eight children—three sons and five daughters—all of whom lived to grow up, marry and have families, and settled around him. His father built him a house about half a mile east of his own and gave him a deed to the same in March, 1728-29, with the orchard of young apple trees thereon, and two of them are still living. By his industry and management he acquired a large landed property, and was at one time the largest landholder in the town. The inhabitants of the Colony were sparsely settled within its limits and looked to themselves to keep up a military organization in defense of itself against any inroads of an enemy. Every able-bodied man was enrolled to duty, held himself ready in any emergency, and every town had its organized company. Daniel Booth was chosen a lieutenant in the company at Newtown, and held a lieutenant's commission, and the numerous deeds on the town records give him the title of lieutenant. Lieut. Daniel Booth was a faithful and an honored member of the Society to which he belonged, was a man of extensive reading, well versed in the Bible, and had held the office of a deacon for thirteen years, diligently studying the Scriptures, continually perusing their sacred leaves, until he became convinced of the errors of Congregationalism, and resigned his office of deacon and membership in the said Society. In the month of September they met in the meeting house for the purpose of acting on his resignation. Deacon Daniel expressed his views on the subject and the Rev. Mr. Judson followed him on the subject of his resignation; they then reasoned on the matter together, but Deacon Daniel, having thoroughly posted himself, and brought forward so much Scriptural proof that he outreasoned the Rev. Mr. Judson, his minister, the Rev. Mr. Judson, told his people not to say one word against Deacon Daniel Booth resigning. The members of the Society recorded the following: 'September 9, A. D. 1763: Deacon Daniel Booth resigned of his own motion his office of deacon in this Church, and also his relation as a brother, because he could not, as himself declareth, be easy under the Calvinistic doctrine therein taught.'

"Lieut. Daniel Booth was a tall man, of a fine and commanding appearance, with a good physical constitution far beyond one of his years. He was a man of a benevolent and charitable disposition, and was ever ready to assist the needy. A neighbor of his offered him his price for a cow, which he refused, saying that a poor man with a large family had no cow and wanted one, but had no money to buy one, and he had made him a present of it. In making his last will and testament he calls to mind 'the mortality of my body, and knowing it is appointed for all men to die and being of perfect mind and memory to make this my last will and testament; first, and principally, I give and recommend my soul to God that gave it, and my body I recommend to be buried, and touching such worldly good, it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give devise and dispose of it in the following manner and form.' His death occurred April 8, 1777. No better record can be given of him than the epitaph on his tombstone in the cemetery at Newtown, written by his esteemed pastor and rector, the Rev. John Beach:

> The once well-respected Mr. Daniel Booth, here rested from the hurry of life the 8th of April, A. D. 1777, aged LXXII. Could a virtuous, honest, and amiable character, could blessings of the poor echoing from his gate, could sympathetic grief of an aged partner disarm the King of Terrors—he had not died.
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> What is life, to answer life's great aim?
> From earth's low prison, from the vale of tears,
> With age incumbered and oppressed with years,
> Death set him free, his Christ had made his peace;
> Let grief be dumb; let pious sorrow cease.

Lieut. Booth died universally respected and beloved. His children named in his will were: Esther, Anna, Daniel, Sarah, Abraham, Eunice, Naomi and Ezra."

A glance at the records of the town reveals the fact that the Booths took considerable interest in public affairs. Among those of the name who represented the town in the General Court, or, as it was afterward, the State Legislature, were: Daniel, Abel, David, Jonathan and Joseph. Among those who served as selectmen were: Ebenezer, Jonathan, Samuel, Jotham, John, Daniel, Abel, Ezra and Austin.

CYRENIUS H. BOOTH, M. D., son of Philo and Aurelia (Hard) Booth, was born May 25, 1797, and died September 29, 1871. In October, 1820, he was married to Sarah Edmond, daughter of Judge William Edmond.

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She was born June 24, 1800, and died January 21, 1864. Their children were: Sarah A. (Mrs. Marcus C. Hawley), Mary E. (Mrs. Henry Sanford), and William E., M. D., all now deceased excepting Mrs. Hawley.

Dr. Cyrenius H. Booth was a respected and esteemed citizen in the community where his life was passed. He studied medicine with Dr. Bennett Perry, of Newtown, and before commencing to practice attended a long course of medical lectures delivered by the celebrated Doctor Hosack, of New York, who stood at the head of his profession on this continent. Doctor Booth was a man of infinite mirth, and, says one of his old friends, in all of his intercourse with men renowned for their talents, wit and humor, he was unable to recall one who was the Doctor's equal.

THE BEERS FAMILY appears to have originated in the Parish of Westcliffe, County of Kent, England, at a place called Bere's or Byer's Court. William de Bere, of Bere's Court, was bailiff of Dover about 1275, and one Nicholas de Bere held the manor of Bere's Court in the twentieth year of the reign of Henry III. Of this same family was Roger Byer, or Bere, who died in the reign of Mary. In 1542 his son John purchased the Horsman Place, in Dartford, which is said to have been a "mansion of some note." In his will, dated 1572, John Beer founded four almshouses in Dartford, and devised his mansion to his eldest son, Henry. His grandson, Edward Beer, died unmarried in 1627, bequeathing Horsman Place to John Twistleton, of Drax.

The first ancestor to whom the descent of the American branch of the family can be authentically traced was Martin Bere, of Rochester, in Kent, who was living in 1486. He married a daughter of Thomas Nyssell, of Wrotham, England.

II. John Bere, of Rochester, son of Martin, married Faith, daughter of John Royden, Esq., of Rochester, and had two children, James and Mary.

III. James Bere, of Rochester, married Dorothy, daughter of John Kingswod, gentleman, of Rochester, and had two sons, John and James.

IV. John Bere, of Gravesend, married Mary, daughter of Robert Selby, of Yorkshire, and had five children: John, Samuel, Richard, James and Mary. Richard, who was known as "Capt. Richard," was born in 1607, and came to America in 1635, locating at Watertown, Mass. He represented that town in the Massachusetts Legislature for thirteen years. During the troubles with the Pequot Indians he commanded a company in several battles, and he was slain by Indians near Northfield, Mass., September 4, 1675.

V. James Bere, of Gravesend, was a mariner, and was not living in 1635. His widow, Hester, died in 1635, and in the same year their two sons, Anthony and James, accompanied their uncle, Capt. Richard, to America. James came to Fairfield in 1657, and purchased a lot and house in 1659. In 1661 he bought another lot, of eight acres, in Greenfield, and in 1664 he was designated to take the freeman's oath. His death occurred in 1694. He and his wife, Abigail, had five children: James, who died before his father; Joseph, who married Abigail ——; Martha, who married Joseph Bulkley; Deborah, who married Samuel Hall; Elizabeth, who married Joseph Darling.

VI. Anthony Beers, from whom most of the families of the name represented in this volume trace their descent, was born at Gravesend, England. His name first appears on record in this country at Watertown, Mass., where he took the freeman's oath May 6, 1657. In the year 1655 he removed to Roxbury, Mass., and in 1658 came to Fairfield, Conn. He was a mariner and was lost at sea in 1676, his wife, Elizabeth, surviving him. They had seven children: Samuel, born May 9, 1647, at Watertown, who died young; Ephraim, born July 5, 1648, at Watertown; John, born January 20, 1652, at Watertown; Esther, born October 16, 1654, at Watertown, married —— Johnson, of Salem; Samuel, born May 2, 1657, at Watertown, who died at the age of four months; Barnabas, born September 6, 1658, baptized in Roxbury, in October, 1658; and Elizabeth, born in April, 1661, at Fairfield, Connecticut.

VII. John Beers, known as John of Stratford, was born in January, 1652. He was a soldier, and was severely wounded December 19, 1675, in the great battle of Narragansett, for which he received a grant of relief. He made his will February 9, 1683, and died soon after. [See Savage's Genealogical Dictionary.] He united with the Stratford Church in 1680. About 1667 he bought a house lot, "bounded east on the street, west on the burying place, south by a highway four rods wide, and north on the common land." This highway now leads to the Stratford Congregational burying place. He and his wife Mary had but one child, recorded, a son, Samuel.

VIII. Samuel Beers, only son of John Beers, born November 9, 1679, died at Newtown March 12, 1725. He was married, in 1706, to Sarah Sherman, daughter of Samuel Sherman and his

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wife, Mary (Titharton), who was a daughter of Daniel and Jane Titharton. Samuel Beers had the following children: Mary, John, Samuel, Daniel, Abraham, Nathan, Sarah, Hannah and Abigail.

IX. The ramifications of the family in various lines through the children of Samuel (VIII) are too extensive to be fully given here. In the ninth generation the record is continued as follows: Mary, born July 9, 1708, in Stratford, married Moses Stilson, of New Milford. John, born September 1, 1710, in Stratford, married Mary Seeley, and had ten children—Cynthia, born May 15, 1736, married (first) Thomas Skidmore, and second) Jotham Sherman. Anna, born November 7, 1737, married (first) John Fabrique, and (second) Caleb Baldwin. Amy, born August 31, 1739, married Jotham Sherman; Phebe, born August 14, 1741, married (first) Samuel Ferris, and (second) Benjamin Curtis; Naomi, born November 8, 1743, married John Jackson; John, born November 3, 1745, married Sarah Sterling, November 8, 1797; Sarah, born July 15, 1747, married Elnada Prindle; Andrew, born August 9, 1749, married Sarah Gunn; Oliver, born December 2, 1751, married Catherine Hubbell; and Mary, born April 18, 1754, married Phineas Taylor. Samuel, born June 20, 1712, in Stratford, married, in 1747, Abigail Blackman, daughter of John and Abigail (Beers) Blackman; he died October 12, 1773, and her death occurred April 5, 1792. They had three children—Abel, born December 10, 1748, died July 16, 1774, unmarried; Simeon, born July 20, 1752, died December 11, 1813; and Abigail, born in 1754, married Ezra Booth. Daniel was born in Stratford, November 23, 1714, and died in Newtown, Conn., January 20, 1806. According to the old records, "Daniel Beers and Mabel Boothe was joyned in marriage Decembr ye 27th 1744—their first born a son named Cyrus was Born March ye 23d A. D. 1746; their second child a Daughter named Jerusha Borne Sepr. ye 2nd 1747—the third a son named Amos Born May the 12th old style A. D. 1750, their fourth a son named Daniel Born December ye 25th New Stile in 1752, their fifth a daughter named Ann Born November ye 17th 1754." In another part of the book: "Daniel Beers and Mable his wife three of there children entered here and the rest of there children entered in another place. There daughter Mabel Born Decr ye 12 A. D. 1756—there son Daniel Born March ye 15 A. D. 1759, there daughter named Esther Born on May 1st 1761—there son named Austin Born July ye 10th 1763." Abraham, born August 22, 1716, at Newtown, died in 1780. He and his wife Sarah had children: James, Philo, Truman, Abraham, Eli and Elias (twins), Jabez, Betty and Sally. Nathan, born February 10, 1718, in Newtown, followed the blacksmith's trade at Norwalk. He died June 18, 1805, and his wife, Lydia (Hawley), died June 30, 1776, aged seventy-one. They had twelve children: Nathan, Ebenezer, Samuel, Lydia, Hannah, Abijah, Ezekiel, Sarah, Abigail, Mary, Anna and Esther. Sarah, born June 16, 1720, in Newtown, died February 22, 1776. She was married, in 1743, to Joseph Tomlinson, of Derby, and had five children: Betsy, Stephen, Elizabeth, Hannah and Kate. Hannah, born in May, 1722, married, in 1740, Abner Hard, of Newtown. According to the Newtown town records, their children were: Niram, born December 18, 1740; Cyrenius, born January 5, 1742; Ammon, born September 25, 1744; John, born July 20, 1746; Abigail, born January 7, 1748; Sarah, born January 9, 1751; Currence, born March 1, 1753; Ann, born May 9, 1755; Zilpha, born November, 1756; Abner, born September 6, 1757; Hannah, born May 14, 1761; Jabez, born September 9, 1763; and Mary, born 1765. Abigail, born April 17, 1724, married, in 1747, Noah Tomlinson, of Derby, and they had the following children: Amrillus, born June 28, 1748, died July 11, 1748; Daniel, born July 30, 1749; Nabby, born October 22, 1751, died April 22, 1753; Noah, born June 8, 1753, died June 16, 1753; Nathan, born 1754, died in childhood; Beers, born March 13, 1755; Noah, born August 3, 1757; Nathan (2), born August 4, 1760; Lucy, born July 10, 1767, died September 16, 1767; Nabby (2), born July 18, 1769, died in 1773.

X. Of this generation, Simeon Beers, son of Samuel Beers (IX), married, in 1776, Phedima Nichols, daughter of Peter and Rebecca (Camp) Nichols, and had children: Abel, mentioned below; Samuel, born June 27, 1779, married Rissa Hard, and died July 23, 1820; Esther, born October 29, 1781, died in 1849, unmarried; Rebecca, born July 2, 1786, married David C. Peck, and died in 1829; and Abner, born May 19, 1793, died February 28, 1875, unmarried. In the line of Daniel (IX), Mabel, born December 12, 1756, was married, June 13, 1779, to John Beach (born December 9, 1757, died June 10, 1830, at Sheldon, Vt.), eldest son of John and Phebe Curtis Beach. Mabel Beers Beach died January 5, 1844. Her children were: Lucy, Anne, Matthew, Ann, Boyle, Phebe, John, Charlotte, David and Mabel. In the line of Abraham (IX), Abraham, Jr., married (first) Mary Shepard (born July 10, 1762, daughter of Lieut. Timothy Shepard, of Newtown), and (second) Ann Terrill.

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His children, all by the first wife, were: Philo, Anthony, and Mary (who died in infancy). Anthony, born in 1791, married Betsey Ruggles, and their children were: Henry R., who died in 1856; Mary and Betsey, deceased in infancy; Robert A., who married, June 10, 1863, Ida C. Cooke, and had children—Robert (deceased), George M., Samuel R., William C., Clifford W. and Carl E.

Eli Beers, son of Abraham Beers (IX), was born November 21, 1761, in Newtown, where his life was passed in agricultural pursuits, and where he died on September 12, 1841. He was twice married. By his first wife, Rebecca (Toucey), he had two children, Daniel and Alonzo, the former of whom died when a young man, and unmarried. Alonzo Beers, for many years a prominent resident of Brookfield, was born August 19, 1793. He died in August, 1873, and his wife, Flora (Glover), who was born October 18, 1795, died in August, 1875. This worthy couple had seven children, as follows: (1) Daniel G., born April 6, 1815, died October 30, 1870. On January 3, 1843, he married Harriet E. Starr, and they had four children—Ellen Sophia, born April 13, 1844; Henry Starr, February 21, 1846; Eli Francis, October 15, 1849; and Hattie Lucy, September 24, 1862. (2) Rebecca, born May 11, 1817, died March 10, 1885. She was married, November 4, 1835, to Benjamin Jones, and had one child, George Clarkson, born January 6, 1845. (3) Sarah Minerva, born May 21, 1820, was married, January 4, 1843, to Philo Clarke, and had three children—Hannah Sophia, born August 17, 1845; Emma Frances, August 18, 1849 (died August 29, 1872); and Flora Minerva, October 30, 1856. (4) Eli Starr, born June 6, 1822, died September 11, 1846. (5) Joseph Toucey, born March 15, 1825, married Wealthy Ward September 20, 1852, and had children as follows—Edgar Ward, born August 20, 1853, died February 6, 1862; William Alonzo, born September 29, 1855; and Charles Edmond, born October 10, 1857. (6) Harriet Sophia, born June 15, 1827, married, May 14, 1851, Edwin Smith Hoyt. (7) George Alonzo, born May 22, 1830, died December 1, 1868. He married, in November, 1860, Jennie Birge.

The second wife of Eli Beers was Phedima Peck, who was born September 19, 1771, daughter of Jabez and Abby (Sanford) Peck. Their children were: Sylvester, born in 1798, died in 1828; he married Sally Morris (born in 1806, died in 1876), and had a son, Daniel Morris, who married Caroline Terrill. Lemuel, born January 20, 1801, is referred to elsewhere. Hermon, born February 20, 1803, is also referred to elsewhere. Dima Ann, born in 1808, married Walter Clarke [see Clarke family history].

Elias Beers (twin brother of Eli Beers), son of Abraham Beers (IX), born November 21, 1761, married (first) Mary Abiah Peck, and (second) Betsey Botsford, of Newtown. His children by the first marriage were: Zenas and Smith. By the second he had also two sons: Norman, born in 1803, married, in 1833, Betsey, daughter of Nathaniel Dykeman, of Newtown; and Elias, Jr., who married Julia Beers, and had children—Cornelia (who died in young womanhood), and Mary Frances and Edgar (who died young).

XI. In the eleventh generation, Abel Beers, son of Simeon (X), was born September 1, 1777, and died February 18, 1858. He was married, in 1799, to Mary Beach, fifth daughter of John and Phebe (Curtis) Beach. Children: Sylvia, born June 24, 1800, married Sinclair Tousey; John B., born September 11, 1802, died March 3, 1860; Isaac, born March 10, 1805, died May 25, 1890; Charles Curtis, born September 2, 1808, died November 28, 1843; Mary, born April 10, 1811, died May 27, 1829; Esther, born December 31, 1813, married David H. Johnson, and died November 28, 1863; Phebe, born born August 4, 1816, died January 3, 1855; Sarah, born September 6, 1819, died November 27, 1830; Rissa Rebecca, born April 27, 1822, died June 3, 1890, was the second wife of David H. Johnson.

It appears of record that many of the Beers name in the present century have figured quite conspicuously in the public affairs of Newtown, among them Simeon, Samuel, Jacob, Jeremiah, Abel, Lemuel, and John B., who have represented the town in the Legislature. Among the selectmen of the town since its settlement, almost at the dawn of the eighteenth century, have been Samuel, John, Andrew, Simeon, Ebenezer, Henry, John B., and Charles E., some having served repeatedly for many years in the office referred to. [Elsewhere in this volume will be found, either in personal sketches or family groups, many of the descendants of the above ancestry.]

LEMUEL BEERS (deceased), son of E. Beers, was born January 20, 1801. He was reared on a farm, and followed agricultural pursuits throughout his life, also dealing extensively in cattle, in which he was associated with his brother Hermon, shipping to Eastern markets. For years he was an active and prominent man of affairs in the town, where he was

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widely and favorably known, his industry and energy, combined with good business ability and judgment, making him a leader in the community. In politics he was a zealous Whig, and was especially active in the great campaign of 1840, that of "Tippecanoe and Tyler too." In 1833, '35 and '38, he represented Newtown in the State Legislature. An independent thinker, his expression of opinion on all subjects carried the weight of sincere conviction, and one of his notable characteristics—in which all of his sons resemble him—was a generous, even lavish, hospitality, his home being the favorite meeting place for a large circle of friends. He died January 28, 1872, in the seventy-second year of his age.

On March 13, 1824, Lemuel Beers was married to Eliza Shepard, a native of Newtown, who was born October 22, 1804, and died August 20, 1887, aged eighty-three years. Their nine children were:

(1) GEORGE BEERS is well known as a successful, progressive agriculturist, his pleasant homestead in Palestine District, some miles south of the village of Newtown, being regarded as a model of judicious management. He was born May 2, 1825, has been engaged in farming all his life, and has made a specialty of supplying cattle for the home market. On May 2, 1849, he married Miss Sarah E. Peck, daughter of Isaac Peck, a well-known citizen of Newtown, and in the same year settled upon his present farm. Three children have blessed the union: Anna, George B. and Robert H. Of these, Anna married Henry G. Curtis, son of Samuel Curtis, of Newtown, and has had two children—Harry B. and William K. George B. married Grace E. Blakeman, daughter of Glover Blakeman, and has had four children—Lillian, George Herbert, Jessie Martha and Sarah Alice. Robert H. is referred to in a separate sketch. The family is prominent socially, and George Beers is interested in all movements which promise to benefit the community. He has never taken an active part in politics, but in a quiet way he gives his support to the Republican party, of which he has been a member since its organization. He is a most hospitable man and of a kindly nature, a disposition that has won for him great popularity. [Since the above was written we have received notice of the death of Mr. Beers, on September 14, 1896.

(2) Caroline, born May 11, 1827, is now Mrs. Cyrus Beers Sherman, of Newtown. (3) Susan J., born March 22, 1829, died May 29, 1899. She married James Blakslee, now also deceased. (4) Ann E., born May 7, 1831, died July 7, 1852. (5) Fanny S. was born December 27, 1833. (6) Mariette, born May 14, 1836, died May 27, 1880. She married John C. Beers. (7) Henry Beers, born September 1, 1838, died October 8, 1842.

(8) HENRY L. BEERS was born in Newtown, Fairfield county, March 4, 1841, the day President William Henry Harrison was inaugurated. He received a common-school education, which was completed under the tuition of J. E. Goodhue, at Newtown Academy, and in 1857 entered the store of Edward Starr, in Newtown, remaining in his employ for two years. Subsequently, for one year, he was employed by Eli F. Morris, of Sandy Hook, in the mercantile business, and in 1861 he entered the office of Beers, Judson & Beers, in New York City. On February 7, 1863, he associated himself in business with F. W. Beers, under the firm name of Beers & Co., and took a stock of stationery, etc., to Newbern, N. C., soon after the capture of that city by General Burnside, continuing in business there until the fall of 1864. Returning to New York City, he was engaged by Daniel Sanford, of No. 59 Liberty street, as bookkeeper during the year 1866, in the spring of 1867 forming a partnership with Joseph F. Rowland, and embarking in business in Newtown in the store owned by Norman B. Glover. Within a short time he bought Mr. Rowland's interest, and took as partner Albert W. Peck, with whom he continued until they closed the business out in about 1872. In the winter of 1875-76 Mr. Beers accepted the agency of W. C. Allison & Son, of Philadelphia, at Edenburg, Penn., serving about four years, and in March, 1880, he engaged with the United Pipe Line Company, now called the National Transit Company (also known as the Standard Oil Company), with whom he has since remained, being in the general office at Oil City, Penn. On November 24, 1869, Mr. Beers was married, at Newtown, Conn., to Miss Julia F. Glover, who was born April 15, 1848, and died July 7, 1881. Five children blessed this union, viz: Henry, born August 17, 1870, died August 21, 1870; Lemuel G., born September 5, 1871, died September 7, 1871; Julia Louise, born January 4, 1874, died August 19, 1876; Minnie Eliza, born February 5, 1878, died July 18, 1878; and Nellie Gilbert, born March 28, 1881. On November 25, 1885, Mr. Beers married, for his second wife, at Lickingville, Penn., Florence K. Frill, who was born October 30, 1857, and to this union came four children, two only living: Harry Sherman, born December 7, 1889, and Florence Susan, born February 13, 1891.

(9) ELI B. BEERS. Something of the quiet

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thrift and industry which characterized his pioneer ancestry is noticeable in the disposition of this well-known agriculturist, who has resided from his youth upon the old family homestead about four miles from Newtown village. In these days of restlessness and change, his success affords an object lesson which those who are ever ready to underestimate the value of opportunities lying close at hand may profitably heed. Mr. Beers was born October 29, 1843, and, after acquiring a practical education in the schools of the town of Newtown, he engaged in farming at the homestead, where he maintains well the old hospitable customs. He is a man of sound judgment, and his farm shows the results of good management in all departments. On May 30, 1877, he married Mrs. Sophronia Warner, *née* Sherman, a daughter of Harry Burton and Mary Rebecca (Sears) Sherman, and their home has been brightened by four children: Fannie May, born November 23, 1878; Alice Sherman, born June 19, 1879; Eli Burton, born June 19, 1882; and John Cyrus, born March 5, 1885. The family is identified with Trinity Episcopal Church of Newtown, and Mr. Beers has always been in sympathy with movements which were calculated to advance the best interests of the community. Politically, he has been a lifelong Republican, his first vote having been cast for Abraham Lincoln in 1864; but while he has never wavered in the support of his party he has not been active as an officer seeker, as the position of assessor is the only one which he has held. He is a member of the Pohtatuck Grange.

HERMON BEERS, whose death occurred at his home in Palestine District, town of Newtown, on August 12, 1876, was a son of Eli Beers, whose ancestry is given in the Beers genealogy found elsewhere in this volume.

Hermon Beers was born February 20, 1803, on the farm in Newtown where his life was passed. He dealt quite extensively, at times, in cattle, and in this line was associated with his brother Lemuel Beers. He was a man of genial nature and pleasing social qualities, and one whose life was such that it commanded and held the respect of his fellowmen. He was kind-hearted and indulgent in his family life, and as a citizen was always loyal to progressive ideals. In politics, he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and throughout his life he took an intelligent interest in the questions of the day in public affairs, both local and National.

On February 14, 1838, he was married to Miss Phebe Sherman, who was born August 15, 1815, a daughter of Linus and Artemisia (Curtis) Sherman, her ancestry in both lines being set forth under their respective family names elsewhere. Mrs. Beers survived her husband but a few years, passing away October 5, 1880. Both were members of the Episcopal Church. They had children as follows: Harriet, John Hobart, Flora Jane, Sarah Maria and William Hermon.

(1) Harriet Beers, born November 30, 1838, was married, April 25, 1867, to the Rev. Charles Husband, an Episcopal clergyman, who was born in Durham, England, September 22, 1838, the son of John and Anne (Howard) Husband. He was graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, in 1865, and at the time of his death, which occurred in Newtown, December 20, 1871, he was rector of St. Andrew's Church, Marbledale, Conn. The only son of this union, Charles Howard, was married January 7, 1896, to Miss Carrie Stewart Hammond, of New York.

(2) John Hobart Beers, born July 13, 1840, was reared at the homestead, and attended the neighboring public schools and Newtown Academy. In the spring of 1857 he accepted a position in the Bridgeport City Bank (succeeded by the City National Bank of Bridgeport), but ill health compelled him to resign within two years. In 1860, having recovered his health, he entered the employ of Edward Starr, a merchant of Newtown, with whom he remained two years. Then for one year he was in the store of G. W. Barrus, a dry goods merchant in Baltimore, and from 1863 to 1870 he was a bookkeeper at Camden, N. J., and Philadelphia, Penn., with the exception of one year (1865), when he was engaged in the map business in Pennsylvania and Ohio. In 1870 he settled in Chicago and entered into the publishing business, which he has since continued. On January 12, 1871, Mr. Beers was married to Miss Keturah G., daughter of Jacob W. and Susan (Folwell) Sharp, of Camden, N. J. Their children were: Anna Sharp, born November 3, 1871, died December 6, 1891; and Keturah Sherman, born September 25, 1878.

(3) Flora J., born March 20, 1842, and (4) Sarah M. Beers, born October 1, 1844, are residents of Sandy Hook. Flora J. is the widow of J. Hobart Warner, late merchant of that place, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere.

(5) William Hermon Beers, born January 20, 1853, was reared in Newtown and educated in Newtown and in Whitesboro, N. Y. For a time he was in the employ of different firms, in the publishing business, and, in 1878, became a member of the firm of J. H. Beers & Co.,

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publishers, of Chicago, Ill. He was manager of the work in the field of their operations. He possessed tact, business ability and energy, and no doubt, had he lived, there awaited him a promising future. He was held in high esteem and regard by his associates. He died, after an illness of one week, at Brookville, Ind., on June 22, 1882. The press, at the time of his decease, spoke highly of his life, adding that he was one of the most promising young men that had ever left Newtown. On December 30, 1879, Mr. Beers was married to Caroline K., daughter of D. C. and Olive F. (Perkins) Gately, of Newtown, Conn., and their children are: William Hermon, Jr., born May 26, 1881, in Greensburg, Ind.; and Eloise Gately, born November 5, 1882, in Newtown, Connecticut.

JACOB BEERS, who died June 23, 1858, at his home several miles south of Newtown Center, was one of the prominent men of his time in the town.

Mr. Beers was born September 25, 1781, the son of John and Sarah (Sterling) Beers, and followed farming as an occupation throughout his life. In politics he was a Democrat, and he figured conspicuously in public affairs, serving in the State Legislature either as representative or senator almost continuously from 1818 to 1832, and was also senator in 1850. In 1849 he was Probate judge, and he frequently acted as administrator in the settlement of the estates of deceased persons, while for many years he was justice of the peace when that office was esteemed more honorable and responsible than now. In religious work he was prominent as a member of the Episcopal Church. On December 28, 1803, he married Laura Toucey, who was born April 20, 1787, and died January 30, 1855.

Jeremiah Beers, a brother of Jacob Beers, was born July 26, 1779, and died June 28, 1840. He was a tanner and currier in his early life, later a farmer, residing south of Newtown Center. He was a good, reliable citizen, highly esteemed by his many acquaintances. He was twice married, (first) in 1803 to Polly Peck, by whom he had five daughters. (1) Marcia, born in 1804, married Levi Peck, February 8, 1825, and had one daughter—Cornelia. (2) Delia, born in 1806, married Henry L. Kandall, October 4, 1825, and had five children—Helen, Charles, Henry, Ophelia and Celia. (3) Anna, born January 19, 1815, married Araunah Fairchild, December 28, 1851, and died July 19, 1896, leaving no children. (4) Julia, born in 1816, married Elias Beers, December 28, 1836, and had three children—Cornelia, who died in young womanhood; and Edgar and Mary Frances, who died young. (5) Polly, born in 1821, married John Purdy, June 22, 1848, and had two daughters—Mary and Helen. On December 12, 1821, Jeremiah Beers married (second) Flora Sherwood, who bore him two sons: (1) John S., born in 1828, did not marry; and (2) Julius S., born in 1831, married Clarissa Grey, and had a family of children.

ARAUNAH FAIRCHILD (deceased), who was one of the olden-time New England farmers, living a plain and industrious life in Taunton District, town of Newtown, was born in 1805, and died March 23, 1863, aged fifty-eight years. He was twice married, first to Esther Eggleston, who died February 21, 1851, aged fifty-eight; and second to Anna Beers, who was born January 19, 1815, a daughter of Jeremiah Beers, and died July 19, 1896. There were no children by either marriage.

EDMOND FAMILY. Robert Edmond, whose father was a native of Scotland, was born in Londonderry, Ireland. He married Mary Marks, in Londonderry, and emigrated to this country in 1754, landing at Philadelphia December 23, that year, where he remained about two years. From thence he went to New York, soon after which he removed to Southbury, Conn., and settled in the district of South Purchase, where he resided several years. He then removed to Ridgefield, Conn., and died at the advanced age of ninety-three. His children were: John, William, George, Martha, Margaret, Esther, Mary, Ann, Robert S. and Cyrus.

Judge William Edmond, second son of Robert, married (first), November 30, 1784, Elizabeth J. Chandler, daughter of Col. John and Mary Chandler. She died February 17, 1795, and February 14, 1796, he married (second) Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin Payne, of Hartford. His children were: Mary E., born in 1785; Elizabeth P., in 1798; Sarah, June 24, 1800 (married Dr. Cyrenius H. Booth, October, 1820); William P., in 1802; Ann, in 1804; and Robert, in 1805.

Judge William Edmond was born September 28, 1755, in Woodbury, Conn. He was graduated from Yale College in 1777. He took part in an engagement with the British in Ridgefield, and was severely wounded in the leg, April 27, 1777. In May, 1782, he established himself in Newtown in the practice of the law, and there resided until his death, which occurred August 1,

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1838, in the eighty-third year of his age. He enjoyed an extensive and lucrative practice. He belonged to the old Federal party, and in 1797 was elected a member of Congress, serving four years. Subsequently he was repeatedly a member of the council, which then acted as a court of errors, until 1805, when he was appointed a judge of the superior court. This office he retained until the change in politics in 1819. He was a remarkable man—plain and unassuming in his manners, mild and amiable in his deportment, just and honest in his dealings, and honorable and magnanimous in his feelings. He was constant in his attendance on divine service in the Congregational Church.

JOHN C. BOOTH, who died at Waterbury in August, 1886, was one of that city's richest men.

Born in Newtown, Fairfield county, June 13, 1808, he was the son of Philo Booth, who lived on Mile Hill. John C. Booth taught school in his early life, and was clerk in a store in Fairfield county, then branched out as a traveling man, first from Meriden, then from Waterbury, where Benedict & Burnham, Holmes, Booth & Hayden, Plum & Atwood, and other enterprises, felt the impetus of his business sagacity and push. For more than fifty years he was identified with the business interests of Waterbury. He was always recognized as a man sagacious in business, clear-headed in all monetary transactions, and of unimpeachable purity of character. He was a quiet builder up of Waterbury's industries. He amassed a great fortune. Mr. Booth left surviving him a widow, formerly Miss Eunice Tucker, and one daughter.

JOSIAH BOOTH, who died March 7, 1890, was a son of Joseph Booth, and a direct descendant of Richard Booth, the lines of descent being through Jonathan, Daniel, Daniel (2), and Joseph.

Our subject was born in 1812, and throughout his long life resided in the house at the "Island" in Newtown, in which he was born. On October 2, 1855, he was married to Mrs. Sarah Briggs (*n'e* Morehouse), who died May 10, 1885, aged sixty-six years. Mr. Booth was a lifelong member and earnest supporter of Trinity Episcopal Church. He was noted for his shrewd insight, his sterling uprightness and sincerity. Mrs. Booth was a leader in mission and charitable work in Trinity Episcopal Church, and in the community at large.

BELDEN. The Belden family of Newtown was one of the early New England families, as well as one of the prominent ones. The name is found among the patriots of the war of the Revolution, and from early Colonial times to the present it is known to the professions and associated with the political parties of the day. From Hinman's "First Puritan Settlers of Connecticut" we glean the following:

"Tradition says that two brothers by the name of Belden were among the first settlers of the Colony of Connecticut, and that they made their first location at Wethersfield, but that one of them (William) after awhile, on the settlement of Norwalk, removed thither, and that appears nearly certain by the records of the town of Wethersfield; for as early as February 7, 1641, and among the earliest grants, Richard had eight distinct tracts of land allotted to him by the town, and little or no mention is made of William, save that he had three sons: Samuel, Daniel and John, born to him by his first wife Tomisin, in 1647, 1648, and 1650, and no trace of him is found afterward.

"Samuel Belden, a son of Richard, had a daughter, Mary, and two sons, Samuel and Stephen, born to him by his wife, Mary, July 10, 1653, April 6, 1657, and December 28, 1658. John Belden, Jr., son of John (1), married Lydia — — in 1677. Ezra Belden, fifth son of John, Jr., married, in 1722, Elizabeth, daughter of Deacon Jonathan Belden, and had children: Ezra, born in 1722; Aaron, born in 1725; and Aaron (2) born in 1731; and three daughters, Elizabeth, Lois, and Eunice. From this family descended all the Beldens in Rock Hill.

"Lieutenant Belden, Esq., and Deacon Jonathan, second son of John (1), was born June 21, 1660, married Mary, daughter of Thomas Wright, in 1685, and had issue: one son Silas, born in 1691, married Abigail, daughter of Capt. Jno. Robbins, in 1716, and had one son Silas, born in 1717. Silas, the father, moved from Wethersfield to Canaan in 1741, where he purchased large tracts of land, but returned to Wethersfield in the autumn of 1741 to settle up his affairs, and there took sick and died. Silas, Jr., the eldest son, settled on a farm in Canaan. Joseph, third son of John (1), was born in 1663, and in 1693 married Mary — —. Thomas, second son of Joseph, born in 1700, married Mary, daughter of Rev. Stephen Mix. Thomas, Jr., eldest son of Thomas, born in 1732, married Abigail, daughter of Ezekiel Porter. Ezekiel P., eldest son of Thomas, Jr., graduated at Yale College in 1775, entered the war of the Revolution as a lieutenant of light horse in Sheldon's regi-

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ment, and continued in the service until the close of the war, and retired from it as captain with the brevet title major. Subsequently he was colonel of militia. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Elisha Williams, in September, 1781."

Capt. Azor Belden was an early settler of Wilton, Fairfield county. He held a captain's commission in the train of artillery, and served with distinction in the war of the Revolution. He was at the battle of Bunker Hill, and was with General Washington when he evacuated New York, and with General Wooster when he fell at Ridgefield, and continued in active service during the war. Several of the sons of Azor Belden were graduates of Yale and Princeton Colleges, and had honored professional careers, namely:

Rev. William Belden was graduated from Yale College in 1803. From 1812 to 1821 he was pastor at Greenfield, and teacher there, and afterward at Fairfield. Also from 1824 to 1843 in New York City. He resided in Brooklyn from 1853 to 1861, dying in the latter year.

Lewis Belden, M. D., who was graduated from Princeton in 1811, was a physician in New York City. He died in 1831.

Charles Belden, M. D., another son of Azor Belden, was graduated from Princeton College in 1812, died in New York nearly seventy years ago.

Rev. David Belden, of Wilton, was graduated from Yale College in 1785, and died in 1832. He took orders in the Episcopal Church, afterward engaged in farming.

David Hull Belden, son of Rev. David Belden, early located in Newton, and from him came the descendants there. Mr. Belden at his death, May 7, 1872, when he was seventy-four years of age, was the oldest member of the Fairfield County bar, having been associated with same for upward of fifty years. He was a man of ability, was well-known throughout the State as a successful lawyer, and served as State's attorney. His life was passed mainly in Newtown village, where he was respected and repeatedly honored by his fellow-citizens. His name is associated with many if not all of the public measures that made Newtown what it was in his time. In politics he was a Democrat, and as early as 1829 he was a representative from the town in the State Legislature. He was one of the founders of the Newtown Academy, and ever encouraged and gave a helping hand to education.

On October 20, 1824, Mr. Belden was married to Cornelia Johnson, eldest daughter of John and Clarissa Johnson. She died January 5, 1828, aged twenty-three years, and Mr. Belden afterward married Susan Johnson, sister of his first wife. The second Mrs. Belden died January 15, 1835, in her twenty-seventh year. For his third wife Mr. Belden married Miss Ann Clarke, who died in 1862, and, for his fourth, Sarah J. Peck. To the first marriage was born a daughter, Susan; to the second two sons, David and John, and two daughters, one of whom died single and the other married a Doctor Maddox. By the third wife Mr. Belden had four children: Mary E.; Fred, deceased in 1862; Howard R.; and Reuben B. By the fourth wife he had no children.

Judge David Belden, son of David H. Belden by his second wife, Susan (Johnson), laid down life's burden on May 14, 1888, at San Jose, Cal., and was laid to rest on the 17th, amidst the lamentations and plaudits of his fellow-citizens, whose good will and respect he had so fully earned. He was born August 14, 1832, and when a boy was put to work with Hiram Parmalee, of Hattertown, to learn the carpenter's trade. In 1853 he went to California, read law at Marysville, and began the practice of the profession at Nevada City in 1855. His command of language was phenomenal, as those who recall his boyish efforts remember, and he mounted swift and high. He was elected county judge of Nevada county in 1858, and three years later married Miss Elizabeth Farrell, who survived him. "His married life was a poem, adorned by the gems of mutual trust, love and affection," said Judge Searles, the eulogist of the funeral.

Judge Belden was sent to the State Senate in 1864, and at the close of his term took his wife to Europe. On his return he made his home at San Jose, in that lovely fertile region he described so well in the "Overland Monthly" a year before his death. He was judge of the Twentieth judicial district of the State of California, from 1871 to 1880, and of the Superior court of Santa Clara county, from 1880 until his death. His brethren of the California Bar have left the warmest of tributes as to his worth, justice and generosity. They declared that "he ever wore the stainless ermine of judicial integrity, bearing himself always with lofty impartiality. In his bearing toward the Bar he was distinguished for the graceful and uniform courtesy accorded every member, and especially noted for the kindly encouragement which constantly flowed toward the young men of the profession. With broad intellectuality, with brilliant literary ability, with incessant zeal, he investigated every problem of life, and scattered his conclusions abroad with tongue of silver and pen of fire. Beside the unstained robes of his

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public service may be laid the equally immaculate garments of his private life." The personal tributes of his fellow barristers read like tributes to a brother or father, so warm and sincere are they. San Jose suspended business on the day of the funeral, banks and stores closing; public and private flags hung at half-mast, and a funeral train a mile long followed the remains to the grave. Newtown was honored to have been the birth place of such a man.

Of the other sons of David H. Belden, Fred died when a young man, in Newtown, where all were educated and reared. John went to California and there died. Howard R. and Reuben B., as did many others from Newtown, went into the publishing business, their specialty being atlases and books. Both brothers were very active, energetic and broad-gauged business men, and reached out into business on a large scale. They published "Picturesque Canada," a work involving a fortune, which placed them in the very front rank as publishers. Later, they went to Australia, and were there engaged in similar work.

On January 30, 1889, Reuben B. Belden married Miss Claire Louise Peel, of London, Canada, and they have two children: Claire Peel, born November 19, 1889, and Mildred Elizabeth, born November 11, 1891.

GOULD CURTIS, son of Matthew Curtis, was born December 17, 1763, and died March 5, 1840. He married, December 12, 1781, Elizabeth Gould, of Fairfield, Conn., and had children as follows: Abigail (Mrs. Cyrus Hard), born October 14, 1782, died July 16, 1807; Deborah (Mrs. Herman Warner), born March 19, 1786, died November 10, 1861; Gould, born December 27, 1787, died February 3, 1858; Marrilla, born March 11, 1790, died September 23, 1864; John, born March 3, 1792, died August 13, 1845; Phœbe, born October 25, 1793, died July 18, 1810; Hezekiah, born March 25, 1796; David, born July 28, 1798, married Jeannette Shelton, of Monroe, Conn.; and Daniel, born January 26, 1801.

Of the sons of Gould Curtis, Gould Curtis, Jr., was born December 27, 1787, died February, 1858. He married Joanna Peck, who was born April 8, 1788, and to them were born five children, as follows: Mary, January 19, 1817, married Cyrenius Beers; Samuel, April 29, 1818, is referred to farther on; Elizabeth, September 5, 1824, married (first) Robert S. Peck, and (second) Simeon B. Peck; Sarah, November 5, 1827, died in infancy; and Sarah, October 4, 1834, is the widow of the late Monroe Judson, M. D., of Newtown. The father of these in the mustering days was a captain in the militia, and the name of Capt. Gould Curtis is well known to the older citizens of Newtown. In his earlier life Captain Curtis made whips, but later he was engaged in farming. In his political views he was a Whig and Republican, and in his religious faith he was an Episcopalian. Captain Curtis was an excellent neighbor and good citizen. He died February 3, 1858, his wife on November 7, 1860.

John Curtis, son of Gould Curtis, Sr., was born March 3, 1792. He was a tanner by trade. He married Lucy Blackman, and had children: John, a tanner, resides in Ludlow, Penn.; Daniel is deceased; David makes his home in New Haven part of the time; and Simeon died in 1853, when aged twenty-six. The father of these passed away August 13, 1845, and the mother August 28, 1859, aged sixty-five.

Hezekiah Curtis, son of Gould Curtis, Sr., was born March 25, 1796. He married Marcia Glover, and their children were: Benjamin, Henry, Betsey and Mary. The father of these, who was a large landowner and farmer, resided on Curtis Hill. He died April 14, 1866, and his wife on April 3, 1873, aged seventy-five years.

SAMUEL CURTIS, son of Gould Curtis, Jr., was born April 29, 1818. In early manhood he bought out the comb-making and button business established in Sandy Hook by his uncle David Curtis, learned the business after becoming proprietor, and carried it on at the old stand for a year or two, when he removed it to its present site in Berkshire. He built a factory which later on was destroyed by fire, and he then erected the present large and commodious works, where several different kind of combs and a certain kind of buttons are made. Mr. Curtis was identified with the business from about 1838, and conducted it very successfully. His son, Henry, early in life became associated with his father in the business, and through their enterprise there was built about the works a neat little New England village, of which the father and son were the proprietors. Some time after the factory at Berkshire was built, a store was started in connection with the business and is still a part of the establishment. Mr. Curtis was also engaged in farming, and through his good judgment and business ability he prospered, becoming one of the substantial men of Newtown. In politics, he was a Republican, while, in matters of religion, he was identified with St. John's Episcopal Church at Sandy Hook. Mr. Curtis was married three times: First to Mary Nichols (daughter of Henry Nichols), who was born

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March 28, 1828, and died March 22, 1871. His second wife, whom he married in 1880, was Betsey, widow of David Hinman, and daughter of Hezekiah Curtis. She died May 18, 1889, and for his third wife Mr. Curtis married her sister, Mary Curtis. The children of Mr Curtis —Henry G. and Julia (now the widow of Henry S. Hawley,—were born to the first marriage. Samuel Curtis died February 11, 1899

HENRY G. CURTIS, son of Samuel Curtis, was born in 1848, in Berkshire, Newtown. Early in his 'teens he began making himself useful in his father's store and about the factory, and when twenty-one he became associated with his father in the business, taking an interest, and the firm name became S. Curtis & Son. Mr. Curtis, like his father, is an enterprising and public-spirited citizen, as is evidenced in the beautiful little New England village of which they were practically the founders. The factory, their residences, and the village itself, are models of neatness. Instead of the town being "painted red," as goes nowadays, they have painted it white, and it is very appropriately dubbed the "white village." Mr. Curtis is a very busy man, and is honorably sustaining the good reputation of the family, which has from pioneer days been one of prominence. He served as selectman from 1895 to 1897, and a few years ago came within a few votes of being elected to the Legislature. He is a director of the Newtown Savings Bank, and has been a director of the Newtown Agricultural Association ever since its organization. He married a daughter of George Beers, and they have two sons -Harry and William, the former of whom is with the banking house of Burr & Knapp, in Bridgeport, while the latter attends the Newtown Academy. Mr. Curtis has been a member of the firm of R. H. Beers & Co. since 1892, when the partnership was formed for the purpose of carrying on a general merchandise business in Newtown Center. He is prominently identified with Trinity Church, being one of its stanchest and most earnest supporters

EDWARD A. HAWLEY is a member of one of the oldest families of New England. Born August 6, 1844, at Brideport, Conn., he is of the eighth generation in descent from Joseph Hawley, who came from England to America in 1629-1630, or about that time, the place of his residence in England being revealed in his will, in which he says: "I give to my son Samuel Hawley all my lands and buildings in Darwidge in Darbyshire in Old England to him his heirs and assigns." It was supposed that Joseph Hawley was born in 1603. It is believed that he was married when he came to America, or soon after, that his wife died leaving no children, and that he married a second wife, Katherine, before he came to Stratford, Conn. The first record of Joseph Hawley after his immigration to America is that made by himself at Stratford, Conn., in 1650, in which he purchased a lot and built a house on the corner of Stratford avenue and Main street. He lived there, and for some two hundred years that site was occupied by his posterity. He married Katherine Birdsey.

The line of our subject's descent is from Joseph through Samuel, of Stratford, Deacon Thomas, Capt. Ezra, Thomas, Capt. Abijah, and Thomas, all of Stratfield, afterward called Bridgeport.

I. Joseph Hawley's children were: Samuel, Joseph, Elizabeth, Ebenezer, Hannah, Ephraim, John and Mary.

II. Samuel Hawley, born in 1647, was twice married, the first time to Mary, daughter of Thomas Thompson, by whom he had children as follows: Samuel, Joseph, Thomas, Mathew, Ebenezer, Jehiel and Elizabeth.

III. Deacon Thomas Hawley, born July 10, 1678, married Johanna, widow of John Sherwood, and daughter of Ephraim Booth Their children were: Ebenezer, Ellen, Elizabeth, Thomas, Ezra, Mary, Hannah, Hester, Samuel and Catherine. Deacon Thomas Hawley was a farmer and clothier in Pequonnock (now Bridgeport). He was chosen deacon of the Stratfield Church in 1710, and died in 1722.

IV. Capt. Ezra Hawley, born May 15, 1711, died April 27, 1773. He married Abigail Hall, and their children were: Thomas, Elizabeth, Thomas (2), Hannah, Ezra, Samuel and Grissel.

V. Thomas Hawley, baptized December 7, 1738, died November 19, 1797. He married Ann Gregory, and their children were: Ebenezer, Abigail, Zalman, Capt. Abijah and Anna.

VI. Capt. Abijah Hawley, born January 26, 1769, died November 18, 1818. He married Mary, daughter of Capt. Stephen Summers. Their children were: (1) George, born June, 1797, died in 1839. He followed the water for many years. (2) Abijah, born October 7, 1798, died in 1861. He was a sea captain, and also a merchant. (3) Eliza died in infancy. (4) Munson, born April 10, 1803, died in 1891. He was a merchant in his earlier life, and in later years gave his attention to banking, and for twenty years, probably, was the efficient president of the Bridgeport National Bank. (5) Emeline, born December 5, 1804, married Deacon George Sterling, of Bridgeport. She died in 1868. (6)

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John, born February 1, 1806, died December 12, 1823. (7) Thomas is referred to farther on.

The firm of Abijah Hawley & Co., composed of Abijah, Aaron and Wilson Hawley, carried on a Boston coasting grain business and West Indies trade. Their coaster was called the "Three Sisters," probably on account of the wives of the partners being all daughters of Capt. Stephen Summers, and their New York packet was the sloop "Caroline."

VII. Thomas Hawley, son of Capt. Abijah, was born March 22, 1808, and commenced his business career when quite young as clerk in the dry-goods store of his brother, Munson Hawley, located on Main street. That position he left to become clerk in the hardware store of Josiah B. Hall, on Water street, nearly opposite to the present store of T. Hawley & Co. Subsequently he was taken into partnership by Mr. Hall, the name of the firm being Hall & Hawley. Later the senior member of the firm retired from business, and Mr. Hawley remained as sole proprietor. He afterward formed a partnership with Frank W. Hawley, but after continuing in the firm a few years the latter withdrew. David N. Hawley, a nephew of Thomas Hawley, then became associated with him in the business, but in 1850 he also withdrew and went to California. Mr. Hawley then formed a new partnership, which continued mainly as then constituted until his death, July 7, 1875. He thus remained continuously in the hardware business from the time of his connection with it, a period of forty-nine years. On the discovery of gold in California in 1849 Mr. Hawley established a business in San Francisco, with which his son, Marcus C. Hawley, was prominently connected. For many years Thomas Hawley was one of the leading business men of Bridgeport, and had been in the hardware trade probably longer than any other man in the State. In his business habits Mr. Hawley was energetic, industrious, methodical and possessed excellent judgment. He always maintained the highest character for integrity; he was very affable and genial, and his ever-smiling, kindly face will always be remembered by those whose privilege it was to know him. He at all times had a word of good cheer for his callers and customers, and the parting was concluded with that hearty good will and kindliness that gained him great popularity, and made every one feel at home in his presence. During his last few years he gave little attention to business and traveled considerably, having made one visit to Europe and two trips to California, as well as a good deal of general travel in other parts of the country. For a long time he was a member of the South Congregational Church, and was one of the members who left that Society to found the Presbyterian Church, in which he was an elder.

On May 6, 1832, Mr. Hawley was married to Jane Maria, daughter of David Nichols, Jr., and Polly (Booth) Nichols, David Nichols, Jr., being a son of Capt. David Nichols, of Booth's Hill, Fairfield county. The following-named six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hawley: Marcus C., deceased, is mentioned more fully below. Walter was a member of the firm of Hawley Brothers, San Francisco, and died there in 1892. George is a member of the San Francisco firm, and resides there. Mary married Levi Eaton, of Bridgeport, Conn. Edward is referred to farther on. Jane M. died when about ten years of age. The mother of these passed away June 12, 1887.

Edward A. Hawley was born August 6, 1842, in Bridgeport, Conn., where he passed his boyhood and received his education. In January, 1861, he went to San Francisco, and there clerked in the hardware store of his brothers, remaining with them four years. He then went to Portland, Ore., and established the hardware business of Hawley, Dodd & Co., continuing there in the business for about twenty years, or until 1884, when he returned to Bridgeport, Conn., and has since been retired from active business, giving his time to the care of his private interests. At the time of his going to California the firm name was Hawley & Co., and on his retirement from Portland it was changed to the style of Hawley Brothers Hardware Company. At the time of his coming east he expected to return, but circumstances prevented. He still retains his stock in the Western house. Mr. Hawley is a thorough business man, practical in his ideas, and possessed of excellent judgment. In no sense is he a politician, as he cares nothing for official honors. On August 28, 1873, he married Miss Hettie A. Thompson, of Bridgeport, a daughter of Joseph and Harriet Thompson, and their union has been blessed with two children: Ellen and Hattie.

MARCUS C. HAWLEY, who died in Newtown in January, 1899, became connected with his father's business when but fifteen years old, and on going to San Francisco, in 1849, soon demonstrated marked ability in the management of the business of Hawley & Co. This firm was succeeded, on January 1, 1867, by M. C. Hawley & Co., which was incorporated July 1, 1882, under the firm name of Hawley Brothers Hardware Company, Marcus C. being president of the Company, and his brother, George T., vice-presi-

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dent and treasurer. For some years the parent house has had branches at Los Angeles, Cal., known as Hawley, King & Co., and at San Diego, Cal., as Todd & Hawley. Until recently the firm's agricultural interests were a large part of their business, and in these lines it was a common occurrence for them to ship out train loads of agricultural goods. At one time, it is said, the house virtually controlled the California market on nails, being the only jobbers having large stocks in San Francisco and *en route* by sea. Until a short time before his death Marcus C. Hawley was president of the Shreveport & Houston railroad, in which corporation he was also a director and stockholder at the time of his decease. He was a director in the Water Works both at Bridgeport, Conn., and Houston, Texas, and was vice-president of the Bridgeport Steamboat Company, with all of which interests he was prominently identified for a number of years. Mr. Hawley was also closely associated with the late Joseph Richardson in his railroad enterprises, and in view of the confidence in which he was held, and his familiarity with his affairs, was active in the settlement of his large estate. During all those years Mr. Hawley made his home in Connecticut, and looked after the Eastern interests of the California business.

The fact that Mr. Hawley lived in a Connecticut town, with an office in New York, to which he went almost every day, made him, perhaps, the most frequent commuter on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, he having seen many of the various managements in the last forty-six years' history of the road come and go. He had crossed the American continent from ocean to ocean ninety-six times, and shortly before his death completed the forty-eighth round trip to San Francisco. While on his last visit to the Pacific coast he made a voyage to the Hawaiian Islands, and was able to speak very highly of their climate and productiveness, believing them to be a desirable and necessary acquisition for the United States. In addition to his travels in this country, Mr. Hawley traveled about Europe and Mexico extensively. His first trip to California was made via the Isthmus, but on the opening of the transcontinental lines, in May, 1869, he went that way until the opening of the Southern Pacific. Mr. Hawley was a man of character, of excellent business capacity and strict integrity, one whose generosity and kindly personal traits won for him many friends. He married Sarah A., daughter of Dr. Cyrenius Booth, and granddaughter of Judge William Edmond, of Newtown, Conn. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hawley were as follows: William B., born in 1860, died in 1864; William E., born in 1865, died in 1880; Harry C., born in 1868, died in 1870; and Mary E.

DAVID BOOTH BEERS, a lawyer by profession, died July 28, 1885, in the house at Newtown in which he was born on February 18, 1805.

Samuel Beers, Jr., his father, was born December 26, 1773, and on October 13, 1799, was married to Charlotte Booth, who was born April 26, 1780. Their children were: Sally Maria, born October 4, 1800; Julia, born April 18, 1803; David B.; Charlotte, born December 15, 1806; and Harriet, born October 30, 1808.

David B. Beers received his legel education in the old Litchfield Law School, the first institution of the kind established in the United States. From 1844 until his death he resided continuously in Newtown. On April 12, 1835, he married Miss Margaret Pray, of Brookfield, and they had the following children: John Samuel, mentioned below; Emma E., who died in 1852, aged six years; George, who died in 1859, aged seventeen; and Emma S., now residing in Newtown.

Rev. John Samuel Beers was born in Brookfield, Conn., April 19, 1836, and died at Natick, Mass., November 20, 1886. During the early part of his life he was in business in Danbury and Bridgeport, Conn., the last few years of this period being connected with Woods Bros., carriage manufacturers of Bridgeport. In 1871 he was graduated from the Philadelphia Divinity School and entered the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He held the following positions in the Church: Assistant minister of Grace Church, Philadelphia; rector of Grace Church, North Attleboro, Mass.; rector of Christ Church, Towanda, Penn.; and general missionary of the Diocese of Massachusetts. The work in Massachusetts occupied the last five years of his life. He was the first general missionary, and through his efforts many new parishes were started and churches built. In 1886 he received the honorary degree of Master of Arts from Trinity College. On June 10, 1862, he was married to Maria Josephine Wakeman, daughter of Zalmon Wakeman, of Greenfield Hill, Conn. Their children were as follows: Charlotte Louise, born July 12, 1863, died May 26, 1864; George Emmerson is mentioned below; a child born June 19, 1868, died in early infancy; John Howard, born September 25, 1869, died August 22, 1876; Susan Wakeman, born September 26, 1873, is now residing in

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Bridgeport; Henry Sherman, born March 7, 1876, died April 8, 1884; Eleanor Margaret, born April 16, 1880, is now residing in Bridgeport.

George Emmerson Beers, born October 7, 1865, was a graduate of Trinity College in the class of 1886, and of Yale Law School in the class of 1889. After graduating from the law school, and taking a post-graduate course resulting in the degree of Master of Laws, he engaged in practice in Knoxville, Tenn., for two years, and then returned to New Haven, where he has since been a member of the law firm of Arvine & Beers. On August 17, 1892, he married Margaret Lowry, of Covington, Ky., and they have two children: Margaret Lowry, born June 10, 1893, and Henry Samuel, born June 22, 1898.

HON. GEORGE E. LOUNSBURY, Governor of Connecticut, was born in 1838, in Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N. Y., the fifth child of the late Nathan and Delia (Scofield) Lounsbury. He is of the sixth generation in descent from Richard and Elizabeth (Dubois) Lounsbury, who settled in Rye—then a part of the Colony of Connecticut—about 1650, and whose land, purchased from the Indians, is still known as the "Lounsbury Farm." His grandfather, Enos Lounsbury, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Though born in New York State, our subject is virtually a native of Connecticut, his father and all his ancestors having been natives of Stamford. In the spring of 1839, when only a few months old, he came with his parents to the farm in Ridgefield, Fairfield county, which has been his home for sixty years. His early education was obtained in the district schools, where, later, he taught from his seventeenth to his twentieth year, when he entered Yale College, graduating therefrom in 1863, with distinguished honor. He studied theology and passed his examinations for the diaconate and priesthood, graduating from the Berkeley Divinity School at Middletown in 1866. For one year he had charge, as deacon, of the Episcopal parishes in Thompsonville and Suffield, but on account of a serious throat trouble he was compelled to decline to take the vows of priesthood. In 1867, in partnership with his brother, Phineas C. Lounsbury, he embarked in the manufacture of boots and shoes, in which business he is still extensively engaged as a member of the firm of Lounsbury, Mathewson & Co., at South Norwalk.

Mr. Lounsbury first ran for office in 1894, when he was elected State senator from the Twelfth district by an unprecedented majority. During the legislative session of 1895 he acted as chairman of the committee on Finance, and so acceptable was his service as legislator that in in 1896 he was renominated by acclamation and re-elected by more than twice his majority of two years before. In the Legislature of 1897 he was chairman of the committee on Humane Institutions, to which the reformatory and other matters of importance were referred, and its reports were received with almost unanimous approval by the Legislature and the people of the State.

At the Republican State convention held September 15, 1898, at New Haven, Mr. Lounsbury was nominated for governor on the first ballot, receiving nearly three-fourths of all the votes cast. The election, on November 8 following, was a "tidal wave," the Republicans sweeping the State with a majority which has been exceeded only twice in the history of that party. Our subject's brother, Phineas C. Lounsbury, was governor of Connecticut in 1887 and 1888.

Mr. Lounsbury was married, in 1894, to Mrs. Frances Josephine Whedon, daughter of Joseph J. Potwin, of Amherst, Mass. [*Hartford Post*, January 4, 1899.

FAIRMAN FAMILY. From Savage's Genealogical Dictionary, we learn that John Fairman was one of the first settlers of Enfield. He had James, born in 1683, who wrote his name Ferman, and may have been a son or grandson of John Firmin of Watertown.

Giles Firmin, of Boston, came from Sudbury, in the County of Suffolk, no doubt with Rev. Robert Philips in the fleet with Winthrop; was first at Watertown, then in two years at Boston, where a son of the same name had some time prior joined Church. The son, Giles, came, perhaps, with his father in 1630, but settled at Boston. He was in Ipswich in 1638, married May 22, 1639, Susan, daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Ward.

John, of Watertown, came, probably, in the fleet with Winthrop. A Robert was one of the first settlers of Newtown, L. I., in 1645.

The family of this name settled at Newtown early in its history. From the town records it appears that Richard Fairman, born 1708, was married June 20, 1745, to Jane Botsford, and their children, with dates of birth, were: Ichabod, born June 30, 1746; Henry, born December 18, 1747; Patience, born February 22, 1749; Richard, born June 23, 1751; James, born in Newtown, November 19, 1752, died October 22, 1753; Pulchar (a daughter), born November 19, 1754; Jane, born December 2, 1756; and Dorcas, born April

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8, 1761. Mention is made on the records that Ichabod, Henry and Patience were born at Bedford, New York. It also appears of record that Henry Fairman and Ruth Judson were married November 9, 1769, and that in August, 1770, Judson, a son, was born to them; the mother died that same month, and October 1, 1771, the father was married to Bethia Bennett, and they had a daughter, Ruth, born July 30, 1772.

Amos B. Fairman was married to Betsey Clark, December 29, 1794, and their children were: Elizur, born November 25, 1797; LeGrand, born January 3, 1800; Sallie, born January 10, 1802, and Anne, born February 15, 1804.

James Beach Fairman was born March 21, 1773, and on March 2, 1800, was married to Polly Peck, who was born May 8, 1779, and died October 29, 1804. To the marriage came children as follows: Chloe, born February 21, 1801; and Zerah, born June 10, 1803. On November 10, 1808, James B. Fairman was married to Nancy Betsey Peck, who was born November 10, 1779, and their children were: Polly, born July 30, 1808; Charles, born November 8, 1809; Maria, born January 28, 1812; William, born October 17, 1814; James, born July 16, 1817; and Zerah (2), born March 12, 1821. From the records of the town it appears among those who took an active part in public affairs were: Richard, James B., and Zerah. Richard Fairman's name appears as representing Newtown in the General Court as early as 1759, and for some ten years during the twenty years following. He was for about the same length of time a selectman of the town. James B. Fairman was a representative of Newtown in the General Court for a number of times during the decade between 1830 and 1840, and was a selectman for a number of years thereafter.

More recently Zerah Fairman figured prominently in public affairs. He was born March 12, 1821, a son of James Beach Fairman. He was a representative in the State Legislature from Newtown for several years during the Civil war; was State Senator from that district in 1865 and 1873; was a selectman covering a part of the former period, and almost continuously during the following years up to the time of his death. He was one of the first board of trustees of the Newtown Savings Bank in 1855. Mr. Fairman was one of the prominent men of that period in the town. He died March 22, 1875, at the age of fifty-four. The press of a neighboring city at the time said: "His death causes a great loss to Newtown, and indeed to the entire county. He has held at various times all the prominent offices of his town, having been first selectman for years, and, owing to his great interest in education, school visitor for a still longer term. He represented Newtown in the Legislature, and had been State senator from the Eleventh District at least two terms. He was a Democrat of the strictest, sternest sect." Zerah Fairman was married to Sarah Bennett, and had one daughter, Elizabeth, now residing with her mother in Newtown.

Charles Fairman, son of James Beach Fairman, was born November 8, 1809. He was reared and married in Newtown and resided there until in 1880, when he removed to Chicago, Ill., to be with some of his children, who were residents of that city. There himself and wife passed the evening of their lives, he dying on December 31, 1886, and she on May 31, 1885. In that city, on June 18, 1882, they celebrated their golden wedding. Mrs. Fairman's maiden name was Eliza Jane Morehouse. She was daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Peck) Morehouse, and was born August 4, 1810, in Southbury, Conn. Charles Fairman was a highly respected and esteemed citizen of Newtown. He was greatly interested in the Newtown Library, and donated a number of the books now therein. In his political views Mr. Fairman was a Democrat in the latter years of his life in Newtown, and served the town as judge of the Probate Court just before his departure. He was identified with the Congregational Church. To the marriage of himself and Miss Morehouse were born children as follows: (1) Franklin, born June 22, 1833, has for years been in Chicago, where he has held the position of auditor of freight receipts with the Illinois Central Railroad Company; he married Mary J. Sherman, November 30, 1871, and children as follows were born to this union—Matilda Louise, born February 2, 1873; Frank Sherman, born August 31, 1875; and Marion, born March 17, 1879. (2) Matilda Eliza, born January 4, 1835, died February 15, 1837. (3) Daniel Beach, born May 2, 1836, died February 20, 1837. (4) Daniel B., born January 11, 1839, has been a resident of Chicago for years, and was in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad Company for a number of years, now in the real-estate business; on October 20, 1860, he married Lucinda L. Southwick, and their children are—Charles Chauncey, born July 22, 1861; and Clarence, born February 2, 1863. (5) Matilda, born February 1, 1841, died in Chicago, January 23, 1872; she was married, August 18, 1864, to James J. Noble, and one child, Mary Eliza, was born to them, May 30, 1868. (6) James, born March 20, 1843, died at Chicago, January 5, 1870. (7)

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Jane, born March 20, 1843, is connected with the accounting department of the Illinois Central Railroad at Chicago. (8) Arthur, born April 24, 1845, served during the Civil war in the 12th Connecticut Infantry; went to Wakefield, Kans., after the war, and became a farmer; he married Sophie B. Seibert, August 31, 1876, the names with dates of birth of their children being as follows—Charles Edward, June 6, 1877; Annie, December 12, 1878; Margarite, September 7, 1881, died in April, 1894; Arthur, May 10, 1885; Jennie, February 10, 1891; Seibert, September 12, 1896; and Hobart. (9) Elizabeth, born April 3, 1848, married George W. Patten, November 28, 1872, died in Chicago, November 18, 1874. (10) Annie, born August 21, 1849, died in Chicago, December 20, 1866. (11) Eva, born November 2, 1851, married James J. Noble, August 24, 1875, and they have one child, Alden Charles, born May 17, 1880. (12) Drusius, born July 6, 1853, died in Newtown, April 11, 1871. Charles Chauncey Fairman (above), son of D. B. Fairman, was married June 25, 1885, to Sarah Overman, and had children—Ruth, born March 8, 1886; Helen, born November 22, 1888, died in July, 1892; and Hazel, born November 26, 1890. Clarence Fairman (above), son of D. B. Fairman, was married January 6, 1887, to Margaret Miller, and has one child, Daniel Beach, born August 27, 1890.

THE CONNECTICUT PECKS are the descendants of Joseph, of Milford, Deacon William and Henry, of New Haven, and Deacon Paul, of Hartford. They were among the early settlers of the county. Each became the ancestor, or progenitor, of a numerous race.

Joseph Peck resided at first at New Haven, Conn. His name does not appear on the records until about 1643, although he is generally supposed to have resided there earlier, and to have been the brother of Henry, who settled there in 1638, with whom he seems to have resided, or associated, and with whom he probably came over to this country. He left New Haven on or about 1049, and settled at Milford. He became a member of the Church there in 1652. He was twice married: first to Mrs. Alice Burwell, widow of John Burwell; second to Miss Marie Richards. He died in 1700, or 1701. The settlement of his estate is upon the Milford Record Book of Deeds No. 3, pp. 75, 76 and 77. It is quite lengthy and specific. He deeds to his son Joseph his lands upon the conditions that he shall provide for and support him during his life, reserving to himself the control of his house, and the right, if his son Joseph or his heirs should fail to provide sufficient comforts, to sell off lands from time to time for that purpose. He gave legacies to his son-in-law, Thomas Hayes, Mary, wife of William Northrop, and his daughter Ann. These legacies and the debts were to be paid by Joseph—one-half of the legacies immediately after the decease of his father, and the balance within three years.

The children of the second generation were: Elizabeth, baptized in 1651, married Sergt. Thomas Hayes, October 29, 1677; Joseph, baptized in 1653; John, baptized March 4, 1655; Mary, baptized April 29, 1670, married William Northrop; Ann, baptized in 1672; and Hannah.

Joseph Peck (second generation), son of Joseph, settled in Milford, where he died. He disposed of his estates by deeds to his sons, at different times, which appear upon record at Milford. He married Mary Camp, January 27, 1678 or 1679.

The children of the third generation were: Joseph, born February 25, 1680; Mary, born December 15, 1682; John, born September 4, 1683, and died November 27, 1709; Jeremiah, born 1687; Samuel, baptized 1690; Ephraim, baptized 1692; Henry, baptized 1695; Elizabeth, baptized 1697; Nathaniel, baptized 1699; Abigail, born September 25, 1701; and Heth, born October 3, 1703.

John Peck (second generation), son of Joseph, it is supposed settled in Milford, but what became of him and his family is unknown. His father makes no mention of him or his children in the settlement of his estate. They were probably deceased. They are supposed to have been: Joseph, baptized in 1681; and Rachel, born in 1682.

From this Joseph Peck of Milford (3) came the numerous Pecks who lived at Newtown. Joseph, of the third generation, removed from Milford in about 1714 to Newtown, where he died. He was town clerk, and lived near what is known as Newtown Street. On January 14, 1706, he married Abigail Baldwin, of Milford. Among the earlier of the descendants in Newtown were: Ephraim Peck, son of Joseph (second generation). He removed from Milford to Newtown, where he died July 23, 1760. He married Sarah Ford, of Milford, November 7, 1716, and their children were: Sarah (married John Platt), Henry, Ephraim, Ruth, Gideon, Ebenezer, Ann (married Caleb Malroy), and Damarious.

Nathaniel Peck, son of Joseph (second generation), removed from Milford to Newtown, where he died. He married Phebe ——, and

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their children were. Phebe, Nathaniel, Ezra, Elisha and Eunice.

Heth Peck, son of Joseph (second generation), removed to Newtown about 1740. He resided about one mile north of what is known as Newtown Street. He died May 4, 1797. He married Hannah Camp, February 26, 1729. Their children were: Heth, Hannah, Mary, Sarah, Amiel, Hepzibeth, Samuel, Amos, David and Zalmon.

Joseph Peck, son of Joseph (third generation), resided in Newtown. He married Rebecca Shepherd June 20, 1732, and their children were: Aaron, Violet (married to Job Northrop), Daniel, Grace (married to Jotham Sherman), Rebecca, John, David and Mathew.

John Peck, son of Joseph (third generation), it is thought settled at Bridgeport. He died April 22, 1768. His will is upon the Danbury Record, B. 3, p. 42, dated March 19, 1768, and proved May 17, 1768. He married Bethia Booth, November 8, 1730. Their children were: Jabez (born September 4, 1740), Joseph, Asher, Abigail, Israel and Ebnathar.

Moses Peck, son of Joseph (third generation), was born December 28, 1719, and resided in Newtown. On December 1, 1748, he married Elizabeth Baldwin, who died December 25, 1798. Their children were: Ruth, Abel, Enos, Ann, Mary, Coziah, Hezekiah, Caleb, Betty, Dan, Lois, Esther, Sarah, Nathan and Nathan (2).

Henry Peck, son of Ephraim (third generation), resided in Newtown. He was twice married, (first) to Ann Smith December 23, 1755, and (second) to Hannah Leavenworth, August 6, 1765. His children were: Zalmon, Lemuel, Mercy, Hannah, Andrew and Samuel.

Ephraim Peck, son of Ephraim (third generation), resided in Newtown, where he died July 21, 1801. He married Sarah Porter. Their children were: Shadrach, Enoch, Sarah, Nathan, Eli, Levirus, Anna, Isaac, Mabel and Ephraim.

Gideon Peck, son of Ephraim (third generation), was born July 2, 1725. He married Abiah Smith, January 28, 1752, and settled in Newtown. Their children were: George, Oliver, Levi, Anna S. (married to Samuel Beers), Abiah, Gideon, Abner, Mary (married to Elias Beers), Currence and Amarilus. Gideon Peck, the father, served in the Revolutionary war.

Ebenezer Peck, son of Ephraim (third generation), married Sarah Booth, March 13, 1757, and settled in Newtown, where he died July 20, 1805. Their children were: Truman, Truman (2), Eunice (married to Philo Blackman), Ebenezer, Ammon, James, and Huldah.

Heth Peck, son of Heth (third generation), married Mary Skidmore, and settled in Newtown. He resided about one mile north of what is known as Newtown Street. Their children were: Amos and Elnathan.

Samuel Peck, son of Heth (third generation), was twice married, first to Sarah Skidmore, and second to Widow Sarah Barrett. He resided in Newtown, where he died May 12, 1832. His children were: Isaac, Annis (married to Richard Botsford), Clarissa (married to Benjamin C. Glover), David, and Joanna (married to Gould Curtis).

Amos Peck, son of Heth (third generation), married Sarah Lobdell, and resided in Newtown. Their children were: Amos (who resided in Newtown, where he died leaving two daughters), Hannah, Mary (married to James B. Fairman, and died in Newtown leaving children), Chloe, Andrew and Hannah.

Daniel Peck, son of Joseph (fourth generation), resided in Newtown, where he died April 3, 1776. He married Hannah B. Johnson, December 1, 1761. Their children were: Lucy, Lucy (2), Ruana, Samuel, Olive, Zadah and Abigail.

John Peck, son of Joseph (fourth generation), resided in Newtown, and died there July 21, 1820. He married Emily Burritt September 3, 1767. Their children were: Rufus, Grace, Comfort (married to Oliver Toucey), Grace (2), Lavina, and Clara (married to John Johnson, of Newtown).

David Peck, son of Joseph (fourth generation), married Mary Stillson and resided in Newtown. Their children were: David, Hannah and Daniel.

Jabez Peck, son of John (fourth generation), resided in Newtown. He was twice married, (first) to Abiah Sanford, July 17, 1764; and (second) to Mabel Kimberly. His children were: Amey, Elnathan, John, Phedima (born September 19, 1771, married Eli Beers), Anne, Daniel, Ira, Burwell, Zenus, Abby and Maria.

Joseph Peck, son of John (fourth generation), resided in Newtown, where he died May 6, 1796. He was a professor of religion, exemplary and respected. He married Mary Castle. His children were: Joseph, Anson, Abner, Sabra, Cyrus, Abigail, Russell, Reuben and Asahel.

Asher Peck, son of John (fourth generation), resided in Newtown. He married Sarah Judson November 17, 1768. Their children were: Lemira, Lucinda, Jerusha, John, Abel, Judson and Edmond B.

Israel Peck, son of John (fourth generation), resided in Newtown, where he died February 18,

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1821. He married Deborah Burr for his first wife and Huldah Lake for his second. His children were: Turney (married to Rebecca Judson), Betsey (married to James B. Fairman) and Oliver.

Enos Peck, son of Moses (fourth generation), resided in Newtown. He was twice married, (first) to Sibbel Griffen, and (second) to a Mrs. Marshall. His children were: Wooster (married to Betsey Marshall, and had—Elizabeth, Elliott M. and Henrietta M.), Abraham, Arthur S., Harvey, Jerusha, Sarah Ann, Ziba and Esther.

Capt. Dan Peck, son of Moses (fourth generation), was born June 10, 1763. He settled in Newtown, where he died March 25, 1833. He married Hannah Peck, born April 6, 1770, daughter of Henry Peck. Their children were: Marcia, Charles [see sketch of Hon. Charles H. Peck], Hezekiah, Herman, Lorin and Sylvia.

Capt. Zalmon Peck, son of Henry (fourth generation), resided in Newtown, where he died April 21, 1812. He was twice married, (first) to Zilpha Hard, and (second) to Mrs. Sarah Booth, a widow. His children were: Zera S., and Ezekiel [See sketch of Zalmon S. Peck].

Samuel Peck, son of Henry (fourth generation), resided in Newtown. He married Nancy Malroy. His children were: Julia and Philo.

Shadrach Peck, son of Ephraim (fourth generation), married Ruth Sharp, January 1, 1777, and resided in Newtown. Their children were: Truman and John.

Enoch Peck, son of Ephraim (fourth generation), married Mary Graves, and resided in Newtown. He died August 7, 1814. His children were: Ethel, Amos, Cyrenius, William, Enoch, Mabel, Annis and Mary Ann.

Nathan Peck, son of Ephraim (fourth generation), married Huldah Fabrique, and settled in Newtown, where she died October 29, 1812. He died May 1, 1816. Their children were: John B., Lewis, Charles, Sarah, Louis F., Jared B., Martha and Anna.

Levirus Peck, son of Ephraim (fourth generation), married Anna Wheeler, June 24, 1778. He resided in Newtown, where he died June 14, 1810. Their children were: Thomas W., Polly (born November 18, 1781, married Jeremiah Beers) and Richard.

Isaac Peck, son of Ephraim (fourth generation), resided in Newtown, where he died in February, 1855. He married Lucy Ferris. She died in August, 1834, aged seventy-three years. Their children were: Peter, Polly, Louisa, Fanny, Philo, Isaac, Levi, Isaac (2), Lucy (born August 28, 1794, married Gershom Dimon), Levi (2) and Isaac (3).

Oliver Peck, son of Gideon (fourth generation), married Lucy Sickles, and resided in Newtown. He died April 21, 1810; she died in February, 1860, aged ninety-four years. Their children were: Oliver, Mary, Amarillis, Abiah, Zachariah W., Lucy Ann, Carloss, Carlton, Betsey Ann and Currence.

Gideon Peck, son of Gideon (fourth generation), resided in Newtown. He married Betsey Brisco, daughter of John Brisco. Their children were: George, Henry, Legrand, Clark, Polly (married to Hermon Parmalee), Ann S., Betsey, Lama, Gideon S. and Lois (married to Edmond Fairchild).

Abner Peck, son of Gideon (fourth generation), married Jane Botsford, and resided in Newtown, where he died, August 16, 1844. Their children were: Polly, George C. [see his sketch elsewhere] and Jane Ann.

Elnathan Peck, son of Heth (fourth generation), settled upon the homestead, where he died in 1821. He was twice married, (first) to Jerusha Blackman, and (second) to Sarah Merwin, formerly Sarah Beers.

Isaac Peck, son of Samuel (fourth generation), lived and died in Newtown. He married Amelia Botsford. Their children were: Jabez B., Harriet, Robert S. and Sarah E.

David Peck, son of Samuel (fourth generation), resided in Newtown. He married (first) Rebecca Beers, and (second) Harriet Booth. He had one son, Simeon B.

Ezekiel Peck, son of Zalmon (fifth generation), resided in Newtown. He was twice married, (first) to Miss Sarah Ann Johnson, March, 1802, (second) to Mrs. Betsey Briscoe, December 29, 1818. His children were: Zilpha, Zalmon S. [see sketch elsewhere], John B., and Zera.

Thomas W. Peck, son of Levirus (fifth generation), was born September 9, 1779. He was twice married, (first) to Sarah Anna Toucey, and (second) to Theodocia Coe. His first wife died June 21, 1821, his second wife on February 18, 1846. His children were: Fanny, born July 29, 1804, married Noah B. Smith; Alosia, born July 25, 1809, married Harley Sanford; Richard R., born May 10, 1812, married Sarah Cadwelder; Abel T. and John B. [see sketch elsewhere.]

Among the Pecks who have figured in public affairs in Newtown may be mentioned Heth, Capt. Ephraim, and Henry, all of whom were members of the General Court in the eighteenth century, and Samuel B., Charles H., John B., Elliott M., Abel T., Charles H., Henry and Simeon B., in the present century. Among the

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selectmen in the eighteenth century were: Joseph, Ephraim, Heth and Henry, and in the present: Charles H., Levi and John B.

SIMEON B. PECK, who died in Newtown, June 7, 1885, aged seventy-four years, was of the sixth generation in direct line from Joseph Peck, of Milford, through Joseph (second generation), Heth, Samuel and David C. [See "Connecticut Pecks."]

David Camp Peck, who was a farmer residing in Newtown, was born in 1783, and died in April, 1862. He was twice married, (first) to Rebecca Beers, daughter of Simeon Beers, and second to Harriet Booth. His only child (by his first wife) was Simeon Beers.

Simeon B. Peck, born November 14, 1810, resided in Newtown, and was a farmer. He was married (first) to Caroline Curtis, daughter of Maj. Abijah B. Curtis, and second) to Elizabeth, widow of Robert S. Peck, and a daughter of Gould Curtis. By his first wife, who died May 27, 1858, he had children as follows: Abner B., Joseph Henry, David C., and David C. (2), all now deceased except the latter, who resides on Mt. Pleasant, Newtown, near the homestead. By his second wife, who died November 20, 1878, Mr. Peck had one son, Charles G., unmarried, residing on the homestead. Of the above, Abner B., born in 1832, and died in 1879, moved to Montgomery, Ala., in boyhood. He was twice married, (first) to Rebecca Smith, and (second to Sarah Dingley. Issue by first wife, Caroline Rebecca; by second wife, Clara Curtis, William Dingley and Charlotte. Joseph H., second son of Simeon B., died in early manhood; David C., the third son, in infancy. David C. (2), the fourth son, is a resident of Newtown. He married Helen Booth, daughter of Ezra Booth, of Vergennes, Vt., and their children were Ada B. and Cora L., who died in October, 1891, and December, 1897, respectively.

Simeon B. Peck was a man of means, and one of the prominent and highly-respected citizens of Newtown. In 1875 he represented the town in the Legislature. He was president of the Newtown Savings Bank for some years, until the infirmities of age compelled him to relinquish the trust.

ZALMON S. PECK, who is now residing in South Centre District, of the town of Newtown, was in his active years one of the prominent public men of the town.

Born May 22, 1812, he is descended from Joseph Peck, of Milford [see "Connecticut Pecks"], the line of descent being through Joseph, of the second generation, Ephraim, Henry, Capt. Zalmon and Ezekiel.

Ephraim Peck moved from Milford to Newtown, where he died in 1760. In 1716 he married Sarah Ford. His son, Henry, born in 1719, married (first) Ann Smith in 1755, and (second) Hannah Leavenworth in 1765. Henry's son, Capt. Zalmon, born in 1758, died in Newtown, in 1812. He was twice married, (first) to Zilpha Hard, and (second) to Mrs. Sarah Booth. His son, Ezekiel, born in 1768, was twice married, (first) to Sarah Ann Johnson in 1802, and (second) to Mrs. Betsey Briscoe in 1818. Capt. Zalmon Peck served in the war of the Revolution, and Ezekiel Peck in the war of 1812.

Zalmon S. Peck, during the Civil war, served as the enrolling and drafting officer of Newtown. He was made postmaster of the town under President Lincoln's first term, and held the position for twenty-six years, being out for two years (from 1867 to 1869) under the Johnson administration. In 1833 he married Polly J. Lum, and his children were: Sarah Ann (deceased), born in 1834; Henry S., born in 1838; Austin L., born in 1844; and Mary Frances, born in 1850. Mr. Peck is a very kind and obliging gentleman, well preserved, and an interesting conversationalist. Time seems to have dealt kindly with him.

HENRY S. PECK was reared and schooled in Newtown. He served in the Civil war, and soon thereafter entered the employ of the Waterbury Clock Company, at Waterbury, Conn. He was with them some twenty or more years, much of which time he spent in Chicago looking after their Western trade. He is now located in Waterbury, Conn., as the secretary and treasurer of The Brass City Lumber Company. He is vice-president of the Equitable Finance Company of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Peck married Isabell Boughton, of Waterbury, and has two children: Burton and Florence.

AUSTIN L. PECK'S boyhood was passed in Newtown. On the breaking out of the Civil war he entered the United States service as a member of Company C, Conn. V. I., but was made a prisoner of war at Brashear City, La. Returning home after an honorable war record, he soon became active in the business world. He is now located at Hartford, Conn., as one of the firm of Andrews & Peck, wholesale dealers in doors, windows, etc. Mr. Peck is president of The Brass City Lumber Company of Waterbury, and also treasurer of The Big Rapids Door and Blind Manufacturing Company of Big Rapids,

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Mich. He married Susan Root, of Hartford, Conn., and has children: Edward A., Harry H. and Theodore.

ALVA B. BEECHER, whose death occurred in Sandy Hook, Fairfield county, March 16, 1872, in the sixty-eighth year of his age, was for years one of that village's active business men. Mr. Beecher came to Newtown from Southville, Conn., then a part of New Milford and later of New Bridgewater. He learned the trade of satinet making with Dick & Sanford, and then went into business with Elijah Sanford, on the present site of the Niantic Mills. Later, Henry W. Tucker went into business with him, and they bought out Mr. Sanford; for a number of years they continued making satinets. Subsequently, Mr. Beecher carried on the business alone, but finally became involved and the business ceased. Mr. Beecher was one of the trustees of the Newtown Savings Bank at the time of its organization in 1855. In 1840 he was one of the representatives from Newtown in the State Legislature. Mr. Beecher married Zilpha A., daughter of Ezekiel Peck, of Newtown, where she was born November 10, 1809. Her death occurred November 3, 1880. Their children were: Sarah E. and Henry A., both now deceased.

GEORGE CLARK PECK, who died at his home in Newtown, July 8, 1897, aged eighty-seven years, was, for the long period of eighty-two years, a resident of the town, one of its upright men and good citizens. He was born, in 1810, in the State of New York, and was of the sixth generation from Joseph Peck, of Milford [see "Connecticut Pecks"], his line of descent being through Joseph (of the second generation), Ephraim, Gideon and Abner.

Ephraim Peck moved from Milford to Newtown, where he died in 1760. In 1716 he married Sarah Ford; and Gideon, their son, born in 1725, married Abiah Smith, in 1752; their son, Abner, married Jane Botsford, and died in Newtown in 1844.

In his early life our subject learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for years, carrying on the business in Newtown. He was a kind man, of somewhat retiring nature, even-tempered and indulgent in the home. He was a Christian man, holding membership with Trinity Episcopal Church. In his political views he was a Republican. On March 4, 1838, Mr. Peck was married to Ann Rebecca Tomlinson, and to the union were born: John F., Gideon, Homer A., Cornelius B., Abbie L. and Hattie M.

John F. Peck was born January 30, 1839, in Newtown, and there attended school. Later he clerked for seven years in the store of David Johnson. On the breaking out of the Civil war he left the counter and organized a company, of which he became first lieutenant, and which company was mustered into the United States service as Company C, 23d Conn. V. I. He served faithfully throughout the war, was for a period a prisoner of war, and returned to civil life with an honorable record. After the war he made his home in Chicago, where he was a salesman in a business house until a couple of years before his death, which occurred at Newtown, September 8, 1894. On December 29, 1869, he was married to Nellie S. Ackley, and two children were born to them: Ira J. and Myra.

Of the other sons of George C. Peck, Homer A., born in 1842, is a practical woodworker. He has been a resident of Ansonia since 1868, and for twenty odd years has been in the employ of the Ansonia Brass & Copper Company. He occupies the position of superintendent of outside work. He has been secretary of the board of education since its organization. Socially, he is a Free Mason and an Odd Fellow, and in politics he is a Republican. He married Mary A. Tuthill, and they have two children: Georgiana E. and Nettie L.

Gideon Peck, born in 1841, learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner at Waterbury, and for years has followed it in various places, being now located in St. Louis, Missouri.

Cornelius B. Peck, born in 1846, has since boyhood resided in New Haven. Since the establishment of the weather bureau at the Yale Observatory, in about 1884, he has been engaged in testing thermometers.

CAMP FAMILY. Lemuel Camp, the progenitor of the numerous family of the name that have lived in Newtown, came from Milford, Conn., it is supposed, about the time of the first settlement in 1707. His nine children were: Joel, John, Samuel (died in the French war), Silas, Julius, Phebe (Mrs. Cyrenius Hard), Hoppie (Mrs. Amiel Peck), Alice (Mrs. Sims), and Clarissa (Mrs. Josiah Blackman).

Joel Camp, of the second generation, was born October 20, 1734, and died in October, 1779. He married Ellen Jackson, by whom he had eight children, namely: Deborah (Mrs. Matthew Sherman), Lemuel, John, Susan (Mrs. Joseph Wheeler), Jacob, Phebe, Silas, and Samuel (who was drafted in the war of 1812).

Lemuel Camp, born February 16, 1762, and

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died February 9, 1837, whose chief occupation was farming, was also a school teacher and surveyor. He was a man of probity and intelligence. He married Sarah, daughter of Samuel Dibble; she died November 9, 1857, aged 85 years. Their children: Joel Trowbridge, born March 1, 1794; Cyrus, born March 5, 1796, died April 20, 1841; Polly (Mrs. Samuel Fairchild), born January 26, 1800, died June 3, 1873; Dibble, born February 6, 1798, died February 23, 1847; Adah (second wife of Beers Fairchild), born March 28, 1802, died October 24, 1879; Maria (Mrs. John Smith), born June 6, 1804, died July 24, 1867; Beach, born July 27, 1806, died July 8, 1885; Hiram, born September 13, 1808, died August 15, 1868; Sarah Ann (Mrs. Zechariah Clark), born February 14, 1811, died June 23, 1854; and Mary Ann, born September 21, 1813, died July 24, 1882.

Joel Trowbridge Camp was born March 1, 1794, and died December 19, 1884. On April 15, 1819, he married Polly, daughter of Zadoc Fairchild; she died November 23, 1867. He was fond of the retirement of his own home and neighborhood, and seldom journeyed far from either. After the death of his wife he resided with his children—the greater part of the time with Lemuel F., at whose home he died. Their children were: Lemuel F., Lucia (married to John R. Smith), Edwin, and Samuel B. Joel Trowbridge Camp was in his earlier life a farmer and a man of great industry, making upon his own farm the implements required in agriculture. He was a prosperous and successful farmer, and in a large measure self-made. He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, and a useful man in the town. He lived about one mile out of Hawleyville.

Beach Camp was born July 27, 1806, and died July 8, 1885, the last surviver of the ten children. On October 20, 1830, he married Catherine, daughter of Rhesa and Polly Foote, and soon after he bought land within sight of his birthplace, which was always their home thereafter. The selection of this spot, though humble as the home was, showed that he had a keen appreciation of the beautiful, and there for nearly fifty-five years they shared the joys and sorrows which fall to the lot of mortals. Their children were: Dr. William Camp, who died March 23, 1864, aged thirty-two years, married Ophelia Randall; Julia Ann, wife of O. T. Tuttle, of Minneapolis, Minn., who died June 12, 1880, aged forty-five; Jane Eliza, wife of E. L. Johnson; and Catherine Frances. In infancy Mr. Camp was baptized by Rev. Daniel Burhans, was confirmed when sixteen, and was chosen warden of the Church at thirty-seven, which office he held, with the exception of two years, from 1843 to 1883. Neither summer's heat nor winter's cold hindered his attendance upon public worship, and until within three or four years his health had been so uniformly good that his seat was so seldom vacant whenever the Church was open for a divine service that his absence was always noticed and remarked upon.

Hiram Camp was born September 13, 1818, and was occupied through life as a farmer, in Taunton District, town of Newtown. He was an active, energetic man, full of business, and a most excellent citizen, a man of good judgment and business ability, and became well-to-do. He was an Episcopalian in his religious views; in politics, first a Whig, later a Republican. He represented the town in the State Legislature in 1857. Mr. Camp married Eliza Barnum, and his children were: Lydia Jane (deceased), Sarah Esther, George Beach and Henry B. (both deceased).

Cyrus Camp married Polly Ann Botsford, and they had six children: Gideon B., Harriet and Edgar died in early childhood; Marcus, Sarah Maria, and Gideon B. (2), are still living. The widow died March 6, 1885, aged ninety years and eight months.

Dibble Camp was born in Taunton District, town of Newtown, February 6, 1798, and died February 23, 1847. He followed in the footsteps of his ancestors and engaged in agricultural pursuits, in which he continued throughout his lifetime. He was of a quiet disposition and had no taste for public life. He lived a good life, and was held in esteem by his neighbors. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and politically affiliated with the Whig party. He married Esther Blackman, and their children were: Emily, Hobart B., and Daniel B. Of these, Emily married Henry Dikeman; Hobart B. married Juliette Hawley, and lives on the old homestead; and Daniel B. is a tinner by trade in Newtown. (He did good service in the Civil war and belongs to the G. A. R.)

Hobart B. Camp, born January 10, 1832, occupies the homestead where he was born, reared and has ever since resided, engaged in farming. He is one of the substantial men of Newtown. In his religious views he is an Episcopalian; politically, he is a Republican. On February 11, 1863, he was married to Juliette, daughter of Benjamin Hawley, and their children were: Anna L. (deceased), Susan A. and Robert M. Of these, Susan A. is a school teacher, and Robert M. resides at home; neither is married.

Emily Camp, born August 18, 1833, became

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the wife of Henry B. Dikeman (now deceased), a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere. She and her two daughters reside on Mount Pleasant, Newtown.

Daniel B. Camp was born on his father's farm February 21, 1836. At the age of seventeen he went to Danbury and served four years at the tinner's trade with Charles Hull. Later he worked for a short time in New Haven, then at Naugatuck, in which place, on August 9, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, 15th Conn. V. I. His command was in the 9th Corps under General Burnside. He made a good soldier, and returned to Naugatuck after two years and eleven months' faithful service, receiving an honorable discharge June 27, 1865. He resumed his former occupation at Naugatuck, engaging in the tinning business there until 1872, when he came to Newtown village, where he has ever since carried on that business. Mr. Camp is now a Democrat, although he was a Republican until the Greeley campaign of 1872. In 1885 he was a representative from Newtown in the State Legislature, and he has also held other positions of honor and trust. On November 23, 1859, he was married to Augusta, daughter of Isaac and Louisa (Bartlett) Nichols. She was born February 22, 1839. Their children are: Esther L., born January 27, 1862; Grace, born October 3, 1872, married December 29, 1897, to Dr. Clyde O. Anderson, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Lemuel F. Camp (son of Joel Trowbridge Camp) was born December 8, 1820, in Taunton District, town of Newtown, and died in April, 1894. In 1855 he was married to Sarah Jane, daughter of Amos and Mary Ann Lake, and about this time he erected the house occupied at the time of his death by Hobart Hawley, and resided there until some years ago. In 1893 he moved with his family to the Booth Hawley place, at Hawleyville, where he died. His children were: Carrie A. (deceased), Alma M. (Mrs. Charles B. Johnson), Mary A. (Mrs. Edward C. Platt), Amos Trowbridge, and Sara A. (Mrs. Asa Hawley). Lemuel F. Camp was possessed of a taste for live-stock, of which he was a fine judge, and he gave considerable attention to buying and grazing cattle for the markets. He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, and in politics was a Republican.

Samuel B. Camp, of Taunton District, Newtown, the youngest son of Joel Trowbridge, a farmer and respected citizen, was born in 1828. He has followed farming with the exception of two or three years, during which he was engaged in comb-making. He came to his present farm in 1839. In later years he has engaged in stock raising, has since been in the milk business, and he has a farm of one hundred and forty-five acres. On National issues he is a Republican, and he is a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. In 1867 he was married to Caroline C., daughter of Amos and Mary (Bennett) Lake, of Bethlehem, and had children: Edwin Beers, born in 1868; and Frank Bennett, born in 1870, died in 1875.

Luther Camp, whose death occurred November 11, 1884, was in his eighty-seventh year.

John Camp, his father, was a brother to Lemuel and Silas Camp, and the old home was the old red house that formerly stood opposite where Lemuel F. Camp lived. John Camp, at his marriage, moved to Brookfield, Obtuse District, and built the house occupied by the late Amos Camp. He had three sons and one daughter: Wheeler, who died unmarried at his home in Brookfield in 1868, aged seventy-two years; Lucy Ann (also unmarried), who died there in 1870, aged sixty-nine years; Amos, who died in 1877, aged seventy-six (he had two children—Beers, who died in 1855, aged twenty-five years and eleven months, about four months after his marriage to Miss Jane Wood, of Southville; and Mary, who still occupies the old home near Horace Beers).

Luther Camp, soon after his marriage to Miss Lucy Foote, removed to the place in Hawleyville which he afterward made his home. His second wife was Miss Olive Barnum, of Bethel. They had no children, but adopted, when only two years old, and loved as their own, Mrs. Camp's motherless niece, Abigail Hoyt, afterward Mrs. Abigail Wood. Mrs. Wood tenderly cared for her foster-parents some years before Mrs. Camp's death, which occurred in 1878, and remained with Mr. Camp until less than three years ago, when she felt that duty called her to live with her only child, Mrs. McArthur. Mr. Camp died at the latter's home.

NATHANIEL SELLECK, M. D., is one of the most successful medical practitioners of Danbury. Born and reared in that city, he has found his best field for work in the place where he is best known, a fact which speaks volumes for his worth and ability.

The Selleck family is of English origin, the first to cross the ocean being Nathaniel Selleck, our subject's great-grandfather. The grandfather was also named Nathaniel. Nathaniel B. Selleck, our subject's father, was born in Maryland, and was for many years a citizen of Danbury, although he had extensive business interests

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elsewhere. He was a hatter by trade, but also engaged in merchandising and carried on a large logging business in Minnesota. In connection with these varied lines of work he made several voyages to South America. He died in December, 1891. He married Delia M. Sherwood, who was born in Redding, Conn., and they had two children: Nathaniel, our subject; and another son, who died in childhood.

Doctor Selleck was born November 22, 1868, and received his literary education in the public schools of Danbury, graduating from the high school in 1888. After a preliminary course of reading with Doctor Benedict, of Danbury, he entered the Medical Department of the University of the City of New York, where he received his degree in 1891. After spending two years in practice with his former preceptor he opened an office on his own account, and in the six years that have intervened he has built up a large and lucrative practice; his office is at No. 238 Main street. Our subject belongs to the Danbury Medical Society, and to the County and State Societies, and is highly esteemed in professional circles.

Doctor Selleck married Miss Mary A. Benedict, daughter of Daniel M. and Mary Benedict, and they have a pleasant home on Foster street, Danbury. They are prominent in social life, and the Doctor is a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters, the Ancient Essenic Order; Union Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M.; and Crusader Commandery, K. T. In his political affiliations, he has always been a Democrat.

FOOTE. Daniel Foote, born in Stratford, Conn., July 25, 1717, son of Jehiel and Susanna Foote, grandson of Daniel Foote, great-grandson of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Smith) Foote, and great-great-grandson of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Deming) Foote, and of Lieut. Samuel and Elizabeth Smith [see Goodwin's Foote Genealogy and Savage's Genealogical Dictionary], married, November 6, 1746, at Stratford, Sarah Whitney, born in Stratford, Conn., September 1, 1723.

They lived in Stratford until after they had three children born, then moved to Newtown, Conn., where they spent the rest of their lives. He died June 28, 1796, in his seventy-second year; she on November 2, 1795, in the seventy-third year of her age. Their children were: (1) Abigail. (2) Anna married Stephen Shepard, a cooper of Newtown, son of John Shepard. They resided in Newtown and there died (she November 17, 1827, in her seventy-eighth year; and he July 24, 1830, aged seventy-eight), and were buried in Newtown cemetery. They were Sandemanians in religion. (3) Charity Foote, born in Stratford, June 21, 1752, married Elias Bristol, of Newtown, who was a soldier in the war of Revolution, and fell probably in the early part of that struggle. She married (second) Samuel Sanford, of Newtown. They settled and lived at Newtown. (4) Susanna Foote married Amos Griffin, of Newtown, a son of Lieut. John and Beulah (Hubbell) Griffin, of Newtown. They settled and lived at Newtown. (5) Peter Foote, born in Newtown, August 10, 1759, a weaver, married Naomi Gillett, daughter of Samuel, of Newtown, where she was born about 1764. (6) Daniel Foote, born at Newtown in 1762, a farmer, married Betty Northrop in Newtown, where she was born in 1764, a daughter of John and—(Baldwin) Northrop. (7) Jemima Foote, born at Newtown, married David Curtis Wainwright. (8) Lemuel Foote, born at Newtown, a farmer, married Charity Beers.

JAMES FOOTE, DESCENDANTS OF. James Foote and Adah Stilson were married April 25, 1774, and their children with dates of birth are as follows. Hannah H., October 31, 1774; Rhesa, April 4, 1776; Ruth, December 4, 1781; David S., March 20, 1783; Vine, October 10, 1785; Heber, December 5, 1787; Milton, September 15, 1789; Ann, August 31, 1791; Aurelia, July 7, 1793; Arisnoe, January 7, 1796; Abba, March 7, 1798; and James, June 29, 1801. Of these, Hannah died in infancy; Rhesa is referred to farther on; Ruth married a Mr. Phelps, and went to New York State; Heber married, and went to New York State; Ann married, and died in young womanhood; Amelia married, and went to the State of New York; Arisnoe died unmarried; Abba married Lyman Lake, and is buried in the cemetery at Hawleyville; James married, and moved to Groton, N. Y. The mother died August 9, 1834, in her eightieth year, the father on February 25, 18—, and the remains of both rest in Newtown cemetery.

Rhesa Foote was a shoemaker by trade and occupation through life; also worked at bookbinding. He was a Christian man, being a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, and a respected citizen of the town. He built the house, at the foot of Newtown Street, now occupied by John Nash. He married Polly Hawley, of Monroe, Conn., and they had the following children, some of whom became especially useful and prominent in the various walk of life: (1)

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Julia M., born November 8, 1809, married Charles Stillson and moved to New York State. (2) Catherine H., born July 31, 1811, married Beach Camp. (3) George L. Foote was born March 3, 1812. He learned the shoemaker's trade partially with his father (who died when the son was fifteen years of age) and partially in Bridgeport, but he concluded to study for the ministry. He prosecuted his studies at Elizabeth, N. J., in connection with teaching there as the assistant of B. G. Noble, and was graduated from Washington (now Trinity) College in 1837. He was largely instrumental in the founding of the Newtown Academy, and while its principal there was married, April 28, 1839, to Minerva Tuttle. On June 9, 1840, he was ordained as deacon in Trinity Church, New Haven, and priest in St. John's Church, Bridgeport, November 9, 1841. For ten years he was rector of Christ Church, Roxbury, Conn. During the next six years he was rector of Zion Church, McLean, N. Y.; founded St. Mary's Church, Truxton, Conn.; for two years was rector of Christ Church, Shelbourne, N. Y. From that field he went to New Berlin, as associate rector and principal of St. Andrews School, remaining three years. In March, 1860, he was settled rector of Zion Church, at Morris, N. Y., where he died November 7, 1865. Nine children were born to this union, seven of whom survived the father. (3) Frederick and (4) Mary died in infancy.

(5) Frederick W. Foote was born October 23, 1816. His father dying when he was eleven years old he, at twelve, went to live with David Curtis, a comb maker on Mile Hill, Newtown, with whom he remained three years. He then returned to his home, and until seventeen, during the summers, worked at whatever he found to do, attending school through the winters. At seventeen he went to Elizabeth, N. J., and there taught for two years in a district school. Next he was for a time assistant in the Trenton Academy, his superior being Rev. Samuel Starr, brother of the late Edward Starr, of Newtown. After two years there he returned to Newtown, and for a time was assistant to his brother, the principal of the Newtown Academy. In 1839 he returned to Elizabeth, N. J., and for thirty years he was uninterruptedly engaged in teaching. At the expiration of this time he went into journalism, purchasing the New Jersey *Journal*. In 1871 he established the Elizabeth *Daily Journal*, which he left in a flourishing condition at the time of his death, which occurred March 18, 1879. For forty years he was a communicant in St. John's Parish, and for twenty years its Sunday-school superintendent. In 1840 he was married to Vashti Thompson, and they had nine children, seven of whom survived him, as did also his wife. (6) Mary, born April 13, 1819, married Rev. H. V. Gardner, and died September 11, 18—, in East Aurora, N. Y. Mrs. Gardner was a lovely, Christian character. (7) Harriet, born April 13, 1819, became the wife of Rev. William Atwill, an Episcopal clergyman. (8) Robert died in childhood. (9) Henry, a practicing physician, died in Newtown when a young man. (10) Jane married Walter B. Welton, of Bridgewater, and died in Newtown.

JOHNSON. There are now residing in Newtown descendants of the seventh generation from Ichabod Johnson, who was the earliest ancestor of whom we have any knowledge of the Johnsons of Newtown, referred to in what follows:

Ichabod and Elizabeth Johnson were residents of the southern part of the town as early as some time in the first half of the eighteenth century. Their children were: John; Hannah; Jerusha; Eben; Abel, born March 26, 1748; Molly, born October 30, 1750; Mabel, born December 21, 1752; Huldah, born August 26, 1755; and Enos, born October 13, 1757. There is a record made on the town records of Newtown of the names and dates of birth of the last five children just given.

John Johnson, son of Ichabod, married, August 9, 1765, Dolly Hurd, of Monroe, and his children were: Ezra H., born January 14, 1772; Abraham, died when nineteen; Clarissa; Isaac; Jacob; Joseph; Eben; John; Lucy; Dolly; Abraham; Daniel; Sally; Eli; Elias; and Benjamin. Some of these children were born to a second marriage of the father. It is worthy of note and somewhat remarkable that there were nine of the children who were tailors by trade.

Ezra H. Johnson, son of John, was born January 14, 1772, and died February 17, 1857, aged eighty-five years. On February 11, 1795, he was married to Rebecca Northrop, who died January 22, 1838, in her sixty-fifth year. Their children were: Charles, born January 31, 1798, died September 29, 1799; Charles (2), born December 6, 1799; Clarissa, born December 23, 1806, died April 25, 1810; a daughter born December 15, 1808, died in infancy; John, born December 16, 1809. Ezra H. Johnson, the father of these children, was a tailor by trade, and lived his long life amid the scenes of his youth in Newtown. He was a quiet man, of a kindly nature and disposition, making a good neighbor and citizen.

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John Johnson, son of Ezra, was born December 16, 1809, and died December 17, 1873. He married Mary, daughter of John and Betsey (Hine) Dibble. John Dibble, born November 13, 1786, died November 16, 1839, and Betsey, his wife, born August 11, 1789, died about 1875. John Dibble was a son of Philo F. Dibble, who was born in 1763, and died in 1827. Eunice, wife of Philo Dibble, was born in 1769, and died in 1854. To John and Mary (Dibble) Johnson were born Edward, who died March 16, 1868, in his twenty-first year; Rebecca, who died December 29, 1897, in her fifty-fourth year; and three who died in infancy. John Johnson was occupied through life in agricultural pursuits. He lived in South Centre District, town of Newtown. Before the Civil war, in the days of slavery, he was a zealous supporter of the Anti-slavery movement, and rendered assistance therein in the "underground railroad" system. In this he had the sympathy and support of his wife.

CHARLES JOHNSON, son of Ezra H., was born December 6, 1799, and died May 7, 1871. On May 25, 1826, he was married to Julia, daughter of Abijah and Hannah (Sanford) Merritt, and the marriage was blessed with two children, namely: Adeline, born July 17, 1828, married William Fairchild, of Taunton District, town of Newtown; and Ezra Levan, born November 11, 1832.

In the early years of Mr. Johnson's manhood the comb-making business in this section of New England was one of the leading occupations. He learned the trade in early life, and followed the business in Newtown until about 1840, after which he was engaged in farming on the place now occupied by the son. Mr. Johnson was an Old-line Whig in his political views, and on the formation of the Republican party espoused its principles. While he had no particular taste for public preferment, he at times came before the public when it seemed the desire of his fellow citizens. In 1837 he was one of the representatives of the town in the State Legislature. Religiously, he was of the faith of the Congregational Church, and he held the esteem and respect of the community.

EZRA LEVAN JOHNSON, son of Charles, is a native of South Centre District, born November 11, 1832, on the homestead where thus far his life has been passed. At the age of seventeen he began teaching school, and followed the profession for nearly a decade, mainly in Newtown. Since 1858 he has been an agriculturist. In 1854, while engaged as a teacher, his fellow townsmen placed him on the board of education, and with little exception he has continued thereon from that period to this. For quite fifty years he has been closely identified with the educational interests of Newtown. Such an evidence of his usefulness as a citizen, and of the community's appreciation of him as a man, needs no comment. As vestryman in Trinity Episcopal Church Mr. Johnson is active in religious work, and his name is ever foremost among those favoring and advocating measures calculated for the elevation of mankind. He has been frequently a delegate from the Church to its conventions, and his voice is often heard in its deliberations. His make-up has fitted him for usefulness. Of a literary taste, Mr. Johnson is not unfrequently called upon to entertain in that line in social and educational gatherings. Politically, he has followed in the footsteps of his father, and is a stanch Republican. He has served his town as selectman.

On October 10, 1858, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Jane Eliza, daughter of Beach and Catharine (Foote) Camp, a sketch of whom is given elsewhere. Mrs. Johnson, who was born April 6, 1837, in her early life taught school in various localities in Newtown, and is consequently known and remembered by the youth of that day as a teacher. She is a woman of force of character, and her influence for good has been felt in the community. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have come children as follows: William Camp, born June 16, 1862, married Catherine Augusta, daughter of Lamson B. Lake; Charles Beach, born June 16, 1862, married Alma M., daughter of Lemuel F. Camp; Levan Merritt, born July 10, 1864, married Mrs. Nellie Fairchild, *née* Hartshorne; and Frederick Foote, born April 23, 1866, married Susan Lynne Beers (he is the rector of an Episcopal Church in Redlands, Cal., is a graduate of Trinity College, also took a three-years' course at Berkley Divinity School and while there was private secretary to Bishop John Williams).

The MERRITT FAMILY into which Charles Johnson, son of Ezra H., married, was one of the pioneer families of Newtown. The Merritts were originally from the North of Ireland, and from Milford here came the ancestor of Abijah Merritt, referred to in what follows. John Merritt was one of three brothers who came from the North of Ireland some time about 1740. He was frozen to death on Milford beach, when out one cold winter's day digging clams. He left a son, John, who migrated from Milford when a young man and married Hannah Wheeler, of Monroe. The country was a wilderness then, and he put up their first shelter on Pine Swamp hill, in the south part of Newtown, in the Huntington school district. Remains of the 6x8 cellar still exist, and tansy, live-for-ever and yellow

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lilies, descendants of long years gone by, mark the spot beyond all question. His was the only white man's hut in that vicinity, and the place still retains the name given it then, and is known by all the natives now as "Merritt hill." John had one son, Abijah, who showed his loyalty to his father by contributing (as the records show) to his support, during the last twenty years of his life, $1,139.69. He died March 25, 1827, aged eighty-one years, and was buried in Huntington cemetery.

Abijah Merritt, son of John and Hannah (Wheeler) Merritt, who were residents of Newtown, was born here in 1775, and died January 15, 1854. His wife died December 3, 1839, when aged sixty-five years. Their children were: Julia, born September 15, 1804, and Levan Wheeler. Abijah Merritt was one of the prominent public men of his day in Newtown. When a boy he was bound out until of age to learn the trade of cloth-making. He lived in Sandy Hook, and followed that occupation when such goods were made by hand. Later on, he gave up that business and operated a gristmill. In middle life he was quite active in public affairs, and his name is frequently on record in town business. From 1815 to 1835 he was frequently selectman of the town. A man of good business ability, strict integrity and of sound judgment, he had the settlement of many estates, which with other business in that line kept him busy and led to his dropping out of active pursuits in other lines.

LEVAN W. MERRITT, an esteemed citizen of Sandy Hook, town of Newtown, died August 23, 1886.

His parents were of true New England stock. His father, Abijah Merritt, at the age of fifteen years, was bound out to learn the trade of a cloth-dresser, and after an apprenticeship of six years was, in 1796, discharged. With a good trade, well learned, and two suits of new homespun clothes, but without a dollar in his pocket, he commenced business for himself in Sandy Hook, Newtown, from which place he never removed, until called away by death. He was a self-made man, whose word at any time was as good as his bond. For many years he was entrusted with the town's affairs as selectman, and was sought after, as long as he would agree to serve, for the settlement of estates. It was a part of his creed never to spend a dollar until he had earned it. [See sketch of Merritt family.]

Levan W. Merritt, our subject, was born June 24, 1806, in Sandy Hook. In November, 1833, he went to Medina, N. Y., and for several years was engaged as a clerk for Chase & Britt, on the canal dock. In 1840 he bought and operated the flouring-mill occupied some years ago by B. A. Gilbert, and after selling the mill he retired from active business. He was always greatly interested in the welfare of Medina, and frequently served as trustee, assessor and on the board of education. Being a man of strictest integrity, he was constantly called upon to settle estates until advancing years required release from such responsibilities. A peculiarly strong attachment to his native town always existed, and he often expressed the wish that his affairs might be so arranged as to permit him to return to Newtown to live during the closing years of life.

On April 21, 1840, Mr. Merritt was married to Cynthia P. Loomis, of Clarkson, N. Y., and seven children were born to the marriage: Charles J., who lives in Chicago; Henry S., a resident of Elkader, Iowa; Lee W., of Medina; Julia; Cynthia A.; and H. Elsie. One child died in infancy. Of these, Charles J. lived in Newtown for three years before the Civil war, and enlisted in Company D, 1st Connecticut Cavalry. He married Miss Esther B. Fairchild (daughter of Joseph B. Fairchild), who died February 2, 1890.

WILLIAM EDSON HAWLEY is a prominent dairyman and agriculturist of Newtown township, and his farm is one of the best in that locality. He has also been well known in business circles as a dealer in cattle and horses, and as a citizen he is held in high esteem for his many sterling qualities.

The Hawley family has been identified with this section from an early date. Benjamin Hawley, our subject's father, was for many years engaged in agriculture and in the cattle business, dealing chiefly in working cattle. He settled, upon his marriage, at the homestead now occupied by our subject, and the foundations of his house, a little above the present residence, are still to be seen. By successful management he became one of the substantial citizens of his town. Although he was not an office seeker, he was regarded as one of the leaders of the Republican organization in his district. He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church at Newtown, and attended divine service with great regularity, being an active helper in all forms of religious work. He died July 30, 1883, and his estimable wife, whose maiden name was Emeline Glover, passed away April 2, 1880. They had the following children: Mary; Frederick; Susan.

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who married John R. Smith, of Lake George District, Newtown; Juliette, who married Hobart B. Camp, and resides south of Hawleyville; William Edson, our subject; Margaret, wife of Homer W. White, a carpenter, residing in Obtuse District, town of Brookfield, this county; Anna, wife of Duane Stone, of Moryall, New Milford; and Sarah, wife of H. D. Lake, of Obtuse, town of Brookfield.

Our subject was born November 16, 1839, at the present homestead, and attended district school and Newtown Academy, Professor French being the teacher at that time. After leaving school Mr. Hawley remained at home until about the time the Civil war broke out, when he embarked in business as a dealer in cattle and horses, and he bought many horses for the government service in Canada, as well as stock cattle, which he shipped home to sell to the farmers for fattening. He was the first one to pay duty on cattle that crossed the line at Buffalo at that time. As the business became less profitable he discontinued his Canada trade and bought fat cattle for the markets of Bridgeport and New Haven, at the same time carrying on an extensive dairy business.

On February 3, 1869, Mr. Hawley married Miss Mary F. Terrill, who was born January 20, 1848, daughter of E. G. Terrill, a farmer of the town of Brookfield, this county. Of their children the eldest, William Edwin, born January 9, 1870, died August 11, 1872; Edward B., born July 5, 1871, died December 27, 1890; Ammie Emeline, born December 8, 1873, married Homer Baldwin, November 30, 1898; Ernest, born December 20, 1875, and William Stanley, born September 18, 1877, are at home; Jabez Carlton, born January 8, 1880, died September 22, 1897; Mary Alice, born March 23, 1882, died January 24, 1890; Harry Nichols, born June 15, 1884, and Helen Fairchild, born January 30, 1887, are at home. The family attend Trinity Episcopal Church, at Newtown. Mr. Hawley takes much interest in local affairs, and in politics he is a firm supporter of the Republican party, having voted that ticket since Lincoln's first campaign, in 1860.

JABEZ BOTSFORD PECK (deceased), son of Isaac Peck, was of the sixth generation from Joseph Peck of Milford. [See "Connecticut Pecks."] His line of descent is through Joseph (2), Samuel, Samuel (2), and Isaac.

Jabez Botsford Peck was born December 10, 1804. He married Henrietta, daughter of Charles Jarvis, a descendant of Bishop Jarvis. Mr. Peck died June 26, 1877, and Mrs. Peck passed away February 22, 1877, aged sixty-six years. Mr. Peck was occupied through life in farming, owning a farm on Mt. Pleasant, Newtown. He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, and in his political views was a Whig, later a Republican. His children were: (1) Charles A., a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been in the storage business in New York City for forty years or more. In early life he went to Bridgeport, where he was a clerk in a dry-goods store for some years, thence removing to New York, and for a time was engaged in a grocery house. He married Mary E., daughter of Joseph Oliver, of Brooklyn, and their children now living are—Charles B., William J., and Mary E. (2) Elizabeth J. married Samuel J. Pinkney, of New York, and her children are—Henry W., Jennie E., and Elizabeth T. (3) Capt. Albert W. Peck, at the age of fourteen years, went to Bridgeport and entered the employ of Moseman & Sturdevant; was also with Hall & Read and E. Birdsey & Co., who were carrying on a dry-goods store, and was there some ten or twelve years, during seven of which he was a member of the State militia, being identified part of the time with the Washington Light Guards, and then with the City Guards. On July 22, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company D, 17th Conn. V. I., and was soon thereafter made orderly sergeant. On November 15, 1862, he was promoted to second lieutenant, and after the battle of Chancellorsville he was again promoted, this time, February 20, 1864, to a first lieutenancy. His next promotion was June 29, 1865, when he became captain. Captain Peck was first with the Army of the Potomac, 2nd Brigade, 1st Divison, 11th Army Corps, then in August, 1863, his command was sent South, and was in the Department of the South. Through the three-days' battle of Gettysburg Captain Peck was in command of the company, and lost, in killed, wounded and captured, twenty-seven out of thirty-six men. His command was at the siege and bombardment of Charleston, S. C., was finally mustered out at Hilton Head, S. C., July 19, and was discharged in August following. On the close of the war he returned home, and for some two years was again in the store of his former employers, E. Birdsey & Co., in Bridgeport. Later, for about four years, he was a member of the firm of Peck & Beers, who had a general store in Newtown village. Since then he has occupied the old home farm on Mt. Pleasant, Newtown, and been engaged in farming. Captain Peck is a Republican, and is a member of the Episcopal Church. He has served as commander of Custer

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Post No. 46, G. A. R., of Sandy Hook, and of which he is now officer of the day.

On December 27, 1865, Capt. A. W. Peck married Louisa W., daughter of Charles M. Booth, of Bridgeport, Conn., and their children are: (a) Robert N., born October 4, 1866, married Helen L. Curtis, of Chicago, March 3, 1894, and has one son, Eugene Curtis, born February 5, 1895. (b) Dr. Charles H., born June 18, 1870, married Betsey F. Chaffee, of Montreal, Canada, September 2, 1896, and has one son, born June 25, 1899. (c) Grace L., born January 13, 1873, married, June 22, 1899, James S. Minor, of New York City. (d) Albert W. Peck, Jr., born July 8, 1880.

(4) Nelson J. entered the United States service during the Civil war, August 24, 1862, in Company C, 23rd Conn. Vol. Inf., and lost his life June 5, 1863, at Bayou Boeuf, La., where he was accidentally drowned, at the age of twenty-three years.

CHARLES HARRISON GAY, carriage manufacturer, Newtown, was born June 11, 1842, in the town of Weston, this county, and is of Holland-Dutch descent on the paternal side. His grandfather, John B. Gay, was a leading resident of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and at one time owned about two hundred acres of land at the present site of Vassar College. By occupation he was a hotel keeper, and he took an influential part in many movements for the development of his city, being a friend and associate of Matthew and John Vassar, and other men of public spirit. By his wife, Mahitabel, he had four children, viz.: John, our subject's father; Emma, who married Jesse Wood, of Newburg, N. Y.; Frances, wife of James Hatfield; and another daughter.

John Gay, the father of our subject, was born in 1804, in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He became a hatter by trade, and the greater portion of his life was spent in Bethel, this county, his death occurring there in 1868. In business he was quite successful, and he was active in local affairs, being especially prominent as an advocate of Temperance reform. He was one of the first signers to the petition to establish the "Maine law" in Bethel, a movement which resulted in keeping the town free from liquor selling for more than forty years. He was a member of the Sons of Temperance, and, like all of his family, he was an active adherent of the Episcopal Church. His wife, Alina Julia Nichols, of Greenfield Hill, this county, survived him a few years. They had four children, as follows: Miss Abigail Nichols Gay; Ophelia, wife of L. B. Sage, a dealer in stationery and jewelry in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charles Harrison, our subject; and John Gilbert, who resides in Newtown and is in the employ of his brother.

Mr Gay's education was begun in the district schools of the town of Bethel, where he also studied for a few years in the academy. At the age of seventeen he turned his attention to wagon making, and after working for a short time in Bridgeport he apprenticed himself to Stephen Chase, of Bethel, for a term of four years. When his time expired he remained one year as a journeyman, and then went to Bridgeport, where he continued the same employment for a year. He spent one year in St. Louis, Mo., at the close of the Civil war, but the comparison with other localities caused him to determine to make his permanent home in his native county. Returning to Bethel he soon afterward, in 1867, located in Newtown, near the village, where he has since been engaged in the manufacture of carriages.

Politically, Mr. Gay is a stanch Republican, but while he is interested in all that relates to progress he does not take an active part in public affairs. He is a leading member of Trinity Episcopal Church of Newtown, and at one time was an active worker in the Masonic Fraternity, with which he is still identified as a member of Hiram Lodge No. 18, F. & A. M., at Bethel, Connecticut.

JOHN RUSSELL SMITH, an old and esteemed resident of Lake George District, town of Newtown, is descended in both paternal and maternal lines from pioneer families of this locality.

There is a family tradition that the district in which Mr. Smith resides received its name through his paternal and maternal great-great-grandfathers, one of whom was George Smith and the other Nathan Lake. These men came together from Old Milford, Conn., and settled on the site of the home of our subject, where he was born March 5, 1819, and where he has ever since resided. The surname of one, Lake, and the Christian name of the other, George, were combined, and hence the name Lake George District.

John Smith was born June 17, 1741, and died November 16, 1799. He married Hannah Booth, and their children were: John, Squire Van, and Hannah. Of these children, John Smith, our subject's father, was born June 18, 1793, and like all of his ancestors before him he followed

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agricultural pursuits throughout life. He was an upright man, was held in high esteem by his neighbors and fellow citizens, was identified with the Episcopal Church, and in his political views was a Whig and Republican. He was twice married, (first) to Susan Lake in 1818, and (second) on April 1, 1834, to Maria Camp. His children (all by his first marriage) were: John Russell is our subject; Eliza Jane married Marcus Camp; and Susan married Henry R. Weed, of Bethel, Conn. The mother of these died September 19, 1833, aged thirty-five years, and the father on July 19, 1858. His second wife survived him some years, dying July 24, 1867.

Susan (Lake) Smith, the mother of our subject, was a daughter of John Lake, a farmer of Lake George District, and a patriot of the war of the Revolution. John Lake and his wife Susan were the parents of the following ten children: Sebra, John, Isaac, Walter, Thomas, Polly, Sally, Clara, Fanny and Susan. All married and had families, except Isaac. The sons were all farmers, and most of them lived in the present John Russell Smith neighborhood. Several of the daughters married and settled in the State of New York, while the others married and remained in Fairfield county.

John Russell Smith has been one of the steady-going farmers of Lake George District, quietly pursuing the even tenor of his way throughout his many years residence in the one place. He cast his first vote for Harrison in the memorable "Tippecanoe and Tyler too" campaign of 1840, and has ever since voted for the Presidents who have espoused the principles of the old Whig and Republican parties. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and is a conscientious and reliable man. On January 7, 1852, he married Lucia, daughter of Joel Trowbridge Camp. She died May 9, 1872, without issue, and on October 29, of the same year, Mr. Smith married Susan Jane, daughter of Benjamin Hawley, and one daughter, Mary Eliza, was born to them, October 29, 1874; she was married, October 29, 1897, to H. Wilbur Bristol.

LAKE. The Lakes were among the early settlers of Newtown. John Lake and Abigail Kimberly, both of Newtown, were married January 4, 1715, and the names and dates of birth of their children are: Sarah, March 16, 1718; Nathaniel, October 16, 1719; Charity, February 8, 1721; Ephraim, December 19, 1724; Thomas, July 31, 1726; Abigail, February 12, 1729-30; Hannah, March 2, 1736-37, Damurys (a daughter), March 3, 1741, all born in Newtown except Nathaniel, whose place of birth was Stratford.

The name of John Lake appears of record as one of the citizens of Newtown in 1712; the name also appears of record as a selectman a number of times during the first half of the present century. Thomas Lake and Betty Jackson were married December 25, 1755. Samuel Lake, of New Milford, was married, January 23, 1776, to Sarah Henry. Joseph Lake, of Sharon, was married to Sarah Warner, July 11, 1764. John Lake, Jr., married Rhoda Warner, January 10, 1753, and their children were: Emma, Dime, Gilead, Huldah, Lucy, Warner, and Rhoda.

In the old cemetery at Hawleyville rest the remains of a number of the Lakes, and from the inscriptions on the tombstones there we learn that a John Lake died March 20, 1843, aged eighty-seven years; that Susan, his wife, died March 30, 1837, aged seventy years. Legrand S. Lake died March 4, 1845, in the fifty-sixth year of his age; Deborah A., his wife, on December 1, 1864, in her sixty-seventh year. Isaac Lake died June 14, 1857, aged fifty-five years; his wife, Rebecca, on March 23, 1867, aged sixty-four years. Ziba Lake died December 5, 1867, aged seventy-nine years; Electa, his wife, on May 5, 1883, aged eighty-nine years. Ezra Lake died May 24, 1816, aged fifty-two years. Apha, wife of Ziba Lake, died July 7, 1819, aged twenty-eight years. John Lake, Jr., died November 16, 1800, aged sixty years. For years the descendants of the family were farmers of Lake George District, and those of the name mentioned as buried in the cemetery at Hawleyville came from Nathan Lake.

ROBERT S. PECK, son of Isaac and Amelia (Botsford) Peck, was born March 1, 1814. He was three times married, the first time to Abigail Booth, who died March 27, 1841, aged twenty-one; second, to Mary A. Lake, who died January 31, 1850, aged twenty-nine; and third, to Elizabeth Curtis. His death occurred March 24, 1858. Mr. Peck was a farmer of Newtown, where he was a useful and respected citizen. He had one child (by second marriage, March 29, 1846), Charlotte F., who is now the wife of Eli C. Barnum, of Danbury, and has two children: Edith Cornelia and Robert Gundison.

PETER LAKE was a member of the old family of that name who early settled in Newtown. His name is on record as having served as selectman in the beginning of the

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present century. He married Temperance Thompson, and among their children was a son, Nichols B. Lake, who married Charlotte, a daughter of Maj. Abijah Birdsey Curtis; to this union were born children as follows: (1) Joseph T., who married Hannah R. Smith and had two children—Mary J., and Nettie (who died in youth); (2) Birdsey C., who married (first) Jane Sherman, of Newtown, by whom he had two children, and (second) Phebe Peck, of New Haven; (3) Mary A., who married Robert S. Peck and had one daughter, Charlotte F., who married Eli C. Barnum, of Danbury, Conn.; and (4) Daniel B., who died in the West.

Mary Josephine Lake, daughter of Joseph and Hannah R. (Smith) Lake, married Charles F. Beardsley, and they have two sons—Clarence L. and Paul J.

SHEPARD FAMILY.* From the records of Cambridge, Mass., it is learned that "Edward Shephard" was a property owner there in 1639. By occupation he was a mariner, and records in Harvard Library mention cargoes of wheat coming "from England in Edward Shephard's vessel." He purchased a house, and lived in Cambridge, Mass., when not on the sea. He was twice married, (first) to Violet ———, and (second) to Mary, widow of Robert Pond. There is no record of any children by the second marriage. Those by the first were: John, born in 1627; Elizabeth, in 1629; Abigail, in 1631; Deborah, in 1633; and Sarah, in 1636—all born in England.

John Shepard, of the fourth generation through Edward, John, John, was born November 4, 1681; married October 9, 1707, at the Third church, Boston, Abigail, daughter of Gideon and Sarah Allen. John and Abigail Shepard were admitted to the Church at Milford, July 8, 1711, and he had purchased a house there from Sylvanus Baldwin, January 10, 1708. He died probably in 1719, as permission was granted to his widow by the General Court, Hartford, to settle the estate, and provision made for his children. After his death she married, September 8, 1723, Daniel Foote, of Stratford and Newtown, Conn.; died December 19, 1755, at Newtown, aged over seventy. The issue of John and Abigail were: John, born October 26, 1708; Rebecca, November 1, 1710; Abigail, October 22, 1713; Hannah, November 11, 1715; and Timothy (Lieut.), March 22, 1718, married Susannah Stillson. From these two sons—John and Timothy, of the fifth generation from Edward—are descended the numerous Shepards emanating from Newtown, Connecticut.

John Shepard, of the fifth generation from Edward through John, John, John, was born at Milford, October 26, 1708; ensign, 1753; married Mary Parson, of Derby, May, 1732, and removed to Newtown about 1737. His children born in Milford were: Mary, born June 19, 1733; Abigail, baptized July 16, 1735; and John, baptized May 8, 1737. His children born in Newtown were: Simeon, May 30, 1739; Abraham, 1744; David, 1747; Gideon, January 2, 1752; Stephen, in 1753; and Allen, 1756.

Timothy Shepard, of the fifth generation from Edward through John, John, John, was born March 22, 1718, and died in 1776. He was a lieutenant in the war of the Revolution. He married Susannah Stillson, of Milford, and their children were: Cornelia, baptized May 19, 1745; Rebecca, February 3, 1746; James, August 6, 1749; Moses, August 18, 1751; Lois, October 21, 1753; Moses (2), May 29, 1757; George, May 29, 1752; Amos, August 26, 1759; Mary, July 10, 1762; and Hannah, November 7, 1764.

*From "Descendants of Edward Shepard," published in 1875. It is supposed that this "Edward Shephard" came from England, but no mention of him previous to his appearance in New England is made.

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DAVID HERMON VAN HOOSEAR was born in Wilton, Fairfield Co., Conn., Mar. 20, 1844. He first attended the common school at Hurlbutt Street, Wilton, finishing his educational course under the tutorship of Hon. B. F. Brown, who was the principal of a boarding school at Cannon's Station. On October 29, 1867, he married, at Wilton, Miss Sarah Jane Quick, of the same town, but born in Redding, Conn., June 12, 1846, a daughter of Thaddeus Smith (b. Jan. 23, 1824) and Harriet (Nichols*) (b. Aug. 14, 1821) Quick, gr. dau. of Samuel P. (b. Mar. 25, 1800) and Laura (Smith) (b. Oct. 28, 1803) Quick, gt.-gr. dau. of Samuel (b. Nov. 7, 1767) and Huldah (Baxter) (b. June 23, 1776) Quick.

Mr. Van Hoosear early possessed a love for the study of medicine, and for a year or more he favored his fancy with a Brooklyn physician, taking a few lectures; but his father was so stricken at his leaving home that he abandoned the idea of becoming a doctor, and returned to his work of agriculture. He bought a small residence near his father's, repairing and im-

*Dau. of David (b. Sept. 28, 1786) and Sally (Cole) (b. Mar. 9, 1787) gr. dau. of Daniel and Sarah (Thomas) Cole

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proving it into a model home; but, his stepmother dying, he was again persuaded to remove to his place of birth, "Welcome Farm," with his father, which house he also remodeled, erecting a large horse barn, and other buildings. He owns a good farm of ninety acres (on an elevation nearly four hundred feet above tide water with a beautiful Long Island Sound view), which he has improved by fencing, removing boulders, etc., so that his crops are largely cultivated and handled by the aid of horse-power. He has acted for some years as statistical correspondent for the United States Board of Agriculture; has been secretary of the Wilton Farmers' Club for several years, before which he delivered several essays on various subjects relating to the farm, and a correspondent for several agricultural papers. A breeder of registered American Devon cattle, Angora goats, Spanish Merino and Shropshire-Down sheep. He is interested somewhat in numismatics, and has many ancient coins and curios. In 1884 he commenced the compilation of a complete genealogy of his mother's family—"Fillow, Philo and Philleo," "John Fillow and all descendants 1700," which he caused to be published in 1888. In the year 1895 he copied and published a complete copy of the inscriptions on the monuments and headstones of the oldest cemetery in Norwalk—"Epitaphs of the first cemetery in Norwalk." Since 1895 much of his time has been spent in searching the early records of Connecticut and New York State, establishing genealogical lines, preparing charts, etc., for many who have wished to trace their ascendants to their emigration to America. His correspondence so increased, and the post office being some distance away, he found it so inconvenient that he petitioned the Post Office Department in the matter. The Department thereupon established an office at "Hurlbutt Street," which has since been changed to "Hurlbutt." At present he is writing a full history of his native town, from its settlement to the present. But one child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Van Hoosear, viz: Clinton Quick Van Hoosear, born at Wilton, November 7, 1868, married at Brooklyn, N. Y., by Rev. Dr. John Adams, September 18, 1895, Ada Louisa Lewin (b. Oct. 11, 1870, in New York City), dau. of Isaac (b. Mar. 27, 1846) and Eliza Clifft (Mendenhall*) (b. June 4, 1846) Lewin, gr. dau. of William Benjamin (b. in London, Eng., Dec. 20, 1814 and Matilda Ann (Watson†) Lewin, gt.-gr. dau. of Benjamin Lewin. Clinton Q. resides at Wilton. Two children (1899)—(1). Harold Nash Van-Hoosear, b. Nov. 1, 1896, d. Feb. 13, 1897. (2). Ethel Clifft Van Hoosear, b. at Wilton, Mar. 19, 1898.

DAVID NASH VAN HOOSEAR, son of David and Sarah (Nash) Van Hoosear, born in Wilton (Grumman Hill) May 1, 1817, "at the setting of the sun." When fourteen days old his mother died, and through the sympathy of a near neighbor (Mrs. Sarah Grumman, *née* Abbott) he was taken to her home and fed with a newly-born babe of the same age as himself, and there he was cared for one and one-half years. Permela, daughter of above Sarah, being about fifteen years of age, immediately became interested in the little one (in whose father also she soon became interested), and a few months passed when he was her stepson, and to him always proved an exceptionally true, indulgent and feeling stepmother, which made him love and respect her, and in answer to any question as to his being treated with ungentleness, he says, "she was a true mother to me; many times I have observed she gave me the largest piece, and frequently has saved me from dreaded criticisms on the part of my paternal ancestor."

A few months after his father's second marriage he was taken with his parents to Thompsontown, two and one-half miles east of Monticello, Sullivan county, N. Y. The second winter following he was brought again to Wilton, where he lived until 1829, when he went to Westport, working in winter for his board and attending school in the Academy building. He determined to be a cabinet maker, and so apprenticed himself. The work was satisfactory, but the food furnished was too scarce to keep up the supply of force needed to use a pod auger all day, boring the holes through well-seasoned sycamore in the making of old-style bedsteads. The old home pantry, so often remembered by a hungry boy, had all of its agreeableness left him, and this change wrought no attraction in his mind, for it was near Christmas, which he invited himself to enjoy at his home, where he expected to have a few square meals, instead of two frost fish the size of your finger. Thinking the matter well over, he foresaw that, after this repast, he would have to return to the frost-fish fare, for the river near by was full of them, and easily caught. Upon his departure he suggested that they should not worry about him if he did not return, which without knowing further you will probably suspect he either forgot to, or did it knowingly.

In February, 1832, he began the trade of

*Dau. of John and Sarah (Ackerly) Mendenhall, gr. dau. of Cyrus & Jane H. (Hewes) Mendenhal.

†Dau. of Thomas Watson, of New York City.

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shoemaking, which he learned in all its detail, taking the leather from the tanner and turning out a fine, fair stitched boot, containing 4,800 stitches, and retailing for a half eagle. On November 1, 1837, he was united in marriage with Miss Phebe Fillow, of "Cranbury Plains," Norwalk, by the Rev. Dr. Hall, author of "Hall's Norwalk." She was the fourth dau. of Lewis Partrick (b. Mar. 13, 1786) and Lydia (Morehouse*) (b. Apl. 6, 1787) Fillow, gr. dau. of Benjamin (b. Aug. 19, 1765,) and "Clemons" (Gregory†) (b. Oct. 25, 1765) Fillow, gt.-gr. dau. of James (b. 1737) and Mary (Olmstead‡) (b. 1742) Fillow, gt.-gt.-gr. dau. of John and Phebe (Olmsted?) Fillow, which John was a son of John and Sarah Fillow. [See biography of above Phebe, No. 373, Fillow, etc. genealogy.] She was born at Norwalk, Apr. 5, 1815, died at (Hurlbutt Street) Wilton, Feb. 4, 1870, and buried in "Joe's Hill" cemetery. He had a very remarkable memory of occurrences that took place, distinctly remembering little incidents that occurred when he was only some eighteen months old, which seems almost incredible, and these incidents or coincidences he followed very completely with an unbroken chain until his death. On account of the frequency of his father's moving from place to place causing him to more fully fix the time, seems to his advantage, and harder to discredit, referring to this very early recollection. From his father's marriage to his settlement at ("Nod") Wilton, he was seldom living more than a year (and several times less) at any place. His mind was as brilliant in his old age as it was three-score years ago. He well remembered the September gale of 1821, and at that time he was suffering with whooping cough. Soon after his "eventful marriage" (as he so often called it), he became convinced that he needed more than simply a good moral life, and struggled for his soul's conversion, which eventually came; he was ready to receive it, which was a brilliant and true conversion, and without which he said he could never have withstood the trials he had to experience. He claims why he was more particulary interested at first in his religious convictions, was a desire to make himself more meritorious for his wife's companionship; as she was pure, so he wished himself to be. She was converted about the same time, and died a faithful Christian. After the marriage he lived in Norwalk until the spring of 1840 when he bought his homestead at "Hurlbutt Street," where he last resided. He was the father of two children, viz: David H. and Ophelia. She was born in Norwalk, Nov. 30, 1839; married, at Wilton, George B. Abbott, son of Lewis and Calcina (Sturges) Abbott, grandson of Michael and Amy (Taylor) Abbot, gt.-gr. son of Ebenezer and Esther (Middlebrook) Abbott, all of Wilton. She died February 4, 1879, and was buried in "Joe's Hill" cemetery, Wilton.

After the death of his first wife, Mr. Van-Hoosear married at Gates Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb., 1872, Widow Sarah Ann Banks (*née* Stratton), formerly of Westport and later of Bridgeport, Conn. She died June 1, 1888.

In politics Mr. Van Hoosear was a Jackson party man, afterward a "Loco-Focoist," and matured into a sound Democrat, always voting that ticket, excepting once when he cast a vote for Horace Greeley, which he said he ever after regretted. He was a total abstinence man, and claimed that that is the only sure way of not being a tippler, and often remarked, "let it alone and you will never get drunk" and escape all chances of possessing an acquired habit, or disease, of intemperance. After settling at Hurlbutt Street, he for several years worked at his trade, but after the Civil war he adopted the profession of agriculture, adding largely to his farm, and was very successful at that vocation. A few years before his death he gave it to his only son, who has since controlled it. He was elected selectman of Wilton, 1870, '72 '73; justice of the peace 1870, '72, '74; and held minor offices of the town. By careful management, industry and frugality he succeeded in keeping the money his grandfather Nash willed him when he was a small boy; also accumulated a good estate to secure him comforts in his last years, and leave for his descendants a fair estate. During the last four years of his life he was seriously ill, and he died at his home of chronic cystitis, January 5, 1899. He was buried in Joe's Hill cemetery.

DAVID VAN HOOSEAR, the fifth son of Rinear and "Massy" (Taylor) Van Hoosear, was born at Balston, N. Y., Dec. 13, 1796, where his parents had removed from Connecticut several years before. He came to Norwalk (now Westport), and engaged himself as a substitute for "Uriah Taylor" [Taylor] of that place to serve in the war of 1812. His place of service was Norwalk, and he was under Abraham Youngs, commander; period of service Sept. 9, 1813, to Sept. 14, 1813. [ps

*Dau. of Stephen Jr., (b. 1761) and Eleanor[6] (Morehouse) Morehouse, and gr. dau. maternally of Solomon[5], Jehu[4], Thos.[3], Thos.[2], Thos.[1]

†Dau. of Denton and "Lizzie" (Sherwood) Gregory, gr-dau. of John Gregory, all of Norwalk.

‡Dau. of Gardner and Phebe (Olmsted) Olmsted, gr. dau. maternally of John and Mary (Small) Olmsted, and paternally of Joseph and Mehitable (Warner) Olmsted, which John and Joseph were sons of Capt. James, son of Richard, the emigrant and settler of Norwalk.

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123 "Connecticut Men of the Revolution and War of 1812."] When in service he answered to the name of Uriah Taylor, for which reason he was debarred from a pension under the name of Van Hoosear. After his discharge from the army he worked for Daniel Nash, Sr., on the farm, when the acquaintance of his daughter, Sarah ("Sally") resulted in their marriage, which occurred at North Salem, N. Y., 1816. She was a widow of seven summers, and nine years his senior in age. Her previous husband was Elnathan Hanford, b. Aug. 20, 1785, d. Nov. 19, 1809, aged twenty-four years. He was the second son of Hezekiah, Jr., and Sarah (Fitch*) Hanford, grandson of Hezekiah (b. 1722, d. 1812) and Deborah (Hoyt) Hanford, gt.-gr. son of Samuel (b. 1674, d. 1751), and he a son of Rev. Thomas (the first pastor of Norwalk), who died before 1693. As the wife of Elnathan, she had three children, viz: I. Mary, b. Mar. or Apr. 1803 or 4, married at St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, Nov., 1826, George Smith, b. abt. 1805, son of Hutton and Phebe (Hyatt) Smith, and grandson of Fountain and Hannah (Wasson) Smith, all of Norwalk. She died in Mobile, Ala., Oct. or Nov., 1833, and was buried there. Their children: (1) Mary Elizabeth, b. Aug. 12, 1827, m. Charles Smith, Aug. 23, 1847, son of Ebenezer and Susannah (Wright) Smith, b. Oct. 9, 1826, d. May 10, 1888; residence East Norwalk. (2) Sarah Eliza, b. Sept. 30, 1829, d. Sept. 28, 1839, at Mobile. George Smith married, for his second wife, Mary Ann Davis. He died September 28, 1839, of yellow fever, leaving two children by her, and was buried at Mobile, Ala., where he died.

II. Sally, another daughter of Elnathan and Sally, b. Aug. 26, 1808, married Nov. 16, 1825, Capt. John B. Bennett, of Westport (Rev. K. Sherwood officiating), b. July 21, 1800, son of Isaac and Lydia (Wood†) Bennett. She d. Feb. 26, 1826, buried in Westport. Capt. John B. Bennett married, for his second wife, Apr. 16, 1827, Mary Ann Partrick, dau. of Peter and Polly (Moyer) Partrick, of Westport. No children were born to his second marriage. His children by Sally were: (1) Isaac Bennett, b. Nov. 4, 1827, who married (first) Sept., 1861, Serethea Louise Spaffer; daughter by this marriage: Sarah, b. Jan. 2, 1864, d. July, 1866; married (second) Aug. 16, 1871, Widow Martha (Malcomb) Kembell, b. Sept. 15, 1837. (2) John Henry Bennett, b. Oct. 9, 1829, married May 22, 1853, Jessie Kirk, b. Oct. 31, 1835; residence (1888) Westport. Children: Henry Isaac, b. May 24, 1854; George Washington, b. Nov. 3, 1856; Annie Jane, b. June 8, 1860; Jessie, b. Mar. 28, 1866; Mary, b. Mar. 13, 1870. (3) Cynthia Bennett, b. Dec. 1, 1831, married (first) October 27, 1857, Charles Lewis Wilson, b. Nov. 22, 1827. She d. Mar., 1825-26. Their children were: Charles W., b. Sept., 1852, d. Dec. 3, 1870. Frederick Lewis, b. Nov. 7, 1853; residence Danbury, Conn. (1899); occupation jeweler. Mary Bennett, b. Dec. 30, 1855, d. May 4, 1864. Lilly Julia, b. Aug. 11, 1857. Samuel, b. Nov. 13, 1862. Howard, b. April 20, 1866; residence Danbury. Charles L. 2nd m. Oct. 2, 1887, Widow Martha Sherman, b. Jan. 15, 1846, dau. of Gould and Sarah Murray; residence Westport, Conn. (1899). (4) Mary Bennett, b. Jan. 13, 1834, married (first) Feb. 8, 1860, Frederick Church, son of Samuel and Mary Ann (Jarvis) Church, of Norwalk, Conn., b. Mar. 14, 1832, d. Apr. 23, 1865; one child—Marion, b. Nov. 22, 1860. Mary married (second) Apr. 10, 1872, Col. Cyrus M. Ferris, b. Mar. 31, 1812. She d. Sept. 6, 1875. (5) Edward Bennett, b. Feb. 3, 1836, d. Sept. 18, 1836.

III. Dennis, son of Elnathan and Sally, was b. 1806, married (first) (by Sylvester Eaton) Hannah Sophia Raymond, Oct. 8, 1825, b. 1806, d. July 8, 1826. He married (second) Eunice Raymond, dau. of Thomas and Eunice (Meeker) Raymond, and sister of above Hannah Sophia. No children. She d. Mar. 16, 1859; he d. Aug. 29-30, 1873; all buried in the East Norwalk cemetery.

After the marriage of David Van Hoosear and Widow Sarah (Nash) Hanford they settled at Grumman Hill, Wilton, a few feet northeast of the residence of Seth L. Grumman. In the following May David N. was born. The mother-in-law visited her, the weather seemed admirable, and the question arose as to the propriety of introducing pure air through an open window, but objected to by the nurse; "Aunt" Massy, however, opened it, the patient caught cold and died on the 14th of May, 1817, and was buried in the East Norwalk Cemetery, where a misleading-inscribed marble headstone marks her resting place. She was the daughter of Daniel (Senr.) and Freelove (Wright) Nash, granddaughter of Micajah (b. Aug. 1, 1720, d. Dec. 6, 1807) and Mary (Scribner) Nash, gt.-gr. dau of John, Jr. (b. Dec. 25, 1688), and Abigail (Blakely*) Nash, gt-gt-gr. dau. of John (b. 1650) and Mary (Barley or Barlow†) (dau. of Thomas

*Dau. of James and Ann (Hanford) Fitch.
†Dau. of Captain Wood.

*Dau. of Ebenezer of New Haven, Conn.
†Savage says her name was Mary Combs, dau. of John of Boston, Mass., and also says widow of Thomas Barley married —— Combs.

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of Fairfield, Conn.) Nash, gt-gt-gt-gr. dau. of Edward, Jr. (b. 1630), a son of Edward (b. at Lancaster, Eng., 1592). After the death of Sarah, David Van Hoosear was married (second) Mar. 23, 1818, at Wilton, by the Rev. Mr. Smith (Episcopal) to Miss Permela Grumman, dau. of Uriah Smith and Sarah (Abbott) Grumman, granddaughter of John and Sarah (Nash) Grumman. Soon after this marriage he removed to Sullivan county, N. Y., where he settled on a large farm, built a log hut, but returned to Wilton in less than two summers. He lived in several places about the town, and in 1824 settled on his homestead, where he died of pneumonitis, Apr. 20, 1871, and is buried in Joe's Hill cemetery. His children, by the second marriage, were: Louisa, Sally, Harriet A., Mary, Ebenezer, William, Charles, Elizabeth, George Edgar, Sylvester, Antoinette, and Henry.

RINEAR VAN HOOSEAR was born about the year 1756 or 57, probably in Holland. Tradition asserts he came with his parents from that place, and settled on Long Island, New York. When about fifteen years of age he came to Westport. He soon began work in the neighborhood of where the girl was, who was to be his wife. "He enlisted from Weston, Conn., in the fall of 1776," to serve in the Revolutionary war, serving as corporal and part of the time as sergeant, for three years. Some little time before the end of the war "Ryoner Van Houser married Mercy or Marcy" Taylor (1782), "Rhyoneer Van Hooser" and wife renewed covenant at Weston, Conn. Removed to Balston, N. Y., and afterward settled at Wilton. His children were: I. David (died young), II. Hezekiah, III. Maria, IV. Rhoda, and V. David (2nd.) He eventually settled at a place early known as "Wampum Hill," but later as "Dumplin Hill," Wilton, and was killed by lightning April, 1819. His wife Mercy was a daughter of Jonathan and Lois (Coley*) Taylor, granddaughter of Josiah and Thankful (French) Taylor, gt-gr.dau. of John and Wait (Clapp) Taylor, which John was a son of John Taylor, Jr. She died at Poplar Plains, Norwalk, about 1833, and is buried in the cemetery near by.

*Dau. of John and Mercy (Gregory) Coley, granddaughter of Samuel and Mary (Carles) Coley; great-granddaughter of Samuel Coley, the immigrant.

JESSE ALEXANDER JAMES, of Hawleyville, is an enterprising and successful young business man who has made his own way in life by sheer force of merit, as the history of his career will show.

Mr. James was born January 16, 1862, in the town of New Fairfield, this county, and is named in honor of his grandfather, a native of Nashville, Tenn., and a veteran of the Florida war, who came North about 1825 and located at Bethel, where he engaged in farming and following the hatter's trade. He married a Miss Taylor, and they had six children, viz.: Andrew; Minerva, Mrs. Mansfield; Delia, who married John Nicholson; Caroline, who married George Keeler; Jesse L., our subject's father; and one who died when about eighteen years old.

Jesse L. James was born in the town of Bethel February 9, 1837, and is now living in retirement upon a small farm near Botsford Station. In his youth he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for three or four years in New Milford, Conn., later removing to Norwalk, this county, and engaging in business as a carriage manufacturer in partnership with a Mr. Ruby. This arrangement lasted only a few years, and after the dissolution of the firm Mr. James went to Brookfield and rebuilt the old "American Hotel," which he christened the "American House" and conducted for many years, until its destruction by fire in February, 1896. Since that time he has devoted his attention to the cultivation of his farm, and as he has been generally successful in his business life he enjoys a comfortable competence. He is a man of sterling character, and is held in high esteem by all who know him. Mr. James is specially fond of a good horse, and no better judge of horseflesh can be found in this section. Politically he is a Democrat, but he has never aspired to official position. During the Civil war he made an honorable record as a soldier, enlisting in the First Conn. V. I. immediately after the first call was issued by the Government for defenders. At the expiration of his first term of three months he re-enlisted for three years, "or during the war," and he remained in the service as long as there was any fighting to be done. He belongs to Upson Post, G. A. R, of New Milford, and to the Veterans' Union, and is also a member of the Masonic Fraternity, belonging to St. Peter's Lodge No. 21, and Housatonic Chapter No. 74, both of New Milford. Mr. James married Miss Julia Ann McLean, daughter of Alexander McLean, a well-known resident of Danbury, and of their two sons, Paul E. and Jesse A., the former now resides in Concord, N. H., and is the general agent for New Hampshire and Vermont for a portrait firm.

The subject proper of our sketch was prepared for the battle of life by a good practical education received in the public schools of New Mil-

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ford and the Westport Academy, where he studied two years under the instruction of James E. Coley. When about seventeen years old he was employed as an errand boy in the Bridgeport office of the Housatonic railroad, where he remained eight years and was promoted from time to time until he reached the position of billing clerk. He resigned in order to engage in the real-estate business in Bridgeport with James H. Sentner, but the venture was short-lived, lasting only from February to July. Mr. James then went to Brookfield and assisted his father in the hotel business for about four years, when he again entered the railroad business. On August 1, 1891, he was appointed agent for the Housatonic & Shepaug railroad at Hawleyville, and in February, 1896, when the Consolidated Company gained control of the New England railroad, he was given charge of their interests in addition to his other duties. He is also agent for the United States Express Company, and in this position has the sole supervision of the work of ten men.

In 1891 Mr. James married Miss Orlean Sturges Supple, daughter of Henry and Clarissa (Sturges) Supple, and two children have blessed their union: Jesse Loderick and Catherine Amanda. Socially Mr. James is identified with St. Peter's Lodge No. 21, F. & A. M., and Housatonic Chapter No. 74, both of New Milford. He takes much interest in public questions, and is an influential member of the Democratic organization of his locality, having held various town offices while residing in Brookfield.

JESSE M. HAYES. As with all coast towns, fishing is one of the important industries of the city of Bridgeport, and we here present to our readers a brief review of the life of Jesse M. Hayes, who is at the head of the Hayes Fish Company.

Uriah Hayes, the grandfather of our subject, was a resident of Brookfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., where after reaching man's estate he followed carpentering. He married Miss Ruth Lockwood, a native of Brookfield, and by this union he became the father of seven children—five sons and two daughters—namely: Homer, Polly, Hanford, William, Susan, Eli and Charles. The father of this family was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. William Hayes, who was born in Brookfield, Conn., January 22, 1822, passed his boyhood in his native town. In 1842, at Woodbury, Conn., he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza J. Coan, a native of Roxbury, Conn., where she was born January 22, 1822. Mr. and Mrs. William Hayes became the parents of eight children: Susan, who married George Middlebrook, and lives on Staten Island (she has two sons—George and Frederick); Stanley, deceased; Charles, deceased; Sarah, of Mt. Vernon, who married Dr. Charles Merritt; Ida, who became the wife of William Henry Foote, of Chicago (she has two sons—Charles and Stanley); Henry, deceased; Clarence; and Jesse M., our subject. The father of these children, who was a mason and builder in Bridgeport, died June 27, 1870, a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church (as is his widow). He was an active member of the Sons of Temperance. His widow is passing her declining years in rest and quiet at the home of our subject.

Jesse M. Hayes, whose name introduces this sketch, has passed his entire life in Bridgeport, where he was born March 3, 1864. He received his literary training in the public schools, but early entered the arena of business, beginning as an errand boy in a store. He then, under the able direction of A. D. Laws, learned the machinist trade, at which he worked with great success until 1886. He then went to work for C. A. Hayes, in the fish market on Water street, where he remained until 1895, when C. A. Hayes retired from business. Our subject then incorporated the Hayes Fish Company, under the laws of New Jersey, and he is the chief stockholder of the company. He carries on business at Nos. 449-451 Water street. In 1892 he also conducted a fish market at Danbury, Connecticut.

On May 30, 1887, Mr. Hayes was married to Miss Maggie Maud Mitchell, and they have two interesting children—Clarence Mitchell and Helen Louisa. Socially, Mr. Hayes is a member of the Order of Red Men, Konapotanauh Tribe No. 30; a member of the Park City Yacht Club; and is also a member of the Progressive Club in Danbury. He is highly esteemed as a neighbor and citizen, and he and his wife are well known in social circles.

HON. G. MORTIMER RUNDLE, one of the most prominent citizens of Danbury, is a man of comprehensive mind and unusual force of character, as is shown by his successful management of numerous enterprises, public and private. To mention the business firms with which he is connected would be to name a goodly proportion of the industries of Danbury, while his political career has been signalized by active devotion to municipal improvement.

Mr. Rundle was born March 21, 1855, in

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Putnam county, N. Y., and is a member of a well-known family of that locality. Samuel H. Rundle, his father, now the president of the Danbury National Bank, was born near Brewster, N. Y., and after following mercantile pursuits in New York City for some years of his early manhood—settled in Danbury. He has since been prominent among the business men of the place, and until 1890 was a member of the firm of Rundle & White, manufacturers of woolen hats, and he also conducted a stock farm in partnership with Mr. White. He married Miss Lavina C. White, and they had three sons: Anthony M., Rupert and G. Mortimer.

At the time of our subject's birth his father was a merchant in New York City, but the family removing to Danbury he received his education in the public schools of that city, from which he was graduated, following with a business course in Packard's Business College, New York City. On graduating from that institution Mr. Rundle returned home to enter the hat factory of Rundle & White, where he was employed until the business was closed out in 1890. He then devoted his attention to the stock farm, and also became connected with the Rogers Silver Plate Company, of which he has been a stockholder for more than six years. At present he is treasurer of the company and has general charge of its plant. He is a director in the Danbury National Bank, and is connected in a similar position with a number of other concerns in which he holds stock. For ten years past he has been a director in the Danbury Agricultural Society, serving throughout that time as secretary of the horse department, and for three years he has held the office of general secretary.

As an ardent Republican Mr. Rundle has always taken much interest in politics, and he has served several years as chairman of the city and town committees. In 1889 he was elected alderman from the Second ward for a term of two years, during which he was chairman of the Street committee, and in March, 1895, he was the choice of the people for mayor, his term expiring April 15, 1897.

Mr. Rundle married Miss Eliza W. Bacon, daughter of John W. Bacon, president of the Danbury Savings Bank. Her mother, whose maiden name was Eliza Botsford, is a daughter of the late Doctor Botsford, who was for many years a leading physician of Danbury. Two children, Christine and Marguerite, have blessed this union. Mr. Rundle and his wife belong to the First Congregational Church of Danbury, and here also his ability and energy are brought into service as a member of various committees.

DAVID L. COLEY. Fairfield county has many prominent families whose record may well be perused by those to come, and they cannot fail to find therein admirable examples of thrift, progress and honesty well worthy of emulation. Not the least among these families is that of the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch.

Mr. Coley was born October 13, 1815, in the city of Lansingburg, Rensselaer, Co., N. Y., whence at the age of ten years he came with his parents to Weston. He received his education in part at both places, attending also for a time Professor Olmstead's school. His first experience of work was obtained in a sawmill, where he was employed for some time, and later he established a machine shop and foundry in the town of Weston, which he conducted many years. He also manufactured sidearms for the army, stove repairs and other articles.

David L. Coley married Miss Catherine Sherwood, who was born August 22, 1819, at Westport, Conn., daughter of Ebenezer and Ellen (Andrews) Sherwood, the former the proprietor of a mill at Westport. A brief record of the children born to this union is as follows: Frederick, born July 11, 1845, married Carrie A. Eddy; Catherine S., born November 20, 1847, died April 6, 1849; Julia F., born July 11, 1848, died March 20, 1849; Catherine E., born March 10, 1850, married Dwight E. Hewett; Julia D., born November 12, 1851, married Fred Sherwood; Maria L., born August 8, 1854, is unmarried; Mary A., born January 10, 1856, died December 3, 1867; and David L., born November 29, 1858, married Clara I. Sherwood.

Politically our subject is a Democrat, and he has represented the town of Weston in the State Legislature. In religious faith he has been a lifelong member of the Congregational Church, uniting first with the Congregation at Norfield and at present with the one at Weston, in which he has served as deacon and member of the Church committee. During the old "training days" Mr. Coley served in the State militia.

David Coley, great-grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Weston, Conn., and was a lifelong farmer. He married a Miss Hyde, and we have record of two children: David, a sketch of whom follows, and Ebenezer.

David Coley, maternal grandfather of our subject, was also born in the town of Weston, where he built a mill on the site now occupied by his grandson, David L. He married Miss Lydia Sturges, of Weston, and they had two children: Rachel, who married Samuel Rowland; and Mary H., who married Levi Coley.

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Levi Coley, father of our subject, was born in the town of Weston, son of Ebenezer Coley, and received his education at Lansingburg, N. Y. When old enough he entered a store and commenced clerking, continuing thus for a number of years, after which he engaged in business for his own account until some time after his marriage. He wedded Mary H. Coley (as above recorded), and they had children as follows: Mary A. died young; David L. is our subject proper; Levi D. married Sarah M. Nichols; Ebenezer married Jane Sturges; Frederick married Harriet Banks; and Frances (twin of Frederick) married William Lansing. The father of this family, though not a Church member, was a regular attendant of the Congregational Church.

SAMUEL R. LOUDEN, an honored and highly respected citizen of Riverside, is a worthy representative of one of the old families of Fairfield county.

Our subject's grandfather, James Louden, who was of Scotch extraction and a native of Greenwich township, was a shoemaker by trade and never accumulated much property. He married Elsie Brown, by whom he had the following named children: Allen, a farmer, who lived at Quaker Ridge and died at Nash's Corner; Obediah, the father of our subject; Charles, who was engaged in making stone walls, and died at Round Hill in the spring of 1897; James, a farmer of North Cos Cob; Ann A., who married William Platt, and died at Round Hill; Eliza, deceased wife of Henry Vail; Sarah, who married William Smith, and died in Greenwich, in 1897; Elthera, Mrs. Hiram June, of Round Hill; and Mary, who wedded Erastus Birdsall and lives at Round Hill. The father of these children died at the age of eighty years, the mother when nearly ninety, and both were buried in Quaker Ridge cemetery. She was a Presbyterian in religious faith. Mr. Louden was a Democrat in politics.

Obediah Louden, our subject's father, was born on Quaker Ridge, Greenwich township, in 1810, received a rather limited education, and began life for himself at an early age. On reaching man's estate he was married, at Quaker Ridge, to Miss Jane Kaucheart, a lady of French extraction, who was born in New York City, in 1814, daughter of Samuel Kaucheart, and they began housekeeping in a humble way, as their means were very limited. Mr. Louden first worked at his trade, that of stone mason, and also engaged in harvesting in season until he was able to secure work as a contractor, building cellar walls, stone walls, etc. In later years he had quite an extensive and profitable patronage, and was able to purchase a good home in Kensico, N. Y., where he died in April, 1882, his remains being interred in the Quaker Ridge cemetery. He was a stanch Democrat, and took a great interest in political affairs, but was never an office seeker. His widow, who now finds a pleasant home with her children, is well preserved and very active, and at the age of eighty-four is able to sew without glasses.

Children were born to this worthy couple as follows: Amanda married Henry Finch, and died in North Castle, N. Y. Samuel R. is the second of the family. Theodore was in early life a shoemaker, later formed a stock company and engaged in the manufacture of mowing machines at Riverside, and subsequently became interested in the nursery business, with which he was connected for several years; he left a good home and property in Middletown, N. Y., where he died. William is an expert shoemaker and well-to-do citizen of Middletown. Thomas C. is mentioned elsewhere. Cornelius learned the miller's trade in his younger days, but for some years has been a jeweler of Gotham, N. Y. Julia married Newman Weeks, and died in Nyack, N. Y. One son, twin of Julia, died in infancy. Phebe is now Mrs. George A. Palmer, of Sound Beach, Conn. Mary D. is Mrs. Richard Banks, of Chappaqua, N. Y. Euphemia is Mrs. Stephen Barnes, living near Pleasantville, New York.

Samuel R. Louden was born December 7, 1834, on King Street, on the State line between New York and Connecticut, and obtained his education in the country schools of that locality. His school days were over at the age of about twelve years, however, previous to which he had worked for his board with the privilege of attending school. Leaving home soon afterward, he went to New York, where he tried to enlist for service in the Mexican war, but was rejected on account of his age, and he then stowed away on the steamer "Connecticut" and went to Boston, where he also endeavored to join the army but was again refused. He had no money, only a bundle of clothes which he carried under his arm. While standing at the Old Colony depot, he was accosted by S. F. Kato, who inquired his business, and on learning of our subject's destitution, he offered him work, taking care of horses in a livery stable at $12 per month. After nine months' employment with that gentleman he returned to his home in Kensico, N. Y., and accepted a position with a farmer. Not long afterward he began learning the blacksmith's trade with his uncle, William Platt, on Quaker Ridge, but a few months later he was seriously injured

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by the kick of a horse and was obliged to give up that business. He then commenced to learn sash and blind manufacturing, but before he had completed his apprenticeship machinery making those articles much cheaper than they could be made by hand was put in operation, and he was again thrown out of employment. Returning to the country he entered into partnership with his father in building stone fences, and some months later accepted a position as boss farmer for a gentleman at Irvington, N. Y., with whom he later went to New York City, taking charge of a planing-mill yard, where he was employed until the firm failed.

On July 2, 1857, in New York City, Mr. Louden married Miss Charlotte Keyes, of Englishtown, N. J., who was born in 1837, the daughter of George Keyes, a farmer. The children born to them were: Charles E., who died at the age of sixteen years; George K., a resident of New Haven, Conn.; Charlotte A., now Mrs. William A. Wilmot; Samuel R., Jr., who died at the age of five years and seven months; Samuel E., postmaster and a member of the firm of S. R. Louden & Son, at Riverside; and Walter W., who is employed by his father.

After his marriage Mr. Louden located at Englishtown, N. J., where he was engaged in driving a feed-wagon for a few months. He then returned to New York City and, buying a horse and cart in West Washington Market, started in the draying business, which he has successfully followed ever since. He continued to reside in that city until April, 1882, when he came to Riverside, Conn., and improved the property on which he located. In 1888 he erected his present pleasant residence, and has since built two other houses, which he rents, and also a house in Sound Beach. He owns a number of building-lots in Riverside, and has taken quite an active and prominent part in the development of that place. It is now forty years since he became interested in the draying and trucking business in New York City, starting with a capital of only $45, and he has steadily prospered, with the aid of his estimable wife, who has proved a valuable helpmeet, succeeding in accumulating a handsome property.

Under President Cleveland, Mr. Louden was appointed postmaster at Riverside, and is still acceptably filling that position. He cast his first Presidential vote for John C. Fremont, and has ever since been an ardent Republican. Fraternally, he is a member of Albion Lodge No. 26, F. & A. M., of New York City, and John Stewart, who is now past grand master of the State of New York, was proposed by our subject for membership in that order. Both Mr. and Mrs. Louden are members of the Baptist Church, and wherever known are held in high regard.

JOHN MACKIE BROWN, a prominent business man and citizen of Stamford, Fairfield county, where he has been engaged in the plumbing and steam-fitting business for ten years, during which time he has made a most creditable record, was born in New York City, November 7, 1856.

Mr. Brown has acquired more than a local reputation in the building trade, having executed large contracts in both Connecticut and New York State; among others, all the sanitary work at the St. John's Episcopal church, and the Ferguson Memorial buildings, besides many of the best residences of Stamford and surrounding locality; also most of the sanitary and heating work for Messrs. Ferguson and others at Fishers Island, New York.

Mr. Brown is of Scottish parentage. John Brown, his father, was, before he came to this country, associated with his father, who was an extensive builder and contractor in the County of Haddington, Scotland. Our subject's mother, who was Miss Eliza Robina Greig, was a native of Edinburgh, a daughter of a lawyer of that city, and was married in Edinburgh March 24, 1852. In March, 1856, the parents came to New York City from their native land, and in the spring of 1857 removed to Stamford, Conn., where, for over sixteen years, John Brown, Sr., was a well-known and much esteemed citizen of the town. He was long connected with the building trade of Stamford and locality, and much of the best stone work done in Stamford was under his supervision. In 1873 he, with his wife and family, returned to the place of his birth, and there at Haddington, in the churchyard, rest (beside those of his kinsfolk) the remains of himself, wife and eldest son, James Sylvester, and daughter Janet.

To their marriage were born children as follow: James Sylvester, who died in Haddington, Scotland, in March, 1891; Janet, who died in infancy; John Mackie (our subject); Jane Hoyt (Mrs. Thomas M. Ross); Alexander Raeburn (deceased); Robert George, who is associated with his brother J. M. in the business in Stamford; Mary Agnes, who resides with her brothers; and Thomas, who is with a New York house.

John M. Brown passed his boyhood days in Stamford, where he attended the public schools. In 1873 he accompanied his parents to Haddington, Scotland, and there he learned the business which he has since followed with marked success.

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Before commencing business in Scotland on his own account, he in 1883 was with the well-known firm of sanitary engineers, Dent & Hellyer, of London, England. He displayed much talent in that line of work and made articles that were exhibited in International Exhibitions held, as follows: In London, 1883; Edinburgh, 1884 and 1886, and Glasgow, 1888, at all of which his work was most highly commended, and awards in the way of medals and diplomas given him. One piece of his work a model (in bronze) of "the Lamp of Lothian," a historical ruin in Haddington, Scotland, received a place in the John Knox collection, Bishop's Castle, Glasgow, International Exhibition, 1888, and was treated in the "Book of the Bishop's Castle, and Handbook of the Archæological Collection," published by Constable & Co.

In April, 1889, Mr. Brown and his sister visited his native land, arriving in New York on the morning of the great parade, when that city was celebrating the Centenary of the Inauguration of Washington. On the advice of their many friends they were induced to remain, and Mr. Brown to engage in business. He has no reason to regret the step then taken. From that time to this he has been actively engaged in business, and is now one of the extensive contractors of Stamford. He stands well as a man in the esteem of his fellow citizens. He has given evidence of his ability and good judgment, and skill in the handling of large contracts here, and also in New York State. In 1889, deciding to remain in business in Stamford, he turned over his business in Haddington, Scotland, to Thomas M. Ross, his brother-in-law.

Socially, Mr. Brown is prominent in various orders in Stamford, and is past grand of Tyneside Lodge, I. O. O. F., Haddington, Scotland, also a member of Rippowam Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Stamford. For several years he was president of the Stamford Scottish Society, and as such presided at the Burns Birthday banquets, which were attended by the clergy, professional, and business men of Stamford. He is a member of Union Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M., and represented both that body and the Scottish Society at the Robert Burns Centenary celebrations held at Dumfries and Glasgow, Scotland, July 21, 1896. He is an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church, and director of St. John's Chapter, "Brotherhood of St. Andrew," having attended as delegate the National and State conventions of the order. He served on a number of committees in connection with the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of the town of Stamford, held in October, 1893, and as president of the Scottish Society marched at the head of the Scottish contingent, which was augmented by delegations from the Highland Guard of New York City and the Caledonians from Bridgeport, Conn.; this was the grandest procession ever held in Stamford. He was one of the representative citizens appointed to supervise the distribution of relief to the needy during the severe winter of 1894.

Mr. Brown has traveled extensively in both this and the old country, and was one of those fortunate enough to witness the "Diamond Jubilee" celebration at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, also the military and naval reviews held at Aldershot and Spithead, respectively. He is one of Stamford's substantial men and well-to-do citizens.

BARTHOLOMEW RYLE, who is at present serving as selectman of the town of Stamford, Fairfield county, is one of the prospering business men of that locality, where he has lived from early manhood.

Mr. Ryle is a native of Ireland, born in 1852 in County Kerry, where he was reared, receiving his education in the national schools of his native country. At the age of seventeen he set out for the United States, with little but his ambition and persevering energy to help him make his way in the world, and, landing in New York City, soon afterward came to Stamford, where, with the exception of one year, when he was engaged in farming in Pennsylvania, he has ever since resided. On his return to Stamford from Pennsylvania he opened a grocery and liquor business, which he has continued to carry on up to the present time, and he has added another branch of trade, wholesaling beer. His establishment is on the Connecticut road, and Mr. Ryle has now a thriving business, which he has built up by good management and the observance of honorable business methods, for he bears an enviable reputation for honesty throughout the township. In 1896 his fellow citizens honored him with election to the responsible position of selectman, which he is at present filling.

Mr. Ryle was married in Stamford to Miss Mary Stack, and their family consisted of six children: John Francis, Robert, Thomas, Nellie Ann, Maggie and Minnie. They are devout Catholics in religious faith, belonging to St. John's parish, and Mr. Ryle is a member of the Catholic Benevolent Legion and the Second Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. His brother is a priest in Montville, Conn., and Father McClean, of Hartford, is his nephew.

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WALLACE OLMSTEAD, the able editor of the Danbury *Dispatch*, undertook a difficult task when he entered the journalistic field in competition with that well-known and long-established paper, the Danbury *News*. Out of thirty-two rivals that have arisen from time to time against the *News* the *Dispatch* is the only one to achieve success, a fact which speaks more eloquently than could any words for the courage, energy and mental power of its young owner and editor.

Mr. Olmstead has a good ancestry behind him, his lineage being traced back through eleven generations to one Thomas Olmstead, who was born in England about 1525. His ancestors settled in America in Colonial times, and his great-grandfather, Ebenezer Olmstead, served in Washington's army in the struggle for independence. His grandmother on the paternal side was a daughter of John Roberts, another Revolutionary soldier.

At the time of our subject's birth, May 27, 1868, his parents, Frederick S. and Mary Jane (Boughton) Olmstead, resided in Balls Pond District, five miles from Danbury, but in 1870 the family removed to that city, where Mr. Olmstead obtained a common-school education during his boyhood. At fifteen he left school to enter the employ of the New York Central railroad, and remained five years in the operating department. In 1888 he began the study of law under the direction of Judge James E. Walsh, and a year later entered the law school connected with Yale College, where he was graduated in 1891. Returning to Danbury he was in the following year appointed deputy registrar of voters; from 1892 to 1894 he served as clerk of the city court, and in 1897 he was elected city clerk by the largest majority ever accorded any candidate for this position. In the summer of 1894 Mr. Olmstead purchased a small interest in *The Evening Daily Dispatch*, on which he worked for a short time as reporter. He received early promotion to the editorial chair, and in July, 1895, he bought the entire business. Realizing that the prospects for success were not of the brightest, he made several changes with excellent results, and on January 1, 1896, he began issuing the paper in the morning instead of the evening, as before. The *Dispatch* is fearless in its championship of any measure which seems to promise benefit to the people, and is thoroughly loyal to Danbury. In connection therewith is an extensive job and book printing business, some fine specimens of work being turned out. In May, 1896, Mr. Olmstead took into partnership his brother, Frederick S. Olmstead, Jr., as business manager. In politics our subject is a Democrat, and at present he is chairman of the town committee. So well did he manage the local campaign in 1896 that his town went Democratic, being one of two in the State to give a majority to that ticket.

In October, 1893, Mr. Olmstead was united in marriage with Miss Nellie E. Conklin, daughter of William and Hortense (Oliver) Conklin, of Danbury.

Frederick S. Olmstead, Jr., was born in Danbury, February 19, 1875, and received his elementary education in the public schools. In September, 1892, he entered Vermont Academy, at Saxton's River, Vt., but in December, 1894, illness compelled him to abandon his studies and return home. In the fall of 1895 he took a position as a reporter on the staff of the *Dispatch*, and a few months later became a partner in the business, as stated above, his special duties including the management of the newspaper and job-printing department. Like his brother, he is a stanch Democrat. The Olmstead family is prominent in social life as well as in business and political circles, and both of the publishers of the *Dispatch* are charter members of Justinian Senate No. 65, Knights of the Ancient Essenic Order.

HENRY O. CANFIELD. In the early life of Henry O. Canfield is well typified the keen versatile traits which mark the successful business man of to-day. He had been thoroughly schooled for his work in life, for before entering upon it he had been given those preparatory touches by way of education which made the foundation broad and deep, fitted for the subsequent structure. His ancestry displayed various bents by the way of avocation. His grandfather, Capt. Ira B. Canfield, son of Josiah Canfield, followed the fortunes of the ocean, and gave up his life to his occupation, for he was lost at sea. His father, Jared H. Canfield, was a manufacturer of rubber goods, and that is the business of the subject of this sketch.

Henry O. Canfield was born at Naugatuck, Conn., November 19, 1847, a son of Jared H. and Mary A. (Andrews) Canfield. The father was born at Saybrook, Conn., and the mother, who was a daughter of Benaja Andrews, was born at Meriden, Conn. They had three children: Isaac A., Elizabeth C., and Henry O. The last named received his education in the public schools at Naugatuck, and subsequently studied abroad—in France and Germany.

Returning to America, Mr. Canfield was for several years engaged in the dry-goods business.

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Railroad construction in the West was developing rapidly, and in 1871, at the age of twenty-four years, Mr. Canfield began a valuable experience in transportation work by becoming local agent at Pekin, Ill., for the Peoria, Pekin and Jacksonville Railroad Company. He rose rapidly, and in 1876 was appointed general freight agent of the company. He remained an official in its service until 1880, when the property was sold to and absorbed by the Wabash road. Then for five years Mr. Canfield filled satisfactorily a still more difficult role, that of commissioner for various railroad pools, which the common carriers at that time had in operation. In November, 1885, he accepted the position of secretary and general superintendent of the Campbell Rubber Company, and to fill that position he removed to Bridgeport. He remained with that company until January 1, 1889, when he resigned and started a rubber business of his own, which he has ever since successfully conducted.

In the social amenities of life Mr. Canfield is prominently connected. He is a member of many organizations, and has held numerous offices in these various bodies. He is a Freemason of the thirty-second degree, and a member of the Sea Side, Algonquin and Brooklyn Country Clubs. He married Miss Imogene C. Freshour, and they have three children: Joseph B., Albert H., and Henry B. The parents are members of the South Congregational Church. In politics Mr. Canfield is a Republican.

DAVID H. MEEKER, first selectman of the town of Brookfield, was born at his present residence, November 27, 1825, and has always made his home here. His education was obtained in the district schools and at Robbins select school at Brookfield Center. His first business venture was as drover, buying cattle in the west and shipping them to Eastern markets. He has always farmed in Brookfield, and has been eminently successful in his chosen calling, his well-kept buildings, clean fields, and the modern improvements of a first-class farm all betokening him to be a man of energy and enterprise.

On March 8, 1856, Mr. Meeker was united in marriage with Miss Sarah E. Hoy, daughter of Joel B. Hoy, and one child was born of this union: Hannah Eliza, who married Edmund Weld, by whom she had five children—Paul Fletcher, Harley Bishop, Jessie (deceased), Edmund, Jr., and Ruth. Mrs. Meeker died December 16, 1892. Politically Mr. Meeker is a worker in the ranks of the Democratic party, and he has held the office of first selectman for a number of years, being at present the only Democrat filling a town office, which fact speaks well for his faithful discharge of official duty. In 1869 he was honored by election to the State Legislature. He is a member of several fraternal orders, belonging to Union Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M., of Danbury, and was a member of Evergreen Lodge No. 49, I. O. O. F., in Brookfield. In St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of which he has long been an honored member, he has served as vestryman. His long service in the interests of his fellow citizens, his progressiveness, his abundant charity for all men, have given him an honored place in the esteem of his neighbors.

Daniel Meeker, the grandfather of our subject, was a lifelong resident of the town of Fairfield. He married Eunice Buckley, and in their family were the following children: Daniel Hill, David, Eunice (who married Thomas Raymond, of Norwalk, Conn.), Abigail, Charity, and William, all of whom are now deceased. Daniel Meeker was a farmer by occupation, and politically a loyal subject of Great Britain. He was a devout member of the Established Church.

David Meeker, father of our subject and second in the above-mentioned family, was born at Greenfield, in the town of Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., January 26, 1777, and in his native village passed his boyhood days in the usual manner of farmer boys—attending the district school and working on the home farm. His occupation was always farming, which he carried on constantly since his youth, when he came to Brookfield and made his home with his brother William. He cleared the timber from a tract of land in the western part of the town, and that clearing is to-day the well-tilled fields of the farm of our subject proper, David H. Meeker. At Newtown, Conn., David Meeker was married to Hannah Harris, daughter of Prof. Luther Harris, and in their family was one son—David Harris, our subject—and four daughters, all now deceased—Mary, who married E. Leach; Sally, who married R. Lane; Eliza, who became the wife of Hanford M. Kellogg; and Cornelia M., who married J. W. Morehouse. Mr. Meeker was a very prominent man in the politics of his town, voting with the Whig party, and was selectman for a number of years. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. In all movements of importance David Meeker was at the fore, and his death on January 20, 1857, made a vacancy it was difficult to fill. His genial manners and honorable dealing made an impression that has not been effaced by the intervening years.

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THOMAS K. ORTON, proprietor of the Star Bakery and Grocery, Bridgeport, is a man of enterprise and foresight, and, as the first in his locality to place home-made bread on the market in any quantity, he has reaped a well-deserved reward in a large and lucrative patronage. In other departments of his business he is equally disposed to introduce profitable innovations, and his stock of goods is chosen with judgment and arranged with taste. His success has not been gained without hard work and shrewd management, as he began life with no capital or influential friends, and his reverses at times have been so severe as to have discouraged an ordinary man; but through all he has kept on persistently, paying every dollar of indebtedness contracted, and maintaining unsullied his integrity and honor.

Mr. Orton belongs to an old Virginia family, his ancestors having resided for several generations at Portsmouth, in the Old Dominion. Thomas Orton, the great-grandfather, was born in 1729, and died in 1804. Thomas Orton, our subject's grandfather, was born April 14, 1785. He was a man of wealth and influence, and owned a large tract of land in the vicinity of Portsmouth, where he died at a comparatively early age from injuries resulting from the bursting of a gun while he was hunting bears in the woods. The names, with dates of births, of his children are as follows: Elvington K., 1808; G. W., 1810; Ezekiel, 1812; Catharine, 1815; Elizabeth, 1818; Martha, 1819; Margaret, 1820, and Thomas T., July 3, 1827.

Thomas T. Orton, the father of our subject, gave early evidence of rare mechanical ability, and after becoming familiar with the details of the blacksmith's trade he was employed as a skilled workman in the navy yard at Portsmouth. He sympathized strongly with the abolition movement, and when the Civil war broke out his opinions brought him into popular disfavor, and more than once caused danger to his life and liberty. For laughing when Roanoke Island fell into the Federal hands, he was arrested for treason, and he was at the same time accused of running the blockade and carrying information to Newport News. As his family lived in Portsmouth he was compelled to remain there and keep up, so far as possible, an outward appearance of loyalty to the Confederate cause. When the Rebels took possession of Portsmouth navy yard he was drafted into their service, and continued his work there. He unspiked the same cannon that he had previously spiked, and was also employed for some time in the building of the famous "Merrimac," especially in the construction of the prow. As the war progressed he found it more and more difficult to evade persecution, his real sentiment being well known, and in the fall of 1862 he removed to Washington, D. C., where he found employment in the navy yard. At the time that Early's forces were approaching the capital, all available men in the service of the government were called out to resist the threatened raid, and our subject's father willingly "shouldered arms" for the cause. He was courageous and determined by nature, and but for his family would doubtless have been in the Union army. While he was not a Church member, he gave to the support of religious work, and throughout his life he was noted for correct habits and moral uprightness.

His wife, Jane F. (Lewis), was born in Portsmouth, Va., where her father, Samuel M. Lewis, was engaged in business as a cabinet-maker. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and was much esteemed for her qualities of mind and heart. Her death occurred in Washington, September 26, 1864, and her remains were interred at Portsmouth, where her husband afterward resided, engaging in work in the navy yard, and also in the filling of private orders. While at work he accidently broke a limb, causing a permanent injury and probably hastening his death, which occurred at Portsmouth, February 15, 1889. His home and family were his dearest interests, and he considered it his first duty to provide every essential comfort for his loved ones. Our subject is the eldest of seven children, the others being Samuel, a brass finisher in Philadelphia; George M., a blacksmith by trade, but now overseer in the bakery of his brother, J. H. Orton; Fannie E., the deceased wife of Frederick Friedlin, of Portsmouth, Va.; Ada, who married Joseph Moore, of Rocky Mount, N. C.; John H., established in business in Bridgeport, and for six years a partner of his brother Thomas, now doing a large and successful business; and Miss Jane, who also resides in Bridgeport.

Thomas K. Orton was born September 30, 1849, at the old home in Portsmouth, Va., and he can recall many stirring scenes and incidents in connection with the Civil war. At one time, while in Dr. Holmes' embalming office in Washington, he saw the bodies of five generals, namely: Generals Rice Stevenson, Wadsworth, Sedgwick and Hayes, brought in from the battle of the Wilderness; also saw the "Merrimac" when she went down after her engagement with the "Monitor." He attended a private school until the removal of the family to Washington in 18[illegible], and afterward he continued his studies in a night

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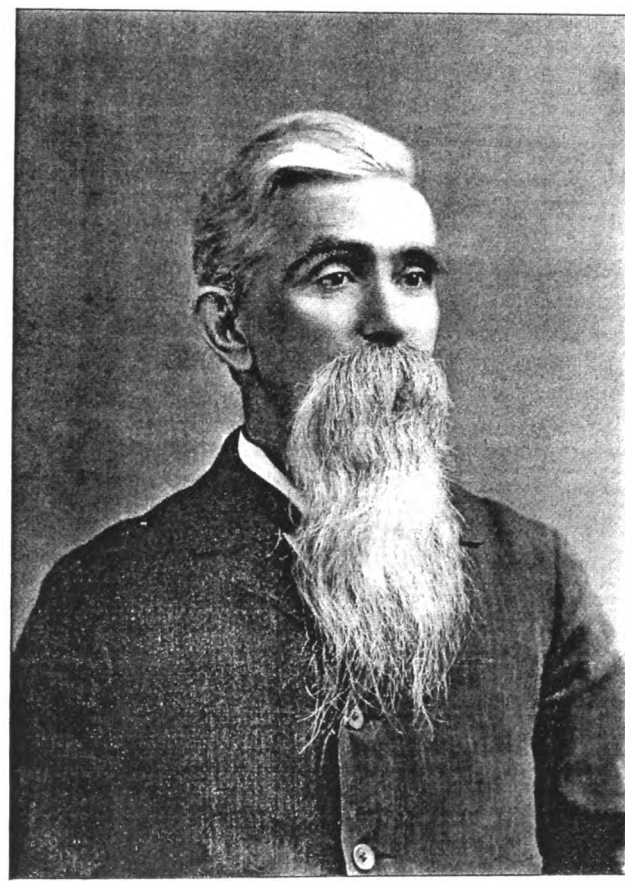

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school there, as his help was needed for a time in the support of the home. His first money was earned by selling papers, and many times he stood in front of the "Metropolitan Hotel" disposing of his stock. He made the most of his educational advantages, his active mind easily acquiring knowledge, and after his father's return to Portsmouth he engaged in clerking, spending nearly five years in a dry-good store there. Later he went to Haydenville, Mass., to learn the brass finisher's trade, which he followed until the Mill river flood, of which he was an eye-witness, destroyed the factory in which he had been working.

This catastrophe compelled him to seek employment elsewhere, and in 1875 he removed to Bridgeport, where he worked for a short time for the White Manufacturing Company, and later for Eaton, Cole & Burnham, making metal patterns. Ill health obliging him to give up that line of business, he, in August, 1870, established a grocery at No. 40 State street, beginning in a small way. He afterward took in his brother, and the firm came to be known as "Orton Bros." As the venture did not turn out satisfactorily in fact, the firm was almost ready to give up, they decided to supply the public with good bread, by which means they hoped to re-establish themselves in business and regain some of their losses. They then engaged in the manufacture of what has come to be known as "Orton's home made bread," which has constantly gained popularity. Their increasing custom in this line served to bring a larger trade to their grocery. On account of a large credit business, the firm was obliged to dissolve, and abandon the grocery, and give exclusive attention to the bakery business, John H. opening a bakery in East Bridgeport, and Thomas K. continuing at No. 284 Main street, where he remained until he built his present store and residence at No. 700 Iranistan avenue. Mr. Orton has recently compounded and put on the market a new baking powder, called the "Excellent Baking Powder," and which is composed of the highest-grade materials. Few business men in Bridgeport have contended successfully with such serious disadvantages as the above firm of Orton Bros., and now, when reviewing the steps which have brought them prosperity, it is a satisfaction to reflect that they have never yielded to the temptation to try to escape from responsibility for the full payment of their obligations.

The esteem and confidence which Thomas K.'s honorable dealings have gained for him can be inferred from the frequency with which the interests of others have been placed in his charge. The late Munson Wade made him his executor, especially stipulating in the will that he should not be required to give bonds, and in this capacity he had control of property worth more than $40,000. He is a man of strictly temperate habits, and has never dealt in intoxicating liquors of any kind, or tasted any in more than thirty years; while since 1876 he has not used tobacco. Politically, he was first a Republican, but of late years he has affiliated with the Prohibition party. He is a member of the Second Adventist Church, in which he holds the office of deacon, and for a short time in early life he was connected with the Masonic Fraternity.

Mr. Orton has an attractive and clever family. His wife, to whom his success is largely due, was formerly Miss Fannie E. Miller, of Haydenville, Mass., and their marriage occurred in that village, September 25, 1872. They have had seven children: Leroy M., a baker at Stratfield, Conn.; Wilfred T., a baker in Bridgeport; Miss Ruth Mabel, who is at home; Sadie E., who died June 1, 1898, aged seventeen years; and James P., Elmer W., and Clarence W., all at home.

LEWIS L. HOWE, a substantial and enterprising farmer, and one of the best citizens of Peck's Land, Greenwich township, is descended from an old and prominent New England family, whose members have for over two centuries been residents of Fairfield county. On October 30, 1722, a grant of land situated in what was then Stamford township, was made to Isaac Howe by King George. Isaac was a son of Nathaniel Howe, who was born previous to 1650, married a Miss Bowers, and died June 29, 1692, in Greenwich, Conn. Isaac Howe was born September 20, 1669, and died May 7, 1733. He was married June 1, 1701, to Miss Elizabeth Waterbury, who was born January 9, 1683, and their children were: Nathaniel, Sarah, Elizabeth, Isaac, Bowers, David, Ebenezer, James and Epenetus.

Of these, Isaac Howe was born January 9, 1710, was appointed and commissioned an ensign in the First Connecticut Battalion by the General Assembly in November, 1776, and the following December was promoted to captain of the Thirteenth Company, Ninth Regiment of Connecticut Militia, which served in the Revolutionary war. In February, 1736, he married Keziah Mead, who was born February 10, 1707, and died November 19, 1808. The children born to them were Abigail, Sarah, Isaac, Keziah and Elizabeth.

Isaac Howe, only son of Isaac and Keziah Howe, was born February 11, 1748, and May 8,

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1778, married Lucy Mead, by whom he had the following children: Sally, Laura, Betsey, Keziah, Rachel, Esther, Jonas (grandfather of our subject), Laura (2), Lucy, Isaac, Nehemiah, Cornelia, Samuel and Samuel (2). As will be seen, this family has several times intermarried with the Mead family.

Jonas Howe was born August 24, 1787, near Peck's Land school house, in Greenwich township, and was married September 11, 1816, to Anna Mead, who was born August 17, 1787, near Greenwich village, daughter of Peter and Hannah (Close) Mead. Children were born to this union as follows: (1) Deborah, born September 5, 1817, is the widow of Mark Mead, and lives in East Port Chester. (2) Allen, our subject's father, was the second of the family. (3) Isaac, born July 27, 1822, removed to Ohio, and died at Ruggles, that State, December 27, 1860; he married Hannah R. Finch, and of the four children born to them, two sons reached adult age. (4) Lewis, born August 6, 1827, was a graduate of Yale College, and followed the profession of teaching, conducting a select school in Greenwich. He married Mary L. Brush, a sister of ex-Judge Amos Brush, of Greenwich, and died leaving three children. Of this family the youngest died first, followed by the second youngest and so on, leaving only the oldest now living. When a young man the grandfather located upon the present farm of our subject, and there followed agricultural pursuits throughout life. He was known as Captain Howe, having been an officer in the State militia. He was a very intelligent man, but had received little education, was widely and favorably known, and acquired a comfortable competence. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican. He died on the old homestead, February 23, 1867, and his wife passed away September 19, 1871; the remains of both were interred in the cemetery of the Congregational Church, of which she was a consistent member.

Allen Howe, our subject's father, spent his entire life upon the home farm, where he was born June 10, 1819, and received a district-school education, pursuing his studies in the Peck's Land school house. He was married, December 9, 1856, to Eliza A. Lyon, who was born in North Cos Cob, Fairfield county, April 29, 1822, a daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Holly) Lyon, and they lived on the old homestead with his parents until the latter were called to the world beyond. Our subject is the only child born of this union. The mother died December 24, 1865, the father June 20, 1892, and both were buried in the Congregational cemetery at Greenwich. They were leading members of that Church, and were most highly respected and honored people. The father was one of the few Abolitionists in Greenwich township, and fearlessly advocated his views. He joined the Republican party on its organization, was always a great reader and kept himself well posted on the leading questions and issues of the day. Physically he was of ordinary build, and of sandy complexion.

Lewis L. Howe, whose name introduces this sketch, was born November 26, 1858, in the house where he still lives and where four generations of the family have been born. He began is education in Peck's Land school house under hhe direction of Jennie E. Kellogg, and after attending school there until fifteen years of age ntered the Greenwich Academy, where he conttinued his studies under the guidance of Professor Webster for over two years. Thus well equipped for life's responsible duties, he returned to the home farm, and has since devoted his energies to its cultivation and improvement with most gratifying results.

On January 7, 1891, Mr. Howe was united in marriage with Miss Elouise C. Mead, who was born in Stanwich, Fairfield county, August 25, 1866, a daughter of Herman H. and Mary J. (Timpany) Mead. One child blesses this union, Alice L., born December 16, 1891. Mrs. Howe holds membership in the Congregational Church at Greenwich. Since casting his first Presidential vote for James A. Garfield, our subject has been a stanch Republican in politics, and he has made a thorough study of all political issues and questions of the day. Of this old family, once so numerous in Fairfield county, he is the only representative still engaged in agricultural pursuits, and one of the very few left in Greenwich township.

GALEN A. CARTER, JR., of the law firm of Fessenden, Carter & Cummings, of Stamford, and who for nearly twenty years has been prominently identified with the legal profession and in the business of the courts of Fairfield county, has descended from forefathers who lived and figured in the City of New York.

Dr. Galen Carter, his grandfather, practiced medicine in New York City for years, and died there in 1870. Hon. Galen A. Carter Sr., a son of the Doctor, and the father of our subject, was born in New York City in 1831. He was liberally educated for the medical profession, which, however, he never followed. He is a graduate of Columbia College, New York. He was engaged for many

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years in New York City as a broker. In 1871 he came to Stamford, and has since, practically speaking, led a retired life. In 1874 he was honored by an election to the State Senate from Fairfield County District. He made a good record while serving in that body, as he did also in other positions of honor and trust to which his fellow-citizens elevated him; at one time he served as burgess of Stamford, and has been a member of the board of wardens of the city. He is a member of the Suburban Club and of the Chi Phi Greek Society, having, when attending Columbia College, been a member of a Chapter. Politically, he is now and has always been a Democrat. On November 9, 1853, he was married at Stamford to Miss Mary C. Davenport, a a daughter of Theodore Davenport, and to them were born children as follows: E. B. L., Galen A., Jr., and Theodora (Mrs. Daniel F. Treacy), the husband being of the firm of Davenport & Treacy, manufacturers of pianos.

Galen A. Carter, Jr., was born November 23, 1857, in the City of New York, where he passed his early boyhood, and when he was thirteen years of age came to Stamford, where he attended the schools of St. John's Church. In 1875 he was graduated from Packard's Business College, New York City, and on January 1, 1876, he entered the office of Ferris & Fessenden as a law student. He was admitted to the Bar in 1880 at Bridgeport. Seven years later, or in 1887, Mr. Fessenden and himself formed the law firm of Fessenden & Carter, and in January, 1895, a Mr. Cummings became a member of the firm. This is one of the strongest and most successful law firms in Fairfield county. In 1883 Mr. Carter was made assistant prosecuting attorney for the city court; he was also appointed borough attorney the same year, and has since served as such a number of times. In 1887 he was appointed prosecuting attorney for the city of Stamford. He has been assistant States attorney of Fairfield for the past fourteen years, during all of which time he has most satisfactorily assisted in discharging the duties of the office, and in a manner which has reflected great credit to him. He is a member of Union Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M.; also a member of the Suburban Club, of the Stamford Yacht Club, and of the East Side Rod and Gun Club. On April 12, 1888, he was married to Miss Anna G. Smith, a daughter of William D. Smith, of Stamford, and to the marriage there was born January 23, 1889 one child, Kenneth W.

The SMITH FAMILY, into which Galen A. Carter, Jr., married, is an old Connecticut family, several members of which at some time in life have been seafaring men. Jeremiah G. Smith, grandfather of Mrs. Galen A. Carter, Jr., was born in the town of Chatham, Conn. He was a sea captain employed chiefly on vessels crossing the ocean to European cities. In about 1851 he came to Stamford, and here resided until his death. His wife was Annie G. Hurd, of the town of Chatham, and their children were: Jeremiah G. (deceased); William D., mentioned farther on; Heman S. (deceased); Charles F., of East Aurora, N. Y.; and Elizabeth P., the widow of Charles F. Loshe, of the U. S. army.

Of these, William D. Smith, next in line of descent, is a native of the town of Chatham, Connecticut, born February 16, 1830. Until sixteen years of age he was at school at Middle Haddam, and at Stamford, respectively. At that age he shipped on a vessel which crossed the ocean to and from European points, and for thirteen years was a seafaring man, and reached the position of first officer of the ship. Returning to Stamford, he in March, 1867, engaged in the coal and wood business at the foot of Atlantic street, where he has since been so occupied. He is one of the substantial and well-to-do citizens of Stamford, where his career has been a creditable one, and he is a successful business man. Socially he is a member of the Suburban Club. Mr. Smith was married at Stamford to Esther M. Smith, a sister of James D. Smith, of Stamford, and their home has been blessed with children as follows: Anna G. (Mrs. Galen A. Carter, Jr.), and Susan W. (deceased).

BEACH J. ALABY. The Alaby family is of German origin, and the subject of this biography, a well-known resident of New Fairfield, is of the fourth generation of the American line. His great-grandfather came from the Fatherland in early manhood and settled in the town of Newtown, Fairfield Co., Conn., where Isaac Alaby, our subject's grandfather, was born and reared, receiving a common-school education. He engaged in farming. He was a man of quiet tastes, not caring for public life, but he took much interest in the issues of his day, and was a stanch Democrat in political sentiment. He married a Miss Lattin, and they had eight children: Roswell; James; Curtis; Henry; Sallie, who married (first) Mr. Jordan, (second) Mr. Cogswell, and (third) Mr. Eaton; Polly, who married (first) Mr. Merritt, and (second) Mr. Wood; Emeline, who married a Mr. Parker; and Harriet, Mrs. Northrop.

James Alaby, our subject's father, was born in the town of Newtown in 1807, and, after re-

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ceiving a good common-school education, learned the business of combmaking. Finding this uncongenial, he decided to adopt a seafaring life, and for some time he was a sailor; he subsequently became a mason and bricklayer, following this occupation for a number of years. Like his father he was a firm believer in Democratic principles, but he never aspired to office. He married Miss Violetta Bassett, and they had three children, of whom our subject was the youngest; Emeline married David Belding, and Isaac T. died at an early age.

The subject of our sketch was born June 21, 1836, in the town of Newtown, and during his boyhood attended school there and in Monroe, this county. When a young man he engaged in the manufacture of "stump joints," the joints which are used on carriages to raise or lower the tops, there being only two factories of the kind in the United States at that time. He then worked for one year at farming, and on January 28, 1856, he enlisted in the regular army, becoming a member of Company M, First United States Heavy Artillery. This regiment was placed on the frontier, and Mr. Alaby had a number of exciting experiences. On one occasion he was a member of a force of three hundred Americans that defeated a band of five hundred Mexicans under Cortena, the famous Mexican outlaw, and he now has in his possession a shot which was fired during that engagement. He also took part in some of the battles with the Seminoles in Florida, and during his term of service was twice promoted, first to the rank of corporal and then to that of sergeant, which he held until honorably discharged.

At the expiration of his term of service in 1861, Mr. Alaby returned to his native county, and not long afterward he married Miss Sylvia A. Terrell, daughter of James and Polly Terrell, the former of whom was a shoemaker of New Fairfield. Two children have blessed this union: (1) Polly M., born February 11, 1862, married Stephen Yaple, a native of the town of Liberty, who was formerly a prosperous farmer at Quaker Hill, N. Y., and now owns a large farm in the town of Brookfield, this county. They have three children: Lulu, John D. and Annie. (2) MILES B., born June 9, 1872, in the town of New Fairfield, is a young man whose excellent qualities of character have already won him the esteem of his fellow citizens. He was educated in the schools of New Fairfield, and at an early age began to learn the hatter's trade, which he has since followed continuously. He married Miss Bertha Sherwood, of Lanesville, Conn., and they have had one child, who died in infancy.

DAVID W. EHLE, the proprietor of the Central Market, No. 3 W. Street, Danbury, has won by his own efforts a prominent place in the business life of that city, and, in fact, his reputation and influence extend far beyond local bounds. He was one of the organizers of the Butchers Protective Association of this State, and for one year held the office of secretary, while he has been president of the Danbury branch of the society ever since it was established. He deals in provisions as well as meats, and was the first man in Danbury to open a fruit-commission business, the first to establish a packing house, and to engage in the manufacture of sausage, and the first to offer fruit, meats, and vegetables in the same store. Going to Danbury in 1879, he has built up a large trade, and at one time he conducted three markets there. He is a stockholder in the Danbury National Bank, and his sound common sense makes him a valued adviser in various enterprises.

Mr. Ehle's success is the more notable because he had none of the ordinary educational advantages in youth, his schooling coming to a close before he finished the First Reader. He was born February 2, 1850, in Canajoharie, N. Y., and his father, Francis Ehle, dying in 1854, life became an uphill struggle at the outset. Francis Ehle was born in Germany in 1819, and married Deretta Pfarre, also a native of the Fatherland, who was born in 1827 and died in 1875. They had two children, viz.: Helen, who died at the age of sixteen; and David W.

This family being left with slender means our subject was obliged to help as he could in securing a livelihood. At thirteen he found regular employment as errand boy with Robert B. Nooney, a meat and provision dealer in New York City, his work consisting largely in delivering goods in a basket. After a short time he returned to Canajoharie to work for William J. Scharff, a dealer in the same line, with whom he remained until 1869. He then began business on his own account, opening a market at Morris, Otsego Co., N. Y., and after continuing same five years he removed to the neighboring town of Oneonta and purchased the Oneonta Market. This he conducted successfully until 1879, when, as has been noted, he established his present business. Mr. Ehle controls the entire produce trade in Danbury for Dutchess and Ulster counties, N. Y., employing five men constantly in his market, and three delivery teams. He is also engaged in the manufacture of "Hoeshalnan," a grease used by hatters, for which there is a large demand all over the country. Mr. Ehle is vice-president of the Danbury Board of Trade.

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Mr. Ehle has been twice married. By his first wife, Joanna (Leland), a native of Scotland, he had one son, George W., who is now in business with his father. In 1886 he formed a second union, this time with Miss M. Carrie Randall, daughter of William G. and Almira Agnes Randall, and by this marriage he has two children: Lillian Agnes and Randall F. Mr. Ehle was reared in the Lutheran faith, but he and his wife attend the M. E. Church. He is a Democrat in politics, but has never aspired to office. Socially, he is identified with Tienuderrah Lodge No. 605, F. & A. M.; with Progressive Lodge No. 18, I. O. O. F.; with the Order of Elks, and has been a member of Lodge of Red Men; he is also affiliated with the Society of Good Fellows.

CHARLES M. FRENCH. Fortune's favors have been abundantly bestowed upon the subject of this biography, who is a highly-respected resident of Fairfield township, his extensive estates comprising some of the most valuable land in this section. His homestead, near the village of Black Rock, is one of the finest farms in the town, by his judicious management maintained in a high state of cultivation, and in addition to other property he owns two charming summer residences at Fairfield Beach, known as "Beechcroft" and "Sound View."

Mr. French belongs to one of the prominent families of Fairfield county, his ancestors having settled in the town of Trumbull at an early period. Samuel French, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Chestnut Hill District, of Trumbull township, and for many years followed farming there, while at one time he was also engaged in business at North Bridgeport as a builder of vessels and wagons and carriages. During the Revolutionary war he showed his courage and patriotism by gallant service as a soldier. He married Rebecca Sherman, and they had children: Rhoda (wife of Ross Jennings) and Sherman (the grandfather of our subject).

Sherman French, the second child of Samuel French, became a successful farmer in Trumbull township, where he died at the advanced age of nearly ninety-two years. He was a man of influence in his locality, politically was a Democrat, and in religious faith he and his family were Congregationalists. By his first wife, Charity (Beach), he had seven children: George and Samuel, both deceased; Levi, a resident of Easton; Legrand, deceased; Mary Ann, who married William Hawley and resides in Monroe, this county; Eunice Seldem Allen, a resident of Wyoming, N. Y.; and Selina, deceased wife of Richard Cook. The second wife of Sherman French, Parmelia (Hall), daughter of Esbon and Rhoda (Brinsmade) Hall, of Easton, died August 11, 1880; she was born May 4, 1795, of one of the oldest families of the county. They had four children: Almon H., a resident of Easton; Nelson S., of Trumbull township; Charles S., our subject's father; and Charity P., now Mrs. Merlin Clark, of Hartford, Connecticut.

Hon. Charles S. French, the father of our subject, was born May 18, 1829, in Chestnut Hill District, of the town of Trumbull, and his education was begun in the schools of the neighborhood. Later he attended the academy at Easton for some time while making his home there temporarily with a maiden aunt, Rhoda Hall. On May 13, 1850, he married Miss Mary Bibbins, who was born April 13, 1830, a daughter of Nathaniel S. and Ruth (Peet) Bibbins, of Fairfield township, whose farm is now owned and occupied by our subject. After his marriage Charles S. French settled at his present homestead, with his wife's parents, and engaged in a wholesale butchering business, buying stock in different parts of Connecticut and New York State. He was well-known in Eastern New York, and did a large business in his line. He was considered an excellent judge of stock, and, in fact, his success in life was based upon a shrewd and accurate insight into practical affairs, coupled with sound judgment. At different times he purchased tracts of land, all adjoining, thus acquiring a fine farm of his own, and at the time of his death he possessed a handsome competence as a reward of his well-directed efforts. In 1870 he built the residence which our subject now occupies. As a citizen he was influential, and in his day he took an active part in politics as a Democrat and member of the Know-Nothing party. For three years, 1873, 1874 and 1876, he served as a representative in the State Legislature, and was a member of the committee on Banks and of the committee on State Prisons. He also held various important offices in his township, including those of treasurer and assessor, and for nine years he was first selectman. Religious and philanthropic work received his hearty support, he and his estimable wife, who survives him, having united many years ago with the First Congregational Church of Fairfield. He was a robust man, five feet, eleven inches in height, weighing 190 pounds, and enjoyed good health up to within ten years of the time of his sudden death, which occurred June 22, 1895. His remains rest in Oak Lawn cemetery at Southport. Mr. French was genial an

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hearty in disposition, and a man "four square to every wind that blows."

Charles M. French was born August 5, 1852, at the present homestead, of which, as the only child, he has come into possession. During boyhood he attended the local schools for a time, but on completing the course of study there he entered Fairfield Academy, and later he attended Rev. Guy Day's school, in Bridgeport. In the meantime he gained a practical knowledge of business methods under his father's instruction, and as he grew older he took charge of the latter's extensive real-estate interests. At present his time is largely occupied with their management, as the development of the locality is rapidly adding to the value of the property, and the State street extension of Bridgeport passes through much of his land, and directly by his residence. All projects for local improvement find in him a ready and efficient helper, as he is thoroughly progressive in his ideas, and his public spirit is recognized and appreciated by his fellow citizens. Politically, he is an Independent, but while he does not seek office he casts his vote regularly for the men and measures that meet with his approval.

In February, 1876, Mr. French married Miss Clara B. Olmstead, daughter of John and Juliette Olmstead, well-known residents of Monroe, Conn. She died March 18, 1896, and her remains were interred in Oak Lawn Cemetery. In June, 1897, Mr. French formed a second union, this time with Miss Ella B. Barnum, a native of Dutchess county, N. Y., and a member of a noted pioneer family of that name, her parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Adams) Barnum, being residents of Danbury, this county. She is a member of the First Congregational Church of Fairfield, taking part in its various lines of work, and is popular in the best social circles. Her family is wealthy, and she holds in her own right the beautiful property known as "Beach Knoll," at Fairfield Beach. Mr. French has had three children, all by his first marriage: Harry, who died in infancy; Affy M., at home; and Lottie, who also died in infancy.

SETH CHAUNCEY WEED will be remembered as having been for many years one of the prosperous merchants of New Canaan, where the Weed family were among the earliest settlers, and they have always been prominent in the public and private life of the community.

Mr. Weed's grandfather, Seth Weed, was an early resident of the town of New Canaan, where the father, Samuel Andros Weed, was born, in Weed street. The latter removed when a young man to New York City, and there engaged in mercantile business for some years, returning when our subject was three years old to New Canaan, where he passed the remainder of his days. He carried on a general mercantile business, in which his son succeeded him, and was a respected and prosperous citizen. He was the first president of the New Canaan Savings Bank. Samuel A. Weed married Anna Smith, of Tallmadge Hill, and Seth Chauncey Weed was their only child.

Seth Chauncey Weed was born in 1838 in New York City, and when three years old came, with his parents to New Canaan, where he attended the district school in his early years. He afterward studied in an academy at Niagara Falls. Commencing active life by clerking for his father in his store, he finally succeeded him in the business, which he conducted successfully for many years, adding a line of hardware to the original stock. Mr. Weed was married in New York City to Miss Jennie A. Smith, who passed from earth March 5, 1877, leaving the following named children: Jennie Christeen Anna, Amanda Priscilla, Samuel Andros, Hanford Smith (who is a graduate of Yale University and is now an attorney at law in New York City), Chauncey James (deceased), Sherman Chauncey (of New Canaan), Naomi and William St. John (of New Canaan). The father of this family ended his days January 26, 1895, in New Canaan.

SAMUEL A. WEED, the eldest son of Seth C. Weed, was born in New Canaan, and there spent his boyhood days, receiving his education in the schools of his native town and Norwalk. He has spent the greater part of his life in the city of his birth, where, like his father and grandfather before him, he holds an enviable place in the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens.

CHARLES G. BOHANNAN, M. D. Among the old plantations of Virginia is the old home of the Bohannan family. In 1660 King Charles granted 10,000 acres in the "Old Dominion" to Ambrose Bohannan, a loyal subject of the Stuarts in Scotland, and he made his home on this vast tract, passing the remainder of his days there. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Le Fond, a French Huguenot, by whom he had two children: Joseph Le Fond, who rose to the rank of colonel in the Continental army, and was the father of R. Le Fond Bohannan, who founded the Medical College of Virginia; and Ambrose, who became quartermaster of Washington's army at Yorktown. Ambrose Bohannan's second wife was a Miss Gregory, and in their fam-

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ily was a son, William, the great-grandfather of Charles G. Bohannan, whose name introduces this review. William Bohannan married Mary Gordon, and they reared a family of six children: Joseph, a shipbuilder in Virginia (he and Captain King built the first three-masted schooner, the "Ferratta," afterward changed to a steam vessel of the same name); William, a planter in Virginia; John, the grandfather of our subject; Frances; Mary; and Elizabeth.

John Bohannan grew up on the old plantation, and, completing a medical course, combined the occupations of planter and physician. He married Ann Billups, a daughter of Maj. George Billups, of Revolutionary fame, and seven children were born of this union: George W., a county surveyor and mathematician; Mary L., who was first married to George Deal, and subsequently to William Williams; Americus W., a planter; Columbus A. J., a planter, who died early in life; John G., father of the subject of our sketch; Charles B., a sea captain of wide experience; and Ann, who died in infancy. Mrs. Bohannan died in 1841. Her family, the Billups, were of Welsh descent.

John G. Bohaman, father of our subject, was born June 20, 1827. His early education was acquired in the vicinity of his home, and he later entered the Military Academy at Portsmouth, Va. He was a student of medicine in Philadelphia, in which city he afterward practiced his profession and taught. When Virginia seceded, John G. Bohannan entered the ranks of the Confederate army, in which he became a colonel, and he was in the army for three years, at the end of that time being detailed to practice medicine. From the close of the war until 1886 he followed his profession at Westville, Mathews Co., Va., and he then removed to South Norwalk, Conn. He was a Democrat in politics, and in his native State took an active part in political affairs, in 1885 and 1880 representing the counties of Mathews and Middlesex, Va., in the State Legislature. In 1849 Dr. John G. Bohannan was married to Miss Laura Lee Daniel, a daughter of William Daniel, of Virginia, and a family of seven children were born to them: Richard Lee, a physician practicing at Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn.; Charles G., our subject; Kosser Daniel, professor of mathematics in the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; Benjamin W., a physician of Stamford; W. J. H., an attorney at law and mayor of Stamford; and Gertrude and Lillian, of South Norwalk. Dr. John G. Bohannan died at South Norwalk, October 26, 1897; his wife died at Mathews, Va., July 19, 1886.

Dr. Charles G. Bohannan was born in Westville, Mathews Co., Va., October 7, 1852. In 1875 he entered the Medical Department of the University of the City of New York, graduating with the class of 1878, and after completing his course in medicine he returned to Virginia, where he practiced his profession for a year and a half. He was then appointed house surgeon of the out-door department of the Orthopedic Hospital at New York City, spending six months as in-door and six months as out-door surgeon. In 1881 the Doctor came to South Norwalk, and he is now in the front rank of his profession in the county. In politics he is a Democrat, and he is active in party work. His superior mental attainments, his natural executive ability and his sterling integrity have all combined to make him one of the popular leaders in the community. He has served as school visitor, been a member of the common council, and at present is acceptably filling the office of mayor of South Norwalk. Of genial manner and gentlemanly bearing, he is very popular socially, and in his fraternal relations he is a Knight Templar, a member of the Mystic Shrine, of the I. O. O. F., Mystic Chain, Knights of Pythias, and American Mechanics.

ALBERT G. WEED, who since 1860 has carried on a prosperous grocery store in Stamford, Fairfield county, was born June 1, 1832, in New York City. His grandfather, Hezekiah Weed, and father, Alanson Weed, were both born in the town of Stamford, but the latter went to New York City at the age of thirteen years and commenced life there on his own account. For a time he was engaged as clerk in a store, and he eventually opened a grocery of his own at the corner of East Broadway and Catherine street, where he continued in business for foty-six years. He was first married to Betsy Wilson, by whom he had four children, all now deceased, and for his second wife he wedded Clarinda Smith, of Southeast, Putnam Co., N. Y. He died in 1849 in New York City, his widow in 1857, in Stamford.

During his boyhood A. G. Weed attended a private school in New York City, and at the age of fifteen he began clerking in a dry-goods store. He continued at this occupation for twelve years, until his removal to Stamford, where, in April, 1860, he established the grocery business which he has ever since conducted. His first location was in Miller's block, and in 1874 he built his present store in Park Row, where he has continued in business with flattering success. Mr. Weed receives a large share of the patronage

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from Stamford and vicinity, and has, by honesty and fairness in all his dealings, succeeded in winning for himself an enviable reputation among the merchants of the town. He is a director in the Stamford Savings Bank. Before Stamford became a city he served four years as burgess of the borough, and he has served three terms as representative from his district to the State Legislature, a position for which he proved himself well qualified in every respect. For two terms he was on the committee on Cities and Boroughs. Politically he supports the principles of the Republican party. While in New York City Mr. Weed served seven years in the Old Volunteer Fire Department, belonging to Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, and Hose Company No. 36.

In 1859 Mr. Weed was married, in Stamford, to Miss Josephine Elder, daughter of Robert Elder, and three children have blessed this union, namely: A. G., Jr., who is a physician in New York City; Lydia E.; and one that died in infancy. The family attend the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Weed erected his home in Clinton avenue in 1888.

WILLIS R. AND HORACE M. SMITH, progressive and up-to-date farmers of Round Hill, Greenwich township, were both born near Byram Bridge, on the Post road, in what is now Port Chester, N. Y., the former February 28, 1867, the latter May 23, 1869, and are sons of Edmund L. and Adaline (Ritch) Smith. Their great-grandfather, William Smith, came to the United States when but a lad as stowaway on a vessel from England, and afterward married a New Jersey lady, of German parentage. He was a cabinet maker by trade, and was employed to repair the English vessel, "Guerrierre," which was captured by the "Constitution" in the war of 1812. While doing this work he was given a spoon with a buck handle, which is still retained, a valued souvenir, by our subjects.

The grandfather also bore the name of William. He was a cabinet maker by trade, carrying on operations in New York throughout his entire life. He married Abigail Lockwood, a daughter of Ira and Clementine (Mills) Lockwood, and they became the parents of seven children: Maurice, who was a lieutenant in the war of 1812, and died from exposure in the service, at the age of thirty years, a very promising young man; William and Hyman, who were both brushmakers in New York; Edmund L., the father of our subjects; Washington, a potter and manufacturer of sewer pipe, who became a millionaire and a prominent politician; Merritt, a painter, who lived in New York; and Harriett, who married a Mr. Drummond, and at her death was buried in Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn. The parents of these children also sleep in a beautiful plot in the same cemetery, where many of the family have been interred.

Edmund L. Smith was born in Maiden Lane, N. Y., August 10, 1807. As his parents' means were limited his educational privileges were meager, and at an early age he was bound out to a brushmaker, serving a seven-years' apprenticeship, and receiving very little wages in compensation for his hard work. At the age of twenty-four years he embarked in the business on his own account, and though on two different occasions he had his store destroyed by fire, he prospered and finally became quite well-to-do. His brothers assisted him in getting a start, and they always worked for each other's interests. At the age of forty-five years he disposed of his business and retired to a farm of forty acres which he had previously purchased at Byram Bridge, in Port Chester, N. Y., where stands the historic old hostelry that once sheltered General Washington when he traveled along the Post road through Connecticut. Mr. Smith had located upon the place fourteen years previous to his retirement, and there made his home until called to his final rest.

On November 16, 1830, Mr. Smith married Miss Susan A. Scofield, who was born in Norwalk, Conn., April 16, 1812, daughter of Peter Scofield, and died July 29, 1861; she was buried in Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn. The record of the children born to this union is as follows: William H., born August 21, 1831, and Edmund L., born July 29, 1833, were both fatally burned in a fire that destroyed their father's store, and died soon afterward. Clarissa M., born September 5, 1835, married a Mr. Pelton, and is now deceased. Harriet E. is the deceased wife of Corliss Cooke. Emma F. is now Mrs. M. Ronty, of New York. Edmund L. (2), born June 18, 1844, died at the age of twenty-one years. At New Rochelle, N. Y., Mr. Smith was again married, October 15, 1862, his second union being with Adaline Ritch, who was born December 8, 1834, at Rocky Neck, Greenwich township, Fairfield Co., Conn., a daughter of Ralph and Clemice (Mead) Ritch. The children born of this union are Abby, wife of Mills H. Husted, of Greenwich; and Willis R. and Horace M., of this review. The mother died March 3, 1886, and the father on April 17, following, and the remains of both were interred in Greenwood cemetery. He was a very robust man, and his wife's death un-

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doubtedly hastened his end. His chief source of recreation was hunting and fishing, of which he was very fond. Mr. Smith was a stanch Democrat in politics, having cast his first vote for Andrew Jackson, but he never aspired to office. He was a self-made man in the fullest sense, and the success that he achieved in life was certainly well-merited, for he was a man of the strictest integrity, upright and honorable in all things, and possessed good business ability. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he held many offices, while his wife was a Congregationalist in religious faith. In early life he was also identified with the Odd Fellows Society.

Willis R. Smith began his literary education in the public schools of Port Chester, N. Y., and later attended Starr's Military School at that place. His business training was obtained on the home farm. In 1887 he was united in marriage with Miss M. Louise Miner, of Greenwich, daughter of Elisha and Elizabeth (Marthing) Miner, and they have one child—Elizabeth M., born September 20, 1888.

Horace M. Smith also attended the public schools of Port Chester for a time, subsequently was a student in the Park Institute at Rye, N. Y., and completed his education in Greenwich Academy under Professor Root. He lived on the old homestead at Byram Bridge as long as the place remained in the family. He was married, July 20, 1890, to Miss Emma E. Miner, a sister of his brother's wife, and they have one daughter—Gertrude E., born February 8, 1895.

On April 1, 1889, Willis R. Smith removed to the Silas Husted farm at Round Hill, where he and his brother have since successfully engaged in general farming. They are enterprising, energetic young business men, who thoroughly understand their chosen calling. They live in the same house and their relations are most harmonious. Politically, they are identified with the Republican party, and, socially, affiliate with Gen. J. E. Dix Council No. 4, Jr. O. U. A. M., at Port Chester.

HORACE COOLEY CABLE. If, as the poet sings, "beauty is its own excuse for being," the florists are of all men most reasonable in furnishing us abundant supplies of Nature's sweet and radiant ministers of cheer. A visit to the extensive conservatories of H. C. Cable & Son, Nos. 40 and 42 Spring street, Danbury, is an event to be treasured in memory, the twelve glass houses, enclosing altogether 17,000 square feet, being filled with choice flowers in apparently endless variety. This is the oldest and largest establishment of the kind in Danbury, and was founded over thirty years ago by H. C. Cable.

The Cable family became identified with this county at an early period, but is also well known in the vicinity of Pawling, Dutchess Co., N. Y., where the subject of this sketch was born April 8, 1820. Caleb Cable, his great-grandfather, had a son Gersham, our subject's grandfather, who married a Miss Foote and settled at Weston, Fairfield county. Their son, Elizur, our subject's father, was born there March 1, 1794, and was reared in this county, learning the hatter's trade, which he followed for many years at New Canaan, and later at Pawling, N. Y. His death occurred in 1866. By his first wife, Hannah (Fields), he had three children: Benjamin, Rachel and Russell. His second wife, Charlotte (Cooley), was born January 15, 1804, in South Dover, Dutchess Co., N. Y., and died November 30, 1844. Her parents were, David and Mary (Rinehardt) Cooley, and her maternal grandfather, John Rhinehardt, was a native of Germany who served some time as a soldier before coming to America to make his home. He located at South Dover, where he died at the advanced age of 104 years, and his wife, ——— (Rhino) passed away at the advanced age of ninety. Elizur and Charlotte Cable had five children: Horace C., Charles Reed, Elizur, Jr., Mary M., and one who died in infancy.

H. C. Cable spent his youth in his native town, where he attended school up to the age of twelve, when he began to work at different occupations as his strength and skill permitted. In early manhood he learned the hatter's trade under his father's direction, and continued the business until 1865. In the meantime, in 1859, he had purchased his present property in Danbury, upon which he erected a dwelling house, and on abandoning the hatter's trade he engaged in business there as a florist, and has continued with constantly increasing success.

On October 1, 1846, Mr. Cable married Miss Sophia Adeline Perry, daughter of Justice M. and Sarah Ann (Peck) Perry, and two children were born to this union, Charlotte, who died in infancy, and Elmer Octavius, of whom mention is made below. Mr. Cable and his estimable wife are members of the Disciples Church at Danbury. He is a man of fine intelligence, taking keen interest in all the issues of the day, and is a stanch supporter of the sound money doctrine. He has never been an aspirant for office, but is a regular voter, casting his ballot for the Republican party at all times.

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ELMER O. CABLE was born April 28, 1849, in Brookfield, this county, and was educated in Danbury, the family having settled there during his childhood. On leaving school he learned the hat-finishing trade, which he continued until 1886, and since then he has been in business with his father. He was first married to Miss Sarah L. Theall (daughter of Orville and Amy (Watts) Theall, of Pawling, N. Y.), who died in 1880, and he formed a second union, with Miss Hattie L. Cole, daughter of Hobart and Cornelia (Stevens) Cole. By his first marriage he has one son, William Horace, born April 9, 1876, and by the second there are two children: Sophia C. and Clifford Elmer. Like his father, Elmer O. Cable, is a believer in the principles and policy of the Republican party. He is influential in local affairs, and an active worker in the Danbury paid fire department, being at present the captain of Hose Company No. 2.

GEORGE D. PHILLIPS, patent attorney, and present commander of Elias Howe, Jr., Post, G. A. R., at Bridgeport, is a native of Connecticut, born March 5, 1842, in the town of Redding, Fairfield county. He received his education in part at the public schools of his native town, in part at those of New Fairfield, Newtown and Bridgeport, subsequently taking a course at Yonkers, New York.

On August 28, 1862, Mr. Phillips enlisted in the 17th Conn. V. I., and after thirty-five months' service was honorably discharged on account of wounds received at the battle of Chancellorsville. He was taken prisoner there, and for fourteen days and nights lay within the Rebel lines without attention, although he was wounded through the breast, abdomen and leg. After regaining the Federal lines he was confined to hospitals in Washington, D. C., and Portsmouth, R. I., for nine months, and until his muster-out as corporal he afterward served as clerk in the quartermaster's office at Fort Wood, New York harbor.

Returned to Bridgeport, Mr. Phillips from time to time as he was able worked at tool making, till he became contractor and head inspector for the Howe Machine Company, in which position he remained sixteen years, at the same time practicing as patent attorney, an incumbency he has held some twenty-five years. At the present time he is serving as commander of Elias Howe, Jr., Post, G. A. R., at Bridgeport.

In 1865, at Stratford, Fairfield Co., Conn., Mr. Phillips was married to Miss Emma A. Krinks, daughter of William R. Krinks, of Bridgeport, Conn., and they have one son, George A., now a dentist in Stamford, Conn. Socially, our subject is a member of Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, I. O. O. F.; of St. John's Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M., being a Master Mason; and of the Ancient Order of Essenics. He is a frank, open-hearted, hospitable man, has made many warm friends since taking up his residence in Bridgeport, and is held in high regard by all with whom he comes in contact.

JOHN A. HISLOP, one among the younger of the enterprising and prosperous business men of Fairfield county, and the resident member of the large dry-goods establishment of John A. Hislop & Co., Stamford, is a native of Glasgow, Scotland, born August 29, 1866.

Mr. Hislop passed his boyhood in his native city and at Norwich, Conn., where he was educated in the public schools. After his school days were over he clerked in the store of his brother William, at Auburn, N. Y., for five years, and in the store of his brother James, at New London, Conn., for the same length of time, on the expiration of this period returning to his brother William, with whom he remained another five years, this time in the store at Syracuse, N. Y. In 1895 Mr. Hislop was instrumental in establishing the dry-goods business of the firm of John A. Hislop & Co., at Stamford, Conn., which was opened April 27 of that year, in the new Advocate building, he becoming the resident partner. This store gives employment to some twenty-eight hands. Mr. Hislop and his partners are wide-awake men, enterprising and progressive, and their establishment has already become a great factor in the business of the county. They conduct four stores—those of W. B. Hislop & Co., Syracuse, N. Y.; Hislop, Angus & Co., Auburn, N. Y.; James Hislop & Co., New London, Conn., and the one in Stamford—and each one is foremost among the business houses of the city in which it is located. The immense aggregate trade of these concerns accounts in some measure for their popularity, for, as the buying for all four stores is done at the same time, the business in that department is condensed and the discounts proportionately large, and their patrons are benefited accordingly.

The Stamford establishment has been encouraged and well patronized from the beginning, for the prices at which their thrifty and original methods of doing business enable them to sell goods has done much to keep Stamford trade in Stamford, a large amount having, prior to their advent, found its way to the metropolis, and the

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people have thoroughly appreciated the saving in time and trouble, to say nothing of the worry of city shopping. The liberal scale on which this enterprise was started, the size of the store and the very complete stock, caused much comment among the more conservative, who insisted that a business of such proportions could not yet be profitably conducted in Stamford. But it was not long before the original quarters, commodious as they were, were outgrown, and Mr. Hislop, availing himself of the opportunity which fortunately offered, secured another store adjoining, in the same building, the one in which H. G. Benedict formerly carried on his shoe business. By March, 1897, this store was connected with the other, giving an increase of fifty per cent. in floor space, and Hislop & Co. opened the now popular "garment room," adding to their stock ladies' cloaks and wraps. Since then another addition has been made, a boys' clothing department having been established. Altogether they now have 9,000 square feet of floor space, well arranged, and the building is completely equipped with all modern mechanical devices for the facilitation of their work and the comfort of their employés, the Hislops having spared no expense in fitting out their store, advertising, or any of the *desiderata* which are recognized aids to success in their line. They justly deserve the substantial encouragement which has been accorded them. The resident manager and partner, who gives close personal attention to the business, is thoroughly experienced, and is a man of good executive ability, genial, obliging and accommodating—all essential points in the make-up of a popular salesman. He has come in contact with the people of the world generally, having traveled extensively throughout Europe.

On May 30, 1891, Mr. Hislop was married, at Syracuse, N. Y., to Miss Nellie Barrie, and to their union has come one child, Evelyn Barrie. Fraternally, he is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

SYLVANUS L. REYNOLDS is a representative well-to-do farmer of Greenwich township, Fairfield county, and the place he now owns and occupies has been in the family for three generations. His ancestors were among the early settlers of Greenwich, and the Reynolds have always ranked with its well-to-do agricultural citizens.

Ambrose Reynolds, great-grandfather of the gentleman whose name introduces these lines, was a farmer and lived in Greenwich township. He married a Miss Knapp. Their son Ambrose was born in the section of Greenwich known as Peck's Land, and in early manhood commenced farming in partnership with his brother Joshua. They finally divided the land they owned, and the portion Ambrose settled on is the farm now occupied by his grandson Sylvanus, where he passed the remainder of his days. He was a thorough farmer, and was very successful in a business way. He married Amy Reynolds, and they had three sons: Ambrose, Oliver and Sylvanus, of whom the first named is still living, making his home with our subject; he is unmarried.

Sylvanus Reynolds was born on the paternal homestead, where he grew to manhood, learning farm work under his father's instructions. On October 4, 1866, he was married, in New York City, to Miss Alexandrine Clara Lewis, who was born September 4, 1848, in Paris, France, daughter of John Joseph Lewis, and came when seven years old to New York City, where she was reared. One child was born of this union: Sylvanus L. Mr. Reynolds died October 26, 1867, and his remains rest in the Episcopal cemetery at Greenwich. Mrs. Reynolds subsequently wedded William P. Knapp, and they had two children: Mary J., Mrs. John Bloomfield, of Greenwich township; and Josephine A., who is unmarried. The mother passed away April 14, 1895, and was interred in the Putnam cemetery.

Sylvanus L. Reynolds was born October 17, 1867, on the farm where he resides, and has passed all his life in Greenwich township, in his boyhood attending the North Street school. When eight years old he returned with his mother to a part of the farm, Mrs. Reynolds having removed from the place after her husband's death, and in the spring of 1888, after the death of his paternal grandmother, he became the owner by inheritance of half of the old home place, being his father's only heir. His farm comprises about one hundred and fourteen acres of good land, to the cultivation of which he devotes all his time and attention, taking no active interest in politics or other public affairs. On February 11, 1896, Mr. Reynolds was united in marriage, in New York, with Miss Johanna Murphy, who was born and reared in that city, and is the daughter of Daniel and Johanna (Bradley) Murphy. She is a member of the Catholic Church.

PETER McDONALD, a well-known citizen of Bethel, has made his own way in life, and his present high standing in business circles reflects great credit upon him.

The McDonald family originated in Scotland,

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and our subject's grandfather, was a native of that country, but made his home in later life in Ireland. Michael McDonald, father of our subject, was born in the Emerald Isle in 1819, and in 1848 came to the United States, locating in Fairfield county, in the town of Redding, where he died March 8, 1872. For some time after his arrival he was engaged in farming, and for twenty years he was in the employ of Daniel Sandford, who conducted a boarding school. He was naturalized, and took much interest in political questions, his vote being cast for the Democratic party on all occasions. In religious faith he was a devout Catholic, and his family were all members of the same Church. Mr. McDonald was married in Redding to Miss Catherine Scollins, a native of Ireland, who died about 1883. Our subject was the eldest of six children, the others being Mary A., wife of Theodore Braunels, of Bethel; Catherine, wife of Patrick E. Jeffery, of Danbury; Elizabeth and Margaret, who are trained nurses, the latter residing in New Haven; and Helen, wife of Patrick Fisher, of Danbury.

Mr. McDonald was born December 15, 1851, in the town of Redding, where he received a district-school education. For some years he was engaged in farming and teaming in that locality, but in 1875 he removed to Bethel, where for a year and a half he drove a team for Crofut & Foster. He then spent four years in the factory of Judd & Co., and until 1888 he worked as a journeyman hatter in different shops in Bethel and Danbury. Later he conducted a livery stable for three years, and he also became interested in trucking and contracting, which he still continues. In May, 1894, he began dealing in coal and wood, and he is now one of the leaders in his locality in this line. He owns his business property, upon which he has built a trestle and coal house and constructed a side track from the railroad.

On June 1, 1876, Mr. McDonald was married in Danbury to Miss Bridget Gallagher, a daughter of Hugh Gallagher, of Hawleyville, and the union has been blessed with five children: Anna V., Elizabeth, Nora, Martha and Frank. Mr. McDonald is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church at Bethel, and in politics he is a stanch Democrat.

ROBERT W. KEELER, general store keeper at the post office of North Wilton, and postmaster there, was born in the town of Wilton, Connecticut, September 5, 1855.

After receiving the best education the common schools of that place afforded, Mr. Keeler attended Prof. Edward Olmstead's Academy, from which he graduated in 1870, taking the regular prescribed course, which included the languages and mathematics. He had good advantages for that time, and has always been much of a reader, a great essential in the mental make-up of any well-informed man. For two years after leaving the academy he worked on his father's farm, later being engaged in mercantile business as clerk for Keeler & Gilbert at Wilton; but at the end of two years he returned to the farm for some time. We next find him in the employ of J. C. Myers for a short period, then again returning to the farm, on which he worked until 1882, in which year he commenced an engagement as clerk for James Comstock. In 1884 the latter retired from business, and Mr. Keeler bought out the concern, which he has conducted ever since. He has been an industrious, energetic and successful man, and owes his present position in business and society to his own efforts and worth. He has been a member of the State militia.

In politics a Republican, Mr. Keeler has served as chairman of the Republican town committee since 1888 or '89, and the party find in him an able leader; he has been overseer of the town poor (most of the time) for the past twenty years, and tax collector of Wilton continuously since 1880, with the exception of five years, from 1888 to 1893. Mr. Keeler deserves a word of praise for the manner in which he has collected the taxes for the town, he having always collected and settled his tax book each year, and never once caused a tax payer one cent of expense —in fact, he is conceded by everyone to be the best collector the town ever had. Since May, 1884, Mr. Keeler has been postmaster at North Wilton. He has ever taken an active interest in public affairs, and is one of the town's most popular leaders. Socially, he is a member of Arch Lodge, F. & A. M., of Georgetown, Conn.; also of Washington Chapter, F. & A. M., of Norwalk, and is soon to step higher and join the Knights Templar. He takes considerable interest in the craft, although somewhat removed from his Lodge and Chapter, in which he stands high. In religious faith he is a member of the Congregational Church, and has been one of the society's committee since 1897.

In 1876 Mr. Keeler married Ruth Zelda Raymond, who was born in the town of Norwalk, Conn., February 11, 1855. She received her education in the common and high schools of her native place. To this union children as follows were born, their names and dates of birth

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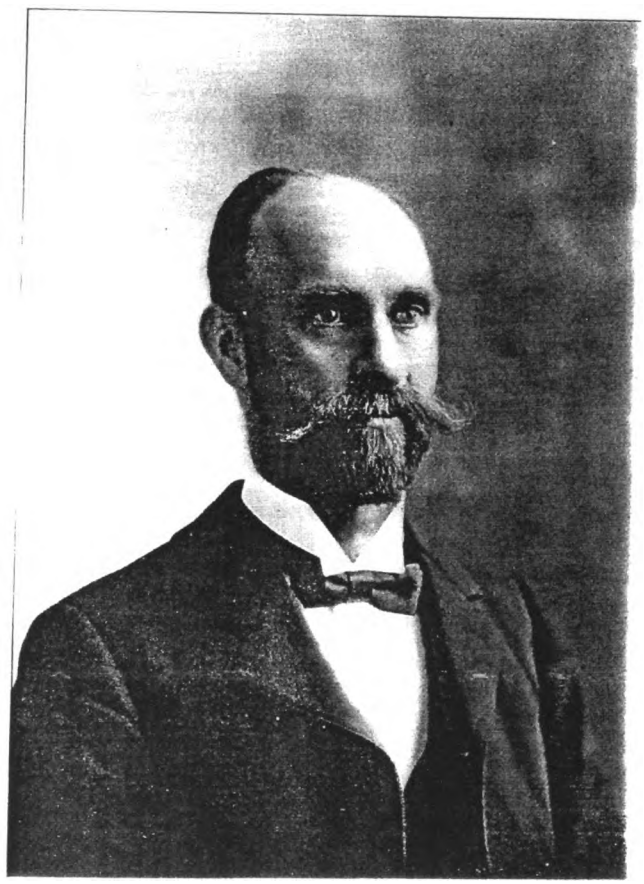

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being respectively: Florence C., November 9, 1877; Alice R., February 18, 1880; Bessie L., January 2, 1884; Samuel, November 2, 1888; and Raymond, May 15, 1894.

Samuel Keeler was the great-grandfather of our subject, and Isaiah Keeler was the grandfather. The latter was born in the town of Wilton, in 1791, and there obtained his education in the common-schools. After leaving school he became a farmer, an occupation he followed all his life. Politically he was first a Whig, later a Republican. He was a man of standing in his community, and was honored often by his fellow citizens by election to office, many of the minor local offices having been filled by him. He was a Royal Arch Mason, being affiliated at Redding, and he was a member of the Congregational Church. Always well abreast with the times, he was a representative, progressive man. He married Miss Lucy Wattrous, of Ridgefield, and by her had the following children: Fannie M., who married Benajah Gilbert; Emily, who married Newton Benedict; Martha, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-seven; and Le Grand W., father of our subject.

Le Grand W. Keeler was born in the town of Wilton, Conn., October 15, 1815. Having obtained a good education in the common-schools and Wilton Academy, he taught school for some years with success in Wilton, also in the Union school of Norwalk. Later he was for a number of years connected with a wholesale grocery in New York City as salesman, then returning to Wilton engaged in farming in connection with his father. During training days he was captain of a militia company. He was an active member of the Congregational Church of Wilton. In politics he was a Republican, and served as selectman of his town for a number of years, also as assessor, besides holding many other minor offices within the gift of the people, being one of the foremost men of Wilton. He married Miss Catherine Lockwood, who was born in 1822, in Pound Ridge, N. Y., a daughter of Horatio and Bathia (Lockwood) Lockwood, also of Pound Ridge. To this marriage there came the following children: Samuel, born in 1845, married Arvilla Bailey, of Ridgefield; Edward L., born October 29, 1849, died single; Robert W. is the subject of this sketch; Catherine L., born December 28, 1856, remained single; and William L., born in 1861, married Elouise Fanton, of Weston.

Thomas Raymond, grandfather of the wife of our subject, was born in the town of Norwalk, and in the common schools of that town received his education. From his boyhood days he was engaged in farming. He married Miss Eunice Meaker, by whom he had the following children: Henderson, who married Joanna Thorp; William M., who married Sarah Eliza Thorp; Eunice, who married Dennis Hanford; Hannah, who after her sister's death married Dennis Hanford; Charity; and Mary A., who married Jesse Keeler.

William M. Raymond, father of our subject's wife, was born in the town of Norwalk in 1809. After leaving the common schools, in which he received his education, he engaged in farming. He married Miss S. Eliza Thorp, who was born in the town of Easton, Conn., in 1818, daughter of Samuel and Ruth (Sherwood) Thorp. By this marriage Mr. Raymond had the following children: (1) William T., (2) Ruth, (3) Thomas I., (4) Henry W., (5) Sarah E., (6) Frederick M. and (7) Ruth Zelda. Of these (1) William T., was born in Norwalk, Conn., and was educated there. He has been engaged in the coal business with his brother Thomas I. since 1867 at So. Norwalk. During the Civil war he was drafted, but owing to ill health was not compelled to serve. He married Josephine A. Lockwood, but has no children. (2) Ruth died young. (3) Thomas I. was born at Norwalk, was educated there, and has been engaged in the wood and coal business there since 1867 in connection with his brother, William T. He was married twice, (first) to Eliza Tolles, by whom he had the following children: Martha E., who married Minor D. Randall; Lizzie M., who married Charles D. Burns; Elsie T., who remains single; and Ruth, William T. and Eva, all three of whom died young. For his second wife Thomas I. married Miss Carrie Van Cliff, by whom he has no children. (4) Henry W. was born in Norwalk, Conn., was educated there, and for eleven years was overseer of the town farm in Norwalk, Conn.; of late he has been occupied in farming on his own account. He was married twice, and by his first wife, Hannah M. (Lyons) he had two children—William and Josephine—the latter of whom died young; by his second wife, Minerva (Price), he has no children. (5) Sarah E. married Harlem R. Gorham, of Westport, and had the following children: William M. Gorham, who is still single; Edith E., who married Joseph W. Sanders; Nettie E., who died young; Herbert W., who married Lilly Gilbert; Fred M., who died young; Edith, who married Arthur Ferriss; and Robert W., Raymond and Harold A., all three of whom are still single. (6) Frederick M. died in infancy. (7) Ruth Zelda is the wife of our subject.

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ISAAC F. HAVILAND is the owner of a beautiful farm in Pembroke District, town of Danbury, and the judicious management he has displayed in its cultivation has won for him a leading place among the agriculturists of the vicinity. His estate comprises about three hundred acres of choice land, and in addition to raising general crops he conducts a large dairy.

Mr. Haviland was born September 4, 1854, at Ridgefield, this county, the son of Isaac Haviland, and grandson of Jacob and Amy (Gilbert) Haviland. Isaac Haviland was born October 2, 1820, and the greater portion of his life has been spent in Fairfield county, although for some years he was engaged in the manufacture of tobacco at Brooklyn, N. Y., as a member of the firm of Harvey & Haviland. He now resides at Bridgeport, where he located in 1866. His wife, Mary Augusta (Thorpe), was born May 20, 1831, and died January 8, 1881, was a daughter of Walker W. and Emeline (Fanton) Thorpe. Our subject was one of three children, the others being William Thorpe, born March 29, 1850, and Ernest Clifford, born September 7, 1868.

During our subject's childhood the family removed to Brooklyn, N. Y., and his education was begun in the schools of that city. When he was about eight years old his father purchased the farm mentioned above, and removed thither, remaining two years, afterward settling at Bridgeport. Our subject's education was continued in that city at the public schools and the private school conducted by G. B. Day, and on completing his literary training he learned the cigarmaker's trade with an uncle, Reed Haviland, at South Norwalk. Two and a half years of work there enabled him to master the details of the business, and then he engaged in cigar manufacturing at Bridgeport on his own account. The occupation injured his health, however, and after three and a half years he gave it up and went into the plumbing business, carrying on a concern of his own for three years and keeping the books of a firm of plumbers for about two years. In 1885 he sold out his interest in Bridgeport and settled upon the farm which his father had bought years before, and there he has since remained amid the wholesome surroundings of country life. He makes a specialty of dairy work, keeping from thirty to forty cows and selling the milk in Danbury.

In 1879 Mr. Haviland married Miss Victoria Garnsey, daughter of Alexander N. and Emma (Allen) Garnsey, of Pottsville, Penn., and two children have blessed this union: Isaac, born April 4, 1881, and Clayton G., born January 23, 1885. The family attend the Universalist Church, of which Mrs. Haviland is an active member. Politically, Mr. Haviland is a Democrat, and he takes much interest in local affairs, especially those of an educational nature, having served for four years as school trustee in his district. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., Pequonnock Lodge, at Bridgeport.

JAMES MORRIS BENEDICT. In examining the ancient records of Fairfield county, we find the name of Benedict. In the family was one Caleb Benedict, of the town of New Canaan, where he was an extensive shoemaker. He married Polly ————, and reared a family of sixteen children, nearly all of whom married and settled in the town of New Canaan.

In this family was a son bearing the name of James, who learned the shoemaking business under his father, and followed it all his life. James Benedict married Phœbe Mills, of New Canaan, a daughter of Rufus Mills, a stone mason by trade, and English by descent. To this young couple were born four children: James Morris, whose name introduces this brief review; Louise and Marian, who are unmarried and reside at Norwalk, this county; and George, a grocer of Norwalk. James Benedict died in 1865, his wife in 1882. They were both consistent followers of the Methodist faith, and in politics he was a Republican.

James Morris Benedict was born in the town of New Canaan, January 26, 1847, and attended the local schools until his eighteenth year, when he went to Hartford, Conn., and there in the extensive works of Pratt, Whitney & Co., learned the machinist's trade. For four years he devoted his time to a complete mastery of the details of his chosen calling, and then, in 1869, returned to Fairfield county and entered the employ of the Norwalk Iron Works at Norwalk, where he remained for two years. Later he became engaged with the Yale Lock Company at Stamford, but after eight years in that position he decided to seek an opening in the commercial world. Accordingly he opened a stationery stand in the post office, and for seven years devoted his energies so well to this business that its financial success was assured, and he was enabled to move across the street into a store built for him. In 1888 he sold out this business, and started a grocery store at the corner of Main and School streets; but at the end of six months he turned the business over to his son-in-law, F. S. Byxbee, and commenced his present business at No. 43 Wall street, where he carries a complete and attractive line of cigars, confec-

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tionery, stationery, etc.; he is also agent for the Adams Express Company at that place.

On August 24, 1870, Mr. Benedict married Nancy Brown, of South Norwalk, a daughter of James Brown, and to them four children have been born: Eva, wife of Frederick S. Bybee, of Norwalk; Eugene, a newspaper reporter in charge of the South Norwalk *Sentinel*; Harry, of Norwalk; and Charles, who died at the age of fourteen months. Mr. Benedict is a Republican, and while active in the interests of his party has no desire for public office. He has always been prominent in the affairs of the town, progressive as he is disinterested. The family attend the Baptist Church, and are among the highly respected families of the town.

LEWIS P. WAKEMAN, a prominent agriculturist of the town of Westport, is related to several of the most esteemed families of the section, and by his own character and life he does credit to his ancestry. The Wakemans have been identified with Westport from an early period, and the old homestead there was owned and cultivated by Jessup Wakeman, our subject's great-grandfather, who was probably born in Fairfield county.

Banks Wakeman, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the present dwelling house on the farm. The late Henry B. Wakeman, father of our subject, was born in the same house April 12, 1820, and passed his life at the homestead, following farming as an occupation. His death occurred on March 30, 1892, and his estimable wife, whose maiden name was Esther M. Jennings, still resides at the old farm. She is a native of Westport and a member of a well-known family, her ancestors having located in this county in 1661. She traces her descent from Joshua Jennings, who came from England in 1620, and settled in the eastern part of Connecticut, tracing her lineage through Joshua (2), Joshua (3), Joshua (4), David, and John B. Jennings, Mrs. Wakeman's father, who was born in Westport. Henry B. and Esther M. Wakeman reared a family of four sons: Morris B., a resident of Oregon, who is connected with the Oregon Transfer Company; Lewis P., our subject; William J., a surgeon in the United States army, now stationed in Arizona; and Alfred J., a chemist in New York City.

Our subject was born June 11, 1847, at the homestead where his youth was chiefly spent. His education was begun in the local schools, and completed in a select school in Norwalk, and on leaving school he taught for four winters, and then engaged in farming in the town of Westport. He operates the homestead for his mother, and he also owns the farm of thirty-five acres upon which he resides in a beautiful home built by him in 1874. Mr. Wakeman is what is generally known as a "truck farmer," and under his able management the estates which he conducts yield handsome returns. As a citizen he is public-spirited, taking keen interest in local affairs, and he is one of the leading Republicans of his locality. In the fall of 1896 he was elected first selectman, and he is still serving in that office, having been re-elected in the fall of 1897. He is a valued member of the Grange, the K. of P., and the Masonic order, and he and his family are prominent workers in the Congregational Church at Westport.

On March 12, 1874, Mr. Wakeman was married to Miss Jennie S. Sherwood, a native of Westport and a descendant of one of the early settlers of the county. Four children have blessed their union: Bertha L., Elsie R. (deceased), Ethel S. and L. Kenneth.

WATSON H. SMITH is one of the leading citizens of Stratford, and for many years he has been influential in the business, political and social activities of the town. He owns valuable property there and elsewhere, his real-estate holdings including farms in Florida and South Dakota, but his attention has been given mainly to mercantile pursuits. Coming of good New England ancestry, he has always shown in a marked degree the mental acumen and business ability which characterize that race, and his career indicates that he could well have achieved success in any line of effort.

Mr. Smith was born August 25, 1836, in Kent, Litchfield Co., Conn., where his ancestors settled at an early period, the family coming originally from England. Capt. Joseph Smith, the grandfather of our subject, was a farmer in Litchfield county; his title was won by service in the Revolutionary army. Harvey Smith, father of Watson H. Smith, was born and reared in Kent, and became a farmer in that neighborhood. He married Miss Julia Park, daughter of Asa and Margaret (Fuller) Park, of the same town, and they had six children: Flora; Chauncey, deceased; Julia; Harriet and Newton A., both deceased; and Watson H. The Fullers were one of the very first settled families in Kent, Litchfield county.

Watson H. Smith attended school in Kent and in Danbury, and on completing his course of study entered upon his business career as clerk

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in a store in the former town, continuing until he reached the age of twenty-two. In 1860 he removed to the town of Stratford, where he followed farming for five years, and later he spent four years in the hay-pressing business. He then formed a partnership with John Hurd, and conducted a grocery store and livery stable in Stratford, and on the dissolution of the firm he purchased his present grocery store on Main street, Stratford, which he has now conducted successfully for twenty-six years. He has always taken an active part in local politics, being a stanch Democrat, and at times he has held office, including that of deputy sheriff. He has also been prominent in religious work as a member of the Congregational Church, in which he has held various positions and has served ten years as clerk. He is a member of the Stratford Social Club. In 1860 he married Miss Asenath Sumner, who was born in eastern Massachusetts, a daughter of William G. and Eliza Sumner, and the second cousin of Hon. Charles Sumner, the distinguished statesman. No children were born of this union, and on January 8, 1890, Mrs. Smith passed to the unseen life, deeply mourned by a large circle of friends.

MORRIS BURR WHITLOCK, who is now conducting a first-class livery stable at Ridgefield, where may be found the best of horses and vehicles of all descriptions in keeping with the demand of the times, is one of the family which for generations have been identified with the development of the county.

Joseph Whitlock, his grandfather, was one of several brothers and one sister, all residents of this section. The brothers and sisters were: Thadeus married Polly Smith, daughter of Matthew, of Limestone; James married Amanda Smith; Rufus never married; and Phœbe became the wife of William Thrall. Joseph Whitlock carried on agricultural pursuits in a limited manner at Bennett's farms. He married Polly Smith, and among his children were the following: Rufus located in Tioga county, Penn.; Henry, father of Morris B., is mentioned at more length farther on; Mead was a master mechanic, and now resides in Ansonia, Conn.; Eunice married Richard Harris, an extensive contractor and builder of Birmingham and Derby; Maria married John Henry Olmstead, of Ridgefield; Morris, who was drowned in a pond; and John, a contractor and builder, went to St. Louis; he had ten sons, each of whom weighed over two hundred pounds.

Henry Whitlock was born at Bennett's farms in the town of Ridgefield, in 1826. He took a great interest in horses, and became a horseman of some note. At various times he was the owner of the stage lines running from New York City to Danbury, from Danbury to White Plains, from Ridgefield to Norwalk, and from Ridgefield to Branchville. He was a very active and energetic man, large and strong, and generally made things around him move. Thoroughly versed in his line of business, he conducted it successfully. He was considered one of the best four-in-hand drivers in the county, and he could manage with ease even a greater number of horses; at one time he drove twenty-two in the streets of Danbury. His wife was Miss Lucy Ann Burr, a daughter of Zalmon Burr, a school teacher and farmer, and to this union came two sons: Lyman H., born August 5, 1849, a plumber residing at Ansonia, Conn., and Morris Burr, our subject. The father of these, while he voted the Democratic ticket, was in no sense a politician. His death occurred July 1, 1892. His widow still survives.

Morris Burr Whitlock was born in Ridgefield, August 5, 1853, and received but a limited education, as he did not attend the public school after he was sixteen years of age. Using his own language, "he was put out at twelve to shift for himself." He attended the schools in Ridgefield, at Starr's Plains, and for a time in Tioga county, Penn., and one term at Ridge Institute, a school for boys under the tuition of William O. Seymour. When twelve years old young Whitlock went to Tioga county, Penn., to live with a cousin of his father's, and there he remained two years, living on a farm. Following this he for one year drove team for his father on the stage route to South Norwalk; then drove on the Branchville route for three years. After this he went to Corning, N. Y., and clerked for Loriane Dodge, whose daughter he married. With Mr. Dodge he remained three and one-half years, and then went to Tioga county, Penn., where he engaged in farming on a four-hundred-acre tract of land, also becoming engaged in the dairy business, keeping some forty milch cows. For nine years he was thus occupied, raising horses toward the latter part of this period in addition to his other occupations. Beginning in April, 1884, he for six months conducted a livery stable on a small scale. During the latter half of the same year he kept a hotel and carried on a livery stable at Mansfield, Penn. This business, owing to ill health, he gave up, and in the spring of 1885 returned to Ridgefield, Conn. Here he purchased of his father the latter's livery stock, then consisting of two coaches and four horses.

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and from this humble beginning has come the large business he now enjoys. His barn is large and roomy, and his horses—from forty to sixty in number—and vehicles are of the best. Mr. Whitlock is a self-made man, and is deserving of great credit for his efforts and success in life. He is a wide-awake and progressive citizen, and takes a great interest in his home town.

As before stated, Mr. Whitlock married a daughter of Loraine Dodge, whose home was at Sullivan, Penn., and to this marriage were born: Loraine Dodge, on June 10, 1875; Henry Morris, August 31, 1879, Arthur Burr, May 4, 1880; and Joseph Laverne, August 26, 1887. Of this family, Loraine D. was married October 27, 1895, to Ida Veil Clark, and they had one child, Hazel V.; he afterward married, April 12, 1898, Blanche M. Stevens, daughter of R. G. Stevens, of Sylvania, Bradford Co., Penn., and by this union there is one child, Morris Stevens. Henry M. Whitlock was married January 1, 1899, to Amanda Copp Dodge, of Caledonia, Elk Co., Penn. Mrs. Morris B. Whitlock is a granddaughter of Rufus Smith, who is a brother of Polly Smith, the grandmother of our subject, making the great-grandfather a common ancestor. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Burr Whitlock attend the M. E. Church. In politics he is a Republican.

JOSEPH E. PECK, the genial and affable treasurer of the Riverside Yacht Club, in Fairfield county, in which he has ever been a leading spirit, taking great interest in all of its affairs, is a member of one of the old and prominent families of the town of Greenwich.

Born February 29, 1856, in New York, Mr. Peck is descended from the pioneer preacher of that name of Colonial times, who was a resident of the town of Greenwich. George A. Peck, the father of our subject, was born at old Greenwich, now Riverside, in November, 1813, a son of Joseph Peck, who was the father of a large family of children, the only son to reach adult age being George A. Of the daughters, Betsey, Jerusha and Charlotte, the first-named lived to the age of eighty-four years, Jerusha to eighty-one years; none of them married. Joseph Peck was a farmer, and, possessing considerable business ability and force, he made money and became the owner of much property. He and his wife were members of the First Congregational Church at Sound Beach; both are buried in a small cemetery used only by a few families.

George A. Peck received his educational training in the schools about his birthplace. He lived at home until eighteen years of age, when he went to New York, clerking in a clothing store located on the corner of Water and Rosevelt streets, owned by a Mr. Walker. Young Peck was industrious and economical, saving his earnings, and soon became a partner in the business, and later the sole proprietor. He possessed great business tact and ability, was full of energy—too much so for his constitution—and was not content with anything short of a large business, so he turned his attention to the manufacture of clothing, and, later on, to oil clothing, in which line he was a pioneer manufacturer. The oil clothing manufactured by him was extensively used by the United States Government in the army and navy, and went into the western country. Failing health caused him to retire from business in 1854, and he came to his home at Cos Cob, where his remaining days were passed in comfort and ease.

Mr. Peck was married in New York to Miss Anna E. Valentine, a daughter of Elijah and Catherine (Schenck) Valentine, both of whom came from families ranking among the oldest and most respected of New York. Elijah Valentine was a successful merchant. To the marriage of George A. and Anna E. (Valentine) Peck were born children as follows: Henry V., now a resident of Cos Cob; Mary E. (Mrs. Townsend Crook), of Rye, N. Y.; George A., who died in 1891 at Cos Cob; Jennie A., residing at Cos Cob; Joseph L., our subject; Emma F. (Mrs. Elbert F. Lockwood), of Cos Cob; and William, also a resident of Cos Cob. The father of these, while engaged in business in New York, lived there altogether for a time, then for a period passed his summers in the country—at Stamford, Sound Beach and Cos Cob. He finally purchased the old Stearns homestead at Cos Cob, remodeled it and made a permanent home there; it is yet occupied by members of the family. When a young man he became identified with the First Congregational Church at Sound Beach, but after his marriage, his wife being a member of the Episcopal Church, he attended the services of that Society. His wife died in 1881, and he passed away in April, 1894, leaving a valuable estate. He was a successful business man and a citizen who held the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

Joseph E. Peck attended the district schools of Cos Cob, where among his first teachers was a Miss Quintard, and later went to the Greenwich Academy when it was in charge of Professor Shepherd. After reaching manhood he went to New York and became a salesman for a firm that manufactured and sold silverware, continuing thus

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for some time, when he returned to Cos Cob and has since made that place his home. He has ever taken an interest in outdoor sports, and in 1888 was foremost in the organization of the Riverside Yacht Club, which was founded by himself and George Tyson, Mr. Peck being chosen treasurer, an office he has ever since held. To his energy and active interest that club owes its success. Mr. Peck is also fond of hunting and fishing, and is an authority on matters pertaining to these sports. He has a beautiful and most comfortable home, is an indulgent husband and father, and he and his family enjoy life thoroughly.

In politics Mr. Peck is a Republican, but he takes no active interest in party affairs, not aspiring to public honors. He is enterprising and progressive, aiding with his means all laudable enterprises, and is well and favorably known throughout Fairfield county. He married a native of New York City, Mrs. Josephine E. (Platt) Hamilton, widow of James Hamilton, and to this marriage was born, April 22, 1894, George Valentine, who is the only male representative of his generation in direct line from his great-grandfather, Joseph Peck. Mrs. Peck is a woman of culture and refinement, and from this home is dispensed a generous hospitality to the many friends and acquaintances of the family.

MILES H. ELWELL, a prominent agriculturist and dairyman of Pembroke District, town of Danbury, has a fine farm of two hundred acres which, under his able management, is maintained in an excellent state of cultivation.

Mr. Elwell was born June 22, 1849, in New Fairfield, Conn., the son of Lewis and grandson of John Elwell. His father, who was a successful farmer, was born in the town of Southeast, Putnam Co., N. Y., and died in 1892. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Mary Hayes, was the daughter of John Hayes. The family consisted of three children: (1) Phœbe Ann married David Disbrow, and died in 1894, leaving six children—Miles, Mary, Arthur, Lewis, Annie and Charles. The third in the family, George, died in childhood. (2) Miles H., our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (3) Mary Eliza married Frank Elwell, and they have one child—Mary.

Mr. Elwell, our subject, was educated in the schools of his native town, and at the same time assisted his father in the farm work. At the age of fourteen he left school and for several years gave his entire attention to the work of the homestead, farming and peddling milk. During his father's life he spent much of his time in assisting and relieving him from active cares, but since 1893 he has occupied his present farm. He keeps from twenty to thirty cows, and runs a well-patronized milk route in Danbury.

In 1876 Mr. Elwell married Miss Lydia Waite, daughter of John and Lena (Griffing) Waite, and seven children have blessed this union: Clarissa, Clason, Wilbur, Lewis, Miles, Jr., Waite and Arthur. While Mr. Elwell is not specially interested in politics, he takes much interest in the questions of the times, and is a believer in the principles and policy of the Republican party.

JOHN A. WALDRON is one of the enterprising and successful agriculturists of the town of New Fairfield, where he owns a fine farm conducted according to modern methods.

Mr. Waldron was born at Quaker Hill, Dutchess Co., N. Y., a spot which has become historic through the many important movements which centered there in the early days when the question of our national independence hung in the balance. His father, Elmore Waldron, was a native of Sharon, Conn., and was educated there, but his later years were mainly spent in the town of Sherman, this county, where he was engaged in farming. This worthy citizen showed his patriotism by enlisting, at the outbreak of the Civil war, in Company G, of a regiment of Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, and serving throughout that struggle. He received a wound in one of the many engagements in which he took part, and during his last years drew a pension. He married Miss Almira Webb, a daughter of Lyman and Emily Webb, farming people of Massachusetts, and our subject is the youngest of their three sons. (1) Everett was born in 1868 in the town of Sherman, where he received a common-school education and afterward engaged in farming. During the winter season he is employed as an expert in the sorting of tobacco, which requires such skill and knowledge of the different varieties of the plant that it may be considered a distinct trade. He is unmarried, and at present resides in Brookfield, this county. (2) Charles, who was born and educated in the town of Sherman, became interested in agriculture there, but died at the age of nineteen years.

Our subject attended the common schools of the town of Sherman for some time, and from an early age has been engaged in agriculture. When twenty-seven years old he purchased his present farm in the town of New Fairfield, which con-

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tains 110 acres of excellent land, devoted to general crops, although at times he raises tobacco extensively. On September 20, 1896, Mr. Waldron married Mrs. Sainna Hoag, daughter of Murray and Charlotte Lamson, and they now reside upon her farm, which adjoins that of Mr. Waldron. Being a man of strong convictions, our subject takes pride in giving substantial support to the Democratic party, in whose principles he firmly believes. For a number of years he has held the office of constable.

JOHN S. KEELER. The records of Fairfield county have been kept intact from the earliest times, and the records of those families who were prominent and influential citizens in the early days of the Colony of Connecticut cannot fail to be of intense interest to the student of history.

John S. Keeler, a representative citizen of Ridgefield township, is a lineal descendant of Ralph Keeler, who, according to the Fairfield probate record, made his will August 20, 1672; this will was admitted to probate in November of that year. In his will Ralph Keeler distributes his property, making bequests to John, Ralph and Samuel Keeler, and also to his daughters, Elizabeth and Rebecca. Samuel Keeler, son of Ralph, became one of the original twenty-five proprietors of Ridgefield, having a grant to property in what is now the lower end of the town. He married, and became the father of Samuel (2), Joseph, Jonah and Timothy.

The will of Timothy Keeler was made August 30, 1748, and proved September 22, 1748. He had three sons—Timothy (2), Benjamin and Jeremiah—and his property was equally divided, giving one-third to each son, excepting a portion to his wife. Jeremiah, the youngest son, succeeded to the home property, and in 1750 he built the house ever since occupied by the family, the oldest original house remaining in the town. He married Hannah Seymour, and by her had three children, two sons and a daughter, as follows: Jeremiah (2), born January 5, 1703; Thaddeus, and Hannah (Mrs. Truesdell). In his will, Jeremiah Keeler bequeathed to his wife "my negro wench named Ellen," and to Jeremiah (2), his eldest son, the land at Flat Rock, as a birthright.

Jeremiah Keeler (2) married Sarah St. John, who was born February 7, 1703, and died January 27, 1852. They became the parents of the following named children. Benjamin, born March 2, 1792, married in 1819 to Sarah Slessor, who was born October 13, 1799; Samuel, who went to Cheraw, S. C.; Sarah, who married Smith Scott, of Stamford; and Esther K., born December 30, 1798, who died January 8, 1869. In his will—executed July 2, 1831, probated August 29, 1837—Jeremiah Keeler (2) makes specific legacies as follows: $100 to his son Benjamin; to his daughter Sarah $500 in value of his real estate; to his daughter Esther $500 in value of his real estate in same manner; and the residue of his estate goes to his two sons, Benjamin and Samuel, in equal proportions.

On the death of Sarah (St. John) Keeler, wife of Jeremiah Keeler (2), Benjamin Keeler succeeded to the estate. He was engaged in the coasting trade, and was also connected with a pottery at Huntington, Long Island, but during the latter portion of his life was a farmer. In 1819 he married Sarah C. Slessor, and he became the father of three sons: William Edgar, born September 15, 1820, died September 9, 1836; Samuel S., born February 18, 1826, died February 10, 1867 (he was a saddler and harness maker, he married Mary Jane June, of Stamford, and in his later years resided in Stamford); and John S., the subject proper of this sketch, born August 3, 1829. The father of these died intestate, and the estate was divided by mutual agreement. His death occurred August 23, 1864, when he was seventy-two years of age, and his wife passed to her long rest May 5, 1875, aged seventy-five years and six months.

John S. Keeler, whose name opens this review, was given a good education in the common schools, and by diligent reading has greatly supplemented his early training and become well informed. He learned the carpenter's trade under Alvin Jennings, and is still following same. For nearly half a century he has worked as a journeyman in Stamford and Norwalk, but generally in Ridgefield, and his handiwork may be found on nearly all of the principal buildings in the town, his high-grade workmanship being always in great demand; he has been very successful in his business from a financial point of view. His interest in all public movements has in no way interfered with his business. Always a Democrat in his political views, he has given much aid to the party by his disinterested advice, and his sound judgment and forethought have been of incalculable assistance to the campaign managers. In 1871 he represented his town in the Legislature, and made a lasting name in the State records for his determined efforts to carry out the wishes of his constituents, and to secure such legislation as would be of the greatest good to the greatest number. His colleague at this time was Peter P. Coonen. In local affairs, too, Mr.

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Keeler has always taken an active part, and is to be found at the front in all progressive enterprises.

On July 1, 1875, our subject was married to Miss Nancy Hoyt, who was born July 24, 1825, a daughter of Isaac Hoyt. On November 19, 1890, Mrs. Keeler passed away, and Mr. Keeler has since lived practically retired. During a life of over three-score years passed in one town, he has ever maintained the sincere respect of the community, and is regarded as one of its most substantial men.

ELBRIDGE GERRY. This resident of Danbury, Fairfield Co., Conn., comes of good New England stock, tracing his descent in the paternal line to one of two brothers who came from England at an early day and located in Massachusetts, one choosing the northern part and the other the southern. These two were progenitors of the various branches of the Gerry family in this country.

David Gerry, our subject's great-grandfather, married Lucy Thompson, and their son Charles, the grandfather, married Orissa Haynes, daughter of Capt. Israel and Sarah (Jewell) Haynes. Her father earned his title in the militia, and he was prominent in the political movements of his time, serving as a member of the Massachusetts Legislature; he is mentioned in Henry Wilson's "History of Massachusetts" as having been chiefly instrumental in the election of Charles Sumner to the United States Senate.

Israel H. Gerry, father of Elbridge Gerry, was born April 12, 1833, at Sudbury, Mass., and for many years was in the commission business in New York City, where he resides at the present time. He was at one time superintendent of the public schools of Orange, N. J., and was chairman of the liberal Republican State executive committee at the time Horace Greeley ran for the Presidency. He married Miss Josephine M. Packard, daughter of Nathaniel R. and Mary (Warren) Packard. Mrs. Gerry was born in Brockton, Mass., September 25, 1836, and died April 14, 1874, leaving six children: Elbridge, Irving, Gertrude, Josephine, Florence and Russell. Israel H. Gerry has a daughter by another marriage—Miss Edna Kingingham.

Elbridge Gerry was born April 29, 1858, at Sudbury, Mass. He was educated at Orange, N. J., attending the public schools through all the grades, and also a private school. At eighteen he was employed in a broker's office in New York City, where he remained a couple of years, and he then spent the same length of time with his father in the commission business, after which he gave two years to the hatting industry in Newark, N. J. Later Mr. Gerry was in Canada for three years and a half. In June, 1885, he located at Danbury, where for eleven years he was employed by Mallory & Sons as foreman in the curling department of their hat factory. On leaving this position he formed a partnership with E. Starr Sanford, and on November 1st, 1896, they purchased the business of J. G. Irving, No. 9 Library Place, manufacturers' agents and dealer in hatters' supplies. This business the only one of the kind in the city, has since been continued successfully under the firm name of Elbridge Gerry & Co. Mr. Gerry is prominent in local affairs. He is an earnest Republican and in 1892 was president of the Young Men's Republican Club of Danbury, at present serving as secretary of the Republican League Club of that city.

On April 27, 1882, Mr. Gerry was married in Canada to Miss Bessie MacDonald, daughter of John and Margaret (Cuthbert) MacDonald, of Inverness, Scotland, and three children have blessed this union: Sarah M. and Olivia Tracy, who died in childhood, and Alexander Leroy, who is a bright and promising boy. Mr. Gerry is a member of the present Board of Trade. He and his wife hold a place in the best social circles of Danbury, and they are members of the Disciples Church, in which he holds the office of deacon. For several years he has been one of the vice-presidents of the Y. M. C. A. and a member of the board of directors. He belongs to various fraternal societies, including Union Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter, R. A. M.; the Royal Arcanum, and Progressive Lodge No. 18, I. O. O. F.

JAMES H. HOYT, prominent in Grand Army circles, and one of the most popular business men of Norwalk, was born in New York City June 19, 1840.

James A. Hoyt, his father, was for many years engaged in the dry-goods and silk business in New York City. At the time of the fire in 1835 he engaged in the banking business with Dunkin, Sherman & Co., on Wall street. Mr. Sherman, of this firm, a relative of the Hoyts, afterward gave his name to history, and so long as the American loves liberty the fame of Gen. William T. Sherman will live. About 1860 Mr. Hoyt entered the Custom House, where he remained until his death in 1876. He married Elizabeth St. John, who was born in Norwalk, a daughter of Buckingham St. John and his wife

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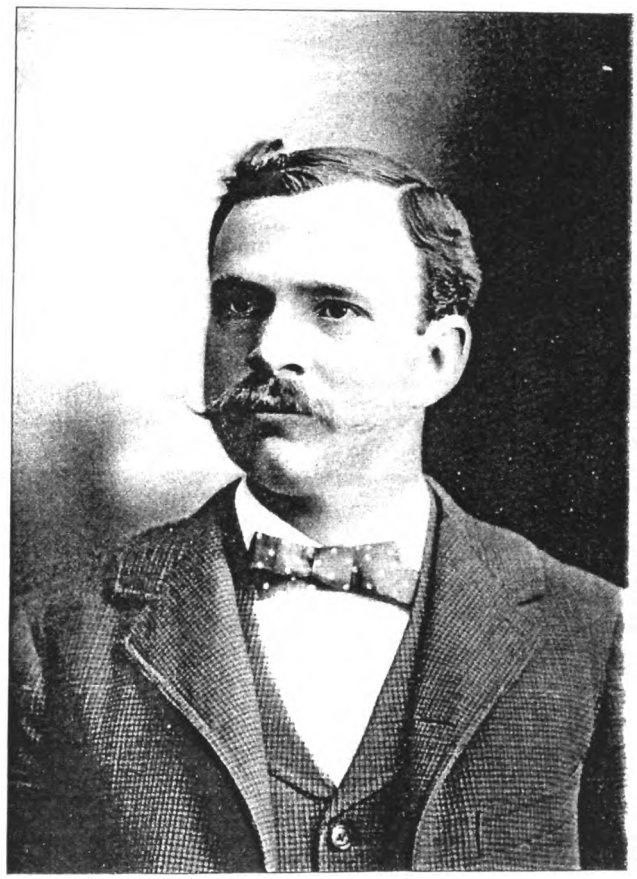

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Charlotte (Bush). To Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt eight children were born: Charles, a farmer in Norwalk, where he died; Charlotte, who died at the age of twenty years; James H., our subject; Louise, who married George B. Day, a native of Providence; Buckingham, a stock broker in New York; Gould, an attorney at law, now living retired at Norwalk; Frederick, a jeweler and manufacturer in New York; and Francis, at home. Mr. Hoyt was a man of high attainments, and was a fine linguist, speaking French, German and Italian. In politics he was a faithful Republican. Mrs. Hoyt died in 1891.

James H. Hoyt received his education in New York and Norwalk, and in 1854 he went to New York where he engaged in the steamboat business. In 1861, at the outbreak of the Civil war, Mr. Hoyt answered the first call for volunteers, by enlisting May 27, 1861, and started for the front. Though he first enlisted for three months, he was afterward sworn in for three years, and participated with his regiment in all its movements. At the battle of Antietam he was shot through the body, and October 15, 1862, he was discharged with promotion. As soon as he had regained a portion of his strength he joined the 68th N. Y. V. I. and was promoted to first lieutenant, then to captain, and as such was honorably discharged April 18, 1863, when he returned to New York and made that city his home until 1869. In that year he came to Norwalk, and five years later opened up his present business—that of a retail liquor dealer. He is very prominent among his colleagues, and has served as treasurer of the Liquor Dealers Association. In his political faith he invariably uses his right of franchise in support of the Republican party. He is a man of good family, highly respected by all with whom he comes in contact. His sterling integrity and manly courtesy have won him a high place in the estimation of his fellow-men, and his genial humor makes him popular socially. But it is in the Grand Army of the Republic that he finds his greatest pleasure, and around the camp fires to recall those days when he and the old comrades drank from the same canteen. For several years he served the G. A. R. as quartermaster, and many an unfortunate comrade has reason to bless the hand that so closely followed the motto F. C. & L.

CHARLES HANSON, a well-known retired business man of Bridgeport, is one of the leading German-Americans, and in both private and public life has shown the admirable qualities of that enterprising race of people.

Mr. Hanson was born December 25, 1843, in Hamburg, Germany, where his father, Christian Hanson (now deceased), was in business as a grain dealer. The mother, whose maiden name was Margaret Pfeiffer, was also a native of Germany, and is still living in Hamburg. This worthy couple had three children, of whom our subject is the youngest. Johanna is deceased, and Marie resides in Germany.

During his boyhood Charles Hanson acquired an education in the schools of Hamburg, and for four years he clerked in a grocery store there, receiving only his board and some valuable experience as recompense. At the age of nineteen he came to the United States, and for ten years he was employed as clerk in a grocery in New York City, but in 1873 he located at Bridgeport and engaged in a similar business on his own account, at the corner of Main street and Railroad avenue. He met with the success which his well-directed efforts deserved, and in 1891 he retired with a comfortable competence. Mr. Hanson has always taken an active interest in politics as a stanch supporter of the Democratic party, and at times he has been chosen to office in the municipality. He was the first Democrat honored with election to the position of alderman from the First ward, and his efficient service so won the approval of the people that he was re-elected for two years longer.

Mr. Hanson married Miss Josephine Stegkemper, who was born in New York of German ancestry, and they had four children: Harry, Frederick, George and Martha. The mother of these dying, he married Miss Christina Heisterberg, a native of New York City, and by this union he has two children, Emma and Florence. The family is connected with the German Lutheran Church, of which Mr. Hanson is a prominent member, and he also affiliates with the I. O. O. F., belonging to Steuben Lodge No. 83, and Bridgeport Encampment No. 22.

CHARLES F. WATERBURY. Prominent among the merchants of Stamford who attend strictly to their own business interests, and by this singleness of purpose have won success, is Charles F. Waterbury, who was born May 15, 1855, a son of David Waterbury, grandson of William Waterbury, and great-grandson of Gen. David Waterbury, of Stamford, Connecticut.

David Waterbury was born April 17, 1819, and died November 22, 1894. His early days were spent in Stamford, and in the public schools of that town he secured his literary training. After leaving the school room he engaged in the

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market trade, running the sloops "Rival" and "Henry Gesner" to New York City. With the advent of steamboats he changed his work and began to run steamboats from Stamford to New York City. This he continued until 1867, when he engaged in the coal business, which he continued until his death. He married Sarah M. Selleck, daughter of John Selleck, one of the prominent residents of Stamford. Eight children blessed this union: William T., an employe of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. R. at Stamford; Mary J. and Emily, both deceased; John S., a farmer; Mary E., wife of E. S. Webb, of Stamford; Sarah M.; Charles F. and Lottie A. Though prominent in business circles, and active in the promotion of every movement that tended to the advancement of the moral or material welfare of the community, Mr. Waterbury invariably declined to accept public office.

Charles F. Waterbury received his education first in Miss Webb's private school, and later in the public schools, finishing his school days as a pupil in the private school of G. B. Glendinning. Sometime after leaving school he entered his father's coal office and there mastered, in a most practical way, the details of a commercial life. On October 1, 1887, the firm became D. Waterbury & Son, and so remained until 1891, when the father retired, and our subject has since conducted the business successfully.

At Long Ridge, in the town of Stamford, Mr. Waterbury was united in marriage with Miss Annie S. Lockwood, a daughter of Charles A. Lockwood. This union has been gladdened by two children: David and Josephine. Mr. Waterbury has greatly extended the scope of his business, and now deals not only in coal, but also in wood, drain pipe, etc. He attends faithfully to his business himself and manages the whole in a most capable manner, keeping close in touch with all parts of the work. Of unquestioned integrity, and in politics an Independent, he has often been asked to accept public office; but he prefers the quieter life of a private citizen. He takes no active part in politics, though, well-posted as he is on all topics of the day, his advice is often sought by the party leaders.

AARON B. GILBERT has for about forty years run the principal feed mill at Ridgefield, and has also engaged in farming and carpentering during this time.

Mr. Gilbert was born August 15, 1838, in Ridgefield, son of Harry Gilbert, and grandson of Ebenezer Gilbert. In his boyhood he received the advantages afforded by the public schools of his birthplace, attending until he was sixteen years old. He commenced to learn his trade, carpentering, with his father, and finished same under Clark Scott, of North Salem. After the close of his apprenticeship he followed his trade for several years, finally, in 1858, taking charge of the mill which his father had established, and which he has ever since conducted. It is the most important mill of the kind in the vicinity, and has the largest patronage. In the meantime Mr. Gilbert has not neglected his trade, but has been engaged at same and in farming, in addition to looking after his mill interests. Altogether he has succeeded through his unceasing industry and good management in gaining a comfortable competence.

On June 26, 1861, Mr. Gilbert was married to Miss Sarah E. Loder, who is the daughter of Darius Loder, and granddaughter of David Loder. Three children came to bless this marriage, viz.: Mary E., born June 17, 1863, died September 4, 1863. Harry, born July 18, 1865, died September 23, 1867. Roland L., born November 11, 1875, was married October 14, 1895, to Miss Adella Shultis; he is depot agent at Cannon Station. Mr. Gilbert is an active member of the Ridgefield M. E. Church, and has been a member of its official board. Politically he is a Democrat in sentiment, but he takes little practical interest in party affairs beyond casting his vote.

HENRY GIESER, who owns and occupies what is considered by many as the best-kept estate in the town of Greenwich, Fairfield county, has led a comparatively retired life since his removal here in 1882, but he has nevertheless established a reputation most enviable as a thoroughly experienced and successful agriculturist, and he is regarded by all as a citizen of genuine worth to the community.

Mr. Gieser is a native of the Fatherland, having been born September 18, 1839, in the Grand Duchy of Baden, where his parents, John and Magdalena (Bowman) Gieser, were well-to-do farming people. They had a family of seven children, six sons and one daughter, of whom Henry is the only one who left Germany for America. He received his education in the country of his birth, and was there reared to farm work, which has been his life occupation, bidding farewell to his home in the spring of 1864, when he set sail from Bremen on the "America," which landed him in New York nine days later. Proceeding to Westchester county, N. Y., he began life here as a farm hand, but it was not long

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before, by industry and frugality, he was enabled to buy land for himself and take up farming on his own account. He prospered from the start, and he continued to carry on agricultural pursuits in Westchester county until April, 1882, when he came to Cos Cob, in the town of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., with the intention of settling down to peaceful retirement. His industrious disposition and habits, however, were not long in re-asserting themselves, and, having bought the John J. Budd property, he has devoted his time and attention to its care and improvement, and has also added to the original purchase. He has remodeled the dwelling and made numerous other changes for the better in and about the place, earning for it the distinction it now enjoys, that of being the best-kept in the town. Mr. Gieser is quiet and unostentatious in his walk through life, but he is a man who commands respect wherever he goes, and he and his family stand high among the best residents in the neighborhood.

While living in Westchester county Mr. Gieser met and married Miss Caroline A. Gescheidt, daughter of Dr. A. Gescheidt, and six children have blessed this union, namely: Louis H., born in August, 1880; G. Ernst, born in June, 1884; Caroline D., born in July, 1885; Marie L., born in September, 1886; Herbert E., born January 2, 1889, who died at the age of four years; and Rosa L., who died when eleven months old. Mrs. Gieser was born in New York State, of French and German extraction, and comes of an excellent family; she is highly educated and speaks three languages fluently. In religious connection Mr. Gieser is a member of the Lutheran denomination, but he and his wife attend the Episcopal Church, to which she belongs. He is a Democrat in political sympathy, but beyond voting regularly he takes little active interest in politics, and in local affairs he selects the best men regardless of party ties.

FREDERICK S. JEWELL is an agriculturist who has proven that farming pays, even in these times. His pleasant homestead in Pembroke District, town of Danbury, has been acquired by his own well-directed efforts, and his career is an object lesson in perseverance and industry for all who are tempted to think that in agricultural work at least there is no hope for advancement.

Mr. Jewell was born August 26, 1851, in New Milford, Conn., the son of Richard and grandson of Peter Jewell. His father was a farmer by occupation, but was also employed for many years in railroad work, going to different States as trackman. He married Hannah Gardiner, and they had four children: Merritt Arthur, Charles L., Frederick S. (our subject) and Jennie.

Frederick S. Jewell spent his early life in New Milford, where he received a common-school education. At the age of sixteen he began to work upon a farm, and as the life proved congenial he continued for several years with different farmers. He wasted neither his time nor his money, and on March 5, 1885, he invested his savings in his present place of eighty-five acres, going in debt, of course, to a large amount. The place has cost him about $7,000 altogether, but he has met every obligation, and now has laid by considerable for a rainy day. For years he devoted his attention to raising tobacco, and for five years he packed the leaves for a Buffalo firm, employing fifteen men throughout the winter time. At present he is especially interested in dairy work, keeping from twelve to fifteen cows.

Mr. Jewell married Miss Almira H. Shute, daughter of Gilbert and Mary C. (Birdsall) Shute, and she has been an admirable helpmeet. They attend the Baptist Church. Business cares have prevented Mr. Jewell from taking an active part in local affairs, but politically he is a firm adherent of the Democratic party.

HENRY B. WHEELER, proprietor of the foundry for the manufacture of agricultural implements and hatter's tools at Lyons Plain, Fairfield county, is by virtue of his distinguished position in public life, his long residence in the locality, and his extensive business interests, entitled to prominent mention in the pages of this work.

Our subject is a native of Fairfield county, Conn., born June 9, 1831, in the town of Weston, where he received his elementary education at the district schools, subsequently attending Easton Academy, from which he graduated. After leaving school he learned the trade of molder, and in 1873 he bought out the foundry of Bradley Hull at Lyons Plain, which he has since successfully conducted, manufacturing chiefly agricultural implements and hatter's tools.

Mr. Wheeler is well-known as a leader in the ranks of the Republican party, and his political sagacity and judgment are held in highly esteem by men who are to-day in authority in political campaigns. In 1895 he was elected to the State Legislature, his services in that body abundantly justifying the selection of his constituents. He has been selectman of his village three terms,

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and in all respects justly merits the esteem in which he is held. In religious faith he is identified with the M. E. Church of Easton.

In 1853 Henry B. Wheeler married Miss Mary A. Hull, daughter of Bradley Hull, a manufacturer of Weston, and two children came to this union: Mary B., born in the town of Weston, November 25, 1859, married Arthur Mead, a hatter of Bethel, Conn., and they have two children: Estelle R., born June 12, 1884; and Clifford H., born July 18, 1886. Henry F., born in the town of Weston, May 25, 1871, graduated at the Danbury high school, afterward learned the trade of molder, and is now in business with his father; he married Miss Elsie L. Perry; they have no children. Mrs. Mary A. Wheeler died in 1871, and in 1872 Mr. Wheeler married Miss Elsie M. Babcock, who was born at Red Hook, Dutchess Co., N. Y., June 1, 1851, and they had one child, Robert B., deceased in infancy.

Daniel Wheeler, grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Weston, Fairfield county, and learned the trade of blacksmith, at which he worked all his life. He was twice married and had three children: Eli, Daniel and George. Eli, father of our subject, was born in the town of Weston, Fairfield county, and followed agricultural pursuits all his life. He married Miss Cynthia Banks, of Greenfield Hill, and children as follows were born to their union: Paulina, born April 7, 1816, married Morris Gould; Sarah A., born March 30, 1818, married William Cogswell; Charles, born April 17, 1821, married Pamelia Baird, and was a manufacturer of boots and shoes; Mary, born July 14, 1823, married Isaiah Burt; Eliza, born December 16, 1826, died January 29, 1827; Ezra B., born August 7, 1828, married Julia Stebbins; Henry B., our subject; and William A., born August 19, 1835, wedded Helen Whitlock.

Daniel Hull, grandfather of Mrs. Mary A. Wheeler, was born in the town of Weston. He was proficient in several trades, but engaged chiefly in farming. He was a Democrat in politics, and he served in the war of 1812. We have the following record of his children: Mary married Aaron Bennett; Chloe married William Bennett; Eliza married Nathaniel Wood; Maria married John Wheeler; Bradley was Mrs. Wheeler's father; David married (first) a Miss Taylor, and (second) Eliza Finch; Silas; Arthur; Aaron married a Miss Lockwood; Samuel was twice married, first to Rosetia Brown; Antoinette married (first) Louis Rundall, and (second) Aaron Bennett.

Bradley Hull, father of our subject's first wife, was born in the town of Weston and learned the trade of molder, at which he worked all his life, establishing a foundry at Weston. He was an ardent Republican and held various town offices. He married Miss Fannie Fanton, and their children were: Harriet, wife of David S. Bartram; and Mary A., wife of Henry B. Wheeler.

Stephen Babcock, grandfather of Mr. Wheeler's present wife, was born in the town of Morris, Conn., and married Phœbe Northrop, by whom he had children as follows: Abbie, born May 20, 1818; William, born June 5, 1820; Mary S., born November 26, 1821; John, born March 4, 1828; Charles, born May 11, 1832; Laura, born August 22, 1834; Edwin, born May 3, 1837; Belinda, born December 17, 1838; and Homer, born February 20, 1845.

John Babcock, father of Mrs. Wheeler, was born in the town of Morris March 4, 1828, and was a lifelong carpenter. During the Civil war he enlisted in the army from the town of Easton. He was a member of the M. E. Church of Easton. He married Miss Sarah Palmatier, who was born in 1831, a daughter of Francis and Catherine Palmatier, and their children were as follows: Alice L., born August 1, 1853, who married Cyrus Cook; Robb B., born August 1, 1855, deceased in infancy; Frederick, born January 8, 1858, married to Hattie Reynolds; and Elsie M., born June 1, 1851 (Mrs. Wheeler).

O L. MASSINGER, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Bridgeport, is a successful exponent of the theories of the homeopathic school, and his ability and skill are generally recognized in the community.

The Doctor was born November 13, 1870, at Chalfont, Penn., and is of excellent ancestry. One of his ancestors on the paternal side was an English dramatist of note, and his grandfather Massinger, who lived in Germany, was a veterinary surgeon during the Napoleonic wars, and later was extensively engaged in business as a tanner and manufacturer of boots and saddles, filling contracts for the German army.

Charles Massinger, the Doctor's father, was born in Germany, and came to America at the age of sixteen years. In 1849 he located in Colorado, where he became interested in some profitable mining ventures, and at present he is living in retirement in Pennsylvania. His estimable wife, whose maiden name was Mary A. Heckler, is a native of Hilltown, Penn., where her father was a prominent agriculturist. Of their children, the eldest, Charles J., is a physician

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and surgeon at Collingswood, N. J.; Eber M. is a veterinary surgeon at Phœnixville, Penn.; Wesley H. follows the same profession at Challont, Penn.; O. L., our subject, is the fourth in order of birth; William J. is now studying law; Miss Catherine M. is taking a course in vocal culture. The ancestors in the paternal line were Catholics, while the mother's family were Protestants.

During his boyhood Doctor Massinger attended the schools of his native town, and when sixteen years old entered Brown's preparatory school in Philadelphia, later attending Jefferson Medical College, in the same city, for a time. He then took a course in the New York Veterinary College and in Pierce's Business College in Philadelphia, and completed his medical studies at the Southern Homeopathic College, at Baltimore, graduating in 1897. Since leaving that institution he has been in successful practice in Bridgeport, where he already enjoys a high reputation. He is popular in social life, being identified with the Foresters of America, Marina Council; the Knights of the Golden Eagle, at Challont, Penn., and the Independent Order of Red Men, Konchapotanauh Tribe No. 30, at Bridgeport, of which he is "medicine man." The Doctor is unmarried.

CHARLES B. SCHLECHTWEG, D. D. S., of Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., is one of the rising young men of that town, and one of its native-born citizens, the date of his birth being January 30, 1871.

Doctor Schlechtweg is descended from German ancestry, and is a son of Andrew Schlechtweg, who was born in Staat-Lingsfeldt, Germany, in 1837, and was reared and educated in that country. At the age of seventeen years he came to the United States, and finally settled at Glenbrook, Conn., where he resided for many years. For twenty-five years he was connected with the Phillips Chemical Works at Glenbrook, of which he was foreman for twenty-two years. At Glenbrook he married Miss Amelia Hoffman, a native of Germany, and five children were born to their union, namely: Libbie, John (who is a machinist, and lives in Stamford), Andrew (a gold and silver plater, of Stamford), Charles B. and Amelia. John Schlechtweg, grandfather of Doctor Schlechtweg, was a shoemaker in Germany. He was blind for ten years.

Dr. Charles B. Schlechtweg received his rudimentary education in Glenbrook, and subsequently attended the public schools at Stamford. When fifteen years old he entered the office of Dr. A. G. Weed, Jr., a dentist, where he remained over six years, acquiring in the meantime a practical knowledge of the demands of the profession, which he had decided to make his life-work. Entering the New York Dental School, he was graduated therefrom June 3, 1896, and the following month he opened an office for practice at No. 48 Cottage Place, in Stamford, Conn., where he has since been located. Though his residence here has so far been a brief one, Doctor Schlechtweg has made flattering progress in his line, and has established himself as a reliable dentist, worthy of the patronage of the people among whom he has settled.

THEODORE H. OLSEN. There is no better class of citizens than those members of the Scandinavian races who have settled among us, and by their thrift and untiring industry have gained prosperity. The career of the subject of this brief biography might well serve as an example to any ambitious youth who must "find a way or make it," if he would escape the pressure of poverty.

Mr. Olsen was born April 25, 1846, in Christiania, Norway, the son of Ole and Mathea Olsen, who remained in the old country throughout their lives. Theodore H. is the eldest of three children, the others being Joseph A., who came to New York City, becoming a successful shoe manufacturer and, later, a restaurant keeper, but mysteriously disappeared a few years ago, nothing having since been heard from or of him (he was an active member of the Masonic Fraternity); and John, who died in early manhood.

Our subject was educated in the schools of his native land, and as his father was a shoemaker he was made familiar with the details of that business during his boyhood. At the age of twenty-one he crossed the ocean to seek his fortune in this country, and locating at Norwalk he entered the employ of an uncle, O. S. Eskelsen, an extensive manufacturer and dealer in shoes. On his arrival Mr. Olsen was entirely without funds, so that he had to begin at the very foot of the ladder. For many years he worked at the bench, occasionally being called upon to wait upon customers, and when his uncle sold the establishment to A. H. Hoyt, the latter was glad to retain the services of such a faithful and competent helper. After working for Mr. Hoyt for about twelve years Mr. Olsen formed a partnership with Moses H. Glover, and opened a shoe store and shop in Norwalk. This venture proved successful, and after a time they purchased

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another establishment in that city, known as the "Star Store." Not long afterward they bought a store in South Norwalk from Lounsbury, Matthewson & Co., and transferred to it the stock from their previous purchase. For about eight years the partnership was continued, Mr. Olsen taking charge of one store, Mr. Glover taking the other, and then the firm was dissolved, Mr. Olsen receiving the South Norwalk establishment as his share. The agreement went into effect July 1, 1893, and since that date Mr. Olsen has been in business alone. Without doubt his store is now the best of the kind to be found in that locality. He has a large and profitable trade, and it is interesting to observe that he attributes his success to hard work, judicious management, and close attention to business. In fact, as he says, one word covers it all, and that is "attention."

While Mr. Olsen stands high in business circles, he is no less esteemed as a private citizen, being always ready to encourage any worthy movement. He has not entered into practical politics, but takes much interest in the questions of the day, and is a strong believer in Republican principles. His first wife, whose maiden name was Theresa Colgrove, was of English descent, but born in this country, her family having been identified with New York State for many years. She died in August, 1891, and on May 30, 1892, Mr. Olsen married Miss Lucinda June, a cousin of his first wife. He has had three children, all by the first marriage: William and Theodore are now conducting a shoe business at Norwalk, under the firm name of Olsen Brothers, and Miss May is at home

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NIRAM J. STEVENS is a well-known agriculturist and dairyman, whose independence and thrift are displayed in the successful management of a small but productive farm, in Pembroke District, town of Danbury.

Our subject is a native of that town, having been born August 19, 1849, in King Street. George E. Stevens, his father, was a carpenter and boxmaker by trade. He married Clarissa Seymour, who is now living at the advanced age of eighty-six years, and this worthy couple had four children: George E., Niram J., Luzon T., and Charles, who died in childhood.

Niram J. Stevens was educated in the common schools of his native town, and at sixteen began to learn the hatter's trade with the firm of George Hickok & Co., of Bethel. After three years' work with them he completed his apprenticeship with Mallory & Co., learning all the details of the trade. Later he engaged in carpentering and boxmaking, but thinking a country life more desirable than that of the town, he began, in 1882, to work upon a farm, and in 1884 he purchased the estate upon which he now resides. It contains about sixty acres of excellent land, which he devotes to general crops, including corn and hay, and he also keeps from fifteen to twenty cattle. He sells his milk, and for that branch of his business and other work upon the farm he keeps three horses.

Mr. Stevens married, for his first wife, Miss Lucy J. Birdsall, daughter of Sheldon and Eunice (Knapp) Birdsall, and after her decease wedded Miss Mary J. Shute, daughter of Gilbert and Caroline (Birdsall) Shute. One son came to the first marriage, Ernest P., born June 22, 1872: he was killed March 23, 1893, on the Danbury & Norwalk railroad.

Mr. Stevens is a man of independent thought, and in political matters he follows his own judgment as to the best men and measures, voting according to the issues at stake at the particular time. Socially he is a member of the A. O. U. W.

MAJOR MICHAEL KELLY, a veteran of the Civil war, is now a prominent resident of Bridgeport, and this brief yet suggestive story of his honorable and useful career will be read with interest.

The Major was born September 11, 1838, in County Roscommon, Ireland, son of Thomas and Mary (Moran) Kelly. The father, who was also a native of County Roscommon, came to America with his family in 1849 and engaged in farming in the town of Sharon, Litchfield Co., Conn. Our subject was one of seven children, six sons and one daughter, and four of the sons served as soldiers in the Union army during the Rebellion.

Michael Kelly's education was begun in the National schools of Ireland, and after coming to this country he continued his studies in the public schools of Sharon, Conn., and the seminary at Amenia, N. Y., where he completed a four-years' course. He learned the iron molder's trade at Sharon, and during the first year of the Civil war he worked at making shot and shell at Sharon while keeping up with his classes in the seminary in three studies. On July 29, 1862, he enlisted, at Sharon, in the 19th Conn. V. I., afterward the 2d Conn. Heavy Artillery. The following record of his service and promotions we find in the history of his regiment, written by Captain Coe, now in command of the Soldiers' Home at Noroton, Conn.: "Maj. Michael Kelly

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enlisted in the 10th Conn. V. I. at Sharon, Conn., July 29, 1862, and was mustered into the United States service as first sergeant, September 11, 1862; promoted to second lieutenant of Company F, March 6, 1864; to first lieutenant of Company L, December 20, 1864; to captain of Company G, March 15, 1865; to major, by brevet, April 2, 1865; mustered out of service August 18, 1865." On his return home the Major followed his trade with the Howe Sewing Machine Company, in Bridgeport, Conn., for many years, and later was connected with the Bridgeport Malleable Iron Company, but he retired from active labor about 1890, on account of ill-health.

Major Kelly was married, in New Haven, Conn., to Miss Margaret Reardon, and they have had eight children: Mary Louise, Elizabeth, Abbie, Helena, Margaret, Agnes, Lillian, and Francis Joseph (deceased). The family is identified with the Catholic Church of Bridgeport, of which the Major is a leading member. For many years he has been an active worker in Elias Howe Post, G. A. R. and at present he is vice-president of the Second Connecticut Heavy Artillery Association.

GEORGE G. DURANT, a prominent representative citizen of Bethel, Fairfield county, comes of an old and highly-honored New England family. His grandfather, Benjamin Durant, was a well-known resident of Redding, Conn., for a number of years. He was of French ancestry.

Preston Durant, the father of our subject, was a native of Connecticut, having been born at Redding October 21, 1790. Learning the trade of hatter in his native city, he followed it the greater part of his life, at first in Monticello, Buffalo and Batavia, N. Y., consecutively, and in 1850 moving to Bethel, where he engaged in business; he died there December 9, 1875. On October 1, 1823, at Redding, Conn., Mr. Durant married Betsey Gilbert, who was born June 3, 1803, a daughter of Ichabod Gilbert, and children as follows came to this union: Lydia, born August 3, 1824, died September 24, 1878; Susan, born January 28, 1826, is the widow of Oliver Stone; Eunice (Mrs. Norton), born July 7, 1828, died February 28, 1892; Maria, born August 18, 1830, married Erominе Barnum; Julia A., born July 16, 1833, died October 12, 1834; Margaret A., born February 2, 1836, is the widow of Henry H. Taylor, who was an attorney at Yonkers, N. Y.; Charles P., born August 18, 1838, became a member of the 12th N. Y. V. I., and died September 1, 1861, in Libby prison; George Gilbert is the subject proper of these lines; Julia Frances, born September 8, 1846, married Allen Taylor, and died February 19, 1875; William Howard, born May 1, 1852, died December 3, 1856. The mother of these passed from earth November 20, 1883.

George G. Durant, the subject of our sketch, was born June 12, 1842, in Batavia, N. Y., where he received his elementary education, later attending the public schools of Bethel, Conn., and Burton Bradley's Boarding School, at Redding, Conn. In 1859 he was apprenticed to Giles M. Hoyt, hat manufacturer, of Grassy Plain, Conn., with whom he remained ten years, becoming foreman and finally superintendent of the establishment. In 1870, at the "Willows," he commenced business in the same line for his own account along with a Mr. Reid, the firm name being Reid & Durant for six months, at the end of which time it became Reid, Durant & Barnum. In 1871, Mr. Durant embarked in business alone in Bethel, near the "Fountain," where he remained until 1884, from which year until 1895 he retired from the hat-manufacturing industry, engaging in the real-estate business in Bethel and Danbury. In the first-named city he opened up Fleetwood avenue, sold the land and loaned the money; in Danbury he opened up Durant street; he is still in this line, doing a comfortable business. In 1895 Mr. Durant became a member of the firm of Andrews, McKenzie & Durant, hat manufacturers, which continued for six months, and at the end of that time the firm of Durant & Andrews (George G. Durant and Elgin S. Andrews) was organized for the manufacture of stiff derby hats. The factory our subject had near the "Fountain," the largest in Bethel, was burned in 1893; his present place gives employment to some two hundred hands.

In January, 1868, our subject was married to Alice Thompson Benjamin, and they have had children as follows: Nellie, born January 30, 1873, died August 17, 1873; Bessie A., born July 28, 1874; George Gilbert, Jr., born December 19, 1881; Mary F., born February 20, 1876, died June 3, 1878; and Alice, born November 22, 1883. A Republican in politics, Mr. Durant has served as selectman, constable, member of the grand jury, etc., and in 1883 was elected representative to the State Legislature for one term. Socially, he is a member of Eureka Lodge, F. & A. M., at Bethel; Eureka Chapter, at Danbury; Lafayette Consistory, R. S. M., and Pyramid Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Bridgeport, Conn. In religious faith he is a member of the Congregational Church, in which he holds the

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office of trustee. In civic matters he is one of the commissioners of Putnam Park and treasurer of same.

Anna Hickok, mother of Mrs. George G. Durant, was a daughter of Daniel Hickok (born 1771, died 1821), son of Capt. Daniel Hickok, son of Ebenezer (born 1691, died 1774), son of Samuel (born 1669, died 1713), son of Samuel (died 1694), son of William Hickok.

John Benjamin, paternal great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Durant, was born in 1700, and died April 13, 1773. He was a son of John Benjamin, whose father, also named John, was born in England, and died in June, 1645. Capt. George Benjamin, great-grandfather of Mrs. Durant, was born September 28, 1734, married February 15, 1756, to Mary Howe, who was born August 22, 1737. He served as a captain in the Revolutionary war. Gideon Benjamin, his son, was born in November, 1759, and died January 16, 1841. Hiram Benjamin, father of Mrs. Durant, was born at Stratford, Conn., and married Anna Hickok, who was born in 1800, and died in 1865. Their children, twelve in number, were named respectively: Emily, Eliza, Sarah, Lucy, Theodore, Edward, Mary, Martha, Franklin, Susan, Edward G. and Alice Thompson.

HIRAM DELOS GREGORY. One of the oldest and best farms in the town of Danbury is the Gregory homestead in Middle River District. This estate, which contains more than three hundred and fifty acres of choice land, was purchased from the Indians in pre-Revolutionary days by John Gregory, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, and has ever since been owned aud occupied by his descendants. The family is of English origin, but at present there is little data accessible as to the early history, except that Henry Gregory came from Dorchester, England, with early settlers of Connecticut. He was in Springfield, Mass., in 1637; subsequently came to Norwalk, Conn., and died in Stratford, this State. He was a cadet for the house of Gregory, of Leicestershire and Nottingham, England. In their pedigree he is set down as "Henry of Boston"

John Gregory, of Norwalk, Conn., a descendant of Henry Gregory, was first married to Keziah Curtis, of Sharon, Conn., November 22, 1763, who died March 17, 1787, and he subsequently married Ruth St. John, of Sharon, Conn., July 6, 1788. By his first wife he had a son, Caleb C., our subject's father, who was born at the homestead July 8, 1771, and passed his life there as an agriculturist, his death occurring December 1, 1845. His wife, Desire (Sears), was born May 25, 1778, a daughter of Knowles and Susan (Townsend) Sears, of Ridgefield, Conn., and died February 17, 1879, when over one hundred years of age. This worthy couple had eleven children, of whom our subject was the youngest. (1) John S., born October 30, 1797, died August 4, 1885, was married in December, 1826, to Miss Eliza Earle, and settled in New York City. (2) Albert, born June 7, 1799, was married (first) on February 20, 1828, to Jane Low, and (second) on November 2, 1854, to Harriet Vicks. By the first union he had eight children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: John Albert, November 25, 1829; DeWitt Clinton, July 24, 1831; Aaron Palmer, November 19, 1834; Mary Louise, August 30, 1837; James Curtis, September 8, 1840; Adelaide, November 23, 1845; Albert, Jr., March 2, 1847; David DeLong, January 12, 1849. By the second wife he had one son, Arthur W., born March 2, 1856. (3) Adaline, born February 21, 1801, died December 17, 1836, was married September 5, 1825, to James St. John. They had two children—Sylvester, who is now living in Michigan, and Lucy Ann, who was a missionary to China for twenty-eight years, the wife of Miles Knowlton, who died there. (4) Lucy, born July 1, 1803, died June 23, 1887, was married to James Benedict, of Albany, N. Y., June 1, 1828, and had two childcen—Ezra and Mary Amelia. (5) Ezra, born April 8, 1805, died March 16, 1826, unmarried. (6) Mary, born November 21, 1808, died in 1885, was married October 7, 1829, to Levi Starr Benedict, of Danbury, and had three children—Charles H., James A., and Albert G. (7) Hiram (1), born August 2, 1810, died October 10, 1821. (8) James C., born May 8, 1812, died February 4, 1836, unmarried. (9) Keziah, born May 23, 1817, is now the widow of Herman Stevens, of Napanoch, N. Y. She has five children—James, who married; Joseph, unmarried; Ezra, who was married November 12, 1891, to Miss Ida A. Pitcher, of Albany, and is now deceased; William, who married Miss Emma Hornbeck, daughter of Jacob Hornbeck, of Napanoch, N. Y.; and Lucy, wife of Augustus Whiteley, of the same city. (10) Susanna, born August 27, 1822, died December 9 of the same year.

(11) Hiram D. Gregory was born September 28, 1823, at the homestead where he has always resided. The district schools of the locality afforded him his only educational privileges, and at an early age he began to render effective help in the farm work. This practical training prepared him to take up in his turn the manage-

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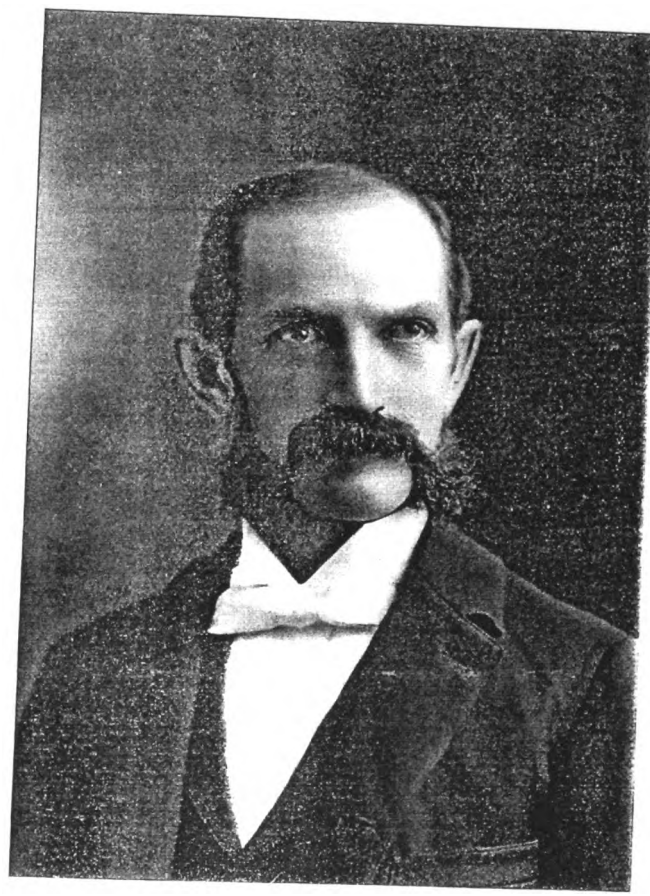

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ment of the place, which shows excellent care. Dairy work is an important and profitable department, and he keeps from forty to fifty cows. While Mr. Gregory has not been especially active in local politics, he is a stanch supporter of Republican doctrines, and is in sympathy with all progressive movements. For many years he has been a member of the Baptist Church at Danbury.

On November 13, 1844, Mr. Gregory married Miss Harriet Evaline Dann, who was born in June, 1821, a daughter of John and Mary (Ramsdell) Dann, the former a native of Salem, N. Y., and the latter of New Haven, Conn. Mrs. Gregory passed to the unseen world on January 30, 1891. Of the two children born to this union James Smith Gregory survives; the second, William Arthur, born September 7, 1851, died May 19, 1873, aged twenty-one years, nine months and twenty-three days. He was a young man of fine promise, and at the time of his death was a student of Yale College.

James Smith Gregory was born August 3, 1845, and was educated in part at the district schools of the locality, and in part at a private school in Danbury taught by Frederick Jackson. Since completing his course in the latter institution he has devoted his attention to the management of the farm, of which he now has entire charge. Like his father he is a steadfast Republican, and he attends the Baptist Church, of which his father and wife are also members. On January 8, 1873, he was married to Miss Isadora A. Gilbert, daughter of George H. and Hannah A. (Banks) Gilbert, the former of whom died March 2, 1898. Her paternal grandparents were Harvey and Sally (Hull) Gilbert, of a family old and prominent in Ridgefield, Conn. On the maternal side she is a granddaughter of Alva and Eliza (Gage) Banks. Her brother, Dr. G. A. Gilbert, a well-known physican and surgeon of Danbury, and for a long time member of the board of education of that town, is now engaged in writing a biography of Gen. Patrick Ferguson, of Revolutionary fame. James S. Gregory and wife have one son, William Arthur, born October 22, 1875, married Cora E. Howes, May 18, 1898; he is now at home assisting in the dairy business.

BENJAMIN H. GILBERT, of the DeLand & Gilbert Company, widely known as manufacturers of toilet soaps, Branchville, is one of the most progressive and energetic young business men of Fairfield county. He was born at Georgetown, N. Y., April 18, 1863, and his first ancestor, of whom we have record, settled at New Rochelle, New York State.

William J. Gilbert, father of our subject, was born April 14, 1814, at Wilton, Conn., a son of Benjamin and Charlotte (Birchard) Gilbert, the former of whom carried on an extensive wire factory. William J. and his brother Edwin were partners with their father, and in the spring of 1872 the business was incorporated, William J. continuing with same as a director until 1882, when he became president of the company, and so continued until his death. He was salesman for the firm on the road, and found the market for the output of the factory, traveling from the time he was twenty-one years of age until he was three-score and ten, to within a week of his death. He and his brother were the *de jacto* managers of the business, the magnitude of which may be estimated when we state that employment was given to two hundred and fifty hands.

William J. Gilbert married Harriet Augusta Howe, a daughter of George C. Howe, a jeweler of New York City, and children as follows blessed their union: Benjamin Howe is our subject; George C., born August 27, 1865, is now in the perfumery business at Ontario, Cal.; William H., born June 1, 1867, lives in the town of Wilton; Elizabeth G., born July 3, 1869, is the wife of Walter C. Townsend, of Utica, N. Y. The father died May 11, 1884, the mother, on August 8, 1892.

Benjamin H. Gilbert, whose name introduces this sketch, received his education at the public schools of Georgetown and Wilton, Conn., and the private school of Doctor Fitch, in Norwalk. When sixteen years old he went to New York City and found a position in the wire business of the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company, where he remained from 1881 to 1885, in the latter year commencing the manufacture of perfume along with his brother, George C., under the firm style of Gilbert Brothers; later their uncle Edwin came into the firm, the name of which was then changed to The Gilbert Extract and Perfume Company, but at the end of two years Benjamin H. sold out to his uncle.

Early in the fall of 1888 our subject began the manufacture of toilet soap, operating the business alone for about a year, when he sold out to the Osborn & Lincoln Soap Company, a company capitalized at $50,000, Mr. Gilbert holding the position of soapmaker until 1892, in which year the business was discontinued on account of trade depression. In 1893 Mr. Gilbert formed a partnership with F. H. DeLand, of New York City, the firm name being DeLand & Gilbert, but in 1895 it became a stock company known as the

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DeLand & Gilbert Company. Mr. Gilbert has built up an extensive trade "on the road," and it is his opinion that the grand secret of their success has been and is the manufacturing and selling of pure goods only. From eighteen to twenty hands are employed the year around.

On October 3, 1886, Mr. Gilbert was married to Miss Sarah L. Renaud, of Cannon, Fairfield county, and five children have been born to them, named, respectively: Grace, Charlotte, Edwin, Ruth and Naomi. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert are members of the Congregational Church of Georgetown; in politics he is a Republican; and, socially, he is affiliated with the I. O. O. F. Lodge at Milford. He is a useful, loyal citizen, has always taken an active interest in public affairs, and in business he is recognized as one of the most careful and conservative of men.

ANDREW B. GORHAM, M. D., was born in the town of Weston, Conn., January 1, 1851. His early education was obtained in the district schools of the time, and later he attended Redding Academy, and in 1879 he graduated from the Medical department of Yale College. Then removing to the town of Wilton, Conn., he began there the practice of his profession, and has since built up an extensive and profitable clientele.

At the present time Doctor Gorham is post surgeon of Fairfield county, and he is a member of the Fairfield County Medical Society, having as a surgeon had wide experience. Doctor Gorham is a member of Ark Lodge No. 39, F. & A. M., of Georgetown, Conn., and in politics he is a Republican. He married Miss Deborah Hill, who was born October 7, 1851, a daughter of Moses and Mary (Goodsell) Hill, the former of whom is a prosperous farmer of Redding, Conn. Doctor and Mrs. Gorman have no children.

Isaac Gorham, grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Redding, and was there educated in the common schools, from which time on he gave his entire attention to farming. He married Miss Adaline Bennett, a daughter of Ezra and Esther (Prince) Bennett, and by her had two children: George M., who married Angeline Buckley; and Mary E., who married Andrew L. Winton.

George M. Gorham, father of Doctor Gorham, was born in the town of Redding, Conn., in 1820. After receiving his education in the common schools he learned the blacksmith's trade, and worked at same for some time; later he established himself in a general store in the town of Weston, Conn., and conducted it most of his life. While Mr. Gorham lived a consistent and exemplary Christian life, yet he never joined a Church or subscribed to any creed. He was a man of broad views and liberal thought, and was charitable and tolerant toward all. He married Miss Angeline Buckley, who was born at Weston, a daughter of Aaron and Anna Buckley, the former of whom was an extensive axe manufacturer of Weston, Conn., and children as follows were born of this marriage: Frank, who married Fannie Salmon; Mary, who died young, and Andrew B., the subject of this sketch.

Frank Gorham, brother of Doctor Gorham, was born in Weston, Conn., in September, 1852, and was educated in the common schools of that town. He gradauated from the Medical department of Yale College, class of '76, in both medicine and surgery. Returning then to the town of Weston, he there began the practice of his profession, and has now a large and profitable practice. He is a member of the Fairfield County Medical Society, and is medical examiner for the town of Weston. He has given some little attention to politics, and was elected to the Legislature of the State to represent his town. He married Miss Fannie Salmon, a daughter of Morris and Bettie Salmon, of the town of Weston. Dr. Frank and Mrs. Gorham have no children.

Following is a brief genealogy of the family of Dr. Andrew B. Gorham's wife, Deborah Hill. It is from a "Genealogy of the Hill Family," compiled by Moses Hill, her father. The first ancestor of the Hill family to arrive in this country was William Hill, who, in 1652, upon his arrival in the country, sojourned for awhile at Dorchester, Mass. After a time he removed to Windsor, on the Connecticut river, where he bought a farm and set out an orchard. William Hill and his wife, Sarah, had the following children: Sarah, William, Joseph, Ignatius, James and Elizabeth. The father of these children died, it is believed, in 1659.

William Hill (2), who was born, probably, about 1653 or 1654, by his wife, Sarah, had children, as follows: Sarah, who married Richard Widdon; William, next in line; Joseph, who died without children, in 1696; John, who died in 1727; Eliphalet, who died in 1695; Ignatius and James.

William Hill (3) had the following children: Sarah; William, who died in 1739; Joseph and David, who died in 1737.

William Hill (4), called Deacon William Hill, had by his wife Sarah children as follows: Joseph; William, who died in 1775; and David.

Deacon Joseph Hill, born April 1, 1699, mar-

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ied Abigail Dimon, March 30, 1731, died April 25, 1774. Their children were as follows: Abigail, born March 21, 1732; Sarah, born August 21, 1733; David, born April 22, 1737, and died March 20, 1760; Ebenezer, born February 20, 1742, and died March 27, 1798; Jabez, born June 17, 1744, died October 9, 1799, and Moses, born January 11, 1748, died October 3, 1777. Of these children, Abigail married David Gould, and had eight children: Dimon, David, Sarah, Eunice, Abigail, Esther, Mabel and Charity, and died in Fairfield county at an advanced age. Sarah married William Wakeman, and lived and died in Fairfield. David died unmarried at his father's home, in his twenty-third year. Jabez settled at Weston, was a major in the Revolutionary army, was a man of ability, and died of consumption when nearly forty years of age.

Major Jabez Hill married Sarah Read, daughter of Col. John Read, after whom the parish of Reading was named. The children by this marriage were as follows: Sarah, John Read, and Moses. Of these, Sarah married Timothy Platt, and had the following children: Sarah Read, Moses, Timothy, and Lemuel. Moses married, and had the following children: Moses Read, Henry, Walter and William.

John Read Hill, born April 20, 1775, died July 29, 1851. He married March 23, 1799, Betsey Sanford, daughter of Aaron Sanford. She was born October 5, 1781, and died July 29, 1818. The children of John and Betsey (Hill) Read were as follows: Aaron Sanford, born March 23, 1800; Moses, February 5, 1802; William Hawley, March 29, 1804; Betsey, March 6, 1806; John Lee, June 15, 1810; Morris, October 6, 1812; Lydia, March 20, 1815; and Joseph, August 21, 1817. John Read Hill for his second wife married Deborah Read, in September, 1819.

Moses Hill, sixth child of Deacon Joseph Hill, married Esther Burr, daughter of Ebenezer Burr, June 17, 1773. She was born May 29, 1755, and died October 6, 1830. The children born to this marriage were as follows: William, born April 30, 1774; Abigail, October 14, 1775; and Esther, June 17, 1777. William Hill, eldest of these three children, married Betsey Barlow, daughter of Nathaniel Barlow. She was born August 3, 1778, and died September 9, 1864. To this marriage there were born the following children: Bradley, September 9, 1798; Abigail, November 23, 1800, and died September 16, 1815; Horace, December 15, 1802, died in March, 1877; Burr, December 25, 1804, died January 29, 1810; and William, October 6, 1807, died in 1815.

Ebenezer Hill, fourth child of Deacon Joseph Hill, was born, as stated above, February 26, 1742, and died March 27, 1798. He married Mabel Sherwood January 17, 1765. She was born December 8, 1745, and died October 20, 1820. The children of this couple were as follows: David, born July 7, 1766, and died December 24, 1848; Ebenezer, born February 20, 1768, died May 5, 1842; Seth, born December 22, 1769, died December 10, 1825; Dimon, born in October, 1771, died December 8, 1793; Joseph, born May 3, 1774, died April 19, 1816; Mabel, born September, 1776, died July 8, 1779; Jabez, born June 13, 1780, died August 2, 1807; and Esther, born October 26, 1785, died August 27, 1804.

Ebenezer Hill (2) (above) married Sarah Barlow, daughter of Nathaniel Barlow, of Redding, in May, 1791. She was born January 16, 1770, and died April 11, 1845. Their children were as follows: Mabel, born December 17, 1791, married Daniel Mallet, had no children, and died of consumption, December 16, 1845; Nathaniel Barlow, born October 23, 1793; Gershom, born March 10, 1796, died January 4, 1871; Ebenezer, born October 11, 1797, died June 10, 1875; Moses, born October 7, 1804; and Jabez, born March 5, 1808, died of consumption at Key West, Fla., January 27, 1831.

Nathaniel Barlow Hill, eldest son of the family, married Sarah Read Platt, daughter of Timothy Platt, March 15, 1817. She was born November 27, 1793, and died June 2, 1856. Their children were Eliza, born June 11, 1818; George, June 10, 1820; Sarah, November 19, 1822; Nathanial B., October 11, 1824, died May 6, 1861; Harriet, September 15, 1829; Mary J., April 17, 1832; and Ebenezer, April 13, 1840.

Gershom Hill, second son of the family, married Cemantha Gregory, and by her had the following children: Abby Jane, Moses and Mabel.

Ebenezer Hill, third son of the family, married, May 8, 1839, Hannah Lyon, who was born December 28, 1817, daughter of Elphalet Lyon. Their children were: Sarah Eleanor, born March 27, 1840; Mary E., born ——; Frances A., January 15, 1845; Anna Maria, February 6, 1847; Ebenezer, October 5, 1849; David, December 4, 1851; and Charles J., February 21, 1860.

Moses Hill, fourth son of Ebenezer and Sarah (Barlow) Hill, married May 21, 1831, Phebe Minerva Rockwell, daughter of Thomas Rockwell, of Ridgefield. She was born January 15, 1804, and died in York, Maine, March 30, 1832. The only child of this marriage was Richard Watson, born March 25, 1832,

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in York, Maine, and died March 30, same year. Mr. Hill for his second wife married October 5, 1836, Charlotte Ilsley McLellan, daughter of Stephen McLellan, of Portland, Maine. She was born October 28, 1810, and died in Norwalk, Conn., December 26, 1854. The children of this second marriage were as follows: Mary Augusta, born May 20, 1838, in Redding, Conn., died September 6, 1852, in Hartford, Conn.; Sarah Jane, born July 2, 1840, in Gardiner, Maine, died May 30, 1860, in Norwalk, Conn.; Charlotte Ilsley, born January 22, 1842, in Bucksport, Maine; Moses Asbury, born October 9, 1843, in Saccarappa, Maine, died July 11, 1867, in Norwalk, Conn.; Ebenezer, born August 4, 1845, in Redding, Conn.; Minerva R., born August 3, 1847, in Gardiner, Maine, died September 29, 1848, in Saco, Maine; and Harriet Benson, born December 20, 1849, in Winthrop, Maine, died August 22, 1852, in Hartford, Conn. For his third wife Moses Hill married March 31, 1856, Mrs. Minerva S. Purinton, who was born January 14, 1816, a daughter of James Seymour, of Ridgefield, Connecticut.

Sarah Barlow, wife of Ebenezer Hill, was a daughter of Nathaniel Barlow, of Redding, who died December 26, 1782. He was a son of Samuel Barlow, of Redding, who died December 20, 1773, who was a son of Samuel Barlow, of Fairfield, who died May 20, 1745, he being the son of John Barlow, who died in 1690, and he was the John Barlow who died in 1674.

John Barlow, who died in 1674, by his wife Ann had the following children: John; Deborah, who married John Sturges; Ruth, who married Francis Bradley; and Martha, who married James Beers.

John Barlow, who died in 1690, by his wife Abigail (Lockwood) had the following children: John, Joseph, Samuel, Abigail (who married Jonathan Rowland), Deborah, Elizabeth, and Ruth. Abigail Barlow, the mother of these children, was a daughter of Robert Lockwood.

Lieut. Samuel Barlow, of Fairfield, who died in 1745, by his wife had several children, one of whom was named Samuel. This Samuel Barlow married, August 2, 1731, Eunice Bradley, daughter of Daniel Bradley, and by her had the following children: Daniel, born November 24, 1734; Ruhamah, January 22, 1737; James, January 29, 1739; and Jabez, March 21, 1742. After the death of the mother of these children Samuel Barlow married, August 7, 1744, Esther Hull, daughter of Nathaniel Hull, of Redding. She died August 28, 1775, aged fifty-four years. By this marriage Mr. Barlow had the following children: Nathaniel, born May 13, 1745, died December 26, 1782; Aaron, born February 1, 1750, died August 12, 1800; Samuel, April 1, 1752, died January 26, 1776; Joel, March 2, 1754, died December 22, 1812; and Huldah.

Nathaniel Barlow, eldest son of Samuel Barlow by his second wife, married Jane Bradley who was born in May, 1744, and died February 12, 1829. The children by this marriage were: Gershom, born October 21, 1765, died of consumption September 24, 1794; Esther, born September 30, 1767, died May 10, 1783; Sarah, born January 16, 1770, died April 11, 1845; Jonathan, born April 14, 1772, died August 28, 1775; Betsey, born August 2, 1778, died September 9, 1864; and Huldah, born April 3, 1780, died August 29, 1787.

ARTHUR A. SCOFIELD, contractor and builder, of Stamford, Fairfield county, is one of the well-to-do citizens of that place, and is a native of the town of Stamford, born June 3, 1858, on Newfield avenue. His grandfather, Peter Scofield, was a farmer in Newfield, Stamford township, where he was born, and married Miss Martha Hoyt, of the same township, by whom he had five children, viz.: Joseph, Nelson, Appolos, Sarah and Alonzo. All are now deceased.

Alonzo Scofield, the father of our subject, was also a native of Newfield, and passed his entire life on the farm of his birth, engaging for the most part in agricultural pursuits, although during his earlier manhood he to some extent made shoes. He received his education in the public schools of Newfield. He was nearly fifty years of age at the time of his marriage to Miss Mary Ann Jerman, of Stamford, and they reared three children—Arthur Alonzo, who lives in Stamford, and Elmer Ellsworth and Oliver Hoyt, of Newfield. Mr. Scofield was a lifelong Democrat.

Arthur A. Scofield passed his boyhood on the home farm, and attended school at Springdale. At the age of eighteen years he commenced to learn his trade under Frank Veit, of Stamford, later working for George Lowndes, of that place, and after completing his apprenticeship he was employed as journeyman for about ten years, during which time he gained a thorough knowledge of the details of the business. Since 1887 he has done contracting on his own account, and has put up many houses in Stamford and several in New Canaan, this county, notably the residence of T. W. Hall. He has a thriving business, which has increased steadily year by year, and brings him in a comfortable income. Mr. Scofield is respected by his neighbors and friends

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roughout Stamford as an industrious and thoroughly reliable man, and he has always maintained the best of reputations in his dealings with his fellowmen.

Socially, our subject is a well-known member of Puritan Lodge, I. O. O. F.; of Stamford Council No. 999, Royal Arcanum, and of the New England Order of Protection. He gives his political support to the Republican party, and, in religious connection, is identified with the M. E. Church. Mr. Scofield was married in Clintondale, Ulster Co., N. Y., to Miss Lizzie G. Dingee (daughter of Oscar Tyler and Patience B. (Roberts) Dingee), and they reside in their comfortable dwelling at No. 60 Summer street, Stamford. They have no children.

Mrs. Scofield is of Irish lineage on the paternal side. Her great-grandfather, Peter Dingee, was a native of Westchester county, and married a Miss Tyler, by whom he had two sons: Eli T. (grandfather of Mrs. Scofield) and Jesse. Throughout his life he followed agricultural pursuits as a means of livelihood. During the Revolutionary war the English soldiers attempted to steal his cattle, but were driven away. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and their entire lives were spent in Westchester county.

Eli T. Dingee (grandfather of Mrs. Scofield) was born January 15, 1795, in Westchester county, N. Y. He married Phœbe Barrett, daughter of Abram Barrett (who was one of the sons of the Empire State), and nine children were born to them, as follows: Hannah T., August 14, 1816, became the wife of Sylvester McNeal, of Sing Sing, N. Y.; Mary T., September 30, 1818, married a Mr. Reynolds, and lives in Westchester county, N. Y.; Sophia A., April 9, 1819, is the wife of Zeno Hoyt, of Westchester county; John, July 17, 1822, is deceased; Sarah, his twin sister, died April 26, 1847; Margaret, July 12, 1824, died April 27, 1846; Eli T., April 4, 1827, died July 20, 1830; Oscar T. is the next in order of birth; and Phœbe J., July 24, 1830, is now the wife of John Aston, of Williamsburg, N. Y. The father of this family gave his political support to the Republican party. He died in Westchester county, September 23, 1848, and his wife died December 19, 1869.

Oscar Tyler Dingee (Mrs. Scofield's father) was born at Bedford, Westchester county, N. Y., June 22, 1828. He spent his boyhood on the old home farm, and attended the district schools until eighteen years of age. He always carried on farming and fruit growing, and the business has proved a profitable one for him. On March 27, 1847, he was united in marriage with Miss Patience B. Roberts, who was born in Marbletown township, Ulster county, N. Y., a daughter of William B. Roberts, one of the early residents of that community, who by occupation was a farmer and merchant. Mr. and Mrs. Dingee began their domestic life in Westchester county, where he followed carpentering for about five years. In 1858 they removed to New York City, and in 1861 came to Ulster county, where for several years he operated his father-in-law's farm. In 1867 he purchased the farm which has since been his place of abode, and now owns fifty-five acres of good land, the greater part of which is planted to fruit, he raising excellent varieties of grapes, currants, pears and berries. They have a very fine residence. The farm is located in Clintondale, and the home, standing on a hill just east of the town, commands an excellent view of the beautiful surrounding scenery, including the Catskill Mountains, Lake Mohonk and Lake Minnewaska.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dingee have been born five children: Josephine, now the wife of William H. Bernard, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Alida F., at home; Lizzie G. (Mrs. Scofield); Sylvia, wife of Frank H. Terhune, a fruit grower of Clintondale; and Abraham L., a carpenter of Stamford, Conn. The parents are members of the Friends Church, and Mr. Dingee is a Republican in his political affiliations. Deeply interested in the best development of the community, he gives his support to all worthy enterprises calculated to prove of public benefit.

HARRY R. BENNETT, M. D. The Bennett family comes of good old Colonial stock, being descended from three brothers of the name who came from England at an early date. One located in Rhode Island and one in western New York, while the direct ancestor of the subject of this sketch, a prominent physician of Bridgeport, settled in Connecticut. Until recent years the members of the family have been engaged chiefly in agricultural pursuits, but whenever they have chosen other paths they have displayed exceptional ability and enterprise.

Joshua Bennett, the Doctor's great-grandfather, was a farmer by occupation, but leaving his peaceful fireside to fight for the cause of freedom he enlisted for service in the Revolutionary war and was killed in that struggle. His son, Hon. Joshua Bennett, was born at Plainfield, Conn., where he followed farming for many years, and also carried on a wholesale butchering business. He was a man of much influence in the community, being active in political affairs,

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first as a Whig and later as a Republican, and in 1866 he represented his town in the State Legislature.

Caleb H. Bennett, the father of our subject, was born in Plainfield, and has for many years been engaged in the shoe business in Bridgeport, at present in connection with the C. H. Bennett Shoe Company, of which he is president. He married Miss Mary E. Hoxie, a native of Charlestown, R. I., and they have had three children: Addie, wife of William H. Pike, of Southport, Conn.; Harry R., our subject, and George, who is now secretary and treasurer of the C. H. Bennett Shoe Company.

Harry R. Bennett was born at Bridgeport April 5, 1874, and his education was begun in the schools of that city. In 1891 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, connected with Columbia College, receiving the degree of M. D. from that institution in 1895, after which he took a post-graduate course in the medical department of Dartmouth College, graduating in 1896, and he spent the following years as one of the house physicians in St. John's Riverside Hospital at Yonkers, N. Y. In January, 1898, he engaged in practice in Bridgeport, where his talent and skill have already won recognition. He is a member of the State, County and City Medical Association, is also identified with the Order of Red Men and with various college fraternities, and is popular socially, his family being prominent in the best circles of Bridgeport. Politically the Doctor is a stanch Republican, but does not take active part in the work of the organization, preferring to devote his attention to his practice. He is not married.

ALVAN A. HAUSCHILDT, who by his industry and integrity has made himself worthy of a place among the honored and respected citizens of Norwalk, was born in Ellenville, Ulster Co., N. Y., November 15, 1843, a son of Henry and Mary (Distell) Hauschildt.

Henry Hauschildt was born in Aetna, near Hamburg, Germany, and in the excellent schools of the Fatherland acquired a good practical education that enabled him to intelligently surmount the difficulties met on his life's journey. At the age of twelve he went to sea, and for years made his home on the deep. He came to America, and, after sailing from the Western ports for some time, located in New York, where in 1833 he found employment in a perfumery factory. He then went to Ellenville, N. Y., where he worked in a glass factory. He married Miss Mary Distell, who was born in Boston, a daughter of John Distell, a ship carpenter, of German extraction. Six children gladdened their home: (1) Lucy, who married Philo E. Beers, of Fairfield county, Conn.; he was a tinsmith in Ellenville, and both are now deceased. (2) Mary, who died in infancy. (3) William, who died at the age of eighteen. (4) Otto, an iron molder in Meriden, Conn.; he was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion. (5) Alvan A., our subject; and (6) Mary D., who married Frank Chamberlin, a shoemaker and engineer of Bridgewater, Mass., and both are now deceased. Mr. Hauschildt was a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, but cared nothing for the responsibility or emoluments of public office. He was a devout member of the Reformed Church, and in that faith he died in 1865; his wife passed away in Meriden, Conn., in 1884.

Alvan A. Hauschildt passed the first seventeen years of his life in Ulster county, N. Y., attending the schools of the neighborhood in the winter and indulging in the usual boyish sports. One day he asked to be excused from school, and at once enlisted in the Union army. He became a member of Company E, 80th N. Y. V. I.—then known as the 20th N. Y. Militia—and on September 25, 1861, he went to the front. During this enlistment he was twice wounded, first at Groveton, Penn., and (second) at the battle of Bull Run, August 30, 1862, the wounds being in the thigh and left ankle, respectively, and the balls have never been extracted. On January 24, 1863, he was discharged, but on March 24, 1865, he re-enlisted, this time becoming a member of Company E, 4th New Jersey Veteran Volunteers. This company became a part of the First Brigade, First Division, 6th Corps, Army of the Potomac, until June, 1865, and participated in the following campaign: Siege of Petersburg, April 2; pursuit of the enemy, April 3-9 (battle of Sailors Creek, April 6, action at Farmville, April 7); Appomattox Court House, April 9, surrender of Lee's army; march to Danville, Aprill 23-27; march to Washington, May 16 to June 2; and mustered out July 9, 1865. Of his war record he is justly proud, and the Nation's debt of gratitude to that noble army of men and boys, who, like our subject, gave so much, but offered more, and asked for reward naught save the Union preserved, is one that can never be over-estimated.

After being mustered out Mr. Hauschildt came to Norwalk and learned his trade of iron and brass moulder, and, with the exception of three years spent in Meriden, Conn., he has followed this occupation here, and is now in the employ of the Norwalk Lock Company.

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Mr. Hauschilt married Miss Fannie Martin, daughter of William and Elizabeth Martin, of Norwalk, and their union was brightened for a short time by the presence of one child, but the death angel early called the little one home. On September 23, 1895, Mr Hauschildt was called upon to mourn the death of his wife, a noble woman, whose circle of friends was limited only by the number of her acquaintances. Politically our subject is a Republican, and in his religious faith a Baptist He is a member of the Mystic Chain, I. O. O. F., and of Buckingham Post, G. A. R.

DANIEL MAHER is one of the progressive and substantial foreign-born citizens of Greenwich township, Fairfield county, who have, by their own unaided exertions, raised themselves to a condition of prosperity.

Mr Maher was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1840, son of James and Dora (Kennedy) Maher, farming people, who spent their entire lives in that country They reared a family of eight children, namely: James, who came to the United States several years before our subject, and died in Ohio; John, who also came to the New World prior to our subject and when last heard from was living in Ohio; Thomas, still a resident of Ireland; Patrick, who died in that country; Michael, a resident of Stamford, Conn.; Daniel, subject of this review; Mary, who came to the United States but whose whereabouts are now unknown, and Bridget, who married in Ireland and still lives there

Reared to farm life, Daniel Maher obtained a rather meagre education in the public schools of his native land, and he remained at home until twenty years of age, when his father assisted him in paying his passage to the United States. It was in 1861 that he boarded the sailing vessel "Cultivator" at Liverpool, and twenty-eight days later landed safely in New York City, with five pounds in his pocket, with which to begin life in the New World. His first employment was as a laborer on the streets of that city, and later he worked at loading and unloading vessels. He then came to Connecticut, and was employed as a farm hand by a Mr. Dayton at $10 per month, a few months later accepting a similar position with Titus Mead, and he continued to follow farming until his marriage

At Brooklyn N. Y., Mr. Maher was married, in 1864, to Miss Ellen Ivery, who was born in County Kildare, Ireland, daughter of John and Mary (Kelly) Ivery, and came to America, at the age of fifteen years, with her sister Mary (now Mrs. John Carroll), landing in New York after a voyage of four weeks; she supported herself until her marriage. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Maher, namely: John, an extensive ice dealer and prosperous young business man of Greenwich; James, a prosperous coal and lumber merchant of the same place; Thomas, who is engaged in business with his father; and Mary J., Daniel, Jr., and Joseph, all at home. The children have been given all the advantages which the parents could afford, and they have been taught habits of honesty and industry, which have made them useful and valued members of society.

After his marriage Mr. Maher located in Brooklyn, and for a time was employed as a laborer in the Greenwood cemetery. On July 1, 1864, he accepted the position of general laborer with Samuel Adams, at Sound Beach, Fairfield Co., Conn., and so satisfactory did his services prove that he was retained by that gentleman for sixteen years. In 1880 he removed to his present home, which he rented for one year and then purchased. He has since erected new buildings upon the place, cleared away the woods near his house, and made many other improvements which add greatly to the value and attractive appearance of the place. He engaged in farming exclusively until 1887, when he embarked in the ice business, and now his trade extends throughout Cos Cob, Riverside, Sound Beach and Stamford. He and his sons are by far the most extensive ice dealers in either Stamford or Greenwich townships, and are business men of known reliability. Mr. Maher is now the owner of seventy acres of valuable land in those townships, and his property has all been acquired through his individual efforts, guided by sound judgment and good executive ability. In religious connection he and his family are communicants of St. John's Catholic Church in Stamford. Politically he is not bound by party ties, but endeavors to support the man best qualified for the office.

HEZEKIAH WEED, the efficient manager of the Burlington Safe Deposit Company, Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., has been a lifelong resident of that town, having been born there May 15, 1856. He is a grandson of Hezekiah Weed, a native of Darien, Fairfield county, who, during his younger days, followed the profession of school teacher at his old home, finally removing to Stamford, where he passed the closing years of his life, dying there in 1869. He

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married Mary Tallmadge, who was born on Tallmadge Hill, and they had two children: Francis B. and James, both of whom are deceased. The mother of these died in 1866.

Francis B. Weed, father of Hezekiah Weed, our subject, was born in Darien, Fairfield Co., Conn., and there he attended school and passed his early life. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for some years, and subsequently engaged in the butcher business, which he continued up to his death, in 1861. He lived in Stamford a number of years. At Darien he married Emeline Weed, and three children blessed their union: Emma L., James A. and Hezekiah, all of whom make their home in Stamford.

Hezekiah Weed, our subject, received a good education at the public schools of Stamford. For a number of years he and his brother were kept busy looking after their real-estate interests, which, being extensive, left them little time for any other business. After Stamford's incorporation as a city, in 1893, our subject became the first tax collector under the new order of things, and he was retained in that office until April, 1897, when he resigned in order to take up the duties of manager of the Burlington Safe Deposit Company. Mr. Weed's special qualifications for this position were fully taken into account, and the prompt and capable manner with which he assumed his new responsibilities has already marked his service in that institution. He is an active member of the Business Men's Club of Stamford, and, fraternally, of the F. & A. M., belonging to Union Lodge, Rittenhouse Chapter and Washington Council.

Mr. Weed was united in marriage, in Stamford, with Miss Ella B. Craige, daughter of Hugh H. Craige, who was born in the Orkney Islands, Scotland. They have one son and one daughter: Hugh H. C. and Margaret. The family attend the services of the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Weed is a member.

AUSTIN BEERS BLAKEMAN. During his successful career as a merchant at Botsford the subject of this brief biography has won the esteem of his associates in the business world, while his excellent qualities of character as a man and citizen have secured for him the confidence of his fellow-townsmen of all classes. His family, which is of English descent, is well known in the county, and his grandfather, Isaac Blakeman, was a native and lifelong resident of Newtown township, where he owned and cultivated a farm of moderate dimensions. He was prominent in local affairs, and for many years held the office of justice of the peace. His death occurred October 23, 1859, at his home in Hawleyingtown District, town of Newtown. He was twice married, and by his first wife, Hannah (Dimon), he had the following children: Delia, who married Philo Hall, of Easton, this county; Stephen W., formerly a resident of Toddy Hill District, town of Newtown, who went to California in 1849; Charles E., our subject's father; and Austin, a hatter by trade, formerly a resident of Hattertown, who became a gold seeker in California.

Charles E. Blakeman, the father of our subject, was born in Newtown, August 15, 1827, and during the greater portion of his life followed farming as an occupation. In 1849 he went to California by way of Cape Horn, and returning soon he afterward made a second trip, but while coming home with the proceeds of this venture he was shipwrecked, and the gold he had secured was stolen by pirates. He was a man of fine natural abilities combined with much energy and perseverance, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. His last years were spent on his farm in Toddy Hill District. At one time he conducted a store in Woodbury, Conn. In politics he was a Democrat, and although he was not a member he attended Trinity Episcopal Church at Newtown, to which his wife belonged. He died June 2, 1862, and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary J. Beers, passed away February 1, 1869. They had a family of four children: Austin B., our subject; Julia E., born February 8, 1859, died February 14, 1879; Ida, born August 1, 1860, died August 24, 1886; and Charlotte E., born February 11, 1862, is now the wife of Frank H. Ives, a farmer of Middle Gate District, town of Newtown.

Our subject's mother was born September 28, 1834, and was a member of one of the most highly respected families of this county. Her father, John Beers, and grandfather, Ebenezer Beers, were substantial agriculturists of Toddy Hill District, and were both public-spirited and influential citizens. John Beers died October 29, 1888, and his wife, Roxie A. (Glover), daughter of Norman and Nancy Morris Glover, died January 21, 1881. Their children were: Mary J., our subject's mother; Sarah, wife of Lamps... B. Lake; John, who died in infancy; Ange... and Caroline (twins), of whom the former married William H. Beers, and the latter wedded Robert W. Burritt; and James M., who married Emily Beach.

Mr. Blakeman, our subject, was born January 3, 1858, in Toddy Hill District, town of New-

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town, and was educated in the common schools of that locality and of Middle Gate District. He made good use of his advantages, and in 1876 was employed as teacher in Middle Gate District, his mother and her mother having both taught in the same district. At the close of the term he engaged in agricultural work on his grandfather's farm, and continued until 1881 when he became a clerk in the store of Daniel H. Botsford, at Botsford, a position he held for about three years. In 1883 he was appointed postmaster at that place by W. Q. Gresham, postmaster general under President Arthur, and he has ever since held that office. In 1884 he purchased Mr. Botsford's general mercantile business, which he has carried on with gratifying success, and in 1893 he built his present store and residence combined, a handsome structure, well-adapted to its purposes. In 1884 he was appointed station agent, at Botsford but that position he resigned in 1894. For the past eight years he has been commissioned a notary public, and notwithstanding the varied nature of his enterprises he has been uniformly successful in all his undertakings. Politically he has always been a Democrat, and he takes keen interest in local progress in all lines. In November, 1896, he was elected justice of the peace on the Citizens' ticket, his term of office beginning March 1, 1897.

On October 20, 1887 Mr. Blakeman married Miss Ada MacGregor, who was also employed as teacher for two years in Middle Gate District, town of Newtown. She is a daughter of Alexander and Adelia Parker MacGregor, of Bridgeport, this county; two children blessed this union: Marjorie, born January 18, 1889, died January 25, same year; and Helen M., born December 18, 1889, is now the joy of the home. Socially Mr. Blakeman and his wife are popular, and they are members of Trinity Episcopal Church. He belongs to the Masonic Fraternity, being identified with Hiram Lodge No. 18, F. & A. M., and Hiram Chapter, No. 1, at Sandy Hook.

GEN. JAMES LANGDON CURTIS, candidate in 1892 for the office of President of the United States on the People's Party ticket, is now a resident of Stratford, although his extensive business interests in New Jersey, Texas, and other States often call him from home for long periods. To look at him and note his fine physique and his undiminished vigor, both of mind and body, one would not imagine that he had passed the ninetieth anniversary of his birth, and his appearance gives promise of many years of life before he will be compelled to suspend his activities. His career has been a remarkable one, and in whatever direction he has turned his energies he has easily risen to prominence. The friend of such men as President Pierce, Caleb Cushing, and Daniel Webster, he has enjoyed unequaled privileges in social life, while his influence has been a potent factor in important political movements.

The General traces his descent from some of the oldest families of Stratford, and his great-great-grandfather, William Curtis, was one of the most prominent citizens of that town in his day, being especially noted for his activity in military affairs. Our subject's great-grandfather, Daniel Curtis (1), and grandfather, Daniel Curtis (2), were both natives of the town, and passed their lives there. While the family has held large tracts of farming land there from pioneer times, its members have been largely interested in mercantile enterprises.

Daniel Curtis (3), the father of our subject, was born in Stratford in 1775, and died in 1849. His wife, Maria Fairweather, a native of Norwalk, died in 1869. They had two children: James L., our subject; and Daniel H., formerly a merchant in New York City, who died about twenty years ago.

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town, and was educated in the common schools of that locality and of Middle Gate District. He made good use of his advantages, and in 1876 was employed as teacher in Middle Gate District, his mother and her mother having both taught in the same district. At the close of the term he engaged in agricultural work on his grandfather's farm, and continued until 1881, when he became a clerk in the store of Daniel H. Botsford, at Botsford, a position he held for about three years. In 1883 he was appointed postmaster at that place by W. Q. Gresham, postmaster general under President Arthur, and he has ever since held that office. In 1884 he purchased Mr. Botsford's general mercantile business, which he has carried on with gratifying success, and in 1893 he built his present store and residence combined, a handsome structure, well adapted to its purposes. In 1884 he was appointed station agent at Botsford but that position he resigned in 1894. For the past eight years he has been commissioned a notary public, and notwithstanding the varied nature of his enterprises he has been extremely successful in all his undertakings. Politically he has always been a Democrat, and he has been interested in local progress in all lines. In November, 1896, he was elected justice of the peace on the Citizens ticket, his term of office beginning March 1, 1897.

On October 20, 1887, Mr. Blakeman married Miss Ada MacGregor, who was also employed as teacher for two years in Middle Gate District, town of Newtown. She is a daughter of Alexander and Adelia Parker MacGregor, of Bridgeport, this county, two children blessed this union: Marjorie, born January 18, 1889, died January 25, same year, and Helen M., born December 18, 1889, is now the joy of the home. Socially Mr. Blakeman and his wife are very popular, and they are members of Trinity Episcopal Church. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being identified with Hiram Lodge No. 18, F. & A. M., and Hiram Chapter, No. 1, at Sandy Hook.

GEN. JAMES LANGDON CURTIS, candidate in 1892 for the office of President of the United States on the Peoples Party ticket, is now a resident of Stratford, although his extensive business interests in New Jersey, Texas, and other States often call him from home for long periods. To look at him, and note his fine physique and his undiminished vigor, both of mind and body, one would not imagine that he had passed the ninetieth anniversary of his birth, and his appearance gives promise of many years of life before he will be compelled to suspend his activities. His career has been a remarkable one, and in whatever direction he has turned his energies he has easily risen to prominence. The friend of such men as President Pierce, Caleb Cushing and Daniel Webster, he has enjoyed unusual privileges in social life, while his influence has been a potent factor in important political movements.

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of five million dollars, and he is also at the head of the Franklinite Steel Company, incorporated with a capital of ten millions. Lately he has been interested in developing farming and mineral lands in Texas, being connected with a company which has received a grant of fifteen millions of acres, which they are colonizing with settlers from Germany, Italy and France. Politically he is a Jeffersonian Democrat, and although he has not held office he has twice declined to become a candidate for the gubernatorial chair in New Jersey, his wife being averse to his acceptance. He has taken an active part in practical politics, and at one time he controlled the New Jersey Legislature, while his influence has made senators and governors.

Gen. J. L. Curtis married a lady of English descent, Miss Clarissa M. Racey, a daughter of Charles and Eliza Racey, of New York City. She died in 1886, the mother of four children: Clara L., who died in 1897, unmarried; Adelaide, who married Eastbur Hastings, and is now deceased; Laura (deceased about thirty years ago), who married Col. George Hastings, a brother of Eastbur; and Julia, who married James G. Monson, and now resides at Stratford with our subject.

MRS. CHARLOTTE RAYMOND (*née* Keeler) was born February 20, 1819, in the town of Wilton, on the place where she now lives, and she obtained her education mostly in the town of her birth. She has been a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church of Wilton, and is a woman of much more than ordinary abilities and womanly virtues. The is a daughter of Justus Keeler, of Wilton.

Our subject married Thomas M. Raymond, a native of the town of Norwalk, who was born May 8, 1811, educated in the common schools of the place, and afterward always engaged in farming, except for the short time he was captain of a trading vessel. During the training days he was a member of the militia. In politics he was first a Whig, later a Republican, though he never aspired to public office. In religion he was a member of the Episcopal Church. To his marriage with Charlotte Keeler (the subject proper of this sketch) he had the following children: Charlotte A., a sketch of whom follows; Frances C., who remains single; Justus Keeler, who married Esther A. Webb; Henry M., who died in the war of the Rebellion; Harriet M., wife of John F. Wilson; and Katie J., who married William A. Folwell.

Charlotte A. Raymond, eldest daughter of our subject, married Jacob Fowler, a turner of Norwalk, and who was a soldier in the Civil war. Children as follows were born to them: John J.; Lottie K., who married Thomas Bird; Thomas G.; Charles; Justus K. Raymond; and Hattie May. Justus K. Raymond, third child and eldest son of our subject, learned the carpenter's trade in his youth, at which he worked in connection with farming. To his marriage with Miss Esther A. Webb there were born no children. Henry M. Raymond, second son of our subject, enlisted in Company G, 10th Conn. V. I., and died at the age of seventeen in the service of his country. Harriet M. Raymond, fifth child and third daughter of our subject, was educated in the common schools of Norwalk; she married John F. Wilson, a prosperous farmer of Ridgefield, Conn. They have six children: Bertha J., who married Frederick Avery; Wilbur H., who married Dora Lasson; and Edward C., Lottie M., Ernest M., and Richard R., all four of whom remain single. Katie J. Raymond, youngest child of our subject, was educated in the schools of Norwalk; she married William A. Folwell, a butcher of Norwalk. Mr. Folwell at the time of this marriage was a widower. By his first wife, formerly Miss Pattison, of Watertown, he had one child, Frank M. B. Folwell; by his marriage to Miss Grace Wheeler he has one child, William A. Folwell.

John Keeler, great-great-grandfather of Mrs. T. M. Raymond, was born in the town of Norwalk, Conn., was educated in the public schools of that locality, and followed farming during his entire life. His son John, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Norwalk, was educated there, and always followed farming. His son Jehu, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Norwalk, was educated there in the common schools, and always followed farming. He married Miss Lydia Lockwood, of New Canaan, by whom he had the following children: James L., who was a soldier in the French and Indian wars, and died when about eighteen years old. John, who also died when about eighteen; Stephen; Martha; Lydia, who was burned to death; Isaac, Hustus, Justus and Mercy.

Justus Keeler, father of our subject, was born in the town of Norwalk, May 21, 1750, was educated in the district schools, and became a prominent and prosperous farmer. He was also engaged to some extent in working wood, making ox-yokes, etc. During the Revolutionary war he was a member of Captain Comstock's company, went to New York, but was returned to Norwalk, and served through the entire war. In politics he

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was a Whig, and held several of the minor offices of his town. In religion he was a Congregationalist. He married Miss Charlotte Olmstead, who was born September 10, 1788, a daughter of Asa and Bettie (Stuart) Olmstead, the former of whom was a prosperous farmer of the town of Wilton. To Mr. and Mrs. Justus Keeler were born two children: Charlotte, the subject of this sketch; and Frances L., who remained single.

Josiah Raymond, grandfather of our subject's husband, was born in the town of Norwalk, and was there educated in the common schools. He was a farmer during his entire life, except while serving as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He married a Miss Merwin, and had the following children: Thomas, who married Eunice Hanford; Platt, who married Hannah Benedict; Jabez, who married Sallie Fitch; Josiah, who married Clara Mott; George, who married Parmelia Banks; and Merwin, who married Phebe Marvin.

Merwin Raymond, father of our subject's husband, was born in Norwalk, and, after completing his education in the common schools, learned the hatter's trade, at which he worked for a number of years. Afterward he engaged in farming. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812. He married Miss Phebe Marvin, a daughter of Stephen Marvin, of Westport, and had the following children: Isaac and Betsey, who both died young; Stephen, who married Amelia Fitch; Josiah, who married Abigail Crofut; Marvin, who married Laura Morehouse; and Thomas M., who married (first) Sallie Morehouse, and (second) Charlotte Keeler, the subject proper of this sketch. By his first marriage Thomas M. Raymond had one son, Stephen Marvin Raymond, who is now deceased.

PERCY L. JOHNSON, a talented member of the Bridgeport Bar, is the junior member of the well-known legal firm of Hall & Johnson, and by his able management of important cases has won an enviable reputation.

Mr. Johnson comes of a good old English family, and his ancestors settled in this section of the country at an early date. John Johnson, his great-grandfather, who was born probably in Fairfield county, was a farmer in the town of Monroe. Zenas Johnson, the grandfather, was born in the town of Monroe and made his home in Easton, this county, where he followed agricultural pursuits for many years.

Joseph W. Johnson, our subject's father, was born in 1841, in the town of Easton, where he grew to manhood and engaged in farming. About 1882 he became interested in the real-estate business, and at various times he was called upon to settle estates, his ability and integrity winning general confidence. In 1887 he removed to Bridgeport, where he resided until his death, which occurred in July, 1896. Politically, he was a stanch Republican, and for many years he was regarded as one of the leaders of his party in this locality. He married Miss Martha J. Nickerson, who was of Scotch descent and a daughter of Rev. L. D. Nickerson, a noted Methodist clergyman in this section in the early days. Of their four children, the eldest, Carrie, died in infancy. Lorenzo, who died February, 1897, was a graduate from Wesleyan University and Harvard. Percy L., our subject, is mentioned more fully below. Miss Ella A. is a student in Wesleyan University.

Percy L. Johnson was born February 10, 1865, in the town of Easton, and was prepared for college in the old academy in Easton village. At the age of twenty-one he entered Wesleyan University, and later he took a course in the Yale Law School, graduating in 1891. He began the practice of his profession in Bridgeport in 1894, associating himself with Edwin F. Hall, of the present firm. In politics Mr. Johnson is a Republican, and his efficient work in the interests of his party has already been recognized. In April, 1898, he was elected alderman-at-large from the First district of Bridgeport, still holding this office. In religion he inclines to the Methodist Church, to which the family have belonged; and socially he is a member of the Sea Side Club.

On October 5, 1892, Mr. Johnson married Miss Kate E. Judson, daughter of Charles Judson, of Huntington, this county. She died March 30, 1896, leaving one son, Wilbur Booth Johnson, and on July 13, 1898, Mr. Johnson formed a second union, with Miss Edna A. Thompson, daughter of Edmund Thompson, of Bridgeport.

WARREN KIRK, for the past third of a century a resident of Stamford, where he has been engaged in the carpentry business, is a native of New York State, having been born in the town of Kent, Putnam county, September 17, 1829.

William Kirk, father of our subject, also a native of Putnam county, N. Y., was a carpenter and builder, which trade he followed throughout life, at the same time operating a small farm owned by him in the town of Kent, Putnam county. He married Mary Hinckley, of Dutchess county, N. Y., daughter of Abijah Hinckley, and

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children as follows were born to them: James, Julia (deceased), Warren, Demond, Horace (who was killed in the army during the Civil war), and Laura.

Warren Kirk learned the trade of carpenter with his father, following same in the town of Kent, and also carrying on farming pursuits. In that township he was married, July 4, 1848, to Mary Lake, who was born there December 3, 1827, and they had a family of ten children: (1) Theodore H., born October 17, 1849, married Frances E. Bassett, and had two children—Bennett and Frank; (2) Andrew J. (of Glenbrook, Conn.), born February 10, 1851, married Bella Unckles, and has one son—John; (3) William Warren (a sketch of whom appears elsewhere) was married April 8, 1874, to Mary Adelaide Noyes, and they have one son, Will E. J. Kirk, a physician; (4) Laura E., born March 14, 1853, married Julius A. Smith, and had three children—Caroline A., Jennie Irene and Marion Julia; (5) Phœbe J., born September 23, 1856, is deceased; (6) Charles A. (of Stamford, Conn.), born June 9, 1858, married Mary Looney, and had two children—Howard and Harry; (7) Walter, born October 31, 1860, is deceased; (8) Byron, born April 29, 1862, is deceased; (9) Frank, born August 3, 1865, is deceased; and (10) George C., born August 25, 1867, at Stamford, Conn., married Julia M. Scofield, and their daughter, Marjorie Scofield, was born June 26, 1898. The mother of these was called from earth May 20, 1897.

Removing from Putnam county, N. Y., about 1851, Warren Kirk carried on farming in Danbury, Conn., until 1861, after which he conducted a fish and vegetable market in Stamford until the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion. In the spring of 1862, in Fairfield, Conn., he enlisted in Company K, 17th Conn. V. I., and was mustered out of the service at Indianapolis, Ind., in 1865. After the battle of Gainesville he was placed on detailed service. Returning to Stamford, Conn., after his discharge, he has since resided there, engaged in the carpenter business. He is a member of the Baptist Church of Stamford, and, socially, of the G. A. R., belonging to Hobbie Post.

HIRAM SCOFIELD, who for over fifty years has successfully conducted a shoemaking business near Lyons Plain, town of Weston, Fairfield county, is well worthy of prominent mention in the pages of this work.

Mr. Scofield was born June 18, 1825, in the town of Weston, where he received his earlier education, subsequently attending Easton Academy, from which he graduated. On laying aside his books he learned shoemaking under the tuition of his father, whom he succeeded in business, and for over half a century he has industriously followed his trade, engaging also in harness-making part of the time at the same stand. During the Civil war he was drafted, but furnished a substitute. Politically he was originally a stanch Whig, and since the formation of the party has been an equally zealous Republican. In religious faith he has been a lifelong member of the Congregational Church of Weston, of which he is deacon, and has been superintendent of the Sunday-school for some years. Mr. Scofield has not married.

Peter Scofield, grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Norwalk, Fairfield county, and was a shoemaker by trade all his days. His children were as follows: Edward, who will be more fully spoken of farther on; Charles, mention of whom immediately follows; George; Susan A., wife of William Smith; and Harriet, who married Edmund Smith.

Charles Scofield, father of our subject, was born in the town of Norwalk, Fairfield county, and was also a lifelong shoemaker, succeeding his father in the business. He was a prominent member of the Congregational Church of Norwalk. He married Miss Abigail Diamond, daughter of John and Sarah Diamond, respected farming people of the town of Weston, and three children were born to them: Hiram, our subject; Elizabeth, unmarried; and Edward, deceased in infancy.

Edward Scofield was born in the town of Norwalk, and received his elementary education at the common schools of the neighborhood of his boyhood home, afterward attending the Zanesville (Ohio) Theological Seminary, where he was graduated. He married a Miss Williams, and two of their sons who graduated at Union (New York) College are now ministers of the Gospel.

MISS SARAH COLEY, whose life history in a volume of this kind, is indeed most appropriate, was born in the town of Redding, where she still resides. Her father dying when she was but nine years of age, she was early thrown on her own resources, and took up the battle of life for herself. Naturally kind-hearted, her own experience has taught her wherein the best aid can be extended to the unfortunate. Charitable and benevolent, with that great brotherhood love that overlooks the evil and

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finds the good, Miss Coley has gone quietly about easing the burdens of her fellow men. She is a devout and consistent member of the Congregational Church, of Georgetown, and one of the most loved of the noble women of Redding.

Onesimus Coley, grandfather of our subject, was a blacksmith by occupation, and followed that trade all his life. Of his two children, Mary married Ezra Hull, and Azariah was the father of our subject.

Azariah Coley was born in Redding, was given the usual educational advantages of the common schools, and devoted his entire life to farming. He married Miss Sarah Andrews, a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Hyde) Andrews, of Greens Farms, Conn., and the following is the record of their family of children: (1) Betsey, who was educated in the schools of Redding, married Edward Merchant, and has had three children: Sarah J., Annie S. (who first married Augustus Hanford, and (second) Henry Remington), and Libbie C. (2) Mary A. married Aaron Banks, and has had six children—William C., George W., Stephen E., Martin A., Henry H., and Eugene. (3) Eunice married William S. Cole. (4) William, deceased, was a farmer of Redding; he enlisted in the 17th Conn. V. I., and served out his term of enlistment; he was a prominent member of the Methodist Church. (5) George, who died in Georgetown about twelve years ago, was a farmer, and a prominent worker in the Republican party; he held a number of town offices, and otherwise showed his interest in public affairs. (6) Sarah is our subject. The parents of this family were faithful Congregationalists, and left the impress of their God-fearing characters on their children. The family has always held an honored place in the social life of the community, and has been worthily represented by each individual member.

HENRY M. SENIOR, a prominent resident of Mill Plain, where he has been engaged in mercantile business since 1865, was also for many years identified with the business of hat manufacturing, having built a shop there in 1870.

Mr. Senior is a native of Dorsetshire, England, where he was born July 1, 1826. His father, William Senior, who was a farmer by occupation, was born in the same locality in 1789, and on coming to America with his family located in the town of Washington, Dutchess Co., N. Y., where his death occurred in 1859. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Harvey, was born in 1794 and died in 1881. There were twelve children in the family: William, Jr., Elizabeth, John and Sarah, all deceased; George, now a resident of Orange county, N. Y.; Ann, deceased; Thomas, residing in Orange county, N. Y.; Christopher, who lives in Cleveland, Ohio; Edward, deceased; Louisa, now residing in Orange county, N. Y.; Henry M., our subject; and Joseph, who is in the printing business at Bridgeport, this county.

Henry M. Senior was between three and four years of age when his parents brought him to this country, and his education was obtained in the schools of Dutchess county, N. Y. In early manhood he learned the hatter's trade at Danbury, and then continued to work for a time as a journeyman. On April 1, 1865, he opened the general store at Mill Plain which he has ever since conducted successfully, and in 1870, as has been noted, he erected a hat factory in the same village. For some time he carried on a thriving business in this line, employing about fifty hands and manufacturing a good quality of stiff and soft fur hats, but in 1892 he closed up his shop on account of the dull times.

Mr. Senior has always been prominent in local affairs, and is a leading Republican of his town. For twenty years he has held the office of postmaster at Mill Plain, serving continuously with the exception of the four years during Cleveland's first term, when a Democrat was appointed.

In 1847 Mr. Senior married Miss Phœbe Jane Legg, daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Newkirk) Legg, her mother a daughter of Peter and Eliza Newkirk. Mr. and Mrs. Senior have eight children, all of whom are living: Alice, born September 29, 1849, and Elizabeth, born August 23, 1851, are at home; Henry M., Jr., born October 29, 1853, married Miss Hattie Scofield, of Norwalk; Ella J., born December 31, 1855, married Elmer J. Rundle, of Salem, N. Y., son of Nathan and Sarah (Rider) Rundle; Theodore, born April 17, 1858, married Miss Elnora Vradenburg, of the town of Southeast, Putnam Co., N. Y.; Charles A., born August 16, 1860, married Miss Susie King, daughter of James and Jessie King, of Matteawan; Sadie M., born November 13, 1862; and John J., born January 16, 1865, are at home. Mr. Senior was reared in the Episcopal faith, but he and his family attend the Baptist Church at Mill Plain, of which Mrs. Senior is an active member.

CHARLES P. HUTCHINS, M. D., of Bridgeport, is prominent among the younger members of the medical fraternity in that city, and his success in the practical treatment of cases

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furnishes a guarantee of wider fame and opportunity in the future.

The Doctor comes of good English ancestry, and his family has been identified with New England from an early period. Col. Gordon Hutchins, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, was a regularly commissioned officer in the Revolutionary war. Levi Hutchins, his son, was a resident of Concord, N. H., and a clockmaker by occupation. John Hutchins, the Doctor's grandfather, was born in New Hampshire, and was engaged in business for many years as a boot and shoe dealer.

Dr. Alexander Hutchins, the father of our subject, was born in New York, and is a leading physician of Brooklyn, where he has been in active practice for about forty years. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Pelton, is a member of a well-known family of Dutchess county, N. Y., and was born in Poughkeepsie, the daughter of Charles M. Pelton, a wealthy carpet manufacturer. Seven children were born to Dr. Alexander Hutchins and his estimable wife, as follows: Elizabeth and Jeannie, deceased; Marion, wife of George F. Johnston, of Poughkeepsie; Miss Gertrude, who is at home; Charles P., our subject; Gordon, who is connected with a Nevada gold-mining company; and George, a student in Yale College.

Charles P. Hutchins was born September 10, 1872, in Brooklyn, N. Y., where his boyhood was spent. In 1890 he graduated from Adelphi Academy after an eight-years course, and he then entered Williams College, where he remained a year and a half. For about the same length of time he studied in the art department of Columbia College, and on leaving that institution he spent a short time as a reporter on the New York *World*, and nine months with the A. D. Juillard Company. His natural bent toward the medical profession having asserted itself, he took a course in the Long Island College, and graduated in 1897 with high honors, being appointed valedictorian of the class. As the result of a special competitive examination he received the appointment of resident physician of the Long Island College Hospital, a position which gave him invaluable opportunities for observation and practice in a wide range of cases. Later he opened an office at No. 252 State street, Bridgeport, and he has already won an enviable standing among the local practitioners. He is a member of the Bridgeport Medical Society and of several organizations of a social nature, including the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity of Williams College. His fine physique has been developed by athletic sports, of which he is still fond, and while in Columbia College he was captain of the base-ball team. On May 5, 1897, the Doctor married Miss Margaret E. Snowden, daughter of Samuel Snowden, of Baltimore, Maryland.

JOHN J. BURNELL, M. D., is one of the successful and prominent practitioners of Greenwich. He is yet young in years, but he stands foremost among the medical men of the town, and in the whole array of brilliant physicians it would be difficult to find one whose devotion to the healing art is more enthusiastic, or one who more thoroughly keeps pace with the wonderful strides that have lately been made in this great profession.

Doctor Burnell is a representative of a prominent family of Otsego county, N. Y., founded by his great-grandfather, who more than a century ago migrated to America from England. Hon. John Jay, the brilliant statesman, jurist and diplomatist in the formative years of the Republic, was connected with this family. Our subject is a son of George G. and Mary (Barnes) Burnell, the former of whom was a native of Cooperstown, N. Y., and a prominent merchant of Otsego county. He was public-spirited, and took an active part in politics. Prior to the Civil war he was a Democrat, but during the great struggle and until his death, which occurred in September, 1863, he was a Republican. He was driving a spirited horse, on his way home from a business trip, when he was fatally kicked by the fractious animal, death ensuing soon after. George G. Burnell had been twice married. By his first wife he had four children: Ella, William C., Kate, and George G. Ella, who is a graduate of Albany Normal School, resides in Brooklyn, the widow of J. C. Stead, who was a prominent inventor, and the manufacturer of Stead's celebrated appliances for engine boilers. William C. is an attache of the pension office at Washington. Kate is a graduate of Albany Normal School, and is now Mrs. Samuel Patton, of Albany, N. Y. George G. is a capitalist of Cooperstown, interested in many important enterprises. By his second wife, Mary Barnes, the father of our subject had two children: John J. and Frank R., the latter of whom is a practicing physician at South Norwalk, Conn. The mother died in November, 1863, and both parents were buried at Cooperstown, New York.

John J. Burnell, our subject, was born at Cooperstown, N. Y., February 11, 1861, and, as will be seen, was a young child when bereft of both parents. He received an excellent education, being first under the instruction of John G.

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White, who had charge of the Boys' School in New York City. Our subject progressed rapidly, and was but a boy when he entered Union College, at Schenectady, N. Y. From the collegiate department he entered the medical department of that institution, at Albany, matriculating in 1886. Thence he entered the Roosevelt Hospital, New York, and was attached to the College of Physicians and Surgeons until 1888, when he was appointed, by the New York board of health to look after the reservoirs and their sources in Westchester county, in the vicinity of North Castle. While attending to these municipal duties at North Castle, and guarding the purity of the water supply, he built up a considerable medical practice, which extended largely to Greenwich. In 1894 he severed his connection with the New York board of health and located at Greenwich, where he opened an office, and where he has since been in continual and increasing practice.

Doctor Burnell is married to Miss Mary Tripp, of Mamaroneck, N. Y., daughter of Lehman B. Tripp, ex-sheriff and ex-treasurer of Westchester county, and a member of one of the oldest and best-known families of that county. Doctor and Mrs. Burnell have two children: Mary and Francis. Mrs. Burnell is a member of the Episcopal Church. Doctor Burnell is a stanch Democrat, and an earnest advocate of the principles of finance which have been championed by Hon. William J. Bryan. He is a member of Mt. Kisko Lodge No. 708, F. & A. M., in New York State. As a citizen, the Doctor ranks high in the community, and, as a physician, it can be said that he has been remarkably successful, and that he has built up a most lucrative practice. His brilliant professional talent is supplemented by an energy of devotion that has materially assisted him in his professional advancement, for he believes in hard work, a theory he puts into constant practice.

ALBERT R. MALKIN. Prominent among those who have been successful as contractors and builders is Albert R. Malkin, who was born in New Canaan, this county, April 16, 1860, a son of Samuel and Julia (Raymond) Malkin.

Samuel Malkin was born in Macclesfield, Cheshire, England, a son of Richard Malkin, who, coming to America, settled in New Canaan, and there died. Samuel Malkin was a child when his parents came to the New World, hence almost his entire life has been passed in Fairfield county, where he followed his trade of shoe fitter. He married Julia Raymond, who was born in the town of New Canaan, a representative of one of the oldest families in the county. Seven children were born to them: Albert R. (our subject), Lilia, Nellie, Mary, Hattie, Harry and William. Mr. Malkin is a firm believer in the principles promulgated in the platforms of the Republican party, and he is a faithful attendant of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as is also his wife.

Albert R. Malkin was eleven years of age when his parents brought him to Norwalk, and he acquired his education in the public schools of that city. On leaving the classroom he entered the drug store of Edward P. Weed, with whom he remained until Mr. Weed's death in 1880; then, in company with Dr. J. G. Gregory he bought out the store, which for nearly six years was conducted under the firm name of J. G. Gregory & Co. On January 1, 1886, he began to learn the carpenter's trade with Hart Denton, and after a two-years' apprenticeship he formed a copartnership with Mr. Denton which lasted until 1894, when Mr. Malkin embarked in the contracting and building business for himself. This venture has proved successful, and the careful supervision exercised by Mr. Malkin is made manifest by the superior work, and by the eminent satisfaction of his patrons. In connection with his carpenter shop a planing-mill is run, where first-class workmanship is assured.

In 1883 Mr. Malkin was married to Miss Catherine A. Denton, who was born in Norwalk, a daughter of Hart Denton, with whom our subject learned his trade. Two children have been born to them: Albert D. and Kathryn H. Mr. Malkin cast his first vote in behalf of the men and measures advocated by the Republican party, and has never seen any reason to cause him to transfer his allegiance. When he was just twenty-one years of age he became a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and has ever since taken an active part in its work. He is also a member of several local benefit societies. In religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Malkin cling to the faith of the Episcopal Church, and contribute liberally to its support. They are prominent in social relations, and their pretty home is often the scene of pleasant social gatherings.

AMOL F. BERGER. Many of our most substantial citizens are of foreign birth, and to them all honor is due when they come to this country and, finding in the friendly soil a home, give to this government the honor and allegiance due to a kindly foster-parent. Amol F. Berger, the subject of this sketch, was born

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at Courchavon, Canton of Berne, Switzerland, May 12, 1860.

Francis Berger, father of our subject, was also a native of Courchavon, where he was engaged in cabinet-making. In 1868 he left his native land and sought to find a new home and new friends in the Western World. He entered the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Company at Bridgeport, Conn., and there remained. Francis Berger married Jeanette Myers, and they became the parents of the following named children: Amol F.; Mary, of New Haven; Lumena, of Baltimore; Frank, who is connected with the Pembroke laundry; Jeanette, Augustine and Marguerite, of Bridgeport; and Julius and Charles, both of the Pembroke laundry.

Amol F. Berger began his education in the excellent schools of his native land, and on coming with his parents to America he studied in the schools at Vandeusen, Mass., and at Bridgeport, this county. At the age of twelve years he began working in the Wheeler & Wilson factory, but remained only three months, as he was offered a more lucrative position with the Howe Company, with whom he continued for seventeen years. In 1889 he began farming the Hill's farm, on the Newtown turnpike, in the town of Bridgeport, and here for nine years he toiled with no little success. He then removed to the "Bonnie View Farm" in Trumbull, and is now engaged in the milk business. He now owns a fine farm in Chestnut Hill District, the result of his careful management and good business methods, and by industry and economy he has been able to provide for himself a rest from business cares when he desires.

Mr. Berger was married in Bridgeport to Miss Margaret Maguire, a native of Liverpool, England, and eight children have been born to this union: Irene, Emil, John, Fred, Jeanette, Aurelia, Loraine and Ethel. Mr. Berger has always befriended any progressive movement, and has contributed both time and means toward obtaining substantial improvements for his town and county.

RUSSELL WALTER LOWE, M. D., of Ridgefield, Fairfield county, is well known in medical circles throughout the State of Connecticut, and, locally, has the largest general practice in his section. Though respected, trusted and consulted alike by patients and brother professionals, for his learning, experience and skill, the Doctor is still a young man, having been born March 19, 1866, in Oneida, Lenox township, Madison county, New York.

Doctor Lowe is of English descent, his grandfather, John Lowe, having been a native of England, whence he came with his family to America in about 1847. He settled at Stockbridge, N.Y., in the Oneida Valley, and here reared his family of seven children, who were named as follows: James, John, Walter Robert, William, Septimus, Charles and Sarah. Walter Robert Lowe, the father of our subject, was born in 1839, in Buxton, Norfolk, England, and was but a boy when he came with his parents to the United States. He became an architect and builder, acquiring an enviable reputation and patronage in that line, especially in Madison county, N.Y., where he is considered a very successful business man. His fellow citizens have honored him by placing him in many positions of trust, and he has served for years as collector and assessor of his town, and also as alderman, to their unbounded satisfaction. Public-spirited and enterprising, he has done all in his power to advance the welfare of his community, and has given his influence and support to every measure for that end. In political opinion he is a stanch Republican. On August 9, 1864, Mr. Lowe wedded Miss Abbie De Etta Ranney, daughter of Oliver Russell and Elizabeth Ranney, of Stockbridge, N. Y., and two children were born to them: Russell Walter and Agnes E.

Doctor Lowe received his early education in his native town, graduating from the Oneida High School in 1883. On October 26, 1884, he went to the University of the City of New York, matriculating there, and, taking the full three-years' course, graduated just two weeks before reaching his majority. He was a class officer, being one of the three committeemen, and chairman of the committee. During his course he took up much special work, and in his second year spent several months in Roosevelt Hospital. After graduation he came to Bridgeport to take the examination for house surgeon at Bridgeport Hospital, and was chosen for that position, which he filled one year. In April, 1890, the Doctor located in Georgetown, Fairfield county, where he opened an office and engaged in general practice for about three years, up to the time of his removal to Ridgefield. He had a lucrative and growing country practice, but after the death of Dr. Todd, of Ridgefield, he was induced to remove hither by several prominent citizens, taking up his residence in the town in March, 1893. He has built up a very fine general practice in the village and adjoining county, of which he may justly be proud, and his reputation is not confined to his town or county. Doctor Lowe has risen to his present rank by steady perseverance and strict attention

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to duty, and his material success is as much due to this as to his professional ability. He is now resident fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, as member of the American Medical Association, the Fairfield County Medical Association, the Connecticut Medical Society and the Danbury Medical Society. As a citizen he is public-spirited and progressive, working for the welfare of the people in general, and taking a keen interest in public affairs. Politically, he is a Republican, and a sound-money man, but he is not active in party work.

Doctor Lowe was married, in 1891, to Miss M. Louise Beers, daughter of William Beers, of Ridgefield, and they have one son, Gilbert Russell. Fraternally, the Doctor is a most active and interested member of the F. & A. M., being associated with Ark Lodge No. 39, of Georgetown, of which he is past master.

THOMAS BLAND. Few representative citizens of Stamford have attained the success in life which must be accorded to Thomas Bland, a well-known builder and a prominent man of that city. He is a native of Stamford, having been born there April 4, 1852, son of Charles Bland. Joseph Bland, the grandfather of our subject, was an Englishman by birth and a resident of Manchester, England, where he followed the occupation of a butcher. Coming to America, he settled in Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn. He became a captain of a coasting vessel, and during a storm was drowned in Long Island Sound.

Charles Bland, the father of our subject, and a son of Captain Moses and Sarah E. Bland, was born at Manchester, England. He learned from his father the butcher business, and with him emigrated to America. He was largely a self-educated man, and was unusually well read. He had married Miss Margaret Sweeny in England. Upon his arrival in the United States he became connected with the Stamford Manufacturing Company, and for thirty-five years was a cooper in the employ of that company. He died about 1877. Charles and Margaret Bland had three children, as follows: Sarah E., widow of D. Waterbury; Thomas, the subject of this sketch; and Charles J., who is now deceased.

Thomas Bland, our subject, spent his early school days in Stamford, and after attending the public schools finished his education at the private school of G. B. Glendining. At the age of eighteen years he was bound out as an apprentice to Kirk & Schofield for the term of three years. Upon attaining his majority, Mr. Bland worked at his trade, that of carpenter, for a year, but his mind was too active to remain long at the bench. He began dealing in real estate in Bridgeport, and in that city carried on, for two years, a house-furnishing store. Disposing of that business, however, he returned to Stamford, where for six years he was foreman in the shops of the St. John Woodworking Company, at the same time conducting a real-estate business. He purchased a building lot at No. 204 Main street and erected a building. He next engaged for three years in the house-furnishing goods trade, then returned to the St. John Woodworking Company, remaining there for the period of two years as salesman and shipping clerk. In May, 1897, Mr. Bland engaged in contracting work in building up a suburban avenue, and he has prospered beyond his utmost expectations in the enterprise. The success he has attained is the result of his own courage and judgment, and it gives evidence of a character that may be counted upon as a most valuable asset in the city where he lives, for it is due very largely to men of his pluck and insight that the improvements of which a city is proud are made.

Mr. Bland was married in Stamford to Miss Carrie F. Whitney, daughter of George Whitney, of New Canaan, Conn., and they have three children: Louise Pauline, Charles T., and Ethel. For nine years Mr. Bland has been assessor of Stamford. He is a member of Union Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M., and for many years was a member of the I. O. O. F. Few business men have reached the standing attained by Mr. Bland. Starting in business life at the age of twenty-one years, with no capital, he has made a remarkable success of everything he has undertaken, and he is to-day one of the most prosperous and public-spirited citizens of Stamford.

ALBERT WILCOXSON, treasurer of the Stratford Oyster Company, is one of the most popular citizens of his locality. Since 1860 he has held the offices of assessor and school visitor continuously, and at times he has been chosen to other positions including those of selectman and town treasurer, his able and efficient service being appreciated by the people without reference to party lines. In fact, although he is a stanch Democrat he has never been dependent upon any special class of voters for his support, as in 1860 his name appeared on both the Republican and Democratic tickets for the offices mentioned, and once he was elected by a handsome majority when neither of those parties had given him a nomination.

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Mr. Wilcoxson belongs to one of the pioneer families, tracing his descent from William Wilcoxson, a native of Lancashire, England, who was made a freeman in Massachusetts in 1636, and settled in Stratford, this county, in 1639. Ephraim Wilcoxson, our subject's great-grandfather, was a native of Stratford. Col. Ephraim J. Wilcoxson, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Stratford November 13, 1761, and took part in the Revolutionary war, and also that of 1812, his title being won by his service in the latter struggle. He followed farming in Stratford throughout his life, and died there on January 15, 1838. His wife, Mary (Wheeler), was a native of the town, and the remains of both were interred in a cemetery near their old home. They had three children: John, our subject's father; Lucius L., a prominent citizen and substantial farmer of Stratford, where his death occurred some years ago; and Mary, who married Oliver Beardsley, a farmer in the same town.

Hon. John Wilcoxson was born in Stratford in 1805, and became a successful farmer of that locality. He was influential in local affairs, and for many years was one of the leading Democrats of the State, serving three terms as a representative in the Lower house of the Legislature, and one term in the State Senate. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian. His death occurred March 30, 1870, and his wife, Susan Caroline (Wells), died in 1880. She was a native of Stratford, where her father, Legrand Wells, was a lifelong resident, and her family has long been prominent in that locality. Albert was the eldest of four children, the others being: Walter, born October 24, 1832, is a carpenter by trade, and is engaged in farming in Stratford; George S., born December 20, 1841, was drowned at sea; and Miss Susan C., born January 17, 1845, is a resident of the town of Stratford.

Albert Wilcoxson was born November 24, 1829, at the old home in Stratford, and was educated in the public schools and the academy in Stratford village. On leaving school he became interested in farming, and he has also done much work as a surveyor in his own and neighboring towns. His sound judgment and well-proven integrity are valued in business circles, and at times he has invested in different enterprises, at present being prominently connected with the Stratford Oyster Company, of which he has been treasurer since its formation in 1881. Mr. Wilcoxson is very popular among his fellow citizens in Stratford, who repose the greatest confidence in him, and he has often been called upon to settle estates.

On November 23, 1852, Mr. Wilcoxson married Miss Ann Eliza Curtis, and six children have blessed this union: Louise is the wife of Samuel W. Beardsley, of Stratford; Albertine, living at home, has for years been a teacher in the Stratford schools; John C., a farmer in Stratford, married Esther L. Curtis, daughter of Peter P. Curtis, of Stratford, and they have two daughters —Mabel B. and Rachel; Georgia A., Alice May and Harry are at home. Mrs. Wilcoxson is a member of an old and respected family of the town of Monroe, being one of the four children of Levi and Thursey (Turney) Curtis, the latter being a daughter of Robert Turney. The others are Susan C., Polly Betsey and Eli, all residents of Monroe township.

SIDNEY BAILEY. Among the most pleasant summer resorts to be found in the picturesque region around Danbury is the "Bailey House" at Lake Kanozia, two miles from the city. Its genial proprietor is a man who is accustomed to success in his undertakings, and under his careful management the place will doubtless become even more popular than it has been in the past. Mr. Bailey is well-known as a successful agriculturist and dairyman, and his farm of sixty acres is one of the best of its size in Mill Plain District.

Sidney Bailey was born June 21, 1862, in Brewsters, Putnam Co., N. Y., the son of Hackaliah and Sarah Ann (Reynolds) Bailey. Like most country lads he spent his summers in farm work, in winter attending the local schools, but at eighteen he determined to leave the old home and seek a more congenial sphere in mercantile life. Accordingly he went to Danbury and secured a position as clerk in Eli Werner's clothing store, but two years there taught him to appreciate the charms of country life. In 1883 he married Miss Addie Keeler, and he soon afterward gave up his clerkship and purchased his present farm, which is bounded on the north by the lands of Delos Gregory, on the east by those of Elmer Keeler, on the south by the New England railroad, and on the west by the property of Frank Fowler. Mr. Bailey makes a specialty of dairy work, keeping an average of ten cows. He purchased his hotel in the spring of 1896, and farm and dairy furnish choice supplies which are duly appreciated by his guests.

In politics Mr. Bailey is a Republican, and he is influential in a quiet way in local affairs. His wife is a member of the Disciples Church at Danbury, and he is in sympathy with its work and with all worthy movements. Their family consists of two children: Ray and May. Mrs. Bailey is a daughter of John Platt Keeler, a prominent

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resident of Ridgebury, this county, and her mother, whose maiden name was Eliza Mead, was a daughter of John Wesley Mead, of Brewsters, New York.

PATRICK LAVERY is a member of the Lavery Grocery Company, a well-known firm of Bridgeport, and he and his brother Michael, with whom he is in partnership, enjoy an extensive and profitable trade.

Mr. Lavery was born October 31, 1864, in County Armagh, Ireland, and received his early education in the public schools. At the age of seventeen he became a sailor, spending two years in voyages to different points in the Red Sea, the Mediterranean and other parts of the world, and he then came to the United States, in February, 1883, locating in Watertown, N. Y., where he learned the carpenter's trade. He followed same for about nine years, and in February, 1895, he came to Bridgeport and entered the employ of his brother Hugh, who was then engaged in the grocery and liquor business at our subject's present store, No. 374 East Main street. On September 1, 1897, our subject and his brother Michael purchased the business which they have since conducted successfully.

On November 15, 1887, Mr. Lavery married Miss Maria Corcoran, of Watertown, N. Y., who was the daughter of James Corcoran, a native of Ireland. She died in 1888, the mother of one child, who died in the same year. On July 17, 1895, Mr. Lavery married Miss Anna Gellick, of New York City, a daughter of Matthew Gellick, of Ireland, and two children, Beatrice and John, brighten their home.

Michael Lavery, our subject's brother and business partner, was born July 11, 1873, at the old home in County Armagh, Ireland. He married Miss Mary A. McCarty, of Bridgeport. Both brothers are Democrats in politics, and they are earnest members of the Roman Catholic Church in Bridgeport. Socially they are popular, belonging to the Order of Red Men and the Foresters of America.

C H. SCOVILLE, M. D., of New Canaan, is numbered among the most successful general practitioners in this section of Fairfield county. He has been a resident of New Canaan only a few years, but he has met with the greatest encouragement from the very start, and is kept busy attending to a now extensive practice.

Doctor Scoville is a son of William Henry Scoville, a native of Norwich, Conn., whose father was a salt-water captain, and was lost at sea. William Scoville followed the sea from boyhood until the year 1849, and for a time was captain of a mail packet which ran around the Horn. He caught the "gold fever" at the time of that excitement in California, and going to the new Eldorado engaged in quicksilver mining in Sonoma county, becoming superintendent of the Sonoma mine. Returning at length to Norwich, he, in 1869, opened a grocery store in that town, which he conducted for several years, until his retirement from active life. The remainder of his days were passed in Newport, R. I., where he died. He married Miriam Foster, and they became the parents of two children, viz.: Clarence Henry, whose name introduces this sketch, and Arthur William, who resides in Newport, R. I., and is engineer on a Fall River steamer. Mr. Scoville was a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and in religious belief was a Universalist.

Clarence Henry Scoville was born May 11, 1851, in Norwich, Conn., and there spent his boyhood and youth, attending the public schools. In 1868 he enlisted in the army, becoming a member of the 11th U. S. Inf., which was then stationed in Texas, and remaining three years in the service, from which he was honorably discharged, on account of disability, in 1871. Before entering the army he had commenced the study of medicine, and during his service he kept up his studies under the tuition of the post surgeon. On his return to Norwich he continued the science with a local physician, and in 1889 entered Baltimore (Md.) Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1892. For one year he practiced in Stamford, Conn., and then located in New Canaan, taking the practice of Doctor Brownson. Doctor Scoville's genial, wholesouled disposition has been as great an element in his success as his medical skill, and he has an enviable reputation in New Canaan, for both his personal and professional merits. He is very prominent in fraternal circles, being an active member of Harmony Lodge No. 67, F. & A. M., and the Odd Fellows Lodge, at New Canaan; the A. O. F. of A. of Meriden; the Order of United American Mechanics; the Knights of the Golden Cross; Order of Red Men; the Knights of the Maccabees; the Firemen's Association; and, professionally, of the Fairfield County Medical Society; the Stamford Medical Society, and the Baltimore Alumni Association. In religious connection he is a Baptist, and a member of the Epworth League.

Doctor Scoville was married, October 17, 1878, at Glenville, Conn., to Miss Agnes Lee,

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who was born in England, daughter of Charles Lee. Two children—Lucy A. and Henry F.—have been born to them.

GEORGE FAIRCHILD, one of the substantial men of Greens Farms, and who through a long life of nearly eighty years has been an esteemed and respected citizen of Fairfield county, is a native of the county, having been born in Ridgefield November 6, 1817.

Samuel Fairchild, great-grandfather of our subject, was a resident of Fairfield county, occupied in agricultural pursuits. Gilbert Fairchild (grandfather of our subject) followed the same occupation, although in earlier life he was a clothier in Norwalk. He married a Miss Bennett, and to them were born four children, namely: Hezekiah (father of our subject), Samuel (a tailor by trade), Betsey (Mrs. Israel Whittock), and Ellen (Mrs. Elias Pullyn). Of these, Hezekiah Fairchild was born in Norwalk, and through life engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married Rhoda Allen, a native of the town of Westport, and daughter of Benjamin Allen, who was a farmer there. He served his country in the war of the Revolution. Ten children were born to this marriage: Eunice (married to Darlin Jarvis, a farmer of Ridgefield), Charles (who was a shoemaker of Westport), Benjamin (a tailor by trade, who died in the West), Hezekiah and Rhoda (both deceased in infancy), Gilbert (a blacksmith by trade, who died in early life), Daniel (who was a tanner and currier by trade), George (our subject), Polly (who died in youth), and Polly Ann (married to Charles Allen, a farmer of Westport). The parents of these were members of the M. E. Church, and in politics the father was a Democrat.

George Fairchild was reared in Westport and there learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for forty years. By his industrious habits, the practice of economy and good management through that period he saved some money, and was enabled to purchase a farm in the town of Westport. He then became engaged in farming, which has since been his occupation. He has added to his present farm until he now has seventy-five acres in the home place, and in another tract twenty-five acres. He has been systematic in the conducting of his farm and methodical in his business dealings, which traits have aided materially in the success he has attained in life. He is a man of good judgment, and his opinions have weight with the community in which he has so long lived. He has been enterprising and public-spirited, as the beautiful home he built at Greens Farms attests.

Mr. Fairchild was married to Polly Nash, a daughter of William Nash, and seven children have blessed the union, of whom we have mention of Frances (Mrs. Rufus Wakeman, of Westport), Sophia (Mrs. Fred Wakeman), George (a farmer of Westport), and John (a carpenter). The mother of these children died, and Mr. Fairchild subsequently, in 1876, married Mrs. Sarah Nash, a daughter of Samuel Whitlock, and to the union was born one child, Clarence G., who is now in school at Saugatuck.

AARON H. DAVIS, who for forty years past has been identified with the interests of the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company, of Georgetown, town of Redding, having served as an employe in different departments, is one of Fairfield county's substantial business men and useful citizens.

John Davis, grandfather of our subject, was a native of the town of Easton, Fairfield county, and throughout active life was engaged in milling and farming. He married a Miss Buckley, of Fairfield, and to this union were born: Nathan; Esther, who married Thomas Treadwell; Paulina, who remained single; Beulah, who married (first) Zalmon Bedient, and (second) Morris Downs; John, married to Sarah Hull; Joshua, who married Catherine Gould; and Sarah, wife of Morris Downs. Of these, John Davis, father of Aaron H. Davis, was born September 19, 1803, in the town of Easton, and there, in the common schools, received his education. He became, by trade and occupation, a miller, but later engaged in farming, which he continued to follow. He was identified with the M. E. Church, and was one of those upright and conscientious men who make valuable citizens and leave their impress for good upon a community. He married Sarah Hull, who was born April, 1814, a daughter of Aaron and — — — (Fanton) Hull, prosperous farming people of the town of Weston, and to their union were born: Aaron H., our subject; Sarah J., who married Edwin Hoyt; Henry, who married Tammy Tuttle; Edgar, who married Mary Godfrey; John S., unmarried; Maria, also unmarried; Arthur, deceased in youth; Hiram, who married Anna Keeler; and Carrie, married to Alexander McKendrick.

Aaron H. Davis was born in the town of Danbury, Fairfield county, October 4, 1834. He acquired the rudiments of an education in his native town, and when only a lad learned the trade of carriage-making at Bridgeport, working

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at same five years. In 1856 he moved to Georgetown, where for a time he was engaged at carpentering. In August, 1858, he entered the employ of the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company, he and his father-in-law taking charge of the woodworking department of the mill. From that time to the present he has continued in the service of that company, occupying positions in different departments; he is now in charge of the twisting department. For nearly a year during the Civil war he performed faithful and honorable service as a member of Company E, Two Hundred and Thirty-Second C. V. I. He cast his first vote for John C. Fremont, in 1856, and from that time to this has been an ardent Republican. In 1864 he was honored by the citizens of Fairfield county with election to the State Legislature, while a member of that body representing the interests of the county ably and to the satisfaction of his constituents, as well as with credit to himself. He has served his fellow-citizens as a member of the board of relief and as selectman of the town. Socially, he is identified with Arch Lodge No. 39, of Georgetown, of which he was a charter member, and for twenty-eight years has annually been chosen its treasurer; and with James E. Moore Post, G. A. R., of Danbury. In religious connection he is a member of the M. E. Church at Georgetown, being treasurer, trustee and steward of the same, offices he has held for years. A record of over forty-years' service with one concern, and one of nearly a third of a century as treasurer of another organization, speaks for itself. Such a life needs no comment. Socially, Mr. Davis is genial, affable, and very popular.

Our subject married Miss Lucy Bennett, a native of the town of Wilton, born August 28, 1838, and a daughter of Aaron and Mary (Hull) Bennett, of Georgetown. To this union have come children as follows: (1) Edith M. was born in the town of Wilton September 19, 1860, and received her education in the public schools there; she married William Foster, a machinist, of Brighouse, England; they have had no children. (2) John F. was born September 5, 1875, in the town of Redding, Fairfield county, and after receiving a primary education in the schools of the town attended the Business College at Bridgeport, from which he was graduated; he also studied architecture, and is at this time with a Mr. Beardsley, an architect of Bridgeport. Mr. Davis is not married. Politically he is a stanch Republican.

The Bennett family (into which our subject married) and their connections have descended from the early families of the State. Elias Bennett, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Lucy (Bennett) Davis, was a native of the town of Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn.; he participated in the war of the Revolution, and in after years received a pension for his services. He was twice married, and by his first wife had children as follows: Elias (2) married Mary Perry; Abigail married Burr Rowland; Lewis; John married a Miss Finch; and Ann married a Mr. St. John. The mother of these children died, and the father was again married, this time wedding Miss Mollie Crossman, who bore him children as follows: William, one who died in youth, and Mollie.

Elias Bennett (2), after receiving an education in the schools of his native town of Fairfield, began teaching school, and followed that profession for twelve years in one district. Subsequently he purchased a newspaper route, and for thirty years was a post-rider to and from Bridgeport. He owned a farm of over 100 acres, which he operated in connection with his newspaper business. Politically he was an old-time Whig. He married Mary Perry, a daughter of Thaddeus and Grace (Buckley) Perry, and to their union were born: (1) Sturges, who became one of the founders of the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company, of Georgetown, with which he remained connected throughout his life. He married Charlotte Gilbert, a daughter of Benjamin Gilbert, his business partner, and to this marriage came Eli G. and three who died in infancy. The mother of these died, and the father married Miss Betsey A. Burchard, by which union there were no children. (2) Mary. (3) Aaron became identified with the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company, remaining with same all his life. He was a Republican. He married (first) Miss Mary Hull, and they had three children—Mary married Edward Thompson; Lucy married Aaron H. Davis; and Harriet never married. His second wife was Mrs. Jennett Rundall (sister of his first wife), to whom no children were born. (4) Burr married Sally Lee, and they became the parents of the following named children—Margaret married James Rider; Fannie married Charles R. Meeker; William B. married (first) Alfretta Batterson, and (second) Mary Eliza Buckley; Adell married W. W. Andrews; Fidelia married Morris Perry; Mary (deceased) never married; Ella, also deceased, remained single, and two, whose names are not given, died in infancy. (5) William Bennett was born in the town of Redding July 20, 1818. After preparing himself in the town school to teach, he followed that profession several years. He afterward engaged in the hardware business in Ridgefield, and later in the same line in Croton

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Falls, following which he went to New York City where he was in business for twenty years. He returned to Fairfield county, and is at this time postmaster at Branchville. Politically he was originally a Whig, casting his first Presidential vote for William Henry Harrison, and he is now a stanch Republican, and has been prominent in the councils of that party. Fraternally he is a member of Pilgrim Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Ridgefield. For fifty-nine years he has held membership with the M. E. Church at Georgetown, and during all of this time he has been active and useful in its affairs. While absent in New York he kept up his interest in the home Church there, serving as steward, class-leader, and exhorter. He was for many years superintendent of the Sabbath-school, and a teacher in the same Church at Georgetown. William Bennett married Miss Chloe Hull, born in November, 1818, a daughter of Daniel Hull, a farmer of Weston, and to them were born: William C. died in infancy; Charles L. married Medora Batterson; Esther M. married Louis Quinn; William R. married Marietta Beers; and Chester A. married Harriet Olmstead. The mother of these dying, the father married Caroline Olmstead, born in 1833, daughter of Nicholas Olmstead, of Ridgefield, and their children are: Carrie M. died in infancy; Richard O. married Laura B. Batterson; Lizzie N. married Charles N. Couch; and Susan W. married Fred Foster. (6) Samuel became employed under his brother in the works of the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company, of Georgetown. He married Miss Abigail Odell, and of their children —Ezra P. married (first) Anna Lockwood, and (second) Johanna Buckley; and Jessie F. married Herbert Northrop.

The Perry family, into which Elias Bennett (2) married, have for generations been residents of Fairfield county. Thadeus Perry, great-grandfather of Mrs. Lucy (Bennett) Davis, was a native of the town of Fairfield. He learned the weaver's trade, and it is said that he wove the first piece of cotton cloth made in Connecticut; he followed his trade throughout life. He married Miss Grace Buckley, daughter of Nathan Buckley, and their children were: (1) Stephen learned the carpenter's trade which he followed, and he was also engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married Louisa Buckley, and their children were—Polly A. married Judson Webb; Sally remained single; Walter married a Miss Wilson, as did also Andrew; Hulda married a Mr. Godfrey; and Joel remained single. (2) Isaac, a weaver by occupation, married Sally Hendricks, and they had four children—Betsey married Moses Hubbell; George married Sally Whitlock; William married Clarinda Lindly; and Nancy married Wakeman Godfrey. (3) Mary married Elias Bennett (2). (4) Thadeus (2) was a weaver by trade and occupation. He married Sally Cable, and they had children—Gersham, Grace, Munson, Thadeus (3), Charles and Curtis. (5) Mabel married David Rowland. (6) Eunice married Elias Andrews, and their children were—Maria married Burr Wood; Thadeus (4) married Mary Ferris; David married Belinda Morrison; and Norman married (first) Caroline Bennett, and (second) Lorinda Sherwood. (7) Nathaniel was a school teacher. He married Mary Wright, and had children—Jefferson and Jane; and by a second marriage—George and Caroline. (8) David was a manufacturer of musical instruments, although by trade he was a blacksmith. He lived to be eighty years of age. He never married.

THOMAS S. STOUT. "Intellect and industry are never incompatible," is a well-known truism. There is more wisdom and will be more benefit in combining them than scholars like to believe, or than the common, every-day world imagines. Life has time enough for both, and its happiness will be increased by the union. The life-history of the subject of these lines verifies, beyond a peradventure, the truth of the above aphorism.

Mr. Stout is descended from one of three brothers who came from Germany to America in early days, settling, one in Long Island, one in Philadelphia, and one in New Jersey, the latter being the ancestor of our subject. Richard Stout, father of Thomas S., was born and reared in New Jersey, became a ship carpenter by trade, in later life following agricultural pursuits. He married Hannah Strickland, also a native of that State, a daughter of Thomas Strickland, a farmer, who served in the war of 1812, and they then settled on a farm in New Jersey, where they reared their family of six children, a brief record of whom is as follows: (1) Jane married William Ferguson, a carpenter of New Jersey; (2) Eleanor A. married David Clayton, a farmer of New Jersey; (3) Adaline wedded James Dye, a carpenter (now deceased; (4) Thomas S. is our subject; (5) Jacob died young; and (6) Sarah married a Mr. Bugbee, who was originally a school teacher, but is now a farmer in the town of Wallingford, Conn. The parents of this family are both deceased. They were members of the M. E. Church, and, in politics, Mr. Stout was a lifelong Whig.

Thomas S. Stout, whose name introduces these lines, was born April 28, 1828, at Freehold, Monmouth Co., N. J., where he received a lib-

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eral education. At the age of sixteen he went to Brooklyn, N. Y., and there learned the trade of carpenter, serving his apprenticeship; then for two years worked there as a journeyman, after which, in 1853, he came to Norwalk, where he has ever since (a period of about forty-six years) successfully followed his trade, during which long residence he has become more closely and more practically identified with the place than, probably, any other citizen, many buildings there, as well as in other parts of the county, having been erected by him.

In 1851 Mr. Stout married Miss Maria C. Wiseman, of Norwalk, a daughter of James Wiseman, a native of Scotland, whence, when he was twelve years old, he came to the United States, settling in Norwalk. Three children were born to this union, viz.: (1) William A., who was a jeweler in Norwalk, and died about 1875; (2) Marian L., who died in infancy; and (3) Ada M., who passed away at the age of eighteen. The mother was called from earth in June, 1894. Mr. Stout, although now seventy-one years of age, is still hale and hearty, looking and acting more like a man of fifty-five—in every respect a fine old gentleman—and he is still managing his business affairs. No one enjoys more generally the respect and esteem of everybody who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. When he came to Norwalk he was a comparatively poor man, but by assiduous attention to business, hard work and judicious economy he has accumulated a fine property, including his elegant and comfortable residence. He is and has always been temperate in all things, which, he claims, accounts for his yet vigorous physique. Socially, he is a member of the I. O. O. F.; in politics, he was originally a Whig, and since the organization of the party has been an ardent and loyal Republican.

BENJAMIN W., M. D., AND RICHARD L. BOHANNAN, M. D. Prominent among the physicians and surgeons of Fairfield county are the above named gentlemen, who for ten and twenty years, respectively, have been successfully practicing medicine and surgery in Stamford and vicinity.

BENJAMIN W. BOHANNAN, the younger of the brothers, was born June 8, 1857, at Mathews Court House, Va He attended the private school of Prof. A. Olmstead, and in 1886 he entered the University of New York, graduating from the medical department in the class of '88. He then entered the medical department of the University of Maryland, from which he was graduated one year later. Following this he, in 1889, took a summer course at the University of Vermont, Burlington. In the fall of 1889 he practiced with his brother at Stamford, Conn., then in 1891 opened an office at Danbury, Conn., remaining there two years. Returning to Stamford in 1893, he has ever since continuously practiced there. Doctor Bohannan is a member of the Stamford Medical Society; socially he is identified with numerous orders: Is a member of Empire Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Greenwich; of Wassecusse Encampment; and of the Daughters of Rebekah. He is a member of Excelsior Lodge K. of P.; and of Phil H. Sheridan's Court, Foresters of America. He is also a member of the United Order of American Mechanics; and of the Daughters of Liberty.

On July 15, 1891, Dr. B. W. Bohannan was married at Danbury, Conn., to Miss Mollie Austin, a daughter of T. J. Austin, Sr., and one child, Claudine Austin, was born to them November 16, 1892. The Doctor and his wife are identified with the Disciples Church of Danbury, and they are most estimable people.

RICHARD L. BOHANNAN, M. D., the elder of these brothers of whom we write, is a native of the Old Dominion State, having been born at Mathews Court House, November 12, 1850. He received his primary education in Chesapeake Academy, in his native town. Later he entered the medical department of the University of New York, from which he was graduated with the class of '74. After his graduation he had a two-years' experience in a hospital on Blackwell Island, New York, and in August, 1876, he located in the practice of medicine at Stamford, Conn., where he has since remained. The Doctor has been studious, and has kept abreast of the times. He has built up a large practice among the best of the families in Stamford and surrounding country, and is recognized as a citizen of ability. He is a conscientious man, and as a citizen is highly regarded by the community at large. He is a member of the Stamford Medical Society, and has served as its president, being third on the list who have presided over its deliberations. Socially, he is a member of Rippowam Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Stamford, of the A. O. U. M., and of the Knights of Pythias.

JOSEPH H. FOLSOM. Few occupations demand such constant advancement in methods as does photography, in which so many wonders have been worked in recent years. Artistic taste, necessary as it is to success, is no less essential than a knowledge and love of science and a readiness to lead in research and ex-

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periment rather than to follow more progressive workers. The late Joseph H. Folsom, the well-known photographer of Danbury, possessed these admirable qualities in a marked degree, the high quality of his work winning him the title of "the Sarony of Connecticut." It is eminently fitting that a review of his career should have a place in this volume, where the names of the leaders of various lines of effort in this section are preserved.

Mr. Folsom was born May 29, 1840, in New York City, the son of Benjamin and Martha (Culver) Folsom, who reared a family of six children: John F., Joseph H., Edward S., Martha, George and Harry. As his youth was spent in his native city, Mr. Folsom obtained an excellent education in the public schools, and on completing his course he at once turned to the study of photography, entering the employ of a Mr. Howell, who had a gallery on Broadway. He remained there some time, and then engaged in business on his own account at Brewsters, N. Y., continuing there about five years. In 1872 he removed to Danbury, where he established a gallery and conducted it with constantly increasing success until his death, on September 10, 1883. He was devoted to his chosen calling, paying but little attention to public affairs, and although he sympathized with the principles of the Democratic party, he voted only once in his life. Socially he was prominent, and he was a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

In 1869 Mr. Folsom married Miss Sarah E. Lockwood, a lady whose qualities of mind and heart made her a true helpmeet. So thoroughly and sympathetically did she enter into his work that after his death she continued it successfully, and their only daughter, Miss Jessie Louise Folsom, who inherits the ability of both parents, now assists her. While thus demonstrating the capacity of women for this occupation, they do not neglect social claims, and are also prominent in religious work, attending regularly the First Congregational Church of Danbury. Mrs. Folsom is a daughter of David and Nancy (Hadden) Lockwood, of Carmel, Putnam county, New York.

CORNELIUS B. TAYLOR, station agent at Newtown for the Housatonic railroad, is one of the leading citizens of that pleasant village, and, while fulfilling ably the duties of the position mentioned, he has built up an extensive trade as a dealer in flour, feed and coal. Like many of the most successful business men of the county, Mr. Taylor has made his own way in the world, and his present high standing reflects all the more credit upon him because of that fact.

John Taylor, the progenitor of this family in America, came from England and settled at Windsor, Conn. He married a widow with two daughters, and died at sea, leaving two sons, Thomas and John, the latter of whom settled at Deerfield, Mass., and had a large line of descendants. Thomas Taylor settled at Danbury, married Rebekah Ketcham, and had seven sons and three daughters. One of the sons, Nathan, married Hannah Benedict, and they had two sons and two daughters. Their son Joshua, born in Danbury, Conn., was the great-grandfather of our subject. He married Eunice Seeley, who lived to be ninety years old, and they had one son, Levi, and four daughters.

Levi Taylor (above), our subject's grandfather, was born in Bethel in 1790 and spent his life there, following the trade of hatter, his death occurring in 1835. He married (first) Sarah Ann Wheeler (who died in 1824), and (second) wedded Sally Taylor. By the first union he had four children: William and Charles, hatters by trade, who resided in the lower part of Newtown; Caroline, who married Harvey Briscoe; and Sarah, wife of Samuel Winton, of Danbury. By his second marriage he had two children: Sarah Elizabeth, wife of George Starr, of Bethel; and Miss Pauline, a resident of Danbury.

William Taylor, our subject's father, was born in Bethel in 1819, and in his youth learned the hatter's trade, which he followed throughout his life in Hattertown, Brooklyn, and other places, although he always maintained his residence in Hattertown. He was an excellent workman, one of the old-fashioned kind, who could take the raw material and work it up into the finished product. In politics he was a Democrat, but he never took an active share in party work. For years he attended the services of the Methodist Church. He died January 20, 1862; his widow, whose maiden name was Polly A. Durand, is still (1899) living. They had three children: Theodore, born April 6, 1846, now a resident of Newtown; Cornelius B., our subject; and Ida M., born April 20, 1852, who married William H. Hubbell.

The Durand family has been identified with this county for many years, and Glover B. Durand, our subject's maternal grandfather, was born in Oxford in 1800. During his later life he resided in Stepney, where he was engaged in business as a wheelwright, making a specialty of manufacturing the old-fashioned spinning wheels. He died in Stepney September 12, 1875, and his wife, Abiah (Hubbell), passed away March 27, 1887. They had the following children: Polly

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A., our subject's mother, Cornelia, wife of George Briscoe; Jane, married to Orville Johnson, who died May 30, 1895; Sarah, wife of Burr Mead; Abbie, wife of A. B. Lockwood, of Bethel; Emeline, who married (first) William Peck, and (second) George Ward; George, who lived in Stepney and died March 17, 1896; and Charles, who resides in Bridgeport.

Cornelius B. Taylor, our subject, born in Newtown, Conn., August 26, 1850. He received his education in the district schools of his native town, and after he reached the age of fifteen he attended only in the winter seasons, his summers being spent as a farm hand by the month. During the winter he received his board for work done out of school hours, and three years he passed in this way before an opportunity appeared for an entrance into more profitable business. At the age of eighteen he went to Stepney to assist the station agent, C. H. Platt, now the general superintendent of the New York & New Haven railroad, and while there he learned telegraphy. In 1870 he went to Newtown to take a position as clerk and operator under Jabez Botsford, the agent at that point, and three years later he was promoted, receiving an appointment as agent of the Housatonic railroad at Danbury. In 1875 he became agent at Newtown, succeeding Mr. Botsford, and this position he has ever since filled to the satisfaction of both his employers and the public. In 1875 he also engaged in a flour, feed and coal business in partnership with W. H. Hubbell, and this is now one of the most prosperous firms in the town. Mr. Taylor is noted for his foresight and judgment, and at times his fellow workers in the Republican organization have sought to place him in an office where his abilities would be of wider service to the people. In 1896 he was a candidate for the Legislature, and his popularity is shown by the fact that he was beaten by sixty-five votes only, while the Congressional candidates were defeated by a majority of five hundred. In 1898 he was elected selectman on the Citizens' ticket. He is a director in the Newtown Savings Bank, and a member of the Loaning committee of the Bank; is also a director in the Newtown Agricultural Fair Association.

In 1879 Mr. Taylor married Miss Ella Jane Peck, daughter of Augustus Peck, a well-known resident of Newtown. Two children have blessed this union: Jessie Minette, a student at Northfield (Mass.) Seminary; and Mabel Louise, a student in Newtown Academy. The family is identified with the Congregational Church of Newtown, of which Mr. Taylor is a prominent member.

WILLIAM B. McNAMARA. Hard work and close attention to business are certain to bring success if one's efforts are controlled by sound practical judgment, and the career of this well known resident of Bridgeport could furnish many a helpful suggestion to young men who have their own way to make in the world.

Mr. McNamara is of Irish descent, and his paternal grandfather was a miller in County Clare, Ireland. John McNamara, our subject's father, was born and reared in County Clare, where he learned the milling business. He married Miss Elizabeth Mara, a native of the same locality, and they soon afterward came to America, locating at Plymouth, Litchfield Co., Conn., where Mr. McNamara found employment as a miller; he was also engaged as a lockmaker. He is still living there, but his estimable wife died some years ago. They had ten children: Timothy B., a grocer and meat dealer in Bridgeport; William B., our subject; Mary, who is in a convent in Bridgeport; John, who is engaged in the butcher business in Bridgeport; Thomas J., a wholesale dealer in meats in the same city; James, a salesman in the employ of his brother Thomas; Elizabeth, who died at the age of twenty-six; Dennis, a meat dealer in Bridgeport and Stratford; Maggie, who is in a convent in Bridgeport, and Andrew J., a physician in the Ohio State Hospital at Cleveland, Ohio.

William B. McNamara was born September 14, 1856, in Plymouth, Conn., where his youth was spent, and on leaving school he learned the lockmaker's trade. Finding this occupation uncongenial he engaged in the meat business, which he followed there about four years, and in 1882 he settled in Bridgeport and opened a market at No. 213 Main street, where he soon built up a lucrative trade. After eight years at his original location he removed to Nos. 210-212 Main street, where he continued in the same line, enlarging his stock, and since that time he has established branch stores at No. 36 Allen street, and No. 160 Park avenue, keeping a fine stock of groceries and meat, vegetables and fruits, at each place, and commanding much of the best trade in the city.

In 1886 Mr. McNamara married Miss Anna Spain, daughter of John Spain, of Torrington, Conn., and five children have blessed this union: John, Sarah, Elizabeth, William, and Charles. The family is identified with the Catholic Church at Bridgeport, and Mr. McNamara is also a member of various social orders, including the Knights of Columbus and the '98 Club. Politically he is a Democrat, and he has taken an active share in partisan work, serving as a delegate to several

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conventions. In 1893 he was elected councilman from the First ward of Bridgeport, and served one year acceptably.

T F. MARTIN, M. D., a leading physician and surgeon of Bridgeport, is a representative citizen, whose influence is felt no less in public affairs than in his professional sphere.

Doctor Martin was born February 29, 1850, in Waterbury, Conn., and, like many of our most successful men, is of Irish descent. Thomas Martin, his father, was a native of the Emerald Isle, coming to America in boyhood. As a young man he engaged in business as a contractor, and later he loaned money extensively. His death occurred in 1889, and his wife, Margaret McCann, a native of Ireland, died when Thomas F., their only child, was an infant.

Doctor Martin's education was begun in the schools of Waterbury, and at the age of sixteen years he entered the classical department of Holy Cross College, at Worcester, Mass., where he remained two years. He then spent two and a half years in Seton Hall College in New Jersey, taking a classical course, and later he studied a year and a half in Manhattan College, in New York City, continuing his work in the classics. Having determined upon medicine as his field of effort, he took a course in the medical department of the University of New York, graduating in 1874, and at once opened an office in the metropolis, where he continued in practice until January, 1876. On February 8, 1876, he located in Bridgeport, where he speedily built up a large and lucrative practice, and since 1881 he has also been interested in the money-loaning business. The Doctor is a member of the city, county and State medical associations, and is prominently identified with the Catholic Church at Bridgeport. Although he is not now an active worker in the Order of the Knights of Columbus, he was the first to join the society in Bridgeport, and he did much to establish it on a firm basis. Politically, he is a stanch Democrat, and he has always taken an active interest in local affairs. At present he is serving acceptably as a member of the board of health, and for six years he did effective work as a member of the board of education.

On December 25, 1881, Doctor Martin married Miss Anna Paddock, a native of New York State, who passed to the unseen life February 26, 1891, leaving the memory of a beautiful Christian character. Five children blessed this union: Harry and Fred (both deceased), and Albert, Edith and Margaret.

ALEXANDER W. TWISS, a leading druggist of Bethel, is one of the enterprising self-made men, having worked his own way up from the foot of the ladder, and his success furnishes a suggestive lesson for others.

Mr. Twiss is a native of Canada, having been born at Seaforth, Ontario, June 2, 1858. The family is of English origin, and his parents, Alexander and Margaret T. (Saunders) Twiss, were born, reared and married in the old country. After settling in Canada our subject's father was for many years in charge of the butter and egg department of a large store at Seaforth, belonging to E. Hickson & Co. There were five children in his family: John, now a resident of Canada; George, who settled in Helena, Mont.; Mary, who resides in the Northwest Territory; Alexander W., our subject; and Katie, who resides in Canada. The mother died when our subject was a little over a year old, and the father survived her about eleven years.

Alexander W. Twiss attended school at Seaforth until he was twelve years of age, when the death of his father compelled him to undertake the serious business of earning a livelihood. He found employment in the drug department of the same store in which his father had for so long a time been a trusted helper, and there he remained four years. In the meantime his thoughts often turned toward the United States, and he finally resolved to come to New Haven, Conn., where an uncle resided. Having saved one hundred dollars, he left his old home at the age of sixteen and started for New Haven, but failing on his arrival to find his uncle, he was for a time quite discouraged over his prospects. He fell into good hands, however, being taken under the kindly care of a Mr. Williams, and a railway conductor who became interested in him told him of a new drug store which was then being opened at South Norwalk by Mr. Hoyt. On applying for a situation Mr. Twiss was accepted, and he spent four years there, in 1879 removing to Bethel to take a position with S. S. Dunning. Before the expiration of a year Mr. Dunning sold out, and Mr. Twiss remained with his successor, B. H. Spark, about two months. In 1880 he established himself in business on his own account, and after a year and a half in the Fisher Building, settled at his present location, Fountain Place.

In 1882 Mr. Twiss was married in Bethel to Miss Sarah B. Starr, the youngest daughter of George E. Starr, a well-known citizen, and three children have blessed this union: Helen Starr and Grace Belle, who are at home, and Hattie, who died at the age of six months.

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Mr. Twiss was naturalized in Bridgeport, Conn., and he has always taken keen interest in the political issues of the times as a stanch supporter of the Republican party. In the fall of 1896 he was a delegate to the State convention, and he is also active in municipal affairs, having served eight years as a member of the board of water commissioners. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist, being a prominent member of the Church at Bethel.

WILLIAM THOMAS RITCH. In this business age, success in its more enlarged and distinctive sense comes to those who combine in themselves a born and acquired ability, and a taste or passion for labor, which amounts to unswerving devotion. In that class may be included the name of William T. Ritch, whose genuis and application to the business career he has chosen in life have already made him eminent in industrial circles, although he is yet young. As manager of the Greenwich Stone Quarry and proprietor of its extensive properties, he conducts a business that stands foremost among its kind along the Sound in Connecticut. The burden of its management has been shifted to his shoulders from the administration of his father, under whom it had grown amazingly from a feeble beginning back in the year 1845. Mr. Ritch is a member of one of the well-known families of Greenwich, where he was born, on the Steamboat road, November 4, 1866, a son of Thomas and Sarah Frances (Selleck) Ritch.

Thomas Ritch, the father, was born in 1826, in Greenwich, son of Ralph and Clemence (Mead) Ritch. Clemence Mead was a granddaughter of Capt. Matthew Mead, a Revolutionary officer, and a daughter of Matthew Mead. Capt. Matthew Mead, was the great-grandson of John Mead, who came to America from England in 1642. Thomas Ritch, the father of our subject, is a resident of Greenwich, and one of its most highly respected citizens. He was reared in Greenwich, and had but the training of the common schools of his time. His parents were people of limited means, and as a boy he always remained at home helping in the support of the family. His father was a farmer, and also conducted a stone quarry to a certain extent. When a lad of fifteen Thomas began life for himself on a vessel plying between Greenwich and New York. He received for his services $10.00 per month; but he afterward became mate. His earnings were carefully saved, and in later years he engaged in the shipping business, as owner of the "The Mariner." In the beginning of the stone quarry business, Thomas and his brother William were partners. They carried their product to market, also transported freight and merchandise for others between Greenwich and New York, and for thirty years these brothers continued as partners. During this time they accumulated no little property, and when the partnership was dissolved in their old age, their extensive interests were amicably divided, in a few minutes, each continuing the business which is managed by their sons.

Thomas Ritch at the age of twenty-eight married Miss Elizabeth A. Selleck, daughter of Thaddeus Selleck. This wife died childless, and for his second wife he married Sarah Frances Selleck, her sister, who bore him the following four children: Hudson L., who died at the age of twenty-eight years, in New York (but who resided in Greenwich), and left two children, Frances and Hudson L.; Elizabeth A., now Mrs. E. W. Smith, of Greenwich, and mother of two children, Wellington and Stanley R.; Mary B., Mrs. W. H. Waterbury of Greenwich, who has two children, Thomas R., and Lucy F.; and William T., the subject of this sketch.

Thomas Ritch is a stanch Republican, and is at present a burgess of Greenwich. While not a politician, he is looked upon as one of the representative Republicans. He was one of the incorporators of the Greenwich Savings Bank, and of the Greenwich Trust, Loan and Deposit Company, also an incorporator of the First National Bank of Port Chester, N. Y. He is a member of the Second Congregational Church, and was chairman of the Society's committee for thirty years. He has held various offices in the Church, and is a liberal contributor to its support. Thomas Ritch is one of the substantial men of Greenwich. He has risen from the conditions of a poor boy to that high position in which he commands the respect of all. For his years and labor he is a well-preserved man, physically and mentally. He worked hard at a time when manual labor was necessary to success, and later in life he has shown more business capacity in the accumulation of a most comfortable competence. An active business life does not make desirable a sudden and complete retirement, but Thomas Ritch has retired from the more important and arduous duties in connection with the stone business, and is at this time practically a retired man.

William T. Ritch, our subject, was reared in Greenwich. His schooling concluded with a course at the Greenwich Academy under Professor Shepherd and Professor Root, successively. From boyhood he took an interest in the business of his father, and as a boy was foreman in

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the quarry. Consequently he acquired a thorough knowledge of the same to the most minute detail, and his able management is the result, at least in part, of such familiarity and close application.

The present trade of William Thomas Ritch is the outgrowth of a business that was started in 1845. Oxen then furnished the sole power, and the crude apparatus was in keeping. That method has been supplanted by improved modern machinery, including steam derricks, drills, and every convenience for the speedy handling of stone. The product from this quarry has a greater transverse strength than any other in the United States, surpassing even any granite in this respect, as shown by scientific tests. It is a very heavy stone, and as a crushed stone has no superior. It has been extensively used by the government for seawalls, breakwaters, and other coast improvements, salt water having no effect on it. It was extensively used in the recent improvement of Fort Schuyler, and among the structures where it has been extensively used may be mentioned the American Sugar Refinery of Brooklyn, and other large warehouses there; Brooklyn bridge; the Equitable building, New York Tower building, Produce Exchange and Hofiman House, New York; the W. M. Rockefeller mansion, at Tarrytown, N. Y. From Bridgeport, Conn., to Staten Island there is a large and growing demand for this stone. Mr. Ritch owns the vessels carrying the product to market, while he also does contracting work on stone buildings, and in recent years this quarry and management have furnished cut stone for many churches, among which may be mentioned the Episcopal church of Stamford, the Catholic cathedral at Brooklyn, the Catholic church at South Norwalk, the Catholic church at Oyster Bay, L. I., and others. Mr. Ritch has an office in New York, and the quarry is located in Greenwich, on Long Island Sound.

Mr. Ritch married Miss Jennie Reva Wade, of New York, and they have one child, Reva Mare. Our subject is a stanch Republican, but he has no ambition politically except to support good men for office, his greatest interest and enthusiasm being entirely along business lines. He is a member of the Mechanics and Tradesmens Society, trustee of the Mechanics and Tradesmens Exchange, is a member of the board of managers of the Building Trades Club, and chairman of the finance committee in the latter club, in New York. He is also one of the incorporators of the Greenwich Savings Bank and Trust, Loan & Deposit Company. In 1890 Mr. Ritch built his cozy home in Belle Haven. He and his wife are members of the Second Congregational Church at Greenwich. Absorbed as he is in business, and thoroughly trained in all that pertains to this important industry, he is a young man of more than usual capacity, and one to whom the commercial life of the nation is more than ordinarily indebted for the gigantic strides which it is now making in material advancement.

CHRISTOPHER RICKARD. The Emerald Isle has given to America some of her best material, and to our witty, fun-loving but hard-working Irish-Americans we owe much in a commercial way. Christopher Rickard was born in County Meath, Ireland, July 9, 1856, the son of Edward and Marcella (Smith) Rickard.

Edward Rickard was also a native of Ireland, as was his father before him, and he learned the shoemaker's trade and also followed the occupation of farming. He married Marcella Smith, of the same county, and they became the parents of five children: Christina, who married Thomas Gilligan, of Bridgeport; Ann; Christopher, our subject; Edward and James, all now deceased except Christopher. The father of this family died in Ireland, where he passed all his life; the mother is still living, making her home in Bridgeport. All the family have been faithful and devout adherents of the Roman Catholic faith.

Christopher Rickard attended school in Ireland, and at the age of ten years came to America, living first at Haverstraw, N. Y., where he continued his education until he was old enough to go to work. For one season he was employed in a brickyard, carrying water for the men, and later, for one and one-half years, he was employed in a sale stable in New York City. In 1870 he came to Bridgeport and found employment in Sanford's hat shop, remaining there for three years, when he bought a horse and truck. He carried on trucking in a small way for some time, but gradually began to enlarge the scale of his operations until now he has the largest establishment of the kind in New England. His prompt attention to business has won for him the commendation of all his patrons, and his integrity gains and maintains the respect of his associates in the business world.

On January 2, 1878, Mr. Rickard married Miss Mary L. Murphy, of Stratford, Conn., a daughter of John Murphy, and eight children have come to bless the union, six of whom are now living: Louisa, Ann, Marcella, Margaret, Christopher, Jr., and Laura; Edward died at the age of six years, and Rosanna at the age of ten months. Mr. Rickard has been the molder of

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his own fortune, his conscientious performance of duty and his unswerving honesty having been the stepping-stones to his success. In his political relations he is wholly independent, voting for the men and measures his judgment approves; in religious faith he and his family are members of the Roman Catholic Church, practicing in their daily lives the teachings of that ancient faith.

WALLACE A. SMITH. Taught and practiced by the hardy Scots, it was for their immortal Sir Walter Scott to declare that "stranger is a holy name." While it cannot be said that this is the general law in this country, it is so, in the spirit to an extent greater, perhaps, than in any other civilized country. Standing wholly on his own merits, the kind of welcome accorded depends entirely upon the individual himself. But little time elapsed after the arrival of Wallace A. Smith in Bridgeport, before his genial nature had won the friendship, as his manly bearing had the respect of all with whom he came in contact, and his career as a "stranger" was of very short duration.

Nicholas Peck Smith, the father of our subject, was born at Perry's Mills, Tattnall Co., Ga. He engaged in the cotton business at Savannah, Ga., where he died in 1876, a victim of that terrible scourge—yellow fever. He married Miss Mattie S. Crosby, who died in 1882. Two sons were left to mourn the loss of this worthy couple. Wallace A., our subject; and Ernst, a resident of Brooklyn, New York.

Wallace A. Smith was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., April 17, 1859. In December, 1866, he went to Germany, where his boyhood days were spent. He received his education at the unexcelled schools of that country, attending in Hamburg and Dresden, also amid the beautiful scenery of the Hartz Mountains in northwestern Germany. During the nine years spent abroad, chiefly in the land of the Teutons, he traveled a great deal, and became thoroughly familiar with the country and the people. He has a very vivid recollection of the excitement attending the Franco-Prussian war, that ended in the triumph for the German, and the changing of the map of Europe. On December 5, 1875, he again set foot on native soil, and at his old home in Brooklyn remained until 1884. During this time he was at the New York office of the Fairfield Chemical Works, where his remarkable business ability, and conscientious performance of his duty, won the hearty approval of the company, and in 1884 he came to Bridgeport as the superintendent of their factory. This responsible position he filled for nine years, giving satisfaction to those he served, and winning the confidence and esteem of the employes. There was a general rejoicing at his gain, but a feeling of sorrow at their own loss, when in 1893, Mr. Smith resigned to become Special Deputy Collector United States Customs. This position he is still holding, and a more popular official could hardly be found.

Socially he is past chief counselor Order of United Friends, at Bridgeport; grand counselor of the Fraternal Order of Connecticut, and a member of the executive committee; court deputy high chief ranger, Independent Order of Foresters; secretary of the Board of Trade; and a member of the Democratic Club, in which he is one of the most active members.

On April 23, 1884, in Brooklyn, N. Y., Mr. Smith was married to Miss Pauline A. Cawthorne, daughter of James P. W. Cawthorne, deputy commissioner of jurors, Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have no children. In religious faith they are communicants of the Prostestant Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Smith holds the office of parish clerk. This charming couple occupy an enviable social position, and their home is ever open for the entertainment of their many friends. With the enthusiasm born of his Southern blood, Mr. Smith enters fully into the spirit of any measure that tends to the welfare or wholesome enjoyment of the community, and contributes liberally of his means toward any worthy cause.

THOMAS WARD, who by dint of honest toil and close economy, has secured a comfortable competence, was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, on Christmas Day, 1844.

Patrick Ward, his father, was also born in County Monaghan, and there he married Bridget Ward, and in 1848 brought his wife to this country, locating on a farm in the town of Redding, this county, where Mrs. Ward died in February, 1885. Four children were born to them: James (now deceased) was a blacksmith by trade in Port Chester; John is a tinsmith in Danbury; Thomas is our subject; and Peter is a hatter in Norwalk. Patrick Ward is a Democrat in politics, and he and his family are all Roman Catholics in religious belief.

Thomas Ward passed his early life on the farm in Redding, and at the age of fifteen started out in life for himself, going to Bethel, Conn., to learn the hatter's trade in the establishment of Fisher & Co., where he remained for one and one-

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half years. After this he was employed at various places—for seven years with the Tweedy Manufacturing Company, of Danbury, one year with Giles Hoyt, of Grassy Plain, and for about a year with Nichols & Nichols, of Bethel, all in the same business. In 1867 he came to Norwalk and entered the employ of Crofut & Knapp, and his efficiency is well proven by the fact he was in this one place for fourteen years, when he began to manufacture hats on his own account at South Norwalk, in which business he continued some thirteen years. He then opened a retail hat store in Bridgeport, but in less than two years he sold out, and, returning to Norwalk, opened up a retail hat store there. He had continued the manufacturing business during the interim, and now is one of the substantial business men of the city, his reputation as such being acquired through his own exertions. Careful and honest, wise and dauntless, he presents an example it were well the young men of to-day would emulate.

In 1867 Mr. Ward married Miss Ellen Lyons, of New York, whose father died when she was quite young. Four children gladdened the home of our subject and his wife: John, a laundryman of Norwalk; Thomas, Jr., a hatter; William, a clerk in Bridgeport; and Mary, at home. The political allegiance of Mr. Ward is given to the Democratic party, in which he is much interested. The family are all devout members of the Roman Catholic Church, and active in its varied lines of work. They occupy a prominent social position, and are highly respected and esteemed by all who know them.

WILLIAM A. STAGG, a well-known contractor and builder of Stratford, is the senior member of the firm of Stagg & Beardsley, through whose skillful workmanship many of the best residences and other buildings in that locality have been constructed.

Mr. Stagg is a native of Stratford, where he was born May 27, 1854, and on the maternal side he is descended from one of the old families of that town. Hon. Joseph H. Stagg, the father of our subject, was born in Newark, N. J., the greater part of his life, however, being spent in this county. For some time he was engaged in a flour and feed business at Bridgeport, but his attention was chiefly given to the manufacture of combs at Stratford, where he was also interested in the phosphate business and the butcher's trade. He was prominent in political affairs as a worker in the Republican party, his high standing as a citizen making him a favorite candidate for office, and he held various local positions, including that of town clerk, while he also served as representative in the State Legislature. In religious faith he was a Congregationalist, and he and his estimable wife were leading members of that Society in Stratford. He married Miss Helen B. Curtis, daughter of Deacon Agur and Alice (Peck) Curtis, who were both natives of Stratford, and seven children were born to them, as follows: Cornelia, who married (first) P. L. Tucker, of New York (now deceased), and (second) Cornelius Van Houten, a screen manufacturer connected with the Dewitt Manufacturing Company of Belleville, N. J.; Henry, a prominent citizen of Stratford, now serving as town clerk; Maggie, who died in 1870; Callie, widow of George Spall, of Stratford; Charles E., deputy sheriff for the town of Stratford; William A., our subject; and Jessie L., wife of A. Bedell Benjamin.

Our subject was educated in the schools of Stratford, and began his business career as shipping clerk for the Hotchkiss Sons' Manufacturing Company of Bridgeport, with whom he remained fifteen years. He then began to learn the carpenter's trade with A. W. Burritt, of Stratford, and after spending four years with him he was employed for four years by Savage & Smith in the same line of work. With the experience thus gained he engaged in business on his own account, and soon afterward he formed his present partnership with S. J. Beardsley. Mr. Stagg has never been especially active in political affairs, although he is a strong Republican in principle, and has always taken an intelligent interest in the questions of the time. In 1884 he married Miss Anna F. Brinsmade, daughter of Lewis Brinsmade, a respected citizen of the town of Trumbull, and he and his wife are much esteemed socially.

ELIJAH MIDDLEBROOK, of the well-known trucking firm of Middlebrook & Son, in Long Hill, was born in Vergennes, Vt., March 23, 1853, a great-grandson of Dr. Stephen Middlebrook, one of the earliest physicians in the town of Trumbull.

In the family of Dr. Stephen Middlebrook, was a son Elijah, who for nearly half a century practiced medicine in Trumbull, and became widely-known as the publisher of the Middlebrook Almanac. He built the house in which our subject now lives, his wife burning the brick which entered into its construction. He married Comfort Hawley, of Stepney, and their son Charles Stephen Middlebrook was born in Trumbull. He attended Yale College, in early manhood read

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medicine with his father and practiced for some time, and then engaged in the manufacture of wine, cider and vinegar. He married Annie ——, and their children were Elijah, our subject, and Charles, now deceased.

Elijah Middlebrook spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Long Hill, and has since engaged in a general trucking business, which has proved quite lucrative. He was married in Monroe to Miss Mary Elizabeth Sherman, a daughter of Frederick Sherman, and five children have blessed this union: Charles Stephen, who married Miss Alice Bradley; John Theophilus and Elijah, Jr., ice dealers in Bridgeport, Mary Comfort, and Robert B. The family are well-liked and respected, and are ranked among the substantial residents of Trumbull.

IRVING GERRY, of Danbury, is a man whose ability and integrity especially fit him for places of trust, and for some years he has been connected with the hat industry, as the representative of Byron Dexter, of Danbury, having control of his interests in the hat business, and his judgment is an acknowledged factor in the management of the well-known firm with which he is identified.

Mr. Gerry comes of good New England stock, tracing his descent in the paternal line to one of two brothers who came from England at an early day and located in Massachusetts, one choosing the northern part and the other the southern. These two were the progenitors of various branches of the Gerry family in this country. David Gerry, our subject's great-grandfather, married Lucy Thompson, and their son, Charles, our subject's grandfather, married Orissa Haynes, daughter of Capt. Israel and Sarah (Jewell) Haynes. Her father earned his title in the militia, and he was prominent in the political movements of his time, serving as a member of the Massachusetts Legislature. He is mentioned in Henry Wilson's "History of Massachusetts" as having been chiefly instrumental in the election of Charles Sumner to the United States Senate. Israel H. Gerry, our subject's father, was born April 12, 1833, and for many years was in the commission business in New York City, where he still resides. He married Miss Josephine M. Packard, who was born in Brockton, Mass., daughter of Nathaniel R. and Mary (Warren) Packard, and died leaving six children: Elbridge, Irving (our subject), Gertrude, Josephine, Florence and Russell. Our subject's father has a daughter by another marriage—Miss Edna Kingingham.

Irving Gerry was born September 12, 1860, at Sudbury, Mass., and spent his boyhood in Orange, N. J., where he attended the public schools, including the high school. When about eighteen years old he began his business career by keeping books for his father, who was then in the wholesale commission business at Newark, N. J. After several years in this work Mr. Gerry became a traveling salesman for a firm of patent-leather manufacturers at Newburyport, Mass., with whom he remained for some time, finally removing to Danbury, where he learned the hatter's trade with E. A. Mallory. Two years in that factory gave him a thorough knowledge of the business, and on leaving he found employment with Nicholas & Hine. After their failure he entered the factory of Byron Dexter, who, seeing his ability and trustworthiness, placed him in charge as superintendent. Mr. Gerry's next position was with T. Brothwell & Co. as the representative of the widow of Mr. Brothwell, and he filled this responsible post until the business was suspended. The following year he spent at Bethel, and he then returned to Danbury to take his present position.

Mr. Gerry is too fully occupied with business cares to have any aspirations for public office, but he is an ardent Republican and takes an active interest in local affairs. He married Miss Annie M. Johnston, a native of London, England, who, at the time of her marriage, was residing at Kansas City, Mo., with her parents, Lawrence and Martha Johnston. No children were born to this union. Mr. Gerry and his wife are prominent members of the First Congregational Church at Danbury, and socially he is identified with Union Lodge, F. & A. M.

JOHN C. BENJAMIN, a prominent business man of Bridgeport, is a representative of one of our most distinguished families. His descent is traced back to the time of William the Conqueror to Walter de Lacey, Great Baron (1074), who was of Norman blood. The line was continued through Roger de Lacy (1095), Ilbert de Lacy (1137), and John de Lacy (1222), but in the latter's day the confederacy of Barons was dissolved by Henry III, and merged into what has since been known as "landed gentry." After 1222 the Barons de Lacy are found in Hertfordshire as landed gentry of Beryton of Stoke Lacey. Later they adopted Beryton or Berington as a patronymic, and about 1494 the name of this branch of the family became changed to Benjamin. The coat of arms now used by both branches of the family is supposed to have been

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granted to a Berington on July 21, 1403, for services on the battlefield of Shrewsbury. The first of the family to come to America was John Benjamin, who crossed the ocean in 1630 with his wife Abigail and two brothers. He settled in Watertown, Mass., and in 1633 was appointed high sheriff of Boston.

Gideon Benjamin, our subject's grandfather, was born probably in Danbury, and for many years he conducted the "Benjamin House" in Stratford, where he once had General LaFayette as a guest. William H. Benjamin, father of our subject, was born in Stratford and engaged in farming there. He married Cynthia A. McEwen, and they had six children: Samuel, William H., Albertina, Mary, Fannie and John C.

John C. Benjamin was born in Stratford September 26, 1845, and was educated in the public schools and academy of that town. When sixteen years of age he began to learn the trade of steam and gas fitter with E. R. Lamson, of Waterbury, Conn., with whom he remained five and a half years, and in about 1866 he located in Bridgeport. In 1884, having worked at his trade for some time as a journeyman, he formed a partnership with C. S. Eames, and engaged in business on Water street under the firm name of Benjamin & Eames. In 1890 the partnership was dissolved, and since that time Mr. Benjamin has conducted the business alone, now being located at No. 35 Middle street. Politically he is a Democrat, so far as national issues are concerned, but in local affairs he believes in giving his support to the "best man."

On November 24, 1866, Mr. Benjamin married Miss Susan N. Bronson, daughter of O. H. Bronson, of Waterbury, who was engaged in the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds for many years. Of the four children born to this union three died in infancy: William H. is now his father's bookkeeper. Mr. Benjamin and his family are much esteemed socially; he is not identified with any fraternal orders.

JAMES BUCHANAN MURPHY. The history of a self-made man possesses more than ordinary interest because of the helpful lesson suggested in its plain record of energetic and wisely-planned effort. In the biography of the senior member of the well-known manufacturing firm of J. B. Murphy & Co., of Danbury, the reader will find "between the lines" abundant evidence of the pluck, enterprise and sound judgment necessary to success.

Mr. Murphy was born July 4, 1858, in New Fairfield, Conn., a son of Daniel and Mary (Dugan) Murphy, who were both natives of Ireland. The father, who was born May 29, 1829, came to America in 1838, and died June 13, 1892, in New Fairfield, Conn. The mother was born August 12, 1825, and breathed her last November 13, 1885, in New Fairfield. They had nine children, of whom: John F., born October 31, 1854, resided at New Milford, Conn., where he died May 27, 1897; he married Miss Elizabeth Dolan and had four children—Veronica, Angela, Leon and Gertrude. Mary, born March 8, 1857, married Aaron Bates, of Danbury, and has three children—Monica, Aaron and Joseph. James B. is mentioned more fully below. Elizabeth, born February 12, 1862, and Daniel, born March 2, 1866, are not married. Annie, born April 20, 1873, married Samuel Taylor, of Danbury, and has one son, James. Robert E., born September 12, 1869, resides at New Milford.

During his boyhood Mr. Murphy attended the district schools at New Fairfield, while assisting, according to his strength, in the work on his father's farm. On leaving school, at the age of sixteen, he continued this work for two years, and then entered the hat factory of Hopkins & Co., at New Fairfield, where he remained two years, gaining a complete knowledge of finishing. Going to Newark, N. J., he worked for a short time in the factory of Crossley & Co., and his next employment was in a similar establishment in Brooklyn, N. Y. His attention was then drawn to the advantages that skilled workmen in his trade could find in Danbury, and, going there, he found employment with the Tweedy Manufacturing Company, later with L. H. Johnson & Co., with whom he remained five years, the first year as foreman and afterward as superintendent. In 1888 the firm went out of business, and Mr. Murphy, after working for T. C. Millard & Co. for about six months, moved to New Milford and spent three years in the employ of Hill & Hankey. In June, 1893, he returned to Danbury and organized a company for the manufacture of stiff fur hats, taking in as partners John B. Miller and Belisario Pontery, under the firm name of J. B. Murphy & Co. Their shop in Railroad avenue presents a busy scene, and their business, which at first employed about twelve hands, now requires from seventy-five to one hundred, having more than trebled in volume.

Mr. Murphy has a pleasant home in Danbury. On October 20, 1882, he was married to Miss Anna E. Banner, daughter of Edward and Sarah E. (Chamberlain) Banner, of Newark, N. J. Two children blessed this union: Neil Dugan,

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born July 3, 1886, and Marjorie, born in October, 1892. Mr. Murphy and his wife are prominent socially, and, fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Honor and Paugassett Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men. He is an excellent citizen, and, while not a politician, gives close attention to all matters that concern the country's welfare. Previous to the campaign of 1896 he was a Democrat, but his influence has since been given to the support of the Republican party.

JOHN MILLER, JR. An encouraging example of success in the overcoming of unpromising circumstances is given in the history of this well-known business man of Danbury, who has made his way from the foot of the ladder without any advantages except those supplied by his own sound sense, energy and steady purpose. Mr. Miller is a thorough American, but his parents, John and Wilhelmina (Smith) Miller, were both natives of Germany. The father, who was born in 1832, came to this country in 1852, and is now living in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he follows the tailor's trade. The mother was born in 1838, came to America in 1853, and passed to the unseen life in 1872. They were married in 1854, in Rondout (now Kingston), Ulster Co., N. Y., and they had nine children: Minnie, John, Jr., William, George, Charles, Josephine, Julius, Elizabeth (who died in childhood) and Minnie Elizabeth. Mr. Miller enlisted in the service of the Union in 1863, serving to the close of the Civil war.

John Miller, Jr., was born November 26, 1856, in Rondout (now Kingston), Ulster Co., N. Y. He attended the public schools of his native town, and also the German Lutheran school for a brief period; but at the age of ten years he began to work as a driver on the Delaware & Hudson canal. Later he became a steersman on the canal, on which he spent in all about six years, and he was subsequently employed for two years and one-half on the Erie & Northern canal. His next experience was as deckhand on a towboat on the Hudson river, running from Rondout to New York City, and after a year there he found employment on a cement boat running from Rosendale to New York City. Two years in this work satisfied him with boating, and he then decided to seek another line of business. He spent six months in New York learning the boxmaker's trade, and in the fall of 1876 he located at Danbury, where he commenced to learn the hatting industry with Beckerle & Co. For nineteen years he continued to work at this trade with different manufacturers, for twelve years of that time as foreman in the finishing departments of various factories, and in 1893 he formed a partnership with J. B. Murphy and Belisario Pontery under the firm name of J. B. Murphy & Co. Although they started in the business of hat manufacturing in the midst of one of the worst financial depressions that this country has ever known, they have been remarkably successful.

On September 7, 1879, Mr. Miller married Miss Henrietta Light, daughter of Gilbert and Maria (Bailey) Light, of Brewster, Putnam Co., N. Y. They have a pleasant home at No. 9 Bates Place, Danbury, which is further brightened by their adopted daughter, Ethel Georgiana. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are firm believers in Christianity, though they are not identified with any particular Church. Their daughter attends the Methodist Church and Sunday-school. Our subject is a Republican in political faith, and socially he is a member of Union Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M., and several other fraternal societies.

BELISARIO ANTONY PONTERY. Among our foreign-born citizens none should be more welcome to the advancement which our country affords than the sons of Italy, the descendants of the compatriots of Columbus. The subject of this sketch, who was born June 18, 1861, in the northwestern part of Italy, at Sagliano-Micca, Province of Novara, is now a prosperous business man of Danbury, Conn., having made his way to success through his own efforts.

But few of Mr. Pontery's relatives are in the United States. Antony Pontery, his grandfather, died in Italy in 1871 at the age of eighty-one years, and James Pontery, the father, who was born in 1821, has spent almost his entire life under the sunny skies of that country, except one year and a few months—from March, 1892, to May, 1893—which he passed with his son (our subject) in this country; returning to Italy, he is still living there. His wife, Gertrude Mosca, who was born in Italy in 1836, died there in 1875. To James and Gertrude Pontery were born five children, as follows: Belisario, Catharina, Rosa, Theresa and Elisio. Theresa died at the age of eleven years. Catharina, Rosa and Elisio came to this country, at different times. Catharina is married and lives in Staten Island, N. Y. Elisio makes his home in Boston, Mass. Rosa stayed in this country about six years, marrying here, and about four years ago returned to Italy with her husband.

Belisario A. Pontery received an excellent

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education in his native town, attending first the common school, and later taking a course in Sagliano Andorno College. He then began to work in a hat shop in Sagliano-Micca, and after continuing in that employment for about ten years, he went to France and spent a few months in the hat factories there. His prospects for the future appearing unsatisfactory, he decided to come to America; so on February 15, 1885, he crossed the ocean, landing at New York City, and immediately thereafter came to Danbury to work in the establishment of Henry Crofut, afterward engaging with Beltaire Brothers and Greene Brothers. A brief venture in the fruit and candy business on his own account did not result satisfactorily, and at the end of six months he obtained employment in the hat shops of Byron Dexter and J. W. Greene, continuing with the latter firm until early in 1892. In June, 1893, he formed a partnership with John Miller, Jr., and J. B. Murphy, under the firm name of J. B. Murphy & Co., and engaged in the manufacture of stiff hats, in which they have since continued successfully, now having an extensive and profitable trade. Mr. Pontery's inclination and ability for this line of work may be said to be hereditary, as his father has been for many years a prominent hatter in Italy. Our subject, while still a mere youth, was made the secretary of the Italian Hat Association, which included all the hatters of Italy. He has a pleasant residence at No. 10 Railroad avenue, and his family is an interesting one. His wife, Margarite Ferrarone, is a daughter of Anthony and Florinda (Vella) Ferrarone, and they have three children—Theresa, James and Herbert. Theresa was born in Italy April 30, 1883, and came with her mother to this country in November, 1888; James and Herbert were both born in Danbury, the former on September 14, 1891, the latter on October 1, 1894. Mr. Pontery and his wife are both members of the Roman Catholic Church. As a good citizen he takes much interest in the questions which concern the welfare of his adopted country, while in politics he is a stanch Republican.

STEPHEN M. CONGER. In the history of this well-known resident of Bridgeport, who has advanced in life through his own efforts, there is a valuable object-lesson, and the thoughtful reader cannot fail to see that perseverance, industry and good judgment form the basis of his success.

Mr. Conger was born May 22, 1851, in Bridgeport, and is the third of his family to bear the name. Stephen M. Conger (1), the grandfather of our subject, made his home in Troy, N. Y., and Newark, N. J. Stephen M. Conger (2), our subject's father, was born in 1815, in Troy, but his youth was chiefly spent in Newark, N. J., where he learned the trade of a carriage trimmer. He was married there to Miss Catherine M. Whittemore, daughter of James Whittemore, and soon afterward removed to Fairfield county, Conn., locating in Bridgeport, where his death occurred in 1894. For many years he followed his trade there, being employed by the leading carriage and coach makers of the place, including the Brewsters, Jacob A. Mott and the firm of Haight & Hubbell. As a citizen, he was much esteemed, and he took an active share in local politics as a member of the Republican party, and at various times held office, serving as councilman, tax collector and member of the school committee of his district. He was also an active worker in the cause of temperance, being identified with several reform societies. His estimable wife, who was a native of Newark, N. J., died in 1886. They had twelve children: William Henry; Mary, deceased; Frances Amelia; Stephen, deceased; Charles Augustus; David M.; Stephen M.; Charlotte Augusta; Horace; James; Nellie; and Mary.

Stephen M. Conger acquired his education in the public schools of Bridgeport, and at the age of fourteen entered the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company. He remained with them fourteen years, working in different departments, and finally becoming connected with the needle department, under Mr. Kingman; in 1871 he was employed by David Baldwin, who had the contract for making the bobbins for the Wheeler & Wilson Company, continuing with him until his death, in 1879. In 1880 the contract was awarded to Mr. Conger, who has since carried on the work satisfactorily, supplying all the bobbins used by the company. Politically, he is a stanch Republican, and has always taken keen interest in local affairs, as well as national issues. At times he has served as registrar of voters in the Fifth ward of Bridgeport. In the days of the old volunteer fire department, Mr. Conger was an active member of the force, and for eight years and a half served in a paid fire company. At present he is a member of the Firemen's Benevolent Association, in which he was elected for nine consecutive years to the office of secretary, but after his eighth year he declined to serve longer.

On November 28, 1872, Mr. Conger was married, in Pittsfield, Mass., to Miss Mary Elizabeth Allen, daughter of Gideon S. and Mary A.

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(Lewis) Allen. Two children have blessed the union: Harry M. and Edward G. Mr. Conger and his wife are prominently identified with Park Street Congregational Church, at Bridgeport, and he belongs to various social orders, including the I. O. O. F., Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, and the Order of United American Mechanics, Waldemar Council, in which he has served seven terms as recording secretary.

REUBEN A. LOCKHART, M. D., is one of Bridgeport's leading physicians, and is no less prominent as a citizen, his public spirit being shown by a helpful participation in various progressive movements in his community. He was born September 18, 1870, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and is of Scotch descent in the paternal line, his grandfather, who was born in Scotland, emigrating to Nova Scotia in early manhood and engaging in farming there. Thomas A. Lockhart, the Doctor's father, was born at Halifax, and was married there to Sabra A. Hazel, a native of Nova Scotia, of English descent. For some years he conducted a retail grocery business there, but in 1875 he removed to Bridgeport, where he has since engaged in the same line successfully. He and his estimable wife have had three children, of whom, Reuben A. is the only survivor, the others dying in infancy.

Doctor Lockhart was five years old when his parents removed to Bridgeport, and his literary education was obtained in the schools of that city. On graduating from high school in 1888 he turned his attention to the study of medicine, and in the fall of the same year entered the medical department of Yale College, where he was graduated in 1891. At that time he was not yet of age, so he was obliged to wait several months before his diploma could be granted. Soon after he received an appointment as assistant physician and surgeon, continuing as such for eighteen months, after which, on account of failing health, he went to Nova Scotia for rest and recreation. For six years past he has been in practice at Bridgeport, where his abilities have met with ready recognition.

On June 13, 1894, Doctor Lockhart married Miss Elizabeth Uschmann, who was born in Bridgeport, a daughter of Frederick Uschmann, a native of Germany. The Doctor and his wife are prominent socially, and he is connected with the Order of Heptasophs; the Woodmen of the World; St. John's Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M.; Samuel Harris Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Joseph Dowling Lodge, K. of P.; Ivy Grove Lodge, Woodmen's Circle, and the Foresters of America. He is also an active member of the city, county and State medical associations, and maintains the ties of early friendships through his membership in the Yale Alumni Association and various college and high-school societies, including the Delta Epsilon Iota Fraternity. He has always been interested in athletic sports, and while in high school was captain of the football team. Politically, Doctor Lockhart is a Republican, and, notwithstanding the cares of his growing practice, he finds time to take part in local affairs, being a member of the Board of Education and a committeeman from his district, and no worthy enterprise fails to receive his sympathy and support. He was reared a Methodist, but he attends the Congregational Church.

HENRY WEBB. That community is fortunate which has in its midst a man who intuitively recognizes and grasps business opportunities. The prosperity of a village or city is so intimately associated with its industries that their number and character either make or mar in the sum total of common good. In the picturesque town of Greenwich, Fairfield county, there now resides, after a long and successful business career, a man who by his own foresight not only accumulated for himself a handsome competency, but has also been, in the broadest sense of the term, a public benefactor. Henry Webb has lived a busy and varied life. He has for nearly thirty years been actively identified with the business prosperity of the town, and enjoys the respect and good will that is always bestowed by an appreciative community upon a successful man.

Mr. Webb was born September 22, 1836, in Stamford township, on Webb's Hill, a few miles north of Stamford, the son of John and Sally (Raymond) Webb. Both his paternal and maternal ancestors were among the honored pioneers of the town of Stamford. Richard Webb, the original Colonial ancestor of Mr. Webb, came to Stamford in 1654, and was a prominent figure in the colony, as well as a man of property. He represented the town of Stamford in the Connecticut General Court. The Davenports, maternal ancestors of our subject, constituted one of the prominent families of America, descending from the Rev. John Davenport, the founder and patriarch of New Haven, Conn., and one of the most eminent divines of Colonial days. He was born in Coventry, England, in 1597, and came to America in 1637, in the good ship "Hector." He died in Boston, Mass., March 15, 1670, and was buried in the tomb of Stone Chapel Church,

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on Tremont street, Boston. He was pastor of the First Church of Christ in Boston at the time of his death. The mother of Mr. Webb, Sally (Raymond) Webb, was the daughter of Samuel and Clarissa (Davenport) Raymond, and it is through her that the descent from the Davenport family is traced; the mother lived to the remarkable age of one hundred and four years. Mr. Webb's paternal grandfather and great-grandfather were both named Nathaniel Webb. John Webb, his father, was a farmer and a lifelong resident of Stamford. He died at the age of seventy-two years. He had two sons, Nathaniel and Henry, the former of whom removed to California in 1856, and some years later to the Territory of Washington, now residing at Walla Walla; he has amassed a fortune in sheep and wheat.

Henry Webb spent his early days on his father's farm, and in his boyhood enjoyed the educational advantages of the old Roxbury school at Stamford. As a boy he did not take very kindly to books, for he was a youth of action rather than of the schools, and the active affairs of life were of the greatest interest to him. He remained on his father's farm until after he attained his majority, and in 1860 he came to Greenwich and entered into business, making his first independent venture in 1863 by establishing a coal business along the Steamboat road. After an experience of some time as an individual dealer, he formed a partnership, from which he later retired. In 1876 Mr. Webb purchased the ice business of the town. The ice crop that year was a complete failure, and ice was imported from Norway at great cost, being transferred at New York to a coast boat and so delivered to the consumers. This business so increased under the management of Mr. Webb that it soon demanded his entire attention. In 1880 he purchased the Theodore H. Mead farm, adjoining Put's Hill, which included a ten-acre pond, the source of his ice supply, and he continued in the ice business until 1887. He now enjoys a life of comparative ease which has been honorably won by his many years of enterprising and successful labor.

In November, 1866, Mr. Webb was married to a daughter of Col. Thomas A. and Hannah (Seaman) Mead, a sketch of which family appears elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Webb has one son, who bears the family name of Nathaniel. Henry Webb is a member of the Congregational Church, and in politics is an ardent Republican. He has never lacked in interest for party success, but the offices within the gift of his party have never appealed to him, for he has always preferred the duties of private life. In the old days, when the militia flourished, Mr. Webb was lieutenant of the company at Greenwich. In 1893 he erected a handsome home on the corner of Putnam avenue and Field Point road, and in 1897 he built another substantial residence adjoining; he is also the owner of much business property.

Mr. Webb is a practical business man, gifted with that power which can foresee the value of commercial enterprises. His judgment is excellent, and he makes up his mind quickly and seldom errs. He has been associated in many undertakings, some of which were quite original with him, and no better tribute to his keen sagacity need be paid than the mention of these continued business successes. After his long and eventful business life, no name in the community stands higher than his. He has never been found wanting in public spirit, and he enjoys the complete confidence and esteem of his fellow men.

JOSEPH M. MERRITT, one of the wide-awake and prosperous citizens of Greenwich, and one who has been prominently identified with the development of the town, particularly with the section in the vicinity of the depot, is the descendant of an old English family which over two centuries ago was prominent in the City of New York, and for years since has contributed largely to the personnel of its enterprising merchants. This family is of English origin, and in this country is traced back to William Merritt, who was mayor of New York from 1696 to 1698. Our subject is eighth in lineal descent from this early mayor of the metropolis, as follows: (1) William, (2) John (called "Major"), (3) Caleb, (4) Daniel, (5) Ebenezer, (6) Capt. Daniel, (7) Joseph G., (8) our subject.

William Merritt, the early mayor of New York, died in 1708. His wife was Margery; among his children was John, who was called Major. This John Merritt lived in Rye township, Westchester Co., N. Y. His wife was named Mary, and their family of ten children was as follows: Daniel, Caleb, Nathan, Thomas, John, Phœbe, Amy, Ruth, Mary and Hannah. Major John Merritt by his will left a plot of ground (half an acre) in King Street to be used as a cemetery. Of the ten children of "Major" John, there was Caleb, whose second son was Daniel, born August 17, 1742, and who, April 20, 1763, married Rebecca Sherwood. Caleb Merritt died July 15, 1782. Capt Ebenezer Merritt, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born at

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Hoppen Ridge, near Port Chester, N. Y., March 28, 1764, the eldest child of Daniel and Rebecca (Sherwood) Merritt. Capt. Ebenezer Merritt was a noted boatman on the Hudson river. While at Sing Sing he met Miss Cynthia Willis, of that village, and they were married August 17, 1783. She was born July 29, 1765. Capt. Ebenezer sailed the sloop "George Washington," and later in life he retired from the sea. He died at Albany, N. Y., in 1819.

The nine children of Ebenezer and Cynthia Merritt were as follows: (1) Daniel, grandfather of our subject, born in Sing Sing, N. Y., October 19, 1784. (2) Willis, a sea captain, who was once wrecked on the ocean but rescued from a raft, and who subsequently migrated to Ohio, where he bought land in an early day. (3) Henry, once justice of peace in City Hall, N. Y., and a prominent citizen of the metropolis. (4) John Willis, for years a lawyer in New York, and later a citizen of Ohio, subsequently became a well-known journalist in Illinois, where he died; he was the father of Gen. Wesley Merritt, who graduated from West Point in 1860, and is now highly prominent in the military affairs of the nation. (5) Wesley, a leading dry-goods merchant on Broadway, New York, owning one of the largest stores of his day; during the gold excitement he migrated to California. (6) Charles, a New York private detective, who made professional trips to Europe. (7) Cynthia, who married and died in New York. (8) Phœbe, who married Gideon Peck, and died in New York. (9) Ann E., who married James Wood, of Tarrytown, N. Y., and died there.

Capt. Daniel Merritt, eldest son of Ebenezer Merritt, and grandfather of our subject, was reared a sailor boy. His parents removed to New York when he was but a boy, and at the age of twelve he went as cook for his father, thus beginning a career as a seafaring man that lasted for years. He was married May 19, 1807, to Sarah Lyon, who was born March 23, 1786, a daughter of James and Susan (Marion) Lyon. She was reared in New York. Her father died comparatively young, and her mother subsequently married James Green. Capt. Daniel Merritt owned the vessels "Orion" and "Theodore," and sailed them between Greenwich and New York. He retired from the sea at the age of forty-eight years, but retained interests in his vessels. To each of his sons he gave $1,000, and if more capital was desired by any of them he loaned them the money on interest. Daniel Merritt was a Whig in politics. He removed with his family from New York to Greenwich, where he died April 30, 1849. His wife died July 8, 1848.

The ten children of Capt. Daniel and Sarah Merritt were as follows: George W., born February 12, 1808, sailed the "Ann Amelia," and died of cholera in 1824; Willis, born February 18, 1810, sailed the packet "Mary Willis" from Norwalk, Conn., and died in that city; Lewis A., born April 22, 1812, was a sea captain and subsequently a farmer, and died in Greenwich township; Susan Ann Eliza, born February 6, 1814, married Edward Mead, and died in Cos Cob, August 26, 1884; Daniel B., born January 8, 1816, who was a clothing merchant at New York City, died of cholera July 12, 1854; Cynthia W., born January 2, 1818, died February 19, 1827; Joseph G., father of our subject, born November 7, 1819, died May 1, 1885; Caleb W., born January 18, 1822; Theodore, born November 15, 1823, was a boatman for some years, and died at Middletown, Conn., February 11, 1892; Sarah L., born April 12, 1826, is the widow of Elnathan Husted, of Greenwich; Cynthia (2), born November 21, 1829, married Rufus Putney, a Methodist minister, and died at Milford, Conn., March 24, 1891.

Joseph G. Merritt, father of our subject, attended (besides the common schools) the academy at Greenwich a short time. When thirteen years of age he began his career in New York as a clerk for Joseph Husted, on Catherine street, and when twenty-one years old he started in business for himself with $2,000 capital, which he at that time received from his father. His store was located on Catherine Slip, New York, and David Close, now a large clothing dealer, of New York, was his clerk. He removed his store to Chatlan Square, and in 1861 disposed of the business, and retired to Greenwich. Here for seventeen years he was station agent on the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., but when the work became too heavy for him he resigned his position. He died May 1, 1885, and was burried in the Congregational cemetery. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Church and for many years he was a steward of same. He was a member of Acacia Lodge, F. & A. M., at Greenwich, and has been prominent in the Masonic Lodge on 23rd street, New York, of which he was grand master.

Mr. Merritt was married at New York, April 18, 1849, to Mary J. Pease, who was born in New York, in 1828, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Cornwell) Pease, and one of their family of ten children. John Pease was a prominent manufacturer of hore-hound candy, an article of great medical properties known and extensively used throughout the United States. He was a prominent citizen of the Seventh ward of New

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York, which in his day was the leading society portion of the city. Another daughter of John Pease married Joseph G. Mills, a representative of the old Mills family, and a cousin of D. O. Mills. William Pease, a son of John Pease, was founder of the Cherry Street Iron Works, and a successful manufacturer. His firm built ironclads for the United States during the war of the Rebellion. The five children of Joseph G. and Mary Pease were: Elisha G., Canfield C., Joseph M. (our subject), Elizabeth C., and D. Willis. Of these, Elisha G. died when an infant; Canfield C., born January 4, 1852, was interested in the hotel business, in New York City; Elizabeth C. lives in Greenwich, in the homestead; D. Willis resides in Greenwich, and has business interests in New York. The mother of our subject died November 16, 1863, and is buried in the Congregational cemetery at Greenwich.

Joseph M. Merritt, our subject, was born at No. 69 Monroe street, in the Seventh ward, New York, February 15, 1856, whence two years later his parents removed to Greenwich. Here he attended the private school of Henry Peck, which was located near the Congregational church, and later he was a pupil of the Greenwich Academy when Professor Shepherd was in charge. At the age of fifteen he entered the employment of the C. H. Delameter & Co. Iron Works, at the foot of Thirteenth street and North river, New York, and for fourteen years was with them. In 1885 he returned to Greenwich, and erected what is known as the Merritt building. It was an opportunity for an investment in real estate. He put up the largest and finest building in the vicinity of the depot at the time, consisting of three stores, with apartments in the upper stories. It was the first of its kind in Greenwich. Failure was predicted for him, and many said he was ahead of the times, but he made it succeed, and others followed his example. Mr. Merritt deserves credit for his courageous and successful efforts to thus develop that neglected portion of Greenwich. He is one of the city's substantial citizens not pretentious in manner, but a man of strict integrity and a worthy representative of a line of noble ancestors.

WILLIAM A. FENN, proprietor of a prosperous and long-established meat market at Shelton, has the leading business in that line in his locality, supplying the citizens of Shelton and Derby. While he was not compelled in youth to face the disadvantages of poverty, his career has been marked by an amount of energy and practical sagacity which would have been likely to overcome any obstacles.

Mr. Fenn belongs to a well-known family of English extraction, and his grandfather, Lyman Fenn, who was born in 1800, was for many years engaged in the hatting business at Roxbury. The family has always been identified with the Congregational Church, and their political affiliations have been with the Whigs and, since its formation, with the Republican party. Lyman Fenn married Miss Fannie P. Livingston, also a native of Connecticut, and they had thirteen children: Ophelia, who married Homer Sanford, of Bridgeport; Maria, who never married; Frederick W., our subject's father; Amos L., who is not married and now resides at a Soldiers' Home, having served in the Union army during the Civil war; Henry H., a hardware merchant at Port Byron, N. Y.; Chloe P., deceased, who married Henry Burrett, a farmer of Roxbury; Lois, Martha J. and Albert L., who died in childhood; George E., deceased, who was a mechanic; James S., who died in childhood; Emma J.; and Lois (2) deceased.

The late Frederick W. Fenn, father of our subject, was born in 1832, in Roxbury, and for some time was connected with his father's hat-manufacturing establishment there. He married a lady of English descent, Miss Mary Allen, of Southbury township, New Haven Co., Conn., a daughter of Treat and Sarah (Blakeman) Allen, and granddaughter of Josiah Allen. After his marriage Frederick Fenn located upon a farm near Southbury, and in 1886 he removed to the present homestead in the town of Huntington, where he died. He was much esteemed as a citizen, and took an active part in local politics, serving several years as first selectman of Southbury. His estimable wife survives him. Of their two sons, William A. and Robert, the latter died in 1890.

William A. Fenn was born in Southbury, February 15, 1861, and was reared a farmer boy, attending the local schools and meanwhile assisting his father in the work of the homestead. When about nineteen years old he came to the new home in the town of Huntington, where he learned the butcher's trade with his uncle, after three years purchasing the business from his uncle, who had then conducted it for more than a quarter of a century, building up a large custom in Shelton and Birmingham, now Derby. The business has not suffered under our subject's able management, and for seventeen years he has carried it on with marked success.

In 1883 Mr. Fenn married Miss Jennie H. Platt, who was born in Southbury in 1861, the

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daughter of Edward Platt. Two children have blessed this union: William P. and Genevieve. Mr. Fenn and his wife are prominent socially, and he is a member of the Order of Red Men; Ousatonic Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., and King Hiram Lodge No. 12, F. & A. M., both at Derby; and Valley Lodge, K. P., in which order he has attained the Uniformed Rank. He is also an honorary member of Echo Hose Company. His sympathy and aid can always be relied upon to forward any beneficial movement.

W. C. WATSON, M. D., a talented young physician and surgeon of Bridgeport, is rapidly making his way to the front rank in his chosen profession, each success paving the way to wider opportunity. He was born July 11, 1872, in New York City, the only child of C. R. and Hattie M. (King) Watson. In the paternal line he is of English descent, his grandfather, Robert Watson, having come from England in early manhood and settled upon the rich farm lands in the vicinity of Walworth, Wayne Co., N. Y., where he died at the advanced age of ninety years.

C. R. Watson, our subject's father, was born in New York City, and when a young man engaged in business there as a wholesale grocer. As his trade extended he made a specialty of importing teas, and at present he has a large and profitable business in that line. His estimable wife (now deceased) was a native of Washington, Distriot of Columbia.

Doctor Watson's boyhood was spent mainly in Wayne county, N. Y., and the first school that he attended was in Palmyra. At the age of eleven he returned to New York City for a year, and in the meantime attended school in Brooklyn. For some time he resided with an uncle, Dr. Samuel Ingraham, and later he returned to school in Brooklyn. He then took a course in the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., graduating in 1891, and a three-years' course in high school in Brooklyn. The next two years were spent in Bellevue Medical College, in New York, and afterward he entered Long Island College Hospital, where he received his degree in 1897, taking a course in the New York Post-Graduate School the same year. The Doctor located first in Naugatuck, Conn., remaining six months, and on October 7, 1898, he opened an office in Bridgeport, where he has met with gratifying success. While he is not active in politics he takes an intelligent interest in all public questions, and votes independently on the issue of the time.

On October 6, 1898, Doctor Watson married Miss Jennie E. Halpin, a native of Middlebury, Vt. Socially, the Doctor and his wife are popular, and he belongs to various organizations, including the Union Fraternal League, of Boston, Mass., and the I. O. O. F., holding membership with the lodge at Naugatuck.

SIDNEY S. BEARDSLEY, of the well-known firm of Stagg & Beardsley, contractors and builders at Stratford, is a young man of fine abilities, and has already won an enviable reputation in his chosen line of business.

Mr. Beardsley belongs to an old and respected family of Stratford township, his ancestors having settled there at an early day. Wilson Beardsley, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Stratford, and married Louise Smith, of Milford, Conn. They had several children, of whom our subject's father, Lewis Beardsley, is now the only survivor.

Lewis Beardsley was born in Stratford, and since early manhood has been engaged in farming in that town. While he is not a politician he is a stanch supporter of the principles and policy of the Republican party, and he and his estimable wife are members of the Congregational Church. He married Miss Martha Perry, a daughter of William Perry, a prominent merchant and general business man of Stratford, and they had eight children, all of whom settled in Stratford; Mary (deceased) was the wife of Daniel C. Wood; Everitt is a machinist by trade; Frederick is a plumber and dealer in hardware; Susan married Samuel E. Smith, and both are now deceased; Sidney S., our subject, was the fifth in order of birth; Charles is a machinist; Elbert is a clerk in his brother Frederick's hardware store; and Frank is a carpenter by occupation.

Our subject was born December 27, 1866, at the old homestead, in Stratford, and was educated in the schools of that locality. On leaving school he learned the carpenter's trade with Mills & Burritt, of Bridgeport, with whom he remained eleven years. He then formed his present partnership with William A. Stagg, and engaged in contracting and building, the firm meeting with gratifying success from the beginning. Mr. Beardsley is progressive in his ideas, and is interested in all that concerns the welfare of the community. He is a Republican in politics, and socially is identified with the Cupheag Club, of Stratford, while he and his wife are prominent members of the Episcopal Church. For some time he has been an active member of the

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Mutual Hook and Ladder Company, of his city.

On October 31, 1894, Mr. Beardsley married Miss Ona Curtis, and they have one son, Russell Sidney. Mrs. Beardsley is a daughter of William H. Curtis, and granddaughter of Leamond Curtis, both natives of Danbury, and her brother, Frank L. Curtis, is now a resident of Stratford.

STUDWELL FAMILY. The family of Studwell originated in the County of Kent, England. *Their ancient seat, which was situated near the hamlet of Seale, in the County of Kent, was known as Stidulfe's place. Studwell is a corruption of Stidulfe. The original name of the family was Stodewolfe, which was changed to Stodolfe, Stidolfe, Stidulfe, Steedale, Steedweel, Studwell, and (some families now) Stedwell.

Nasted's "History of Kent" mentions Robert de Stidulfe, who flourished before the reign of Edward III (1327), who is spoken of in ancient deeds, without date, as being the proprietor of Stidulfe's place in Seale

A branch of this family settled at Mickleham, in the adjoining county of Surrey. In Surrey we find mentioned Sir Francis Stydlofe, Knight (died 1655), Sir Richard Stydolfe, Knight (died 1676), and Sir Thomas Stodolfe, Knight. In 1660 Richard Stidulf was created a baronet.

The hamlet of Seale in the County of Kent was held by feudal tenure by the Lords Say and Seal. In 1631 Lord Say and Seal with Lord Brooke, Pyne Hampden and others received a grant of land on the Connecuticut river which was named "The Colony of Saybrook." In 1635, under the direction of John Winthrop, men, ordnance, ammunition and £2,000 sterling were sent from England to erect Fort Saybrook at the mouth of the Connecticut river,

Lion Gardiner, who was an engineer, laid out, about 1635, Saybrook Point, in lots, surveyed streets, and made preparations for the reception of "gentlemen of quality." Unfortunately, no list has been preserved of the men who settled in Saybrook in 1635. There is extant no list of the freemen of Saybrook previous to 1669, and Thomas Studwell, the progenitor of the Studwell family in America, was in Rye (or Greenwich) before this date. We know that, certainly, one of the earliest settlers of Saybrook, John Tully, was from the County of Surrey of England. [History of Middlesex County, Connecticut.]

The trend in all the facts of the case furnishes strong grounds for the conjecture that Thomas Studwell (or Steedwell) was among the settlers in Saybrook in 1635, and that he went thence, about 1650, to Rye, and later to Greenwich, Conn. He was probably from Seale, in the County of Kent, and he came to America under the auspices of his patron, Lord Say and Seal. His birth took place, we may conjecture, about the year 1600. He was, therefore, about seventy years of age when he died in Greenwich Court. He appears to have had considerable money, as he was engaged, with others, in large purchases of land in Rye and Greenwich.

In the History of Greenwich and Stamford, Conn., we find that in 1656 one Crab sold portions of his estate to the ancestor of the Studwells, and that Peter Disbrow and John Coe, together with J. Thomas Studwell (1), bought a considerable part of what is now the town of Rye, N. Y., running from Byram river to Blind brook and the Sound, and north of the Purchase, a distance of six miles. Later, we find, in Bolton's "History of Westchester County, N. Y.," that the same parties, on June 29, 1666, became successors to the Dutch West India Company, whose property included an island in Long Island Sound, called Mamusing. On this island J. Thomas Studwell (1) made his home in a rude dwelling before he built, on the mainland, his second house, which was located at Milton, near where is now the district school house. He was a leading pioneer of Greenwich, where his name appears, in 1656, as a signer of articles removing the court to New Haven. He owned a large tract of land west of the Mianus river, extending from Studwell's Point, on the Sound, some of it four miles to the north, and portions of this tract have remained in the possession of the Studwell family to this day. He also held land in Stamford. In 1662 he signed a declaration as one of the inhabitants of the town of Rye, and in 1663 he sold a part of his property, including a house on Mill brook.

The Indians conveyed another large tract of land (now town of Harrison) to Disbrow, Coe, Thomas Studwell and John Budd. Other parties came into the settlement, many of them from Long Island (when that section was given over to the Duke of York), among them being John Mead, who by some is said to have been the first representative of the Mead family in this country. On April 28, 1663, Disbrow, Coe and Studwell sold to nine other settlers a portion of their extensive tract of land, which was located in the township

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of Rye and adjacent towns. In the earlier records of the various towns their names are found among those of prominent landowners.

In 1667 I. THOMAS STUDWELL (1) returned to Greenwich (then a part of Stamford), where he died in 1670. Prior to his death he was engaged in clearing the land and tilling the soil, also, as above mentioned, in disposing to early settlers of portions of the land which he had bought of the Indians. His sons and their descendants continued to dispose of this land for several years, the last of the large tract known as Studwell's Point, at Greenwich, being conveyed to Robert Mead, of that place (date of distribution of the estate of Lillie Studwell—November 2, 1787; date of land sale—April, 1788), the same having been in the family about one hundred and thirty years, or since the first purchase from the Indians. There were six or seven parts or divisions, each selling for about £125. 10 8d. sterling, and went to the children and grandchildren of Thomas Studwell (born in 1709) and his wife Jemima, and others (Lillie Studwell also left a large estate).

The following named children were born to I. Thomas Studwell (1), the original ancestor: (1) Thomas (2), (2) Joseph (1) and (3) John (1). No record of the birth or death of these three sons is found, but it is known that from 1672 to 1683 they were residing at Rye, N. Y. Between 1692 and 1697 they removed to Greenwich, Fairfield county, having sold all their land at Rye on account of a dispute over rival claims of New York and Connecticut to the territory. The records of Greenwich show that in 1694 II. Thomas (2) had taxable property to the amount of thirty pounds sterling, while Joseph (1) was taxed for eighteen pounds. According to the records II. Thomas (2) sold land in the town to John Wilson in 1696, 1697, and down to 1718. The line of descent in which we are now interested is traced through II. Thomas (2), as will be seen farther on.

Joseph (1) had a son Joseph (2), who was born January 21, 1703, died May 9, 1793. He married Susannah—[surname not now obtainable], who was born August 10, 1704, and died August 10, 1767. Names and dates of birth of their children: Mary, August 10, 1720; Gilbert, February 4, 1731; John, March 5, 1733; Gatsy, August 19, 1737, died December 19, 1738; and James, April 1, 1740. Of these, James (the last named) married Elizabeth Brundige, who was born November 22, 1753. Names of children with dates of birth etc., as follows: Hester, November 23, 1771, died August 30, 1777; Joseph, November 2, 1773, died August 25, 1777; Charity, October, 20, 1775, died September 5, 1777; Elethea, May 7, 1778, died August 13, 1796; James, June 5, 1780; John, June 2, 1782, died January 15, 1799; Elizabeth, September 8, 1784; Albijean, April 1, 1787; Joseph, July 10, 1789; Susanna, December 10, 1791; Brundige, June 24, 1794; and Joanna, January 25, 1799. The father of these died sometime after the year 1805. Of this family, Brundige Studwell married (first) Sarah Akin, and (second) Deborah Akin. Names and dates of birth etc., of children by first wife: Akin, January 31, 1818, died April 2, 1818; Elizabeth, July 3, 1819, died October 25, 1839; Albert, September 11, 1822, died December 5, 1826; Egbert, September 11, 1822, married Harriet Crane; George, November 4, 1824, married Eveline Beaby; Amanda, February 24, 1826, married Joel C. Joice, and died January 9, 1898; Milan, April 3, 1828, is spoken of more fully below. Children by second marriage: Frances, born March 30, 1831, married Edgar Bounds, and died January 30, 1853; and Charlotte, born May 27, 1836, married John Jones. Milan Studwell was married August 17, 1854, to Mary E. Gardner, who was born October 16, 1835. Their children: Myrtie H., born June 27, 1864, married Crosby D. Wood January 13, 1885; and Carrie B., born August 25, 1871. The name of John (1) appears on a deed to which he witnessed in 1713, but it is not known that he had any descendants.

Joseph Studwell, son of Joseph (2), was born February 4, 1731, lived on North King street, and was the owner of a fine large farm. He was one of the first citizens of that locality, and in religious faith he was a Quaker. He died in September, 1823, leaving his farm to his children, and they passed nearly their entire lives there, respected by all who knew them—in fact, his descendants have resided on that farm almost down to the present day. He married Elizabeth ——— [surname not now obtainable], who was born in February 1730, and died in August, 1766. Names of their children and dates of birth, etc., are here given: David, June 26, 1757; Benjamin, August 24, 1759, died August 24, 1824; Joanna, February, 1762; Martha, December, 1764, died in 1795 [dates of death of the others not given]. Of these, Benjamin married Sarah ——— [surname not now obtainable], and they had children as follows: Elizabeth, born October 3, 1784, married Purdy Anderson; Susanna, born in March, 1788, married Hackaliah Carhart, and died September 4, 1837; Perthena, born in 1791, died in 1792; Polly Ann, born January 11, 1795, married Calvin Sherwood, and died October 5, 1865; Joseph, born November 27, 1798, died

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September 24, 1890, aged ninety-two years; Sally, born June 28, 1801, died in 1849. Of these, Joseph married Elizabeth Brundage, who was born March 17, 1796. The names and dates of birth of their children: Sarah, April 4, 1834, married Absalom Ireland; Elizabeth, born ——— [date not now known], married James M. Searles, and died March 15, 1884; and Julia L., born November 25, 1843, is at this writing living at Port Chester, N. Y., and to her James W. Studwell is indebted for the names, etc., in this paragraph and the following one.

Gilbert Studwell, son of Joseph (2) and brother of Joseph (3), was born in 1733, married Mary ——— [surname not now obtainable], who was born in 1736. Their children: Carthapena, born November 20, 1756; Rodger, born February 10, 1758; Mary, born June 24, 1764 [dates of their death not now known].

Joseph Studwell (of fourth generation from original ancestor), son of Thomas (3) (who was born in 1709) [dates of birth and death of IV. Joseph not now known]. He married Mrs. Deborah Lockwood, widow of Silas Lockwood (Silas died at the early age of twenty-five years). By him (Lockwood) she had a son, Stephen, who was married January 1, 1792, to Sarah Ingersoll, daughter of Simon and Elizabeth Ingersoll. (Gen. Albert Lockwood, of Sing Sing, N. Y., and the late Munson Lockwood, of White Plains, were his sons). The children born to Joseph (4) and Deborah (Lockwood) Studwell were: Richard, Joseph (5) and Solomon.

The eldest of that family, Richard Studwell, of Greenwich, was born in 1773, and died October 28, 1855. He married Elizabeth Devens, who was born in 1773, and died in 1837. Their children: (1) Allen Studwell, born October 21, 1799, died July 9, 1892. He married Nancy Lockwood, who was born August 8, 1804, and died February 17, 1879. They had three children—(*a*) Charles M. (born in 1831, died July 27, 1894, at Cos Cob, Conn.), who married Rose F. Ray, and had one son, Charles M., who died in 1893; (*b*) Sarah Elizabeth (born October 9, 1826), who was married September 26, 1856, to Joseph Eneas, and has five children—Edwin L., Albert A., Ella, Earnest and Josephine; and (*c*) Augustus, who died in youth. (2) Sanford Studwell, born in 1808, died May 26, 1894. He married (first) Sarah Holmes, who died November 22, 1875, aged seventy-five years, and (second) Julia Smith, who is now living at Bedford, Conn. To the first marriage was born one son, Jeremiah, on April 5, 1833, who died April 16, 1883; he married Catharine Pearl. (3) Eliza, born in 1796, died September 9, 1885. (4) Letta, born June 4, 1806, died November 14, 1896. On January 17, 1830, she married Jeremiah Slater, who was born June 10, 1807, and died August 17, 1890. Their children: Sanford, born March 22, 1831; Augustus, born November 17, 1834; Sanford A., born October 5, 1839; and Atwood, born November 26, 1842. (5) Caroline, born January 4, 1802, died June 20, 1854; she married Nathaniel Briggs, of Greenwich, and they had one son, John A. Briggs. (6) Clarissa, youngest daughter of Richard, was born at Greenwich, Conn., August 16, 1815, married (first) Denison Lockwood, and they had one child, Caroline E., who married Jacob Dunn, their children being Lucy E., wife of Frank A. Whiting, of Stanwich, Conn.; Mortimer Allen, who married Frances D. Studwell, daughter of John Sanford Studwell; and Alice, wife of John Ruckel, of Riverbank, Conn. Clarissa (Studwell) Lockwood married (second) Daniel Slater, of Mianus, Conn., and one son, Randolph N., was born to them. He married Mary Elizabeth Studwell, daughter of John Sanford Studwell. This John Sanford Studwell married Annie Crosby; their children: (*a*) John Filmore, born April 5, 1858, married Helen Burns; their children—Spencer A., born May 14, 1893, and John Russell, born July 1, 1896. (*b*) Thomas M. (of Port Chester, N. Y.), born March 24, 18—, married Josephine Farnham; children—John T., born May 21, 1892; Ernest L., born August 14, 1894; Lawrence H., born July 24, 1896; and Earl W., born May 27, 1898. (*c*) Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. Randolph N. Slater); (*d*) Frances D. (Mrs. Mortimer A. Dunn); (*e*) Leonora, married to Albert Knapp, of Greenwich, Conn. Of these, the eldest, John Filmore, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Albert Knapp, is conducting a prosperous grocery business in Greenwich. The father of this family, John Sanford Studwell, died in Bedford, Conn., in May, 1894.

Ezekiel Studwell, son of Thomas (born 1732) and (Mrs.) Sarah (Palmer) Studwell, died September 15, 1849, aged seventy years, nine months, twelve days. He married Patty (or Martha) Mead, who died January 8, 1844, aged sixty-three years, five months, four days. Their children: (*a*) John E., (*b*) Thomas, (*c*) Harvey, (*d*) Jeremiah, (*e*) Roswell, (*f*) Eliza, and (*g*) Cyrus Henry. Of these, (*a*) John E., born in 1806, married Betsey Gregory, and died May 12, 1802; their children: Richard, born August 14, 1829, married Emily Brown, and they live in New York City; Mary, born September 24, 1834, married October 6, 1880, Col. Hiram Scott, a probate judge, of Ridgefield, Conn.; Sarah, who died October 14, 1868, aged thirty-six years. (*d*)

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Jeremiah married Jane A. Teed; children: William, born May 12, 1834; and Martha, born in 1847, married Charles T. Hoyt, of Ridgefield; their children—Harry, Martha and Charles. (e) Roswell married ———; their children—Harvey (married, and has one daughter, Edith), Mary, Sarah and Francis. (f) Eliza married William Howser; their children—William, Martha, Lucy and Emma.

Joseph Studwell (5), son of Joseph (4) and Deborah (Lockwood) Studwell, was born at Greenwich, Conn., February 10, 1777, and died at Bedford, N. Y., January 15, 1865, aged eighty-seven years, eleven months, five days. Joseph Studwell married (first) Sarah Mead, who was born December 15, 1785, at Greenwich, Conn., a daughter of Abel and Phebe R. Mead. Abel Mead was a descendant of John Mead, who emigrated from England in the year of 1642. This John Mead was the ancestor of the Fairfield county and Westchester county Meads. Joseph and Sarah Studwell had but one child, Edwin Studwell, who was born in Greenwich, Conn., November 5, 1803. Sarah Mead Studwell died in Greenwich, Conn., April 15, 1807, aged twenty-two years, four months, and was buried at Bedford, N. Y. Edwin Studwell is living at South Salem, now in his ninety-sixth year, being the oldest representative of the family name, and there is no record of any Studwell having reached his great age. The following was written by Edwin A. Studwell, relative to his father Edwin Studwell, to whom James W. Studwell, the compiler of the Studwell genealogy, is indebted for this branch of the record:

"As to the Studwells and Meads, my father's family, I know of none that were drunkards. I never saw or heard of a single instance where any of his immediate family were under the influence of the intoxicating bowl. Some of the younger or present generation smoke. The Studwells and Meads were not only a farming class, but were more of a money-making family, either as manufacturers, merchants or speculators. My father was born early in this century, and has lived through the major part of our country's prosperity and existence. As neighbor and citizen he has always been highly respected; his word was as good as his bond; never aggressive in politics—an Old-line Whig, then a Republican from the organization of the party. As a farmer he excelled, not a farm in the township equalling his. The largest crops were awarded him; not a rock or stone left in the meadows, all the low land being redrained; in fact his farm was his pride. For seventy years he has lived on the same farm where he took his young bride. There his children were born; there they left him for their several life's work. There his dear partner was taken from him after they had lived together nearly forty-eight years; and there he is quietly ending his long life. A life without a blemish, a character unstained. A man respected by all far and near, a watchful father, a faithful and affectionate husband, an esteemed citizen and neighbor, a good man. A man that never uttered an oath; never used tobacco; never used liquor except medicinally; never spoke an unkind word of any one. With a retiring, unassuming disposition, his life has been without guile. His sterling character and manly principles are known to all those to whom he has practiced dealings in life. Exemplified in his life the real, the true, the practical way, the character which constitutes the real Christian."

Edwin Studwell was married by Rev. Steven Saunders, at South Salem, N. Y., October 22, 1828, to Eliza Hull, daughter of Capt. Jacob and Hannah (Bouton) Hull, the latter of whom was the daughter of Capt. Moses Bouton, a Revolutionary soldier. Eliza Hull was born in South Salem, September 14, 1805, and died there May 29, 1876, aged seventy years, eight months, fifteen days. She spent her entire life in the township, as did also her parents and grandparents. Edwin and Eliza Studwell's children were: (1) Leander Mead, (2) Dwight, (3) Smith Bouton, (4) Edwin Augustus, (5) Mary Eliza. Of these, (1) Leander Mead was born in South Salem, N. Y., March 6, 1831, was married May 7, 1863, by Rev. T. S. Chauncey, to Mary Caroline Bulkley, daughter of William Bulkley, of Rye, N. Y. Their two children: Frederick Bulkley, born in Brooklyn, N. Y., May 4, 1864, and Albert Leander, born in Brooklyn, N. Y., February 22, 1867, and died at Plainfield, N. J., May 1, 1875. (2) Dwight, born in South Salem, N. Y., April 10, 1832, was married November 16, 1858, by Rev. Alexander McLean, at Fairfield, Conn., to Hanna Maria Crocker, daughter of Capt. Charles and Julia Crocker, of Fairfield, Conn.; she died in Brooklyn, N. Y., December 12, 1875. Their children: Charles Crocker, born in Fairfield, Conn., March 25, 1860; Dwight, born in Fairfield, Conn., January 25, 1862; Herbert, born in Brooklyn, N. Y., April 1, 1867; and Florence, born in Brooklyn, N. Y., June 28, 1871. Charles Crocker Studwell, son of Dwight and Hanna Maria Studwell, was married at Wallingford, Vt., by Rev. Samuel French, on August 20, 1883, to Mary Evangeline, daughter of Lester and Lydia A. McArthur Van Duzen, and they have one child, Donald McArthur, born February 24, 1893, at Brooklyn, N. Y. (3)

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Smith Bouton, born in South Salem, N. Y., February 27, 1835, is at this writing (December 15, 1898) living with his father on the old homestead at South Salem. (4) Edwin Augustus, born in South Salem, N. Y., July 22, 1837, was married in Brooklyn, N. Y., September 23, 1862, by Friends ceremony (Rev. Henry Ward Beecher offered a prayer and signed marriage certificate), to Mary Brown Merritt, daughter of John J. and Mary Brown Merritt; she was born in the City of New York, September 25, 1836, and died in Brooklyn, N. Y., October 5, 1873. Their children: Mabel Merritt, born May 22, 1868, at Brooklyn, N. Y.; Emery Lucia, born June 4, 1871, died at Tarrytown, N. Y., November 10, 1885. Edwin Augustus was remarried in Brooklyn, N. Y., December 19, 1876, by Rev. John Dickenson, to Mrs. Emeliza (Close) Hewitt, who was born in New York City January 4, 1840, the daughter of Joseph B. and Eliza (Snell-Kelso) Close, of New York, and widow of Christopher P. Hewitt. Edwin A. is largely engaged in the real-estate business, and has held a number of positions and offices of trust. He is a highly respected citizen of Tarrytown, N. Y. He is now president of the board of health, also has other positions of importance. (5) Mary Eliza, born in South Salem, N. Y., August 15, 1841, was married, by Rev. Aaron Lindsley, September 27, 1859, to Elbert A. Mead, son of Jacob Gilbert and Sally A. (Todd) Mead, of Mead Street, now known as Lake Waccabuc, Westchester Co., New York.

Joseph Studwell for his second wife married Rebecca Mead, cousin of his first wife and daughter of Caleb and—[given name not now known] (Hobby) Mead. She died in Bedford, N. Y. Their children: (1) Alexander, (2) Augustus, (3) John Jay, (4) Joseph, (5) Sarah Mead, (6) George Hanford. (1) Alexander Studwell was born at Stanwich, in Greenwich, Conn., February 20, 1808, and died in Brooklyn, N. Y., October 5, 1891. In 1840 he married Lucretia Goodrich, daughter of Philo and Abigail R. Goodrich. She died in Brooklyn, N. Y., —— 13, 1878. Their children were: Henry Alexander, George Stuart, Stella Elizabeth, William Jay, Minnie Lucretia, and Josephine; the last named died in April, 1863, aged two years. Of these, George Stuart was married in Brooklyn, N. Y., by Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, 187–, to Clementine Lazar, daughter of Prof. Sigismond Lazar, of New York City; their children: George Stuart Studwell, Jr., born in Brooklyn, N. Y. (2) Augustus was born at Stanwich, Greenwich, Conn., June 8, 1811, and died at Montclair, N. J., March 10, 1894; he was married (for his first wife) April 5, 1837, to Miss Abigail Reynolds, who was born April 25, 1814, a daughter of Stephen and Polly (Clark) Reynolds, of Bedford, N. Y.; she died in Brooklyn, N. Y., February 3, 1850. For his second wife he married, October 8, 1857, Miss Martha Pierson, of Brooklyn, N. Y., born July 25, 1822. Augustus and Abigail Studwell's children were: (1) Martha Clark, born at Buffalo, N. Y., December 8, 1838; (2) Mary Matilda, born at Brooklyn, N. Y., February 28, 1845, and died at Montclair, N. J., June 17, 1897; (3) Joseph Augustus Reynolds, of Brooklyn, N. Y., born October 25, 1848. Of these, (1) Martha Clark Studwell was married, by Rev. Charles S. Robinson, in Brooklyn, N. Y., November 2, 1865, to Wheelock Hotchkiss, of Brooklyn, son of Frederick W. and Ruth (Wheelock) Hotchkiss. Their children: Ethel Wheelock, born in Philadelphia, June 6, 1872, and Augustus Waynflute, born in Ardmore, Penn., August 5, 1880. (3) Joseph Augustus Reynolds Studwell was married to Clara De Revere, of Brooklyn, New York.

(3) John Jay Studwell was born in the town of North Salem December 2, 1812, and died in Brooklyn, N. Y., December 12, 1884. He was married by Rev. Spencer Cone to Elizabeth Laforge Moore, daughter of Peter Moore, of Woodbridge, N. J. Their children: Sarah Frances was born in Harlem (now New York City) on February 6, 1838, and was married June 25, 1858, by Rev. William Adams, D. D., in Brooklyn, N. Y., to George W. Mead, son of Alfred and Mary Brundige Mead, of Mead street, Lake Waccabuc, N. Y. Their children as follows were all born in Brooklyn, N. Y.: (1) Alfred Jay, born November 29, 1859, died January 25, 1860; (2) Fanny Studwell, born January 24, 1861; (3) Elizabeth Brundige, born September 16, 1862; (4) Loretta Josephine, born April 26, 1865; (5) Florence Church, born February 21, 1867; (6) George W., Jr., born February 27, 1869; (7–8) John Studwell and Joseph, twins, born August 10, 1871; (9) Martin Rockwell, born December 2, 1872; (10) David Irving, born February 9, 1874; (11) Allie LaForge, born October 5, 1877; and (12) Cordelia, born August 6, 1882. John Studwell Mead married Mrs. Ruth Andrews Parker, of Bridgeport, Conn. Loretta Josephine was married in Brooklyn, N. Y., April 15, 1895, by Rev. Carles Cuthbert Hall, D. D., to Herbert A. Smith, of New Haven, Conn. Their child is Gifford Pinchot Smith, born April 24, 1898.

(4) Joseph Studwell (son of Joseph) was born in Bedford, N. Y., June 16, 1815, and died in New York City, January 30, 1864. He was married by Rev. B. Evans, of New York City,

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May 12, 1847, to Matilda S. Watt, who was born in New York City, July 4, 1827, daughter of Lyman and Sophie I. Watt, Matilda S. died in New York City December 22, 1878. Their children were all born in New York City, their names and dates of birth: (1) Jane Rebecca, born April 4, 1848, (2) Florence Matilda, August 20, 1850, died August 29, 1850, (3) Joseph Hobby, July 7, 1854, died August 6, 1854. Of these, Jane R. Studwell married (first) Frederick Wolfe, of New York City, December 5, 1865. Their children were: Joseph F., born in New York, March 1, 1867, died October 10, 1876; Clara N., born in New York, August 28, 1868; Charles Belcher, born April 18, 1870, Florence Matilda, born November 28, 1871, died January 23, 1872. Clara Nathie Wolfe was married November 3, 1887, to Charles F. Underhill, who was born at North Branch, N. Y., July 20, 1863. Their children were: Clarence Oscar, born November 2, 1888, Walter Joseph, born June 8, 1892, Alfred Studwell, born January 3, 1892, and Lester Franklin, born March 22, 1894. Charles B. Wolfe, son of Frederick and Jane R. (Studwell) Wolfe, was married at Milton, N. Y., March 30, 1892, to Annice Dugan, who was born December 28, 1872. Their children: Florence, born November 8, 1893, and Charles, born August 14, 1894. Jane R. (Studwell) Wolfe married (second), August 9, 1875, James B. Atwater, who was born July 25, 1848, and died August 9, 1889. Their children: Anita, born December 3, 1876, Eliot Studwell, born March 3, 1879, died March 4, 1879, Eugene S., born March 28, 1880; William B., born June 20, 1881, and Jennie R. Studwell, born December 10, 1882. Anita Atwater married Oscar Ayers, January 9, 1892, and had two children: Anita, born December 27, 1894, and Herbert, born September 5, 1896.

Sarah Mead Studwell, fifth child of Joseph and Rebecca (Mead) Studwell, was born in Bedford, Westchester Co., N. Y., August 20, 1818. She married Peter C. Bussing, of Mt. Kisco, N. Y., in 1877, who died October 29, 1891.

George Hanford Studwell was born in Bedford, N. Y., March 17, 1820. He married, October 18, 1850, Susan Wyckoff Hyde, daughter of Zenas Hyde, of Brooklyn, N. Y. He died October 10, 1868. Their children: Harriet, who died in infancy, Ella Mead, born in Brooklyn, N. Y., November 29, 1853, was married November 6, 1873, by Revs. Dr. Howland and Dr. Parker Morgan, to Eugene Bogart Sanger, of New York City. Names and dates of birth of their children: George Studwell, September 4, 1874, Ella Maria, June 8, 1877; Schuyler, October 22, 1879; Elsie Bogart, July 6, 1881; Douglas Hyde, January 28, 1884, died October 5, 1884; Howard, July 28, 1885, Sarah Bussing, April 8, 1887; Clifford, August 4, 1892, died January 3, 1893; Eugene Bogart, April 2, 1895.

Solomon Studwell, son of Joseph, and brother of Richard and Joseph Studwell, was born October 9, 1780. For his first wife he married, November 3, 1805, Esther Rich, who died June 30, 1809. Their children: Capt. Charles, born September 12, 1806, died December 31, 1868; and Joseph, born February 11, 1808, died October 8, 1808. Capt. Charles Studwell was married February 12, 1834, to Margaret Bunker, who was born July 1, 1809, and died in 1860, aged fifty years, eight months. Their children: Esther Ann, Charles E. and Mary E. Of these, Esther Ann, born June 20, 1835, married George Seely (now of New Canaan), who was born June 15, 1830. Names and dates of birth of their children: John W., born April 15, 1855; George E., born January 9, 1859; Mott O., born January 17, 1861; Annie H., born October 17, 1864; and Clinton F., born February 12, 1870. Charles E. Studwell (above), born March 16, 1838, is now living at Mianus, Conn. He was twice married, and for his first wife wedded Caroline L. June, and for his second, Susan W. Owen. He had six children, namely: Carrie J., Margaret B., Mamie H., Bertha L., Charles Wesley and Earnest, all now deceased. Mary E. Studwell, sister of Charles E., was born June 26, 1842, married in 1862 Alexander Marshall, and had three children, namely: Mary Emma, who married Frank L. Stevens, of Greenwich, Conn.; Blanche Viola, who married William Van Wagoner, of Syracuse, N. Y.; and Irene, who married Clarendon Newman, also of Syracuse, New York.

For his second wife Solomon Studwell married, May 14, 1810, Fanny Smith, who was born March 24, 1777. The names and dates of birth, etc., of their children: (1) Delia Ann, born November 1, 1811, married Charles Guthrie; (2) Capt. Henry F., born July 22, 1813, died May 24, 1884; (3) Nelson, born July 25, 1815, died February 18, 1881; (4) George O., born December 3, 1817; (5) Esther Jane, born February 11, 1820, died December —, 1889; (6) Frances, born March 9, 1822; (7) Solomon, born November 25, 1824; (8) T. Nelson, born April 22, 1827; and (9) John Sanford, born February 18, 1830. Of the foregoing: (1) Delia Ann married Francis Dunn; children: Lester, Wilbur, Mabel, Edna and Helen. (2) Capt. Henry F. was married September 30, 1839, to Amanda Barnacutt, who was born June 22, 1813, and died March 9, 1872. Their children: (*a*) William H., born May 29, 1843, died September 4, 1894 (he mar-

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ried, May, 1874, Lany Briggs). (*b*) John N., born December 1, 1845, was married December 30, 1868, to Isabella A. Telfer, who was born May 25, 1843. Names and dates of birth of their children: Helen, October 22, 1869; David F., June 3, 1871; Alice, July 3, 1873; Harry, December 24, 1875; and Alonzo, November 12, 1877 (he is a deputy sheriff, and is now living at Port Chester, N. Y.) (*c*) Susan A., born April 21, 1848, died August 21, 1850. (*d*) Elizabeth N., born October 19, 1850, married December 30, 1874, George Ferris. (*e*) Harriet M., born April 6, 1853, married, November 26, 1884, John E. Lynch, and they live at Cos Cob, Conn. (*f*) Frank B., born May 4, 1856, died October 29, 1884. (*g*) Harry S., born February 7, 1860, married Lizzie Manning (he is a carpenter by trade, which he follows in New York City, but resides in North Mianus, Connecticut.

(4) George O. (of Port Chester, N. Y.) married Joanna Buckhout, daughter of James Buckhout; their children: (*a*) Edwin F., born August 8, 1842, married Mariana Ferris, born July 15, 1848; their children—Nettie, Edwin A., Nelson F., Mabel E., Chester A., and Lester W. W.; of these, Edwin A. was married on April 19, 1899, to Miss Florence Webb. (*b*) George Washington, born July 4, 1844, married Mary Rockwell; their children—Nellie M., born August 17, 1877, and Frederick C., born October 16, 1882. (*c*) Alexander S., born September 25, 1846, married Hannah Haines, and lives in New York City. Their children—Jennie, born September 28, 1873; Anna, born July 29, 1875; James A., born April 30, 1876; Irvin, born 1879; Jessie, born February 11, 1880; Joseph K., born 1882; Florence, born January, 1884; Walter S. and Ethel, both deceased; and Raymond, born 1886. (*d*) Augustus S., born December 11, 1853, married Esther Mead (now deceased); children—Augustus L., born January 7, 1877; and William I., born February 17, 1886; for his second wife Augustus S. was married on November 16, 1898, to Miss Harriet Ferris. (*e*) Leander, born May 9, 1870, married Victoria Strong; their children—Joseph L., born November 14, 1891; and George M., born August 10, 1895. (*f*) Joseph, born May 20, 1872, married Lillie S. Trace, and they have one child—Elsie M., born January 11, 1898. (*g*) Henrietta married George F. Townsend (Mountain View, N. J.); their children—George E., Rollin, Richmond, Henrietta (1) (deceased), Herbert (deceased), Henrietta (2) (deceased), Rosabelle, Bertha (deceased), Lizzie, and Alliad (deceased). (*h*) Mary Elizabeth married Andrew Ferris (of Port Chester), and has one child, Walter. Joanna, the mother of this family, died December 1, 1866, aged fifty years, one month, and for his second wife George O. Studwell married Elizabeth Slausen, and two children were born to them—Leander, born May 9, 1870, and Joseph, born May 20, 1872. George O. Studwell was for a number of years captain of a steamboat plying between Port Chester and New York, and owned by the Port Chester Transportation Company. He was succeeded by his son Edwin F. as manager of the business, which is now in a flourishing condition. He (Edwin F.) has a nice home situated on the bluff (west side) in full view of the Sound.

(5) Esther Jane married Josiah Gales, of Greenwich; their children: Martha A., Ransom D., Esther I., Nelson A. (deceased), Hannah E., Nelson A. (2), Fanny S., Arthur M. and Edwin E. (6) Frances married Leonard Mead, of Port Chester. (7) Solomon's record appears farther on.

(8) T. Nelson married Catherine Ferris; their children: Tristram, born December 8, 1861, married Mary Leagcraft, and has one child, Gertrude, born December 6, 1888; Everett E., born March 20, 1864, died 18—; and Everett E., born March 9, 1868.

(7) Solomon married Jane Hull; their children: Nelson, Frank S., George H. and William L. Of these, Nelson, born May 24, 1851, married Marion Lush, who died in 1893. Names and dates of birth, etc., of their children: Fred N., December 12, 1874, died in 1893; Walter S., June 21, 1877; Anna M., May 10, 1879, died in 1881; Joseph H., November 13, 1882; Howard E., December 10, 1884; Florence R., April 24, 1887; Marion E., April 26, 1892. Nelson, the father of these, lives at Port Chester, N. Y., and is daily messenger to New York City. Frank S., the second son of Solomon and Jane (Hull) Studwell, was born July 16, 1858; married Agnes W. Guthrie, of Port Chester, N. Y. He died May 15, 1898. Names and dates of birth, etc., of their children: Roy Irving, August 7, 1881; Frank S., March 8, 1883; Charles W., February 13, 1885, died in 1886; David H., June 20, 1887; Ruby C., March 24, 1890; Edward C., March 24, 1890; Eugene H., October 22, 1891; Arthur G., January 25, 1893, died in 1898; and Robert R., July 8, 1894. Mrs. Frank S. Studwell, the mother of these, is now living at Cos Cob, Conn. George H., the third son of Solomon and Jane (Hull) Studwell, was born in 1861, and married Miss Wilhelmina Fleischer. Children: Harold, born January 28, 1884, and Reuben, born April 15, 1887. George H. is now a resident of Rye, N. Y., engaged in the life-insurance business; William L., fourth son of Solomon and Jane

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(Hull) Studwell, was born March 25, 1864, and married Elizabeth Moger. Children: Anna E., born July 15, 1884; Emma J., December 13, 1886; Wilhelmina, deceased; William L., July 9, 1889; Ruth, November 5, 1892; and Clarence Harold and Herbert, deceased. William L. Studwell, the father of these, is now living in Port Chester, New York.

Solomon Studwell, the progenitor of the above mentioned families, was an extensive and prosperous farmer, and was a large landowner, as the records of Greenwich show. He served in the war of 1812, at Shippan Point, Conn., along with his brother Richard, under Capt. David Haight.

III. Thomas Studwell (2) married Martha ——— [maiden name not now known], and had two sons, both born in Greenwich: (*a*) Nathaniel, born June 14, 1707, died in 1777 [nothing is known of his descendants]; and (*b*) IV. Thomas (3).

IV. Thomas (3) Studwell, born March 31, 1709, died in 1783, leaving a widow, Jemima ——— [maiden name not now known], and several children, among whom were Thomas (4) (born 1732, died 1788), Gabriel, Joseph, Ward, Henry, Elizabeth (married to A. Jessup), Rachel (married to Daniel Howard, of Greenwich), Jemima and Lilla (both unmarried), and V. Anthony (great-grandfather of James W. and David W. Studwell), a sketch of whom follows. Of this family Gabriel, Joseph, Ward and Henry all served in the Revolutionary war.

V. ANTHONY STUDWELL, son of Thomas (3) was born 1738 and died 1824, leaving a widow, whose maiden name was Hannah Whelpley. He was a farmer of North Mianus, Fairfield county, and his house is still standing on the old homestead. Children of Anthony and Hannah Studwell: (1) Enoch, (2) Anthony, (3) James, (4) Drake, (5) Hannah (see farther on), (6) Betsey (see farther on). Of these, (1) Enoch, born 1771, died 1840, leaving no issue. (2) Anthony married Diadoma Studwell, and had three sons—Luke, Ralph and John—and three daughters—Amy, Eliza and Fanny; Anthony died 1838, predeceasing his wife and children, who are now also dead. (3) James, grandfather of James W. and David W. Studwell, is mentioned farther on. (4) Drake married Elizabeth Smith, and died 1838, leaving a widow and eight children—(*a*) John S., (*b*) Luther W., (*c*) Edgar, (*d*) William A., (*e*) Polly Ann, (*f*) Eliza Ann, (*g*) Smith, and (*h*) Alanson. Of these, John S., born November 20, 1807, married Harriet Provost, who was born December 31, 1815. Their children: Ann Elizabeth, born December 31, 1836, now living at Stamford; William Washington, born March 22, 1839, married Augusta V. Studwell; Charles Henry, born March 1, 1841; George Albert, born April 30, 1843, is deceased; Emily Frances, born June 30, 1844, is deceased; Edward Franklin, born September 13, 1846, is deceased; John Wallace, born November 6, 1848, died in 1868; Harriet Amanda, born August 5, 1852, is now living at Stamford; Caroline Matilda, born January 24, 1856, died in 1878. Of the above, Harriet Amanda married Harvey Weed, and they have one child, Matilda Weed. (*b*) Luther W. married Julia Ferris; children—Sarah, now living at Mianus, unmarried; and George D., born March 13, 1844, married Caroline Ingersoll, who was born March 12, 1847; names and dates of birth, etc., of their children: Julia Belle, October 6, 1869; George L., January 24, 1871, died 1873; Harold E., March 15, 1873, died 1893; Walter R., June 1, 1876; Eva L., August 22, 1880, died March, 1899. (*c*) Edgar, born December 31, 1819, was engaged in the building business, was partner in a steam saw and planing mill, also a lumber yard, in 1868, afterward buying part of Shipman Point, in Fairfield county, where his father went in 1812 to protect Stamford from the invasion of the British; he is now living on the old homestead on Palmer's hill. He married, March 8, 1840, Cornelia Smith, who died April 10, 1881; their children, nearly all of whom are yet living, are as follows: Frances, born May 19, 1841, married N. B. Moulton; their two children are—Hattie, born March 20, 1872, and Herbert, born July 15, 1875. Edward, born August 26, 1842, died December 21, 1845. Cornelia Elizabeth, born October 10, 1844, is now living in Stamford. Edward L., born July 17, 1846, married Amelia Weed. John A., born August 1, 1848, died March 1, 1849. Adaline, born January 12, 1850, died December 10, 1851. Adelaide, born December 5, 1851, married John Scofield; had two children—Charles and Mortimer. Ida, born October 24, 1853, married Frank Hamilton; have two children—John and Mabel. Addison, born August 12, 1855, married Sarah Allen; they have two children—Clason A., born 1878, and Harry H., born 1888. Wilbur, born January 24, 1857, married Ada Purdy; have one son—Victor B., born August 23, 1885. Josephine, born March 9, 1859, married Frank Holly; have one daughter, Ella B., born March 2, 1888. Emily L., born May 3, 1862, married, May 14, 1899, George W. Lockwood, son of Sylvester Lockwood. (*d*) William A., born November 8, 1820, married Catherine Reynolds, and had children: Ann Maria, born September 16, 1845, married Martin Searles, and has three daugh-

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ters—Alice, Edith and Ethel; John W., born December 2, 1850, married Sarah Marshall, daughter of Newcomb Marshall, and had one child; Mary E., born March 18, 1857; and Belle, wife of Ellsworth Finney. (*c*) Polly Ann married John Ruckels, and had children: Elizabeth, Mary E. and John. (*h*) Alanson married Eliza Reynolds, and had children: Theodore, who married, and had one daughter, Lydia; Emily, who married, and had one daughter, Anna; and Sarah, who married Theodore Smith. (5) Hannah Studwell, sister of Drake Studwell (above), married Elijah Scofield, and had children as follows: Samuel, Delia (wife of David Knapp), David, Mary (wife of William Watson Webb), and Betsey (wife of George Patterson). (6) Betsey Studwell, youngest sister of Drake Studwell (above), married J. Tucker.

VI. JAMES STUDWELL, born in 1780 in Stamford, made his home there. He died in 1838, and was buried in Riverbank. About 1807 he married Mary Scofield, who survived him with six children: (1) Julia, born in 1807 (she died, and her remains now rest in the cemetery at Banksville), married Stephen Finch, but had no children (2) Calvin is mentioned more fully below. (3) Mary, born in 1809, married John Austin, and died leaving no children. (4) Jarvis, born September 23, 1820, died August 23, 1852, married Althea Adams; his children: (*a*) George H., born March 10, 1849, married Mary De Tour, and is now living in Hackensack, N. J. (He has been in the machine business for some time, is of an inventive turn of mind, and has made many useful articles for the present and coming generations; he is the inventor of a machine for cutting felt and velvet for dress bindings); his children: Florence, born February 4, 1872, married Julius S. Greenow, and has one child, Mildred T., born September 17, 1898; and George, born July 19, 1875. (*b*) Harriet, born May 5, 1845, died 1886; married Mr. Montes, and they had one son, Harry, born April 16, 1866. (*c*) Edward H., born 1852, died 1853. (5) Jehiel, who never married, died in Stamford and was buried there. (6) Samantha, single, born in 1824, died at her home in Stamford, June 20, 1898; she had in her possession a copper kettle, also a bucket made of ash wood, which belonged to Anthony Studwell, and though in use long before the Revolutionary war they are still in a good state of preservation.

VII. CALVIN STUDWELL, born in the town of Stamford, Conn., June 3, 1811, during his youth learned the carpenter's trade there, serving an apprenticeship with Thomas Dixon, of Stamford. Later he was for many years a builder at Rye, N. Y., and with his partner, Robert Sloat, erected some of the best dwellings there, including the building for Episcopal Christ Church in 1850, of which Society he and his wife were members. In 1869 he returned to Stamford, where his remaining days were spent, his death occurring November 13, 1884. He was held in high esteem among his acquaintances for his excellent qualities of character.

In the year 1833 Calvin Studwell was married to Miss Esther Gedney, who was born December 13, 1813, at Rye, N. Y. (where her family has long been prominent), and died in Stamford, June 7, 1881, the remains of both her and her husband being buried at Rye. Their children: (1) Emily L., born March 6, 1837, married Stephen Barry, of Rye, where she died in 1856; her only child died the same year. (2) Augusta V., born January 13, 1839, married William W. Studwell, and had three children: (*a*) Bradford, born February 2, 1866, died October 21, 1866; (*b*) Laura E., October 4, 1867, married, March 20, 1888, to Arthur G. Jessup, has one daughter, Edith H., born January 14, 1889; and (*c*) Henry Albert, born August 4, 1874, married Irene Bush, February 1, 1899. (3) Cyrena J., born August 14, 1840, married David Avery, of New Canaan, and has two children: Alice M., born February 27, 1878, and Lester S., born August 14, 1881. (4) John C., born February 10, 1844, died unmarried, February 5, 1872. (5) Sarah M., born July 25, 1845, married Leonard Sloat (now deceased), and had the following children: (*a*) Jessie L., born October 28, 1868, married, December 12, 1893, to William Louden, has a son, Leland H., born October 14, 1894; (*b*) Robert C., born October 4, 1870, married in January, 1895, to Miss May Ritch, and has two children—Clarence and Leon; (*c*) Albert, deceased in infancy; (*d*) Charles B., born February 15, 1874, died February 13, 1899; (*e*) Irena M., born February 14, 1876, married Charles Clark in April, 1899; and (*f*) Leonard, born July 26, 1879. (6) James Willette is fully spoken of farther on. (7) David W., born December 27, 1849, is a resident of Stamford. He is a carpenter and builder by occupation, and along with his brother James W., from 1880 to 1891, did a prosperous business; he is now living in his nice home on Hoyt street, Stamford. He married Miss Alveline A. French, of Otego, N. Y., and has a son, Royden F., born June 9, 1881. (8) Mary A., born February 22, 1852, married Benjamin B. Avery, and died July 2, 1893. She had the following children: Annie L., born February 4, 1876, died November 24, 1887; Stuart B., born July 8, 1880; Leland R., born March 28,

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1886; Bertha E., born June 6, 1890; and Willard C., born March 14, 1893. (9) Loretta E., born August 21, 1856, was married October 31, 1894, to B. B. Avery, above.

In looking over the land records it will be found that the ancestry of the Studwells, from 1850 back to 1656, were extensive land holders, nearly all of them possessing fine large farms or other landed property. Joseph (2) and his descendants owned farms on King Street, in both New York State and Connecticut, on both sides of the Byram river. The early generations of the family were chiefly occupied clearing and tilling the soil, also in raising horses and cattle, and like their descendants they were quiet, law-abiding citizens. Physically, the majority of the members of the family have been of large build, and of robust constitution. During the Revolutionary war Joseph, Henry, Gabriel, Anthony and Ward Studwell served in General Wooster's command, the Ninth Regiment, Connecticut Militia, Col. John Mead. Joseph and Henry both enlisted November 1, 1776, in Capt. Abram Mead's company, and were discharged January 11, 1777. Gabriel enlisted in same command and for same length of time, but was in Capt. Thomas Hobby's company. Anthony was in same command, serving in Capt. David Haight's company from August 13 to September 27, 1776. Ward was in Capt. Thomas Hobby's company, having enlisted May 10, 1776, and was discharged December 5, following. This regiment was at Port Chester, N. Y., whence it was ordered by General Washington to New York City, but it soon returned to Port Chester, where it remained on guard duty while Washington was at White Plains, 1776-77. Thomas Studwell (born 1732) also served in the Revolution. Thomas Studwell (born 1709) owned and operated a large farm in Greenwich, and in 1776 had on several occasions to secrete his farm and household articles, and drive his stock to other localities, to keep them out of the way of the British foraging parties. In the war of 1812 the family was represented in the militia at Stamford by Solomon, Richard and Drake, the latter two serving at Shippan Point under Capt. David Haight.

VIII. JAMES WILLETTE STUDWELL, of Stamford, is an enterprising and successful citizen, and but few men in active business life have been so uniformly fortunate in their ventures. His steady perseverance in his chosen line of work is well worthy of emulation.

As will be seen by the genealogical record of the Studwell family, given with this sketch, James W. Studwell is of the seventh generation in descent from the original ancestor, Thomas, born about 1600 or 1620; Thomas (2) [date of birth not known]; Thomas (3), born in 1709; Anthony, born in 1738; James born in 1780; Calvin, born in 1811; James Willette, born in 1848.

Born January 2, 1848, at Rye, N. Y., JAMES W. STUDWELL received his education there, and on leaving school he learned the carpenter's trade with James Tucker, of that town. In August, 1869, he removed to Stamford, where he worked as journeyman carpenter for about eleven years, in 1880 engaging in business on his own account, and forming a partnership with his brother David W., under the firm name of Studwell Brothers. This partnership continued until 1892, since which time Mr. Studwell has carried on business alone. He has a pleasant home and a charming family. On April 4, 1872, he married Miss Julia M. Dann, who was born May 10, 1852, a daughter of Theodore and Rebecca (Strobridge) Dann, and a descendant of one of the early settlers of the town. Eight children have blessed this union, all of whom are living: (1) Flora T., born April 22, 1873, was married April 7, 1897, to William H. Spencer, of Meriden, Conn., and has one son, William Elton, born February 26, 1898. (2) Frank W., born July 25, 1874, was married July 15, 1896, to Miss Florence Eddy, of Mianus, this county. (3) Grace E., born March 25, 1877, was married February 2, 1896, to Warren A. Ferris, of Stamford. (4) Ralph S., born December 5, 1878, married April 12, 1899, to Miss Lena Smith, of Stamford. (5) Earle M., born September 24, 1887, (6) Walton F., born February 13, 1889, (7) Alfred Theodore, born July 5, 1890, and (8) Julia Idabelle, born January 26, 1894, are at home. In politics Mr. Studwell is independent. Mrs. Studwell is a member of the Congregational Church, which the family attend.

H B. COLEY. This enterprising and successful agriculturist is the owner of a fine homestead near Norwalk, and its substantial improvements betoken the care of a scientific manager. He is of English descent, and the name is well known in this county, one of his ancestors, John Coley, having been among the first settlers in the vicinity of Coleyville, which was named in honor of the family.

Eben Coley, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of that locality, and throughout his active life he conducted a farm and gristmill there. Walter Coley, our subject's father, was also born in the town of Westport, on the old homestead, and became a prominent farmer in

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the same neighborhood. He married Miss Ora Coley, who was only distantly related, and five children were born of the union, our subject being the youngest.

Mr. Coley, our subject, was born April 27, 1839, at the old farm in the town of Westport, where he grew to manhood. He learned the butcher's trade with Ephraim Osborne, spending three years in his employ, and for about four years was engaged in that business in Westport. On May 1, 1874, he removed to his present farm, which contains thirty-five acres of excellent land, and in connection with the work of farming he has conducted a wholesale butchering business and an extensive trade as a peddler. He has made many improvements upon his property, his buildings being especially good. Politically he is a Republican, and he has held various local offices, his interest in educational advancement leading him to give much attention to the local schools.

Mr. Coley's wife, who was formerly Miss Helen A. Seymour, is a daughter of Charles Seymour, a well-known citizen of Wilton, this county. They have had five children: Alice, Etta, Bertha (who married John R. Wilardson, of Hoboken, N. J.), Maud, and one that died in infancy, unnamed. The family attend the Congregational Church, of which Mr. Coley is a leading member.

THOMAS ALONZO LOUNSBURY, chief of the Danbury fire department, has long been identified with that branch of the public service, and his courage, energy and quick yet accurate judgment have more than once earned for him the gratitude of his fellow citizens. Under the old volunteer system he served as foreman of Humane Hose Co., No. 1, for four years, from 1869 to 1872, and was elected chief engineer on July 10, 1874; re-elected May 18, 1875, May 17, 1876 and June 18, 1877. He then declined to serve further, but on May 11, 1891, he was appointed first assistant engineer of the paid department, and in 1892 was again chosen to that post. Since May 6, 1893, he has held his present position, and each succeeding year has but increased the confidence and esteem in which he is held by the public.

Mr. Lounsbury is a native of Fairfield county, having been born April 15, 1843, in the town of Horse Neck, now Greenwich. The family is an old and honored one, and among its most distinguished members is ex-Governor Lounsbury of Connecticut, a cousin of our subject. Jesse William Lounsbury, our subject's father, was born February 18, 1813, in the town of North Stamford, this county, the son of William H. Lounsbury, and received an excellent education in his youth. For some time he conducted a private school at Port Chester, N. Y., and later was a bookkeeper in the screw factory of Russell, Birdsall & Ward, near that city. In 1854 he went to New York City to take a position as bookkeeper in the Market Bank, on the corner of Beekman and Pearl streets, and after three years' service there he became teller of the Citizens Bank, on the corner of the Bowery and Canal street, where he continued until his death in 1861. His wife, Abiah Jane Horton, who died April 12, 1884, was born May 21, 1821, in the town of Mount Pleasant, Westchester Co., N. Y. They had ten children: Mary Elizabeth, Thomas A., Harriet A., Henry B., Lizetta M., William H. (deceased), Lilian J., George A. P., Fred C., and Lavina (who died in childhood).

Our subject's education was begun in the schools of Port Chester, but as the family removed to Brooklyn during his childhood he continued his studies in the public schools of that city. At the age of sixteen he went to Delaware county, N. Y., where he worked upon a farm two years for the munificent salary of six dollars per month "and found." On returning to Brooklyn he was employed as a driver for W. L. Hendrickson's East Brooklyn & New York City Express for about five years, and he then spent a year in the trucking business in Brooklyn. In that city, also, he was connected with the fire department under the volunteer system, being first a runner and afterward a member of Empire Hook and Ladder Co. No. 3. On July 25, 1865, while in the express business, he married Miss Martha S. Fry, then a resident of Danbury, and about a year and a half later he removed to that city, which had at the time a population of from 6,000 to 8,000. There he entered the employ of J. M. Ives, a dealer in house-furnishing goods, with whom he remained as a salesman for twenty-seven consecutive years, when his duties in the paid department demanded his entire attention.

While Mr. Lounsbury is inclined to support the principles of the Democratic party, he is by no means a slave to party ties, and votes according to his own judgment, his first ballot having been cast for Abraham Lincoln. He was once elected in Danbury to the office of constable, but he refused to qualify. Mr. Lounsbury belongs to the State Firemen's Association, and to Samaritan Lodge No. 7, I. O. O. F., of Danbury, and his sterling qualities of character have made him popular in social life. In religion he

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inclines to the Baptist faith, and he and his wife attend that Church.

Mr. Lounsbury's first wife, who died February 16, 1892, was a native of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and a daughter of James and Catherine (Keech) Fry, who resided for many years in Danbury. Mr. Fry was born there, and became prominent in his later years as an official, serving in various positions, including that of water commissioner; he was also warden of the borough for several years. On February 25, 1893, Mr. Lounsbury married, for his second wife, Mrs. Phœbe A. (Carpenter) Lounsbury, widow of William H. Lounsbury, his brother, and daughter of Dr. Thomas Carpenter, of White Plains, N. Y. There are no children by this marriage. By the first union there were three: Harry D., born in Brooklyn, March 26, 1866; William A., born in Danbury August 25, 1869, now deceased; and Howard N., born September 14, 1871, also in Danbury.

ROYAL J. BIRDSEYE. The Birdseye family, which has been prominent in this section from pioneer times, is of English descent, and the name was originally Eldred. The first to emigrate to America were two brothers, John and Abel, who crossed the ocean in 1636, and settled in Connecticut, one in Stratford and the other in Middletown.

Joseph Birdseye, the great-grandfather of the well-known agriculturist whose name opens this sketch, was born in the town of Huntington. David Birdseye, our subject's grandfather, was also born in that town, and passed his life there in agricultural pursuits. He married Rebecca Curtis, of the same town, and they had five children, none of whom are now living: Ephraim was a spice importer of New York City; Thaddeus, who was for many years the postmaster at Birmingham, now Derby, also conducted a grocery store there for some time, and later became president of the Birmingham Savings Bank; Philo, our subject's father, is mentioned below; Rebecca never married; Joseph, a farmer, died at the age of forty-one.

Philo Birdseye, the father of our subject, was born in the town of Huntington, and learned the tailor's trade in his youth. After a time he went to Georgia to continue that business, but he finally settled upon a farm in Huntington, where he was accidentally killed in 1874. He was a Republican in politics, and in religious connection, was for many years an active worker in the Congregational Church. He married Miss Sarah Tucker, who survives him, with two children: Fannie, wife of Louis A. Downs, a wholesale corset dealer in Chicago; and Royal J., our subject. Mrs. Sarah Birdseye is a native of New Haven county, where her father was a prominent farmer. This family is also of English descent.

Our subject was born June 4, 1848, at the old homestead in the town of Huntington, and was reared to farm work. He attended the local schools for a time, and afterward pursued a more advanced course of study in the public schools of Birmingham and a select school at Huntington. He entered upon his business career as a shipping clerk for Downs & Birdseye, of Shelton, with whom he remained three years, and since that time he has been engaged in agricultural and dairying at his present homestead near Huntington village. The farm contains 150 acres, affording an excellent opportunity for conducting his business on a profitable scale, and for thirteen years he has made a specialty of wholesaling milk. While Mr. Birdseye is not a politician, he is a strong believer in the principles and policy of the Republican party. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist.

In 1874 Mr. Birdseye married Miss Gertrude E. Booth, daughter of David and Julia (Lewis) Booth, prominent residents of the town of Huntington. Two children have blessed this union: Olive, wife of John Wilkinson, a carpenter in Bridgeport; and George, who is employed by Downs & Birdseye, of Shelton.

WILLIAM E. MARSH. Few residents of Bridgeport are held in as high esteem by the general public as is this well-known citizen, who for a quarter of a century served as chief of police of that thriving city. On his retirement in 1890 his fellow townsmen presented him with a beautiful and costly gold medal, set with diamonds, in token of their appreciation of his faithful and efficient services in that difficult position, and this is now one of his most treasured possessions.

Mr. Marsh comes of good old Colonial stock in both lines, and his paternal ancestors came from Scotland at an early day. Benjamin Marsh, his grandfather, was born in Newport, R. I., and became a shoe manufacturer there. He had several sons, some of whom engaged in the same business, while others followed carpentering, etc.

Samuel J. Marsh, the father of our subject, was born and reared at Newport, and early in life learned the ship carpenter's trade, which he followed many years, his death occurring at Newport. His wife, Mary C. Williams, who died in Massachusetts, was a descendant of Roger Will-

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iams, and a daughter of John Williams, who was one of the prominent business men of Rhode Island in his day, owning ships which ran between America and the East Indies, serving as president of a bank and carrying on general merchandising. He also owned a large tract of land at Newport. Of his sons, Thomas was president of a bank at Warren, R. I.; John was president of the Eagle Bank in Boston; and Richard was at the head of a bank in Newport. Samuel J. and Mary C. Marsh had the following named children: Samuel J., a farmer at Cascade, Iowa, who enlisted in the Union army during the Civil war, and died in hospital; Sally W., widow of Edward Barker, of Newport; Phœbe, who died in childhood; William E., our subject; Phœbe (2), now deceased, who married Charles Barker, of Newport; and Edward P., an undertaker in Newport.

Our subject was born February 13, 1828, in Newport, and was educated in the schools of that place, at the age of nineteen going to Gardiner, Mass., where he learned the business of chair making and painting, serving an apprenticeship of two years. In 1850 he went to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama, and on his arrival engaged in mining, spending about thirty months there. In June, 1854, he came to Bridgeport, and here established himself in business as a chair manufacturer, but in 1863 he was obliged to abandon it on account of difficulties arising through the war, and for some time following he was employed as a salesman by Bridgeport firms. At various times he acted as chief of police, about five years in all, and in 1869, when the force was reorganized upon the present lines, his able discharge of duty having attracted attention, he was appointed chief, holding the office with the exception of one year until January 1, 1890. At present he is engaged in the wholesale cigar business. Politically Mr. Marsh is a Republican, and among the other municipal offices which he has held is that of councilman, to which he was elected in 1862. Socially he and his family are prominent, and for thirty years he has been a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 4, F. & A. M., and the I. O. O. F., at Bridgeport.

On May 22, 1850, Mr. Marsh married Miss Nancy W. Putnam, a native of Gardiner, Mass., and a descendant of General Putnam, of Revolutionary fame. Her grandfather, John Putnam, was born probably in Massachusetts, and Amasa Putnam, her father, was a native of Gardiner, where he engaged in farming in early manhood. Later he engaged in shoemaking and the manufacture of chairs, removing to Boston, where he followed the latter business for some time. He died September 3, 1840, while on his return from the Bermuda Islands, and was buried at sea. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Temple, was of English descent, and was born in Gardiner, the daughter of Ahio Temple, a native of Massachusetts. Seven children were born to Amasa Putnam and his wife: Amasa, who died at the age of eighteen; Mary, Mrs. Sumner Simonds; Lucy, Mrs. L. H. Sawin; Martha, Mrs. Augustus Knowlton; Nancy W., wife of our subject; Sarah, Mrs. Amasa Merritt; and Betsey, Mrs. Jabez L. Beebe. Of this family the three last named survive.

CHARLES N. HASKELL, M. D. The medical fraternity in this section is composed of an exceptionally gifted class of men, and this well-known physician of Bridgeport may well take pride in the high standing which he has won in the profession. His preparatory course, including a study of the principles of both the Homeopathic and Allopathic schools, together with extended observation in hospital wards, has given him a practical knowledge obtainable in no other way.

Doctor Haskell was born May 11, 1862, at Woodstock, Vt., and in the paternal line is of English descent. It is a fact that the Haskell family can trace its ancestry, and can prove it, for more than one thousand years, and this the Queen of England can not do. There have been few geniuses among them, but there have been strong, faithful and honest men and women, from the time when Oseytel, the Saxon bishop, bearded his King in favor of the Witenagemote; from the time when Roget de Haskell, at the battle of Hastings, dashed forward, and, amid a shower of the enemy's arrows, secured and brought to William, the Conqueror, who was exhausted from lack of food, the fruit from an apple tree which stood near the line of Harold the Great, the enemy; from the time Ordegar Haskell trained with Cromwell's Ironsides on the fens of Lincolnshire; from the time when Surrey Haskell flashed his sword for Prince Charles; from the time when William, Roger and Mark Haskell landed at Salem in 1632; from the time when George Washington, in his personal letter, complimented Prince Haskell for his courage in the Revolution; from that time to this there has been no blot upon their record, no shame or disgrace attached to the name.

The Doctor is a direct descendant of William Haskell, one of the three brothers who came to this country from England in 1632 and located in Gloucester, Mass. His grandfather, Nahum

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Haskell, was born in Gloucester, Mass., whence, after a sojourn in Dartmouth, he removed to Woodstock, Vt., where he became the editor of a newspaper.

Dr. James N. Haskell, our subject's father, was born and reared in Woodstock, Vt., and graduated from the medical college in that city. In early manhood he engaged in the practice of dentistry, becoming, in his day, the most noted dentist in the State of Vermont. Later he practiced medicine, and the latter years of his life were passed in St. Louis, Mo., where he died in 1884. His wife, Loraine (Young), who passed away in 1878, was a native of Woodstock, Vt., and was of Scottish descent. Her father, John Young, who served as a soldier in the war of 1812, lived to the advanced age of ninety-one years, and, although a man of small stature, was noted for his great physical strength and endurance.

Our subject, who was the only child of his parents, was educated in Vermont, attending the public schools, and also receiving instruction from private teachers. His mind was most receptive, and, learning readily, he easily stood at the head of his class in school. His energy and ambition, when a mere child, caused his parents no little anxiety. He studied shorthand and telegraphy, mastering the latter art in the surprisingly short period of one month, and was at one time the youngest operator in the United States. His favorite recreation, when but ten years of age, was playing checkers with another youthful operator in a distant city, by telegraph. A few years later, after leaving school, he became one of the most skillful operators in the country, being employed in that capacity and holding many positions of responsibility in the large offices of the country, from Maine to California. In 1884 he won a prize for fast sending, in a tournament held in Chicago. He early developed a liking for the stage, and was an active member of several amateur dramatic organizations in different cities where he resided. In the season of 1879–80 he played with the first "Pinafore" company that toured New England. Having depended entirely upon his own resources from his tenth birthday (from choice rather than from necessity), it was no hardship for him to earn and save enough to enable him to carry out the ambition which he had cherished from childhood—to study medicine. He first enlisted in homeopathy, and entered the office of Dr. F. M. Bennett, a prominent homeopathist of Springfield, Mass. For nearly two years he was employed as chief operator in the Western Union telegraph office, and, after working hard all day, would study the elements of his chosen profession far into the night. After this course of preparation he finally entered the New York Homeopathic Medical College. It was not long, however, before he abandoned the theory of homeopathy for the more substantial practice of allopathy. After three years of study he was graduated from the University of Vermont in 1890, being awarded second prize for high standing in his class, while, in the intervals of other work, he took courses of instruction in hospitals in Boston, in connection with the Harvard Medical School and the different hospitals in New York. He also served a year as assistant instructor in pathology in the Post-Graduate Medical School in New York.

In 1891 Doctor Haskell located in Bridgeport, where he soon built up a lucrative practice. Not long after his arrival he was appointed to the post of city physician and attending surgeon of the Emergency Hospital, but two years later he resigned both positions in order to devote his entire time to his practice. The Doctor belongs to the City, County and State Medical Associations, and, socially, is a member of the I. O. O. F. Politically, he is independent, and he has had neither the ambition nor the time to enter the struggle for official honors.

JOHN McCARTHY is now the leading coal and wood dealer of Danbury, and the story of his life suggests a useful lesson in self-reliance.

Mr. McCarthy was born May 3, 1856, in County Clare, Ireland, the son of Malachi and grandson of Jeremiah McCarthy. His father was born in the same locality, and died there. His mother, Mrs. Winifred (Keating) McCarthy, who was born in Ireland, now makes her home with our subject, who is the youngest of a family of six children, the others being Mary, Margaret, Kate, Bridget and Annie.

John McCarthy attended school in his native land until he reached the age of thirteen, when he began to work as a farm hand. The prospects for advancement were not satisfactory to a lad of his ability and force of character, and when sixteen he came to America, landing in New York City May 22, 1872. His first employment was in a button factory in New Milford, Conn., where he remained four years, and in 1876 he removed to Danbury to work as a finisher in the hat factory of Beckerle & Co. Five years were spent with them, and in 1882 he established his present business, in which he speedily built up a large and lucrative trade. In 1887 he bought William Mansfield's coal business and

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added it to his own, which he enlarged still further in 1889 by purchasing Patrick Murray's trade and good will. In 1892 he bought from A. E. Graves the contract for sprinkling the streets of Danbury, which he has since filled, and in this work, together with the hauling of coal and wood, he keeps sixteen horses busy, winter and summer. His office is at No. 1 Elm street.

Mr. McCarthy has a pleasant home at No. 15 McDermott street, Danbury. He married Miss Margaret Kane, daughter of Connor and Joanna (Wixted) Kane, of Danbury, and three children, Josephine, John Augustus and Rina, bless this union. Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy are members of the Roman Catholic Church. In political faith our subject is a Democrat, and he has twice been a candidate for selectman in his town; each time, however, his ticket was defeated, and he went down with the rest. His worth as a citizen is recognized, and he has at times been appointed to offices, for two years serving as a member of the board of relief in Danbury, and at present he is serving a four-years' term as trustee of the Reform School for Boys, located near Meriden, Connecticut.

ANDREW SHERMAN. Every profession and business has its prominent men, some made so by long and dilligent application to their respective occupations, others by proficiency in their callings. The subject of this sketch has a claim to both categories, as he has been made conspicuous among the manufacturers of Bethel, Fairfield county, both by the length of time he devoted to the industry with which he was connected, and by the eminent success he made in it.

Our subject was born in Brookfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., April 12, 1820, and comes of old New England stock. His ancestors were for the most part agriculturists, and Andrew Sherman, his grandfather, followed that pursuit in Newtown, of which he was a lifelong resident. He died April 23, 1809, at the age of forty-nine years. His wife, Betsey (Lake), passed from earth November 29, 1843, aged seventy-seven years. They had four children, as follows: Annie, Mrs. Ezra Fairchild; David, a brief sketch of whom follows; Zalmon, of Newtown; and Lucretia, wife of Hiram Shepard, of Newtown.

David Sherman, father of our subject, was born in Newtown, Conn., July 14, 1793, and died August 3, 1860. He received a fair education at the district schools of his native town, and when old enough commenced learning the hatter's trade with Elam Benedict, of Bethel. In course of time he commenced the hat-manufacturing business for his own account, in Elmwood District, of Bethel, and continued same up to about the time of his death. On October 17, 1815, he married Tamar Beebe, who was born April 9, 1791, and died November 14, 1860. She was a daughter of Ethel and Naomi Beebe, the former of whom died May 19, 1812, aged forty-seven years, the latter on June 2, 1841, aged seventy-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman had a family of five children, a brief record of whom is as follows: Ethel B., born October 9, 1816, married Susan Dart, November 23, 1845, and died at the age of seventy-two years; Andrew is our subject; William Wright, born December 11, 1821, in Brookfield, was married November 29, 1854, to Angeline Gale, who was born February 14, 1831; Lemuel V., born at Bethel, Conn., January 9, 1825, married Harriet Peet, October 14, 1846; and Mary Jane, born December 19, 1833, was married October 13, 1856, to George N. Fairchild, since deceased. The parents of this family were members of the M. E. Church.

Andrew Sherman received his education at the Wild Cat District school, and learned the trade of hatter with his father. He engaged first with Fisher & Co., and afterward with George G. Durant, but since 1896 he has been retired from active work. On October 26, 1842, Mr. Sherman was married to Miss Mary Fairchild, who was born June 26, 1820, and died January 29, 1860. Two children were born to this union, as follows: Maria, who is deceased; and William A., who is engaged in gold-mining in Salt Lake, Utah (he was twice married, first, to Lizzie Robinson, and, second, to Laura Kiem, and has two children—Andrew Fairchild and Mary Kiem). For his second wife, Andrew Sherman was married in Newtown, May 1, 1861, to Sarah Blackman, who was born June 22, 1828, and died April 15, 1887, and the children of this union are: Mary Helen, born February 23, 1863, who married Leonard S. Smith, of Bethel; and Frederick B., born January 3, 1865, living at home. Mr. Sherman in his political preferences is a Republican, and has served as selectman of Bethel; in religious faith he is a prominent member of the M. E. Church at Bethel, and he is held in the highest esteem by all who know him.

W. B. MEEKER, a highly esteemed citizen of Fairfield township, was for many years identified with the mercantile and shipping interests of Southport, and although he is now living in retirement he reaps in the respect of his

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fellow citizens the reward of an honorable and upright business life. He still owns the vessel "Walter," which is run under his direction, and he also oversees in a general way the work of his homestead, a valuable farm near Southport, while notwithstanding his failing health he displays much of the public spirit which made him in his earlier years an influential worker in the cause of progress in his locality.

The Meeker family has been well-known in Fairfield township for several generations, and Seth Meeker, our subject's grandfather, made his home there. W. B. Meeker (1), our subject's father, was a lifelong resident of the town, and at an early age became interested in the shipping trade. At that time large quantities of grain were raised in that locality, and for many years he shipped loads from Southport to supply the market at other points. He conducted a store at Southport, and at one time owned several vessels which were employed in the grain trade. He was a shrewd and energetic business man, and although he began life poor he acquired a handsome competence. In politics he was a stanch Whig, but he never sought or held public office. He died at the age of seventy-three, and his wife, whose maiden name was Marietta Jennings, passed away when aged seventy-two. She was a daughter of Burr Jennings, a well-known agriculturist of Greens Farms. Our subject was the youngest in a family of five children, the others being Julia (now Mrs. Taylor), a widow residing in Boston, Mass.; Matilda (deceased), who married John Simpson; Miss Emily, who resides at Southport; and Eleanor, who married William Howell, and died in Southport.

Our subject was born February 24, 1829, and was reared on the old homestead at Southport. His education was obtained in the local schools, Orange Hubbell being one of his teachers. The opportunities afforded were much inferior to those of the present day in that locality, and for this change Mr. Meeker is himself largely responsible, as his own deprivations led him to make special effort in his manhood to secure the adoption of better methods. For eleven years he was connected officially with the educational affairs of his town, and at all times his influence was a power on the side of improvement. As a boy he gained practical knowledge of mercantile business in his father's store, and at the age of twenty-two he became a partner in that enterprise, his father's former partner, Simon Sherwood, retiring. At the death of his father our subject took entire charge of the business; but on account of illness he disposed of it about 1878, and retired to his farm. In his younger days he was a skillful navigator, being familiar with every detail of a sailor's work, and as a vessel master he gained much popularity.

His domestic life has been of the kind which fosters and develops the higher qualities of human nature, and to him no place is so dear as home. At the age of twenty-four Mr. Wheeler married Miss Eliza H. Jennings, daughter of Joseph and Amelia (Hull) Jennings. The only child of this union, Ada A., died aged twenty-two years, leaving a sense of loss which nothing can dispell in the hearts of her loving parents. Mr. Meeker and his estimable wife are leading members of the Congregational Church at Southport, to which he is a liberal contributor, and at the time of the building of the present handsome edifice he was one of the building committee. He is a member of Temple Lodge No. 65, F. & A. M., at Westport, and of Hamilton Commandery, No. 5, K. T., of Bridgeport. Politically he is a believer in Republican principles, but he has not aspired to official honors.

A L. MEAD, farmer, dairyman and stockman of Clapboard Ridge District, town of Greenwich, Fairfield county, is a member of an old family whose members have been ranked among the best citizens of Greenwich for generations. Among the younger agriculturists of the township none stands higher than our subject, who is keeping up the reputation established by his ancestors for success in farming, and has gained prosperity beyond the average.

The great-grandfather of A. L. Mead was Abram Mead, whose son Job reared a family of five children, namely: Zachias, Abram, Amanda, Eliza and Emeline. Of these, Abram was born in Clapboard Ridge District, and was but a young boy when his parents settled on the farm where he spent his days, the place now occupied by our subject. He was educated in the primitive schools in vogue during his boyhood, and grew up to the knowledge of farming under his father's instruction, proving an apt pupil in that line. After his father's death the home farm came into his possession, and he displayed more than ordinary ability in its management and cultivation, always seeming to get the best results and wresting more than a mere living from from the soil. He added to the tract as increasing means enabled him, and at the time of his death was the owner of three hundred acres of arable land. He passed away in January, 1867, at the age of sixty-five years, highly respected by his neighbors, among whom he had a wide acquaintance, and his remains were interred in the

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cemetery of the Congregational Church at Greenwich, of which he was a member. He was a Republican politically. Mr. Mead married Abigail Selleck, who was born in Greenwich township, daughter of Sands Selleck, and seven children came to their marriage, viz.: Henry C., who is a farmer in Greenwich; Elsie, deceased wife of Abram Close; Samuel, who has a butcher and grocery business at Five Mile River, Fairfield county; Emeline, Mrs. Isaac Wilson, of Greenwich township; A. L.; William E., a farmer of Greenwich; and Frederick B., of Five Mile River. The mother, now aged seventy years, is passing her declining years on the homestead with her son, our subject.

A. L. Mead, whose name introduces these lines, was born October 22, 1859, on his present farm, and here he has passed his entire life, attending the district schools in his early boyhood. For one year he was a pupil in Greenwich Academy under Professor Webster, receiving altogether a good practical education. He commenced the earnest work of life at rather an early age, and has always been an energetic worker, progressive in every sense of the word, and one of those citizens whose labors count in the advancement of the community. He owns 175 acres of the old home farm, and in addition to his necessarily extensive farming interests is engaged in stock dealing, and, since 1890, in the dairy business. His herd consists of from fifteen to twenty cows, and he wholesales the milk, adding considerably to his income by this profitable enterprise.

Mr. Mead has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Mary E. Wishart, of North Castle township, Westchester Co., N. Y., by whom he had two sons: Elmer and Harry. After her death he wedded Miss Martha Worden, of North Castle, Westchester county, by whom he has two daughters: Lillian and Grace. Mr. Mead's political symphathies are with the Republican party, with which he votes in State and National affairs; in local issues he is non-partisan. Mrs. Mead is a member of the Methodist Church.

J. F. ROWELL, M. D., the health officer of Stamford, Fairfield county, is one of the youngest physicians of the county.

Born March 20, 1874, at Dalton, N. H., Doctor Rowell is a son of Charles E. Rowell, M. D., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Stamford. Young Rowell was educated in the public schools of Stamford. In 1892 he entered the Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, Penn., and in 1895 was graduated therefrom. After his graduation he returned to Stamford, and there located in the practice of his profession. He was soon chosen health officer of the city, and has very acceptably discharged the duties of the position. He is also at this time post surgeon of the militia at this point. He is a bright, talented, young man, just on the threshold of his professional career with a record yet to be made; but untiring, studious, and ambitious, there is no doubt but that his reward will come. He is a genial and sociable, and popular with the masses.

Doctor Rowell is the keeper of Wampum of Powahay Tribe No. 33, Powahay Hay Loft of the order of Red Men. He is Vice Chancellor of Excelsior Lodge No. 49, K. of P. He is also a member of Union Lodge, F. & A. M.

EDWARD DUFFY, one of the prosperous mechanics and extensive real-estate owners of Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., is a native o Ireland, having been born August 1, 1832, in County Monaghan. His father, also named Edward, was also born in County Monaghan, and was a farmer and linen weaver by occupation; at one time he was also engaged as a contractor. The mother's name was Margaret Connolly.

Mr. Duffy lived in his native country until twenty years of age, receiving his education in the National schools of the neighborhood of his home. On his arrival in America he came to Stamford, and here obtained employment with the Stamford Manufacturing Company, in their factory at the Cove, where he remained continuously from July, 1852, to August, 1869. By steady industry, thrift and economy, he had managed to accumulate in that time enough capital to embark in business, and accordingly, in 1869, he started a retail grocery and liquor store on the Cove road, which he has ever since conducted. The requirements of his increasing trade, however, had long outgrown the capacity of that establishment, and in 1890 he opened his wholesale liquor house at Nos. 34-36 Pacific street, Stamford, where he does a thriving business. In the course of years he has acquired extensive real-estate holdings there, and he is ranked among the most successful self-made men in the town which has been the scene of his active business career. He has been a Democrat ever since he became a citizen of the United States, and has devoted considerable time to public affairs in his town, for whose advancement and improvement he is always ready to give his aid and influence. For the past eight years he has served as tax collector, and for three years as a

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member of the city council from the Second ward, during this period acting on the committee on Sidewalks, Crosswalks and Parks, and on the one having supervision of fire districts, electric lights, etc.

On April 27, 1857, Mr. Duffy was married, in Stamford, to Bridget Gaskin, who died in 1880. Of their family of nine children only two are living: James F. and Margaret Jane. For his second wife Mr. Duffy was married in New York City, to Miss Winnifred Morrin, of that place. They are Roman Catholics in religious faith, and Mr. Duffy is a member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, one of the trustees of the parish, and a member of the Catholic Benevolent Legion.

ARTHUR J. CLARK. The advice that Horace Greeley gave to the rising generation to "go west" does not necessarily imply that there are no opportunities in the East, and with the requisite amount of courage the American youth can succeed in any part of the country. This is aply illustrated in the life and career of Arthur J. Clark, whe is the president of the Union Transfer Company, located at No. 334 Water street, Bridgeport.

Albert Clark, the father of our subject, was a native of Monticello, N. Y., and received a good common-school education in New York City. During the Civil war he offered his services for the de ense of his country, becoming a member of the 7th N. Y. V. I., known as the "Washington Grays," with which he served two years. At the battle of Bull Run he was severely wounded, as a result losing the sight of one eye, and being unfitted for further service he returned home. Mr. Clark engaged in the manufacture of burlap bags for grain, and acted as head salesman for five years, after which he began the manufacture of papier-maché goods for himself. He was united in marriage at Tashua, Fairfield county, with Miss Mary E. Mallette, daughter of George Mallette, who was of French ancestry, and they became the parents of the following named children: Bertha E., who married George B. Ferris, of Newtown, Conn., and has four children—Elsie, Herbert, George and Arthur; George A., of Tashua, who married Edith Turney, and has one child, Beatrice; and Arthur J., our subject. Albert Clark passed away in August, 1891, after suffering for twelve years with locomotor ataxia, deeply mourned by his devoted wife and children.

Arthur J. Clark was born June 15, 1870, in Tashua (the Indian name for "High Hill"), town of Trumbull, Fairfield Co., Conn. His facilities for securing an education were unusually good; at the age of fourteen he left the district schools and entered the Hills high school, remaining two years, and then for the same length of time was a student at the Easton Academy. On leaving school, at the age of eighteen, he went on the road for the Deverall Perfection Manufacturing Company, of Brooklyn, and continued with this firm until his marriage.

In September, 1891, Mr. Clark was married, at Plattsville, to Miss Addie M. Godfrey, and in June of the following year he located at Bridgeport, becoming secretary of the S. M. Gate, Jr., Transfer Company. The name of the company was changed in February, 1893, to the Union Transfer Company, and on July 5, 1894, Mr. Clark was elected president and treasurer of same, still holding this responsible position with great credit to himself and with satisfaction to those most concerned. The company does heavy trucking, and makes a specialty of moving the heaviest machinery, employing usually about fifteen men, and, judging by the patronage which the firm enjoys, it is safe to assume that the company gives the best to the public it serves. Mr. Clark is an active worker among the young men of the Republican party, and is public spirited and progressive, ever ready to assist in any movement that tends to the advancement of the town or county. Fraternally, he is a member of Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, I. O. O. F., of Bridgeport, and he and his wife occupy a prominent social position. During the winter they make their home in Bridgeport, but in the warm weather they reside at their delightful summer home at Plattsville.

JOHN GREENWALD, JR., well-known in New Canaan and the surrounding district as a member of the firm of Wolfel & Greenwald, was born in that town January 30, 1862.

John Greenwald, Sr., our subject's father, was a native of the Fatherland, born in 1831, in Wittenberg, where he grew to manhood. He received his education in the public schools, and in common with all boys in Germany was soon afterward put at a trade, learning shoemaking. When a young man he came to America, and settling in New Canaan, Conn., commenced working at his trade. For the greater part of the time he has been in the employ of the Benedict Shoe Company at New Canaan, but he has also worked for Lounsbury & Soule, of Stamford. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company H, of a Connecticut Volunteer regiment, and served throughout the struggle. Mr. Greenwald was married at New Canaan to Mary Eliza-

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beth Cabler, who, like himself, was born in Wittenberg, Germany, and three children were born to them—Theodore, who is a resident of Port Chester, N. Y.; John, Jr.; and Lizzie, Mrs. Ralph Burchard, of Darien, who has had two children—Ivy, and a daughter. In social connection Mr. Greenwald is a member of Wooster Lodge, No. 37, I. O. O. F., and of the G. A. R. Post at New Canaan.

John Greenwald, Jr., whose name introduces this sketch, attended the Center District school of New Canaan during his boyhood. After his school days were over he commenced to learn the tailor's trade, but he soon abandoned it for the one he now follows, tinsmithing. He served his apprenticeship under John E. Whitney at New Canaan, and subsequently acquired a thorough knowledge of steam and gas-fitting with E. J. Yeemans, of Bethel, with whom he remained five years. He was also in the employ of Ryan Bros., at Bethel, worked two years for John Powell, at South Norwalk, and one year for Lum in the plumbing and tinning business at Stamford. In 1895 Mr. Greenwald came back to New Canaan, and on April 1 formed his present partnership with F. J. Wolfel, under the firm name of Wolfel & Greenwald. Their first establishment was on Railroad avenue, where they remained until April, 1896, since which time they have occupied the store formerly used by John E. Whitney. They do a thriving business in this locality, giving special attention to tinning and steam and hot-water heating.

Our subject was married, in 1894, at Norwalk, Conn., to Miss Susie Smith, daughter of Frank Smith, of that place. Three children have come to bless this union—Theodore, Henry and Lilly. Fraternally, Mr. Greenwald is an Odd Fellow, being a member of Wooster Lodge, No. 37, New Canaan.

CHARLES STEVENS, of the Omaha Beef Company, No. 72 White street, Danbury, is one of the enterprising and successful citizens of that pleasant city. He is a self-made man, deserving great credit for the foresight and energy with which he has made his way through unpromising circumstances to his present position in the business world.

The Stevens family has been identified for generations past with Wiltshire, England, where our subject's grandfather, James Stevens, and father, Charles Stevens, Sr., were both born. The latter was a laborer by occupation, and always made his home in Wiltshire, where he died. He married Emma Goodwin, daughter of John Goodwin, who was born at the same place, and they had five children: Jane, Luke, Edward, Charles and Eliza.

Charles Stevens was born at the old home in Wiltshire, and his education was obtained in the public schools of that locality. At the age of ten years he began the serious work of breadwinning, finding employment on a farm. Being too ambitious to be contented with the prospect of continuing at day labor all his life, he determined to come to America, and at the age of twenty-one he carried out his resolution, landing in New York City. He spent a day in viewing the unaccustomed scenes, and then went to Danbury to work on a farm for Orlando Wildman, with whom he remained five months. He spent the next three years in the employ of D. P. Nichols, then State treasurer, and one year in traveling through New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts in the interests of Isaac W. Ives, selling his medicine, "The Wine of the Woods." Mr. Stevens was by this time prepared to engage in business on his own account, and purchasing a fish market in Danbury, he conducted it successfully for four years, for three years of this time carrying on another establishment of the same kind in South Norwalk, in partnership with Leroy Adams. In 1878 he formed a partnership with A. W. Cole, under the firm name of Cole & Stevens, and went into the retail meat business at No. 1 Liberty street, Danbury. This partnership continued twelve years, and in 1890 Mr. Stevens accepted the position of manager for the Phœnix Beef Company, which was then composed of M. H. Griffin, of Danbury, and Thomas N. Purdy, of Purdy Station, N. Y. After some time Mr. Stevens joined the McElroy Brothers, of Bridgeport, and purchased the business of the Phœnix Beef Company, re-naming it the Omaha Beef Company, and in 1895 A. W. Cole was also admitted into the firm. Mr. Stevens has continued to act as manager throughout this entire period, and the success of the business is due to his judicious and well-directed efforts. They handle large quantities of western-dressed beef, hogs, sheep, lambs, poultry, hams, lard and general produce, and have an extensive local trade in addition to a wholesale business with dealers in various States.

Mr. Stevens married Miss Isabella M. Cole, of Wiltshire, England, a daughter of Luke and Sophia (Newberry) Cole, and a sister of A. W. Cole, mentioned above. One daughter, Emma, blesses this union. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens are prominent members of St. James Episcopal Church at Danbury, and he also belongs to several fraternal orders, holding membership in

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he Sons of St. George; Union Lodge, F. & A. M., nd the Royal Arcanum. He takes an intelli- ent interest in all that concerns the welfare of is adopted country, and while he is by no neans a politician he is an ardent believer in the rinciples of the Republican party.

WILLIAM THOMPSON, one of the pros- perous self-made men of Glenville, Fair- ield county, has made his home there since 1867, nd in that time has established himself in busi- ess and become the owner of a nice property.

Mr. Thompson is a native of England, born pril 30, 1848, in Manchester, and came to merica with his parents in the spring of 1863, anding in New York City. He followed in the otsteps of his father, working at the weaver's rade from an early age, and after coming to merica found employment at weaving in the ifferent towns in which the family lived, New amburg, Glenhaven (near Fishkill), Cornwall- n-the-Hudson (all in New York), Philadelphia, renton, and Rockville (Conn.). Up to his wentieth year he gave his earnings to his parents, nd in 1867 started out in life for himself, in that ear settling in Glenville, where he has since re- ained. For over fifteen years after his removal ere he was employed in the Hawthorne Woolen ills, then known as the Glenville Woolen Mills, nd in April, 1882, he opened the liquor store hich he has since conducted, renting during the st two years. In 1884 he erected the commo- ous business room and dwelling which he still cupies, building on the site of the "Old Sher- ood Place," which was one of the oldest houses the town of Greenwich; when it was torn own people flocked from miles around to get eces of timber, etc., for relics. Mr. Thomp- n has now a comfortable home and thriving siness, which he has acquired by industry and onomy, and he and his family are respected embers of the community. He married Miss na Boles, of Greenwich, daughter of David nd Ann (Haggerty) Boles, and she has proved a pable and reliable helpmeet. They have reared family of five children, namely: Mary F., who the wife of Orville Sheldon, of Greenwich, ass.; Charles, living at home; Eva, Mrs. John cKeever, of Glenville; William, Jr., and Helen, th at home. George, twin of Helen, died in ildhood. Mrs. Thompson attends the Cath- c Church. Politically Mr. Thompson is a emocrat, but he votes independently in town- ip affairs, supporting the candidate he consid- s most worthy of office.

George and Ann (Brilay) Thompson, parents of our subject, sailed from England with their family March 31, 1863, on the "Ætna," and landed in New York City April 13 following. They proceeded first to New Hamburg, N. Y., whence they moved to Glenhaven (near Fishkill) and Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, where they are still living, the father aged seventy-three years, the mother seventy-one. He followed his trade of weaver in all these places. Their family con- sisted of five children, as follows: Joseph, who is a resident of Cornwall-on-the-Hudson; Will- iam; Mark, who is a boss weaver in Philadelphia; George, living in California; and Mary H., born in the United States, who is the wife of Robert Fitzroy, of West Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM B. BRISTOL, of Stratford, senior member of the firm of Bristol & Jewell, the well-known dealers in meats and vegetables, is an able and enterprising business man, and enjoys a high reputation as a citizen, being both popular and influential in social life.

Mr. Bristol comes of an excellent family, and his great-grandfather, Isaac B. Bristol, was a farmer at Milford, New Haven Co., this State, where his remains are interred. Isaac C. Bristol (2), our subject's grandfather, was born in Mil- ford, whence in early manhood he came to Strat- ford, where he engaged in business as a comb manufacturer. He married Miss Susan Booth, sister of Silas C. Booth, a prominent resident of Bridgeport, where he served at one time as mayor. Two children were born of this union: Mary (now Mrs. Edwin Davis, of Stratford), and Walter B.

The last named was born in Stratford, and after completing a course of study in the local schools he learned the trade of gas fitter. He was a pioneer in this business, and for thirty years he conducted an establishment at No. 40 Wall street, Bridgeport, being regarded as one of the substantial citizens of that thriving town. His death occurred there January 17, 1889, but our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Dibble, is still living. She was born in Stratford, a daughter of Jabez B. Dibble, a native of Bethel, this county, and granddaughter of James Dibble, a farmer of the latter town. Jabez Dibble, who was a saddler by trade, mar- ried Mary A. Peck, of Stratford, daughter of Judson Peck (2), and granddaughter of Judson Peck (1), who was buried in Stratford. The Bristol family has been identified with the Metho- dist Church from an early date, and our subject's mother is a member of that Society, but his father attended the Episcopal Church. Our subject

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was the elder of two children, the younger of whom, Fred, died in infancy.

William B. Bristol was born in Stratford, April 21, 1860, and, after attending the common schools of the town for some years, he, at the age of sixteen, went to New Haven to take a course in Yale Business College. On leaving school he became a bookkeeper for Lewis W. Booth, a druggist in Bridgeport, with whom he remained five years. He then spent five years with another concern, and later formed a partnership with E. S. Youngs, under the firm name of Youngs & Bristol. For five years they carried on a retail hat business at No. 40 Wall street, Bridgeport, and since the dissolution of the firm he has been engaged in dealing in meats and vegetables in Stratford in partnership with George F. Jewell. On April 29, 1891, he married Miss Alice P. Lillingston, a native of Stratford, and daughter of David Lillingston, a well-known citizen. Three children brighten our subject's home: Ruth Bryant, Lewis Patterson and Harold Walter. Mr. Bristol and his wife are prominent socially, and he is one of the leading Freemasons of his locality, being a member of St. John's Lodge No. 8, F. & A. M., at Stratford, in which he served as master for three years, and now holds the office of treasurer; of Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, and Jerusalem Council No. 16, of Bridgeport, and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is also interested in military affairs, and has served twelve years in the Fourth Regiment Conn. N. G., holding every rank up to that of first lieutenant. Politically, he is a Republican, "dyed in the wool," his father and grandfather having been firm supporters of the principles of that party.

ALFLOYD DELAFIELD, a prominent resident of the town of Darien, is a descendant of two old and influential families of New York State.

Dr. Edward Delafield, father of our subject, and who was of New York State nativity, was for many years a leading practitioner in New York City, and also served as a surgeon during the war of 1812. He died in 1875, and his wife, whose maiden name was Julia Floyd, did not long survive him, passing away in 1879. She was a native of the Empire State, and her grandfather, William Floyd, was a delegate from that section to the Colonial Congress of 1776, and signed the Declaration of Independence. Our subject was the fourth in a family of five children, the others being: Dr. Francis Delafield, of New York City; Mrs. Catherine D. Wright; Mrs. Clarkson; and Miss E. H. Delafield.

Mr. Delafield was born in New York City in 1847, and after completing a course of study in Columbia College went to Europe for the study of mining engineering, spending two years at Freiberg, Saxony. In 1875 he located in the town of Darien, this county, and built a smelting establishment; but finding the investment unprofitable he abandoned the works, retiring from active business. In politics he is a Democrat, being conscientiously opposed to monopolies of any kind, and he is one of the trusted advisers of that party in his locality.

In 1876 Mr. Delafield married Miss Mary Anna Baker, of New York City. Both are members of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Noroton, and they hold a leading place in the best social circles. Mr. Delafield is a member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers, and also of the societies of the Sons of the Revolution, and of the War of 1812, and of the Military Order of Foreign Wars. He was one of the founders of the Wee Burn Golf Club of Noroton.

ALBERT WILLIAM COLE, a member of the Omaha Beef Company, a prosperous Danbury firm, is a young man of energy and ability, as his history indicates.

Mr. Cole is a native of Connecticut, but is of English blood, both his parents having been born in Wiltshire, England. His father, Luke Cole, was born in 1821, the son of Job and Mary Cole, and his mother, whose maiden name was Sophia Newberry, was born in 1822, the daughter of John and Mary Newberry. This worthy couple came to America early in their married life, and they are now highly-respected residents of Danbury. They had eight children—the first three born in England and the others in the United States—as follows: Isabella (now Mrs. Charles Stevens), Alfred Henry, Emily, Andrew George, Matilda (who died at the age of twelve years), Albert William, Anna and Fanny.

Albert W. Cole was born November 1, 1862, in Litchfield county, Conn., and was educated in the public schools of Bridgewater. At the age of fourteen he entered the employ of his brother-in-law, Charles Stevens, who conducted a fish and vegetable market in Danbury, remaining with him for six years, with the exception of one year when he was engaged in packing hats for the Tweedy Manufacturing Company. They then formed a partnership under the firm name of Cole & Stevens, adding a meat market to the original establishment, and this partnership lasted about twelve years, when Mr. Cole took the business and conducted it in his own name for

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eighteen months. On selling out to Elon Fairee he became a salesman for the Omaha Beef Company, and after serving in that capacity for a year became, in 1895, a partner in the concern, his popularity and business sagacity making him a valued member.

Mr. Cole married Sarah Baker, daughter of Nicholas and Esther (White) Baker, of Sylvan Lake, Dutchess Co., N. Y., and two children have been born of this union—Etta Irene and Alfred Henry. Mr. Cole and his wife are members of St. James Episcopal Church of Danbury, and take an active part in social life. Fraternally he is a member of the Royal Arcanum; in politics he adheres to the principles of the Democratic party.

DANIEL B. SHELTON, an enterprising young agriculturist and dairyman of the town of Huntington, is the owner of a fine farm four and one-half miles from the village of Shelton, and his management of the estate is marked by the scientific knowledge and skill which characterize the modern farmer.

Mr. Shelton is a representative of one of the leading families of his town, his great-grandfather, James Shelton, grandfather, Elisha Shelton, and father, Beach Shelton, having all been prosperous agriculturists there. Elisha Shelton married Miss Betsy Shelton, of the same town, and they had three children: Beach, our subject's father; James, a farmer and surveyor, who is still living; and Amanda, who died at the age of thirty, unmarried.

The late Beach Shelton was born in 1833 at the old homestead, where he grew to manhood. He was a Republican in politics, and was for many years an active member of the Episcopal Church. His death occurred March 9, 1893, and his estimable wife, whose maiden name was Sarah E. Smith, survives him. She was born in New Haven county, the daughter of Ephraim and Esther (Holbrook) Smith, and granddaughter of John Smith. They became the parents of six children, namely: Annie, who married Warren C. Hubbell, a farmer of Huntington township; Daniel B., our subject, who is mentioned more fully below; Abbie C., who is unmarried; Frederick, a watchmaker in Shelton, who married Carrie C. Curtis, daughter of David Curtis; Sarah E., a successful teacher in Shelton, and Lucy, who is employed as a typewriter in the same village.

Our subject was born July 14, 1863, in the town of Huntington, and was reared upon a farm, his education being obtained in the local schools. From early manhood he has been engaged in farming and dairying, and his tract of 250 acres enables him to do business on a large scale; he has an extensive milk route. He also conducts a cider mill and a steam sawmill upon the estate. Like his father, he is a stanch Republican. As a public-spirited citizen he can be relied upon to forward any worthy movement in his locality, and he contributes regularly to the support of the Episcopal Church.

On February 24, 1886, Mr. Shelton married Miss Hattie I. Beardsley, and five children brighten their home: Raymond B., Sarah E., Ada L., Gladys E. and Roy. Mrs. Shelton was born in the town of Monroe, the daughter of Charles A. Beardsley, granddaughter of John G. Beardsley, a farmer and shoemaker by occupation, and great-granddaughter of James F. Beardsley. Her father was also a native of Monroe township, and her mother, whose maiden name was Mary J. Peck, was born in Newtown, the daughter of Norman S. Peck.

CHARLES COMSTOCK owns and conducts a farm in Weed street, New Canaan, of which his great-grandfather, Abram Comstock, was the first resident. The latter was an extensive landholder here and elsewhere, and at one time owned land where the city of Rochester, N. Y., now stands. The family has always been a prominent one in New Canaan and Fairfield county.

Enoch Comstock, son of Abram Comstock, was born on the home farm in New Canaan, and there passed his entire life, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a very prosperous man, working his tract of 100 acres with fine results. He married Anna Weed, by whom he had four children—Cephas, of Marathon, N. Y.; Watts; John, who from the age of forty was a hermit in Massachusetts; and Abraham, who died young.

Watts Comstock, the father of Charles Comstock, was born in 1791 in Canaan parish, on the old farm, where he too passed the greater part of his life. He engaged in farming on the home place, which he inherited; but he was a student all his life, a man of broad ideas, and had large interests outside of the regular routine of farm life. Always a devout supporter of the Baptist faith, he gave the land and the larger part of the funds for the Baptist church at New Canaan, and he took a deep interest in local Church work and all religious movements. He was well educated, an excellent Greek scholar and a close student of the Bible, and prepared himself for the Baptist ministry, but he was not ordained. Active and

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public-minded in everything for the common good, he was honored with several local offices, among them those of selectman and justice of the peace, and was chosen by his fellow-citizens to represent the district in the State Legislature and State Senate, honors which he carried with becoming dignity, discharging the accompanying duties with characteristic thoughtfulness and conscientiousness. He was president of the New Canaan National Bank from the time of its formation until his death, which occurred May 7, 1876. Mr. Comstock was married in New Canaan to Nancy Hoyt, who passed away in 1875 at the advanced age of eighty-two years. Nine children came to them, of whom Andrew K. and Erastus are deceased; William is in California; Anna (Mrs. Ayers) and Frances (Mrs. Robert J. Bates) live in Binghamton, N. Y.; Stephen is dead; Charles lives on the home farm; Appollos is deceased; Edwin is a resident of Denver, Colorado.

Charles Comstock was born September 27, 1834, on the old home place in New Canaan, where in his boyhood he attended the public schools of the district. He also had the advantage of his father's learning, receiving much of his literary education at home. When nineteen years old he took charge of the home farm, which he has operated ever since, making many improvements which have materially increased the value of the place. The appearance of his land is sufficient evidence of his industry and ability, his success being but the natural result of steady work and good methods. There are many relics of his ancestors in the house and about the place, but it is modern in its comforts. In September, 1861, our subject was married to Mary P. Chichester, who was born at Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N. Y., daughter of Alanson Chichester. She died in November, 1891, leaving six children, namely: Genevieve (Mrs. Brinckerhoff), of New Canaan; Frances A., living in Ponus street, New Canaan; Lena C. (Mrs. Alfred S. Weed), of New Canaan; William W., residing in Springfield, Mass.; Charles A. and Mary P., who live at home. Mr. Comstock takes no active part in politics, or, indeed, in public matters. In religious connection he is a member of the New Canaan Episcopal Church.

MICHAEL J. MALONEY, a well-known citizen of Bridgeport, and an enterprising and successful business man, was born January 1, 1858, at Oldbury, England, of Irish ancestry. His grandparents were farming people in Ireland, and John Maloney, his father, who is now a retired resident of Bridgeport, was born in that country; in his youth he learned the mason's trade, which he followed for some time before coming to the United States in 1866. He married Miss Ann Shannon, a native of the same county in Ireland, and they had fourteen children, of whom the following lived to adult age, all residing in Bridgeport: Matthew J., a liquor dealer on Cannon street; John, who is with our subject; Mary, wife of Frank Tracey; Michael J., subject of this sketch; Thomas, who is in the employ of our subject; Joseph, an employe of the Graphaphone Company; and George, who is clerk in a shoe store.

Michael J. Maloney was a boy when his parents came to Bridgeport, and here he received the greater part of his education. On leaving school he worked for a time at screw-making, but at the age of twenty-five he became connected with a bottling establishment in Bridgeport, where he learned the details of the liquor business. Later he engaged in the retail liquor trade on Elm street, in 1890 selling out and opening his present store at the corner of Jones avenue and James street. In 1892 he bought a bottling establishment from George Vorschmitt, and since that time has carried on the business in connection with his retail trade, bottling ales, porter, lager, and mineral waters of all kinds for the local market, and he also has some out-of-town customers. Politically, Mr. Maloney is a Democrat, and he and his family are identified with the Catholic Church. He is popular socially, and belongs to the Arion Society, the Alpha Circle, Brotherhood of the Union, Hibernians, Emmetts, and Foresters of America, being a charter member of the local branch of the last-named order.

On November 14, 1888, Mr. Maloney married Miss Maggie Williams, daughter of Richard Williams, of Bridgeport. She died July 14, 1893, and in 1895 he married Miss Maggie O'Brien, daughter of John O'Brien, of Bridgeport. Two children were born of the first marriage: Margaret, who is at home, and Nellie, deceased.

WILLIAM T. WILLIAMS, an enterprising and energetic business man of the town of Westport, where he is conducting a first-class livery business, was born in Westport, Fairfield county, November 26, 1860.

Mr. Williams, on his father's side, is of English descent. For years the Williams family resided in the town of Darien, where George Williams, the father of our subject, was born, and where his father, William Williams, resided.

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George Williams early in life learned the trade of an iron-worker, and for many years followed same in Bridgeport, ironing carriages and other vehicles. He married Mary Connelly, a native of County Meath, Ireland, and shortly afterward they settled in Westport, where the following named five children were born to them: Charles E., now a hatter at South Norwalk; Elizabeth, unmarried; George, a hatter by trade, residing in Westport; William T., our subject; and Thomas, who died in infancy. The father of this family is a Democrat in his political views. He is a good citizen, and manifests an interest in all measures that look to the greatest good of the community. The mother passed away in 1896, and her death was mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

William T. Williams grew up in Westport, and attended the common schools there. He learned the hatter's trade in South Norwalk, and worked at that business some twelve years; during the last year he was so engaged, embarking in the liquor business in Westport, in which he has ever since continued. About six years ago he also began a livery business in the town, starting on a small scale, but he has gradually increased his stock until he now has a well-equipped stable, and is doing a good business. He is genial and affable in manner, accommodating and obliging —just the kind of a man that the public is pleased to deal with. He has erected a comfortable residence, commodious livery stable and neat saloon. Mr. Williams takes a commendable interest in public affairs, in national matters voting with the Democrats, but in local affairs he is entirely independent in his political actions. Fraternally, he is a member of the Order of Foresters and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

In 1886 our subject was married to Bridget Rice, a native of Westport, who is a daughter of Michael Rice, of Irish descent, and to this marriage two children have been born, namely: Robert and Vincent. The family attend the Catholic Church.

HERBERT M. CLAPP, M. D., a rising young physician and surgeon of Stratford, is winning an enviable reputation by his ability and skill in his chosen profession, and his friends look forward with confidence to a brilliant and useful career for him.

The Doctor comes of good Colonial stock, distinguished for learning and mental acumen, and Dr. Thomas Clapp, who served as president of Yale College for twenty-seven years, was a member of his family. The first ancestor of whom we have a definite account was Thomas Clapp, a native of England, who settled at Weymouth, Mass., about 1635. Samuel Clapp, our subject's grandfather, was a business man in Norton, Mass. His son John W., the father of our subject, was born in Norton, Mass., and now resides in Boston. By occupation he is a machinist and draftsman, and he has much inventive genius, having devised many important inventions, such as machines for knitting and sewing. He and his wife, who was formerly Miss Mary J. Grover, of Massachusetts, have had two children: Herbert M., our subject, and Olive L., who died at the age of sixteen.

Doctor Clapp was born April 6, 1866, in New Haven, Conn., where for some years he attended the public schools, including the high schools. Later he studied for four or five years under private tutors, and then entered the medical department of Yale College. After studying there for a time he went to the medical department of the University of Vermont, where he was graduated in 1890, and in the same year he took the examination before the New York State Board of Regents, receiving a license to practice in that Commonwealth. He first located in New York City, where he continued in practice until February, 1897, when he settled at Stratford. There he has met with gratifying success from the start, and he already enjoys a fine practice. Socially he is popular, but the numerous societies with which he has been identified in other cities are now too far away for him to continue in active membership. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and in religious faith is a Congregationalist.

In 1892 Doctor Clapp married Miss Charlotte Peck, of New York City, a daughter of Joseph Peck, who was a native of Lancaster, England. One daughter has blessed this union, Olive Louise, born June 20, 1893.

PATRICK J. FISHER, one of Danbury's faithful guardians of the peace, has been connected for a number of years with various departments of the municipal government, his able discharge of duty winning him the approbation of all classes.

Mr. Fisher was born in Albany, N. Y., November 4, 1854, the son of Dennis and Mary (Buckley) Fisher, both of whom were natives of Ireland; the father died in 1862. There were five children in the family: Anna, Patrick J., John, Dennis and William.

When our subject was three months old his parents removed to Danbury, and there he grew

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to manhood, receiving his education in the public schools. At the age of seventeen he began to work at the hatter's trade receiving $2.50 per week, and he spent over two years in the establishment of E. M. Sturtevant, after which he took a contract with the Tweedy Manufacturing Company, remaining with them for about ten years. He then received his present appointment in the police department, the duties of which he has continued to fill with signal success. He has also been actively identified with the fire department, and when but seventeen years old was elected to membership in the Humane Hose Company. At twenty-one he was made assistant foreman, and later was elected foreman, and was finally chosen chief engineer of the department, a position which he held for two years. He was a member of the board of water commissioners of the borough, and served as chairman of the committee until Danbury was organized as a city. He takes an active part in local politics, being one of the steadfast supporters of the Democratic party.

Mr. Fisher married Miss Margaret T. Shannon, daughter of William and Mary (Pendergast) Shannon, and five children have blessed their union: Dennis, Annie, William, and John, who are still at home, and Margaret, who lived only three months. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are both members of the Roman Catholic Church, and take keen interest in the welfare of that society.

DAVID BURR CURTISS, a leading agriculturist of the town of Trumbull, now occupies the old Curtiss homestead, a fine estate near the village of Nichols. He is a representative of a family well-known and highly respected in this section, and is of the eighth generation in descent from William Curtiss, who came from England in 1632 and settled at Roxbury, Mass., where he died two years later. As a genealogical record of the family appears elsewhere, it will suffice to trace here the line of descent to our subject, which includes William (2), who located at Stratford in 1639; Zachariah, born November 14, 1659, who married Hannah Porter; Zachariah (2), who died in 1748; Mitchell, born about 1722; Daniel Mitchell, who was born at Stratford, January 5, 1755, and made his home at Nichols; and David, our subject's father.

Hon. David Curtiss was born in Nichols, February 9, 1786, a son of Daniel Mitchell Curtiss and his wife, Huldah (Burr). In early manhood he engaged in farming at the old homestead, which was finally divided between him and a brother, and in 1834 he built a new residence fronting on the Huntington road; his death occurred there in 1863, when he was seventy-seven years of age. Like all of his name he was an excellent citizen, and for many years he was a prominent member of Trinity Episcopal Church at Nichols, which he helped to organize at an early date. Politically he was first a Whig, and later a Republican, and at one time he represented his town in the State Legislature. In 1833 he was married in Nichols to Miss Nancy Osborne (born in 1814, died in 1892), a daughter of Isaac Osborne, a respected resident of that locality. Our subject was the eldest of their three children: Cordelia (now deceased) married Thaddeus H. Blood, of Bridgeport, and had one son, Frederick C.; Charles S. resides in Monroe, this county.

David Burr Curtiss was born December 23, 1835, at his present homestead, and during boyhood attended the public schools of the vicinity and also a select school. In early manhood he worked for some time in a saddler's shop, and later was employed by a carriage-maker, but after the death of his father he took charge of the homestead. He is a progressive farmer, keeping well informed upon modern methods, and is a member of the Stratford Grange. Political life has no attractions for him, but he is interested in local movements of a non-partisan nature, and is especially active in religious work as a member of Trinity Episcopal Church at Nichols, in which he holds the office of warden. On September 27, 1857, Mr. Curtiss was married in that church to Miss Eleanor Lewis, daughter of George T. Lewis, and two children have blessed the union: Charles Burr and Ella May. The daughter married Frederick A. Curtiss, principal of the schools at Saybrook, Conn., and they have two sons, John Raymond and Joseph Burr.

WALTER STAPLETON, proprietor of the "Eldorado Café" in Bridgeport, is an energetic and enterprising young man, who has won financial success through his own efforts.

Born in Bridgeport, in January, 1865, Mr. Stapleton is a son of Dennis Stapleton, and a grandson of James Stapleton, who was a lifelong resident of County Tipperary, Ireland. Dennis Stapleton, the father of our subject, who is a native of County Tipperary, born in 1819, came when twenty-eight years of age to America, locating in Bridgeport, Conn., where he has since resided. In his youth he learned the trade of stationary engineer, and after thirty-two years

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of continuous work at his calling, for Philo H. Skidmore, of Bridgeport, he retired, having spent the last six years of his life in well-earned leisure. He has always taken an interest in politics, and is a stanch Democrat; in religious faith he is a Roman Catholic. His wife, Hannah (MacAuliff), who died December 24, 1891, was a native of Cork, Ireland. They had seven children: William, a machinist in Bridgeport; Maggie, who is unmarried; John, formerly a machinist, who died December 27, 1895; George F., a machinist in Bridgeport; Walter, our subject; James, who died in infancy; and Miss Mary A., a successful school teacher.

Mr. Stapleton's education was obtained in the schools of Bridgeport, and when eighteen years old he became a clerk in a grocery store conducted by his brother. After two years in that position he was employed five years as foreman for the Naugatuck Ice Company, and later he engaged in the manufacture and sale of carbonated beverages, in which he has since continued. In connection he conducts the saloon known as the "Eldorado Café" at Nos. 509–511 Water street, Bridgeport, in the "Atlantic Hotel" building, his establishment being as fine as any of the kind in the city. In July, 1899, he accepted the sole agency for Kutscher Bros. Weiss beer. He is a member of the local board of trade. Notwithstanding his business cares, Mr. Stapleton finds time to take part in local affairs, being an active worker in the Democratic organization, and at present he is a member of the State Central Committee from the Fourteenth Senatorial District. For two years he served on the board of fire commissioners under appointment made June 1, 1896. He is popular socially, being identified with the Turners, Foresters, Elks, Arions, Hibernians and other fraternal orders. On October 27, 1897, Mr. Stapleton was married to Miss Mary Curley, and they have one child, a daughter, named Marie.

FRED A. BURR. This enterprising young business man of Plattsville is successfully engaged in general mercantile business, and also conducts extensive milling operations, his executive ability and energy proving equal to the task of managing these varied interests in a thoroughly satisfactory manner.

Mr. Burr belongs to one of the old families of Fairfield township, and his grandfather, Ebenezer Burr, who was killed by the cars, was born in that town and followed farming there for many years. William Burr, our subject's father, was born in the town of Fairfield, where he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years. He is a Democrat in politics and has been somewhat active in local affairs, holding minor offices at times. His wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Burr Sherwood, is a sister of Moses Sherwood, a well-known resident of the town of Westport. Eight children were born to this worthy couple, viz.: Annie S., wife of G. W. Cole, of Bridgeport, now a resident of Long Hill; Harriet, wife of Dr. E. N. Sargent, of Passaic, N. J.; Sarah B., who married E. Grummond, of Bridgeport; William O., a farmer at the old homestead, in Fairfield; Fred A., our subject; Catherine, who died in infancy; and Mary T. and Louise A., who are at home.

Fred A. Burr was born February 4, 1868, at the old home in Fairfield, and his education was begun in the district schools of the locality. Later he attended the public schools and the academy in Fairfield village, and the Yale business college, where he completed his course of study in 1889. For a year he was employed as a bookkeeper in Bridgeport, after which he returned home, remaining about five years. In July, 1895, he removed to the village of Plattsville and engaged in business as a dealer in groceries, feed and general merchandise, and at the same time took charge of a sawmill, gristmill and cider-mill, which he conducts successfully. He takes a keen interest in politics, being an ardent Republican, and is always ready to assist in any movement which promises to benefit the community. In 1897 he served as chairman of the local board of relief, and for a number of years he has been a member of the Grange.

Mr. Burr married Miss Alice I. Bright, and one son, Frederick S., has blessed the union. Mrs. Burr is a native of Bridgeport, and a daughter of Charles A. H. Bright, a well-known resident of that city. She possesses rare gifts as a musician and is an accomplished pianist, having studied under Prof. Walter J. Hall, of New York City. At present a number of pupils at Fairfield, Southport, and other places in the vicinity are pursuing their musical studies under her instruction.

WILLIAM I. DAVIS, a well-known resident of the village of Long Hill, town of Trumbull, comes of a long line of ancestors who followed the sea. [See sketch of Alonzo D. Davis, page 741.]

William I. Davis is a native of Long Island, having been born July 28, 1862, in Suffolk county, N. Y., whence, when he was six years old, he re-

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moved with his father's family to Bridgeport, and in that city his school days were passed. On laying aside his books the lad secured a position as cutter in the Bridgeport Paper Box Factory, remaining there in that capacity some four years, at the end of which time he accepted the position of bookkeeper in the plumbing establishment of L. H. Mills, Bridgeport, an incumbency he filled four years. He then took charge of Plumb & Winton's rendering establishment and slaughter house in the same city, remaining there, also, four years, or until May 22, 1891, at which time he removed to the town of Trumbull and bought out the distillery business of D. C. Beach. Mr. Davis has since made the distilling of cider brandy a specialty in his line of business, and he has met with gratifying success.

On December 24, 1884, our subject was married to Miss Lillian Lawrence, daughter of August Lawrence, of Bridgeport, and two children —Ethel A. and Clyde Lawrence—have been born to them. In his political preferences Mr. Davis is a Democrat, and for four years he was Democratic registrar of Trumbull. Socially, he is a member of Mythra Lodge No. 8, K. of P., and of the Bridgeport Driving Association, and he always takes pleasure in aiding such enterprises as look to the development of the resources of Fairfield county.

GEORGE E. STURDEVANT, an energetic and industrious young citizen of Danbury, has built up a prosperous trade as a carman and furniture mover. For some time he was in partnership with others, but since 1889 he has conducted the business alone, and his ability is shown by the fact that his custom has been doubled in that time.

Mr. Sturdevant is a native of Connecticut and a member of a highly-esteemed family of Bridgewater. On the paternal side he is a great-grandson of John Sturdevant, and a grandson of John S. and Currence C. (Hatch) Sturdevant. Eli Sturdevant, his father, was born in Bridgewater in 1835, and still resides there upon a farm. His wife, Isabella Tappen, was born in 1838 in New York City, the daughter of George Tappen, and died May 20, 1894. Our subject is the eldest in a family of seven children, the others being Angeline A., John S., Franklin W., Isabella T. (who died in infancy), Helen E. and Arthur H.

George E. Sturdevant was born February 2, 1862, at the old home in Bridgewater, and there remained until he was eighteen years old, obtaining his education in the public schools. In August, 1880, he went to Roxbury, Conn., where he was employed as a clerk by G. W. Herbert, a general merchant, and at that time the postmaster of the town. In November, 1884, Mr. Sturdevant moved to Danbury, and after spending over a year clerking in the store of Chauncey Beers, his wife's brother, he entered the employ of Smith Beers in the trucking and carting business. In December, 1886, he purchased an interest in this enterprise, and six months later W. H. Latin bought a half-interest from Mr. Beers, the firm being then reorganized under the style of Sturdevant & Latin. This partnership continued two years, Mr. Sturdevant in 1889 becoming the sole owner of the business, to which he has devoted his attention with most gratifying results.

On October 5, 1883, our subject married Miss Laura Beers, daughter of Chauncey A. and Laura (Dunning) Beers. She is a member of one of the old families of this section, being a granddaughter of Philo Beers. Two children have blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sturdevant, viz.: Isabella T. and Gertrude E. Politically, Mr. Sturdevant is a Democrat, and he takes much interest in the various problems of the time. In municipal affairs he is active and influential, and in 1895 he was elected from the Second ward to the common council of Danbury for a term of two years. He belongs to various social organizations, including the Knights of Honor and the Independent Order of Red Men, and he and his wife attend the First Congregational Church, of which Mrs. Sturdevant is a member.

DANIEL A. GORMAN, member of the firm of Gorman, Wixted & Crowe, manufacturers of hats, Bethel, Fairfield county, is a native of that borough, born December 4, 1870.

Anthony Gorman, father of our subject, was born in County Clare, Ireland, in 1838, and died February 24, 1872. When a young man he came to the United States and to Bethel, Conn., where he learned the trade of hatter with Orrin Benedict, following same in that factory some years. In Bethel he was married to Johanna Culahane, also a native of County Clare, Ireland, and they had one child, Daniel A. The father was a member of the Roman Catholic Church at Danbury, and in politics was a Democrat.

Daniel A. Gorman, our subject, received his education at the public schools of Bethel, and at the age of thirteen years entered Meeker's hat factory in Danbury, remaining there one year,

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after which he was in the employ of the Bethel Hat Forming Company, also for a year. He then worked for Cole & Ambler four years; in F. W. Smith's factory, at Bethel, two years; for Andrews & MacKenzie, two years; and for Schoonmaker & Burns a short time. In 1893 he went into partnership with Anthony A Gorman, John P. Wixted, James M. Wixted and Lawrence C. Crowe, under the firm name of Gorman, Wixted & Crowe, manufacturers of hand-made stiff hats. After occupying the Reed factory for six months, they rented the "Willows," which was burned in January, 1894, when they returned to the Reid building; in July, 1894, they bought the "Willows" property, rebuilt the factory, and once more occupied it; but in January, 1896, it was again destroyed by fire, and the firm a second time returned to the Reid building, where they have since remained. Mr. Gorman is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Bethel; socially he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, Pavia Council, at Bethel; and in politics he is a Democrat.

JAMES C. FIELD, a well-to-do agriculturist of the town of Easton, owns a fine farm of 225 acres near the village of Stepney, and his scientific management of the estate shows that he possesses the progressive spirit and foresight which should characterize the typical American farmer.

Mr. Field comes of a good old Colonial family, and his great-grandfather Field was a resident of the town of Ridgefield, this county. Joseph Field, his grandfather, was born in Ridgefield January 30, 1771, and was married February 11, 1801, to Miss Mary Rundle, of New Fairfield, who was born January 28, 1781. Soon afterward he settled upon a farm in Ridgefield near the New York line, and his remaining days were spent there. His wife died November 17, 1826. Of their eleven children our subject's father was the youngest. The eldest, Delight, born 1803, married, but the name of her husband is not now remembered; Selah, 1805, married Ruth Ann Birch and became a farmer in Putnam county, N. Y.; Electa, 1807, married John Fairchild, a farmer in the town of Danbury; Harriet, 1809, died at the age of three years; Betsey, 1811, died unmarried; Isaac P., 1812, married Ann Brush, and became a farmer in the town of Danbury; George, 1814, died in early manhood; Mary Ann, 1817, married William Cole, a wagonmaker in New York State, and is still living; William R., 1819, married, and died in 1848; Jane, 1821, married a Mr. Dixon, of Ohio.

Hon. Joseph E. Field, our subject's father, was born March 3, 1823, in the town of Ridgefield, and followed farming throughout life, although he became familiar in his youth with the practical details of the hatter's trade. He married Miss Julia Ann Cole, who was born March 17, 1823, the daughter of Curtis Cole, a prominent citizen of Weston township, and they made their home in the town of Huntington, where Mr. Field's death occurred December 1, 1895. He was one of the leading residents of the locality, taking an active part for many years in the business, political and social life of the town, and he was also active in religious work as a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he was a Democrat, and in addition to filling numerous local offices he served at one time as representative in the State Legislature from the towns of Easton and Huntington. His estimable wife survives him with three children: Mary D., who married William S. Wheeler, of Easton, now a merchant in Shelton; James C., our subject; and Anna J., wife of H. W. Wright, a farmer in Newtown.

James C. Field was born in the town of Huntington, May 2, 1853; and during his youth gained a knowledge of farm work by assisting his father on the homestead. He attended the local schools until he reached the age of sixteen. In 1869 he came to his present farm, to the cultivation of which his attention has since been mainly devoted. For about twelve years he resided in Shelton, where he held the office of chief of police, but he returned to the homestead and resumed general farming. Mr. Field has always taken a keen interest in politics, and he is one of the influential Democrats of his town, having held several important official positions, including that of selectman, in which he is now serving his second term. Socially he is identified with the Masonic Fraternity.

On September 26, 1876, our subject married Miss Mary Platt, daughter of Allen Platt, a highly-esteemed resident of the town of Monroe. She died December 21, 1889, and on February 11, 1890, he remarried. He has three attractive daughters, two by the first marriage, Hattie T. and Julia, and one, Adelaide, by the second.

JOHN REYNOLDS, wholesale dealer in wines and liquors at Bridgeport, is the proprietor of a large establishment at Nos. 386 and 388 Water street, and enjoys an extensive patronage. He is the agent in that city for P. Ballantine & Son's celebrated ales and lager, and also bottles a superior variety of lager for family use.

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Our subject was born in 1848 in County Tyrone, Ireland, a son of Edward and Susan (Mullen) Reynolds, reputable farming people of that locality. This worthy couple had several children, but John is the only one now living.

Mr. Reynolds was educated in the schools of his native land, and at the age of sixteen came to the United States, where he hoped to find better business opportunities than his own country offered. Soon after his arrival in the New World he settled in Bridgeport, Conn., and for some five years was employed driving a grocery wagon. He then engaged in the grocery business for his own account at No. 104 N. Washington avenue, where he carried on an extensive and profitable trade until 1888. On retiring from that business he bought the liquor store at the corner of Grand and Main streets formerly owned by John Bee, and this he conducted at the old stand, corner of Grand and Main streets, until 1890, when he removed to his present place of business. Politically Mr. Reynolds affiliates with the Democratic party.

PATRICK J. DONOVAN. The brave sons of Ireland have never been found wanting where there was need for gallant fighters in the cause of freedom, and during the Civil war many a native of the Emerald Isle marched shoulder to shoulder with the descendants of Revolutionary soldiers. The subject of this sketch, a prominent business man of Bridgeport, won an honorable record by his courage and daring in battle, and the story of his life cannot fail to interest every true American.

Mr. Donovan was born March 20, 1843, in County Tipperary, Ireland, where his family has resided for many generations. James Donovan, our subject's father, was born and reared in that county, and in early manhood engaged in farming there, but in 1849 he came to America, locating first in Haydenville, Mass., where he was employed in a brass foundry. Later he purchased a farm near Hampden, Mass., where his death occurred in 1881. He married Margaret Hennessey, of County Tipperary, Ireland, and had children as follows: John, James, Patrick J., Edward, Peter, Mary and Johanna, Patrick being now the only survivor.

Our subject was six years old when he crossed the Atlantic, and his education was chiefly obtained in the public schools of Haydenville, Mass. At the age of thirteen he began to learn the brass worker's trade, which he followed until his enlistment in 1862 in Company H, 37th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and he saw much active service, his first serious engagement being at Fredericksburg on the 11th and 12th of December, 1862. He also took part in the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, being slightly wounded in the leg during the latter fight, and his regiment was then sent to New York City to assist in quelling the great riot there. Later he was in the battles of Rappahannock Station, the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Spottsylvania, where he was wounded in the head, and Petersburg, Va., his regiment being then ordered to Washington to guard that city against Early's threatened raid. His next battle was the famous struggle at Winchester, and there he was left for dead upon the field, a bullet going through his right arm and body, and breaking off a piece of the shoulder blade. On finding that there was a chance for recovery, he was taken to a field hospital where he spent three weeks, and later was transferred to Chestnut Hill Hospital in Philadelphia, where he remained until discharged from the service on June 15, 1865. He enlisted as a private, and for gallant conduct at Fredericksburg was promoted to the rank of corporal. At the battle of the Wilderness the color sergeant was shot, and Mr. Donovan saved the flag from falling at the risk of his own life, a feat which was rewarded by an appointment to the now vacant post.

On leaving the army Mr. Donovan returned to Haydenville, but in the fall of 1865 he removed to New Britain, Conn., where he was employed for a year and a half at his trade, that of a brass worker. In February, 1867, he located at Bridgeport, and after working ten years for Belknapp & Burnham, in their brass foundry on Cannon street, he took charge of the plant for two years, as foreman of the brass foundry. He then operated the Belknapp foundry some four years as foreman for them, and in 1883 he engaged in the same business on his own account, establishing his present foundry at No. 125 Railroad avenue. He commenced with one or two men, and has increased his business until he now employs about fifteen men the year around.

On November 4, 1872, Mr. Donovan was married in Bridgeport to Miss Catherine A. Handlon, and their home is brightened by three children: Alice, Ruth, Frank and John Russell. The family is much esteemed socially, and Mr. Donovan is regarded as one of the representative members of the G. A. R., of his city, having been an active worker in Elias Howe, Jr., Post No 3, since 1867, while at the same time he is among the oldest members of the order in the city. In his business he has been successful,

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and has accumulated a comfortable competence. The same spirit which made a good soldier of him has made him the successful business man he is, and has pushed him to the front. Mr. Donovan is a Republican on National matters; and independent in local affairs.

JOSIAH L. DAY, a prominent business man of Danbury, is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, having served in the cause of freedom until disabled by the hardships incident to army life.

On the paternal side Mr. Day is of English descent, but as both his parents died during his boyhood he has but little knowledge of his ancestry. David D. Day, his father, was born in New Jersey, and married Ruth A. Wakeman, a lady of French descent, who was born probably in Connecticut. Soon after their marriage they settled at Troy, N. Y., Mr. Day following his trade of ship carpenter there until 1842, when he moved to Georgetown, Conn., where his death occurred about 1848. His wife died in 1845, and of their seven children the first two died in infancy; Charles was drowned when sixteen years old; Rosalind E. married C. C. Hartman, a claim agent and collector, and both are now deceased; Henry M. is in the post office at St. Louis, Mo.; Josiah L., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; and Amos C., the youngest of the family, has disappeared, nothing being now known of him.

Josiah L. Day was born October 21, 1840, at Troy, N. Y., and removed with his parents to Georgetown, this county. After his father's death our subject had to earn his own livelihood, and for some years did what work he could upon a farm, attending district school in the meantime. At the age of thirteen he began to learn the hatter's trade, spending about four years as an apprentice, and when seventeen he went to Danbury and found employment in the hat shop of Tweedy Brothers, remaining with them until 1857, when he went to Illinois. In 1859 he returned to Danbury and entered the hat shop of Reuben Johnson, where he remained for some time, and he was afterward employed by Mallory & Sutton. In 1861 he enlisted in Company E, First Connecticut V. I., on the three-months' call, took part in the first battle of Bull Run, and at the expiration of his term came back to Connecticut, being mustered out at New Haven on July 31, 1861. Returning to Danbury he was married there December 24, 1861, to Miss Ellen M. Baldwin, daughter of Nathaniel S. Baldwin, of Danbury, and a member of an old family of that place. Shortly afterward he went to New Haven to take charge as drill master of recruits, but his patriotic spirit prompted him to again take up arms in defense of the government, and on July 19, 1862, he enlisted in Company C, 17th Conn. V. I. He was enrolled as a private, but before leaving for the field he was appointed (at Bridgeport) a commissary sergeant. His regiment went to Washington, but Mr. Day being taken sick there was sent to New York to recuperate. In the spring he rejoined his regiment in Virginia, but as he was still sick he was unable to serve, and was discharged and sent back to Connecticut, his papers being dated May 6, 1863. He could do nothing except to obey orders, so he reluctantly returned. In 1867 Mr. Day became the proprietor of a meat market, to which he afterward added a stock of groceries, and later he ran a bakery wagon for six years. He then worked for a time in a hat factory, in 1884 engaging in his present business as a dealer in carriages, harness, saddles and similar goods. Our subject is an ardent Republican, and at one time served as a councilman for the Second ward of Danbury. As might be supposed, he is a member of the G. A. R., having been connected for years with James E. Moore post.

Mr. and Mrs. Day are highly esteemed among their neighbors, and their two children are well settled in life. Arthur M., a graduate of Harvard College, is an assistant instructor in Columbia College. Iolia M., the younger child, is the wife of William F. Swartz, of Danbury.

GEORGE H. COLE. The Cole family has been prominently identified with this section for many years, and the great-grandparents of this well-known business man of Bethel were early residents of the town of Sherman.

Hiram Cole, the grandfather of our subject, was born in that town in 1801, and at the age of sixteen years went to Danbury, where the hatting industry had already begun to attract the attention of enterprising business men. He served an apprenticeship in a small factory at Woolpits, in the town of Danbury, learning to do all branches of the work by hand, as was then customary. In 1822 he was married in the town of Newtown to Miss Mary Gilbert, daughter of Ichabod and Tamar Gilbert, and they made their home at Hopewell, in the town of Redding. There Mr. Cole engaged in hat manufacturing in partnership with Preston Durant, father of George G. Durant, continuing until the business was interrupted by the panic of 1837, when he removed to Bethel, where he was employed as a journeyman hatter

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by Ferry & Co. until the time of his death in 1855. He was an excellent citizen, politically a lifelong Democrat, and in religious faith a consistent member of the Episcopal Church. Socially he was connected with the F. & A. M. Of the thirteen children born to Hiram and Mary Cole, we have mention of the following: George M., our subject's father; Samantha, deceased, who married John Beavans; Charles L., a resident of Danbury; Mary Ann, Mrs. Beach, of Trumbull, this county; Andrew, who served as a soldier in the Mexican war and in the Rebellion Jerome, who died in Kansas; Theodore, a resident of Philadelphia; Hiram Munson, who married a daughter of Horace Quick, and resides in Bethel; Harriette Emma, deceased wife of Beecher B. Bassett; Elizabeth, deceased, who married Orrin Wood; and Frederick, deceased.

Hon. George Munson Cole, was born August 3, 1823, in Redding, this county, where he attended the district schools in his boyhood. He learned the hatter's trade in his father's shop and in the factories of Hiram Benjamin and Charles & F. Shepard, of Bethel, and afterward worked as a journeyman for a number of years. After starting in business on his own account he was in partnership first with Mr. Judd, and later with S. S. Ambler, with whom he continued for more than twenty years in the manufacture of stiff hats. About 1896 he retired from business, but he still resides at Bethel, where he has a host of friends whom he has won by his sterling qualities of character. Mr. Cole's abilities have often been called into the service of the community, as he is an active worker in the Democratic organization of his locality. In 1892 he was an elector, and he has twice represented the Fifteenth district in the State Senate. For sixteen years he was warden of the village, and during that time was instrumental in securing the admirable water-works system of Bethel. At present he is serving as selectman, which office he has held for the past twelve years. In religious connection he belongs to the Episcopal Church, and he also holds membership in various social orders, including the I. O. O. F. and the F. & A. M., Eureka Lodge No. 83. Mr. Cole was married in Monroe, this county, to Miss Elizabeth M. French, daughter of Ebenezer French, a well-known citizen. She died in April, 1892, deeply mourned by a large circle of friends.

The subject of this sketch, who is the only child of George M. and Elizabeth M. Cole, was born October 25, 1860, in Bethel, and his education was begun there in the public and private schools. Later he attended a school at Cannon's Station, in the town of Wilton, and at the age of twenty his father established him in business as a stationer and news dealer. He also holds a commission as notary public. The venture was a success from the beginning, and he now owns his attractive store on Center street. So far he has devoted his attention to business, and has not taken an active part in politics.

Mr. Cole was married at Butler, Ind., to Miss Georgia Belle Holcomb, daughter of Harvey and Eliza Holcomb, of South Canaan, Connecticut. His happiness was short-lived, as the young wife died within three months of her wedding day. Mr. Cole is a member of the Congregational Church at Bethel, and, fraternally, belongs to Progressive Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Danbury, and Bethel Lodge No. 3159, Knights of Honor, being a charter member of the latter.

T H. ROBINSON, the well-known baker and confectioner of Bethel, has shown in his career a most commendable energy and determination, and success has justly rewarded his efforts.

Mr. Robinson comes of good old Puritan ancestry, being a direct descendant of John Robinson, of honored memory in New England. Ephraim E. Robinson, our subject's father, was a successful agriculturist at Sunderland, Mass., where he and his wife, Mary Ann Rider, spent their lives. The birth of our subject occurred there March 6, 1849, and he was reared to manhood upon the old homestead, his education being acquired in the schools of Sunderland. In 1879 he came to Fairfield county, and for some time was engaged in farming at Brookfield, later spending four years at Hawleyville and one year at Newtown village. He then bought a farm at Maybrook, in the town of Danbury, where he remained four years and a half, and for the next five years he resided in the city of Danbury and worked at the carpenter's trade for Foster Brothers. In 1894 he removed to Bethel to engage in his present business in partnership with Edward Baldwin, of Danbury, under the firm name of T. H. Robinson & Co. They have an attractive establishment at No. 81 Center street, and enjoy an extensive patronage, their wagons running to Danbury, Newtown and Redding.

In 1871 Mr. Robinson was married, at Whately, Mass., to Miss Jennie H. Littlejohn, daughter of James Littlejohn. She was born in Deerfield, Mass., but was reared at Brookfield, this county, in the home of her uncle, Mr. Churchill. Three children have blessed this union: William F.; Walter Frank, who is now

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with Dr. J. Chester Whaley, a dentist at Danbury; and Miss Mary E., who is at home. The family is identified with the Congregational Church, and Mr. Robinson has been a member of the Societies at Sunderland, Mass., and at Newtown, Danbury, and Bethel, always taking an active part in Church work. Socially he belongs to the Order of Heptasophs, and he and his son, William, are both members of Eureka Lodge No. 83, F. & A. M., at Bethel.

W. G. ADAMS, member of the firm of Ritch & Adams, is one of the enterprising merchants of Greenwich, Fairfield county, where his family is a highly respected one. He is descended from sturdy New England Revolutionary ancestry, coming from the same stock as Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams.

The Adams family settled originally in Quincy, Mass., whence in an early day Samuel Adams, the founder of the family in Fairfield county, Conn., came to Greenwich, and settled on land which is still in the possession of his descendants. He was a blacksmith by trade, and had a shop on his farm in that township. John Adams, son of Samuel, was born in 1744, and passed his days on the farm settled by his father, cultivating the land and following his trade, that of ship carpenter. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and his outfit and musket (bearing the date of 1761) are now in the possession of his great-grandson, Wellet G. Adams. John Adams was twice married, and reared a family of five children, all born to his second union, with Mary Conorey, of Elizabeth, N. J., viz.: Betsey, who married David Ferris, and died at Carmel, Putnam Co., N. Y.; John, who lived and died in Greenwich; Nathaniel; and Abram and Isaac, who died unmarried in early manhood. The mother, who was of excellent Irish parentage, was the only daughter in her family; her brothers were successful merchants in New York. She and her husband lived to advanced ages, the latter being ninety years old at the time of his demise, and they were buried in a private cemetery on the Adams farm.

Nathaniel Adams, son of John, was born May 3, 1784, at the home in Post road, Greenwich township, grew up in his native place, and when a young man learned the carpenter's trade with a Mr. Street, of Darien, Conn. On October 15, 1809, he was married, in Stamford township, Fairfield county, to Miss Polly Lounsbury, who was born June 11, 1786, in Stamford, the daughter of Nathaniel and Jane (Clason) Lounsbury. She was one of seven children—Justus, Amasa, John, Samuel, Polly, Sally and Abigail. The young couple located in Greenwich township, and Mr. Adams soon erected a small house, which is yet standing. A few years later he bought the Elias Peck farm, near by, and built an excellent dwelling, which his son afterward remodeled and occupied, and which still stands. He followed his trade for many years in addition to managing his farm, and left many substantial monuments to his skill and industry, but in his later years he devoted himself exclusively to agriculture. His family consisted of thirteen children, born as follows: Betsey, August 16, 1810; Aaron, November 14, 1811; Jane A., December 31, 1812; Samuel, September 8, 1814; Sarah, December 19, 1815; Frances, June 26, 1817; Phœbe, December 9, 1818; Laura, September 3, 1820; Elithere, November 25, 1822; David, April 12, 1824; Henry, September 11, 1825; Elizabeth, May 23, 1829; Charles E., November 17, 1831. (1) Betsey died before reaching the age of seventeen. (2) Aaron married Margaret Dodgson; he became a wealthy real-estate man and builder of New York City, where he died December 27, 1890. (3) Jane A. married Bates Fox, of Stamford, and died in that town. (4) Samuel is mentioned more fully below. (5) Sarah became the wife of William Gray, and died in New York City. (6) Frances was the first wife of Charles G. Powellson. (7) Phœbe was first married to Joseph W. Youngs, by whom she had five children, and after his death became the second wife of Charles G. Powellson; she makes her home in Stamford. (8) Laura married Andrew Hathaway and died in Norwalk, Conn. (9) Elithere wedded Jarvis Steadwell, and died in Hackensack, N. J. (10) David died in his twelfth year; his death was caused by an accident. (11) Henry went in 1849 to California, and thence to Seattle, Wash., where he was a pioneer settler; he still resides in King county, that State. (12) Elizabeth, who became the wife of George Bissell, died January 6, 1871, on the Pacific coast. (13) Charles E. is a contractor and builder in Seattle, Washington.

Nathaniel Adams died December 11, 1857, his wife on September 7, 1859, and they were laid to rest in the private cemetery on the farm. They were devout members of the Baptis Church, and their home being nearer the house of worship than that of any others of the congregation, many members would come there for dinner, from which circumstances it was long known as the "Baptist Hotel." Mr. Adams was fond of reading, and was an earnest student of the Bible, Pilgrim's Progress, Paradise Lost, and other works of the same character, which he

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owned and prized. He voted the Democratic ticket once, when Jackson was candidate for the Presidency, and he was an ardent advocate of temperance and a decided Abolitionist, holding positive views on those questions. Though quick-tempered, he was kind-hearted, and he was an excellent citizen, highly esteemed by all who knew him.

Samuel Adams was born on the old Adams farm in Greenwich township, and there grew to manhood, spending his early years in the usual manner of farmer boys—assisting with the work at home and attending district school. Having picked up some knowledge of the carpenter's trade while helping his father, he started out in life for himself at the age of twenty years, going to New York City, where he commenced work at the trade under his brother Aaron. He lived in New York for twenty years, during which time he became a prosperous contractor and builder, but after his mother's death he bought the old homestead, which he occupied for his summer home the following year. He then settled on the farm and devoted the rest of his life to its cultivation and improvement, completely remodeling the house, erecting new buildings all over the place, and putting up substantial stone walls; the last named improvement was such a conspicuous one that he was often called "Stonewall Adams." Whatever he undertook was thoroughly done, and he took great pride in the unusually fine appearance of his estate, working incessantly to keep it in such excellent condition. He occupied a high place in the regard of his friends and fellow citizens, and his memory will long be respected in this neighborhood. Honest and upright in all the relations of life, he supposed others to have the same regard for honor and principle, and, as is often the case with men of such nature, was more than once the victim of unscrupulous persons.

Samuel Adams was first married, in New York City, to Miss Caroline Prescott, who died leaving no children. On May 26, 1852, he wedded Margaret A. Pearsall, who was born November 9, 1823, in New York City, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Horton) Pearsall, who had a family of six children—three sons and three daughters; four grew to maturity—Samuel, Matilda, William and Margaret. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Adams, as follows: Howard N., May 17, 1853; Ella G., February 27, 1856; Walter H., October 25, 1859; Ida Belle, December 9, 1861; Frank E., September 4, 1863; W. G., April 11, 1865. Of these Howard died April 3, 1896. Ella is the widow of Judge William Osborn, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Walter H. lives at Sound Beach. Ida Belle died when one year and five months old. Frank E. was killed February 5, 1892, on the railroad at Sound Beach. Mr. Adams died December 25, 1885, and his remains were interred in Stamford cemetery. He was a kind, indulgent father, and reared a family which is a credit to him and worthy to inherit his unblemished name. He attended the Baptist Church, to the support of which he contributed liberally, and in politics was a Republican. Mrs. Adams is still living on the homestead.

W. G. Adams was born at Sound Beach, on the old Greenwich farm, which has been in the Adams family for 125 years, and in the same house where his father's birth occurred. He attended school up to the age of eighteen years, commencing his education in the district school of Sound Beach, and later studying at Stamford. During this time he had lived with his parents, but after leaving school he went to New York City, where he entered a broker's office in Wall street, and there he was employed for six years. At the end of that period he and his brother, Walter, established the Volunteer Rock Drill Company, at Sound Beach, the partnership continuing for three years, when our subject withdrew from the firm, though he is still part owner of the plant, which is located at Sound Beach Depot. He was formerly treasurer of the company. In July, 1894, Mr. Adams formed his present partnership with Jesse Ritch, and they have since been one of the leading firms of Greenwich in the grocery and provision line, commanding a profitable trade in the town and the surrounding country.

Mr. Adams married Miss Carrie R. Bullwinkle, of Mianus, this county, who was born in New York City, daughter of Richard and Mary (Smith) Bullwinkle. They have one child, Vivian. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have a comfortable home in Greenwich, and another at Sound Beach, where they reside during the summer months. In religious connection she is a member of the Universalist Church. Mr. Adams belongs to the Royal Arcanum, at Greenwich, and he is a member of the Amogerone Fire Company of that town. In political sentiment, he is a Republican.

COL. JAMES SHERIDAN, of Bridgeport, who until his resignation in August, 1898, was the commanding officer of the 4th Regiment, Connecticut National Guard, is a native of Ireland, having been born there about the year 1849.

For nearly a third of a century Colonel

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Col. James Sheridan

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Sheridan has been a familiar figure in military circles. On August 11, 1868, he enlisted in Company E, 8th Regiment, Connecticut National Guard (which regiment had been previously designated the Fourth), and after passing through the several non-commissioned grades, was elected second lieutenant, but resigned February 11, 1879.

Colonel Sheridan was out of service just thirteen days when, on February 24, 1879, he was elected first lieutenant of the company. He was elected captain December 31, 1880; major of the regiment April 3, 1892, and colonel January 18, 1897, upon the promotion of Col. Russell Frost, of South Norwalk, to a brigadier-generalship.

The Colonel is a prominent member of the Ancient Order of Foresters of America, and also belongs to the Knights of Columbus. His office and place of business is No. 144 Middle street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

LUCIUS P. HOYT. The Hoyt family is of old Colonial stock, and is now numerously represented throughout the United States, and the branch to which our subject belongs has long been identified with Fairfield county. His grandfather, Enis Hoyt, a prominent farmer in the town of Danbury, married Sarah Penfield, whose ancestors took an active part in the Revolutionary war, and this worthy couple had two sons, Russell, the father of our subject, and Eli T., who for some years followed the business of hat manufacturing at Charleston, S. C., in partnership with his brother.

Russell Hoyt was born in the town of Danbury, and in later life became a leading merchant there. He was a man of intelligence, wielding much influence in local affairs in a quiet way, and in politics was first a Whig and afterward a Republican. He married Harriet Gregory, a daughter of Ezra Gregory, of Danbury, and a member of one of the oldest families of that city. Of the nine children born to their union four died in infancy, and five sons lived to adult age.

Lucius P. Hoyt, the subject of this sketch, gained his first knowledge of business life in his father's store. In 1854 he became connected with the Danbury National Bank, his active service with this institution continuing some thirty-seven years, during several of which he served as vice-president and twenty-four years as president. In 1890 he retired from active life, and to his retreat bore with him the esteem of all who had been associated with him, the fidelity with which he had discharged his duties, and his unfailing kindness and courtesy to patrons and employes alike, bringing their reward in the good will and honest respect of all men.

FRANK A. WHITING has carried on the butcher business and farming in Greenwich township, Fairfield county, for a number of years, and he is well and favorably known to the residents of that locality. He was born in Greenwich, April 22, 1858, a son of John and Hester (Webb) Whiting.

John Whiting was a native of the North of Ireland, whence he came, in boyhood, to the United States. He was married in Greenwich to Hester Webb, whose father, a plumber by trade, was a native of England, and they became the parents of four children, as follows: Caroline, who is deceased; Frank A.; Mary J., Mrs. Edward Paul, of Stamford; and John W., deceased. Mr. Whiting followed farming in Stanwich, where he owned a home and twenty-four acres of land, having by hard work and economy managed to get this start in the world, but he died at a comparatively early age, in 1870, and the mother was obliged to take up the struggle to support herself and children in comfort. She lived to the age of sixty-two. Both parents were Protestants in religious faith.

Frank A. Whiting received his education in the South Stanwich district school. From his early boyhood he was trained to farm work, and as the family needed his assistance he was put "into the harness" at an unusually tender age, and commenced to fight the battle of life when most boys are considered helpless. His father had been in the employ of one man, at Indian Field, off and on for twenty-four years, and from the time Frank was eight years old he worked for him in the fall in order to get enough to buy his winter clothing. When eighteen years old he began work at the butcher business for Ezekiel Reynolds, from whom he received $16 per month, and he worked eleven years for another man, after which he started out on his own account, buying the Greenwich route of his emyloyer. He has continued this ever since, his patronage increasing as time goes on, and his business is now on a substantial basis. While following this line he has become widely acquainted throughout the section, and has made many warm friends among his customers, who wish him well and rejoice in his prosperity, which they know he fully deserves. A comfortable, pleasant home and property are his as the result of years of steady hard work, and he has risen in

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the world by his own ambitious efforts, winning along with material success the respect of all with whom he comes in contact, and retaining a spotless reputation both for business and personal integrity. For nine years after his marriage Mr. Whiting lived on rented property, and in May, 1895, bought the estate of Mary A. Reynolds, where he has since lived, and on which he has made a number of improvements.

On January 20, 1886, Mr. Whiting was married to Miss Lucy V. Dunn, who was born in Greenwich, September 16, 1859, the eldest of the three children of Jacob and Caroline (Lockwood) Dunn. Four children have come to brighten their home, born as follows: Frank A., Jr., July 28, 1889; Estelle D., June 7, 1891; Judson L., December 26, 1894; Vivian M., October 16, 1896. In religious connection Mr. and Mrs. Whiting are Congregationalists, uniting with the Church at Stanwich. He is a stanch Republican in political faith, and supports that party in all measures of national importance, but in local issues he casts his vote for the best man. He is a member of Acacia Lodge No. 85, F. & A. M., of Greenwich.

THEODORE BRAUNEIS, the proprietor of a well-patronized meat market at Bethel, ranks among the self-made men of that thriving little city, his success having been gained by his own enterprise and energy.

The Brauneis family is of German origin, and Michael Brauneis, our subject's father, was a native of Seligenstadt, in the Fatherland. In early manhood he came to Bethel, where he was employed for many years as a journeyman hatter, first by Orrin Benedict and later by Julius Judd. He took much interest in public questions, and always voted the Democratic ticket, having been naturalized by the authorities at Bridgeport. In religious faith he was a Catholic, holding membership with St. Mary's Church at Bethel. He was married at Danbury to Miss Bridget Glenn, and our subject is the eldest of their seven children. Michael is a liquor dealer in Danbury. William resides at Torrington, Conn. Sarah married John Small, of Danbury, and has had five children: Agnes, William, John, Theodore and Clifford. John is a grocer in Danbury. Mary married Frank Ratchford, of Providence, R. I., and has two children: Joseph and Frank. Peter is in business with his brother John, in Danbury. The father died in 1891, at the age of sixty-three years.

Theodore Brauneis was born in Bethel, March 11, 1855, and received his education in the public schools of that place. When a boy he worked for a time in a grocery for L. B. Vail, and then, after serving an apprenticeship in Orrin Benedict's factory, he followed the hatter's trade for some years in different establishments in Bethel and Danbury. On August 7, 1887, he engaged in the butcher business in Bethel, opening a small market in a basement on Grassy Plain street; but his trade increased so rapidly that in 1893 he built his present commodious store on Greenwood avenue. His business requires his close attention, and he has never taken an active part in political work. Like all of his family, he is a devout Catholic, and he belongs to St. Mary's parish.

Mr. Brauneis was married in Danbury to Miss Mary Ann McDonald, daughter of Michael McDonald, of Redding, and two children, Mary Lena and Celia Glenn, brighten their home.

SAMUEL COMSTOCK, JR., an enterprising and successful business man of South Norwalk, is the proprietor of a retail grocery at No. 72 North Main street, and enjoys a large and profitable trade among the people of that thriving town.

Mr. Comstock belongs to one of the well-known families of that locality, and his grandfather Comstock early in life settled upon a farm near the city of Norwalk, becoming a leading agriculturist. Samuel Comstock, Sr., our subject's father, was born in Norwalk, and has resided there all his life, the hatting business occupying his attention for many years. In politics he is a Democrat, but he has not taken an active share in party work. He married Miss Amanda Platt, a native of this county, and they have had ten children, all but two of whom are living: Caroline M. is the widow of James A. Day; Royal L. is an oyster dealer in Norwalk; John A., a teamster, resides in the same town; Henry is deceased; Samuel, our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Mercy A. married A. W. Sharrot, of Staten Island; Miss Mary A. is at home; Hattie is deceased; Cornelius is a hatter in Norwalk; and Clifford, who also resides in Norwalk, is engaged in the same business.

The subject of our sketch was born June 21, 1855, at the old home on Woodward avenue, Norwalk. After taking a course in the local schools he went to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and pursued his studies at the Eastman Business College. For some time after leaving that institution he was employed as a clerk by grocers in various places, including New York City, Bridgeport, and Stamford, and in 1886 he engaged in

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the same business on his own account in partnership with Lorenzo Dibble. The firm of Dibble & Comstock carried on business successfully for about nine years, then in 1895 Mr. Comstock established an independent business at his present location.

Mr. Comstock's wife, formerly Miss Isabella Jones, is a daughter of O. Y. Jones, and a member of one of the leading families of Westport, this county. One child, Edith C., has blessed their union. Mr. Comstock and his wife are prominent socially, and as a citizen he is interested in public affairs without being in any sense a politician, as he votes independently on all occasions.

ROBERT H. COLEY, one of the substantial agriculturists of the town of Westport, Fairfield county, where several of his ancestors have been similarly occupied, is a native of the town in which he resides.

Born April 1, 1851, Mr. Coley is the son of Morehouse Coley, and the grandson of Hyde Coley. The latter was a farmer all his life in the town of Westport, and was probably born there. Coley district derives its name from this family. Morehouse Coley was born August 15, 1820, in the town of Westport, and was reared on his father's farm. On reaching manhood he married Mary Holden, who was born June 6, 1820, in England, a daughter of Rodert Holden, who came to America and to the town of Westport, Conn., and here operated a cotton-mill, making batting. After his marriage Morehouse Coley located on a farm in the town of Westport, where his two children were born: Marcelius, July 27, 1847, died September 12, 1852; and Robert H. The father of these children passed away January 30, 1863. He was identified with the Episcopal Church, as is his widow. In his political views Mr. Coley was Democrat. He was a good man and citizen, and bore the respect and esteem of his fellowmen. His widow is one of the best of women, and is beloved by her many friends and acquaintances.

Robert H. Coley was reared on the farm in the town of Westport, but as his father died when he was but eleven years of age he had only limited educatioual privileges, attending the neighborhood schools during the winters. His entire life has been given to farming, in which vocation he has become very proficient. Politically he votes the Democratic ticket; in religious connection he and his family are identified with the Episcopal Church. He is a useful citizen. In 1893 he was elected first selectman of his town, and served as such three years and in October, 1896, he was chosen second selectman, which position he still holds. He is a member of the Grange.

On April 28, 1874, Mr. Coley was married to Emily A. Bradley, who was born in the town of Westport, a daughter of Daniel B. Bradley, and three children—Leila M., Burr M., and Robert H., Jr.—have come to bless their home, all living.

GEORGE R. BEVANS. Danbury is especially fortunate in her efficient chief of police, who, besides making a fine military record, had twenty-three years of service on the police force in New York City as a preparation for his present duties. He has held the position since June, 1891, serving with signal ability and success, and winning a reputation which extends far beyond local limits.

Mr. Bevans' ancestors settled in this section previous to the Revolutionary war, and his great-grandfather Bevans served as a soldier during that struggle. Timothy Bevans, his grandfather, who was born in this county, at Trumbull, was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was a farmer by occupation, and after his marriage settled at his native place, where he and his wife raised a large family of children; they had several daughters. Of the sons, the eldest, Russell, is mentioned below; David, a coachmaker by trade, died in New Haven, Conn.; John, a carpenter, is still living at Danbury; Charles, deceased, was a boot and shoe maker at Trumbull; Ira, now a resident of Bristol, Conn., is connected with the clock and watch works there, and is well known as the patentee of the hairspring.

Russell Bevans, our subject's father, was born and reared in this county, and, having in his youth learned the hatter's trade at Danbury, continued in that business all his life. He was a man of intelligence, taking an interest in the issues of his time, and in politics was first a Whig and later a Republican. He married Miss Amanda Gould, of Danbury, and for many years they resided at Westport, this county. His death occurred at Danbury in 1890; Mrs. Bevans is still living. Our subject was the youngest of five children: Eliza J. is the wife of Frank P. Rice, of Danbury; Lucinda M. is the widow of Avery D. Raymond, formerly of Norwalk, Conn.; Mary E., who died in 1861, married Henry Stokes, a hatter; and Amelia is the wife of John C. Mead, a hatter of Bethel.

Our subject was born in the town of Westport January 7, 1838, and received his first in-

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struction in the public schools of Danbury. Later he attended a boarding school at Grassy Plains, and after his return to Danbury continued his studies in a private school. On completing his literary training he learned the hatter's trade, which he followed until 1862, but as the "dark days" of the Civil war drew on, and it became apparent that the conflict would require more men and more time than was anticipated at the first, he enlisted in the First Connecticut Heavy Artillery. He served through the remainder of the war, being mustered out in June, 1865, and then, locating in New York City, he secured an appointment in the police department. After spending some time in the Fifth precinct he was transferred to the Broadway squad, and in 1875 was promoted to the rank of roundsman, being assigned to duty in the Fourth precinct, and later at the Grand Central depot. On reaching his twenty-third year of service in the department he was retired (with a pension) and came back to Danbury, where he was engaged in the manufacture of lubricating oil, until his appointment to his present position.

In 1870 Mr. Bevans married Miss Warner, of New Haven, Conn. They have no living children. Mr. Bevans takes deep interest in the welfare of the rising generation, however, and especially in educational matters, and his two years of service on the high school committee of Danbury were characterized by zealous and effective effort. He is an influential Republican, and is also active in fraternal society work, having been connected with thirty-five different orders. At present he belongs to the G. A. R., the I. O. O. F., the B. P. O. E., and the Masonic order, in which he has attained the thirty-third degree.

ALEXANDER MACKEY, a prominent citizen of Darien, is a man of excellent judgment and wide experience, and although he has now retired from business life he is regarded as an influential adviser in local affairs, and is often called upon by his fellow townsmen to serve the public in responsible positions.

Mr. Mackey was born in New York City in 1830, a son of William and Catherine (Clark) Mackey, who were both natives of New Jersey, but spent the greater portion of their life in New York State. His father was a shipbuilder by occupation, and the junior member of the firm of Westervelt & Mackey, who constructed the first steamer to make the trip between this country and Europe. Our subject's parents both died in New York. They had a family of five children: Alexander, Henry B., Phœbe Coulter, Annie Gisburne and Cordelia Gardner.

Our subject received his education in the schools of his native city, and at the age of seventeen was apprenticed to Youngs & Cutter, ship joiners. After learning the trade he went into business on his own account for a few years, later engaging in sugar refining, from which he retired about 1880. In the spring of 1884 he made his home in Darien, a most attractive locality to a man of leisure and cultured tastes, and he and his wife soon identified themselves with the best social circles of the place. Politically, he is a Democrat, but votes independently, supporting the best men and measures irrespective of party, and since his residence in Darien he has served three terms as selectman of that town.

On April 20, 1858, Mr. Mackey married Miss Josephine Rockett, of New York City. They are both members of the Baptist Church; socially, he is affiliated with the F. & A. M.

J. T. BATES, one of the most prominent business men of Danbury, is the head of the well-known firm of J. T. Bates & Co., No. 39 Canal street, dealers in lumber, lime, cement, and builders' materials.

The Bates family became identified with the building trade in Danbury at a very early date, our subject's grandfather, Nathan Bates, a native of the town, having followed carpentering there for many years previous to his death. Nathan Bates and his wife reared a family of two daughters and five sons. Of the latter, Hanford, Allison and Taylor engaged in agriculture in Ridgefield; George, who resided in Danbury, was a stage driver for many years. Stephen, our subject's father, followed the blacksmith's trade for some years, but in 1858 he turned his attention to agriculture. His death occurred in February, 1889. He married Deborah Taylor, daughter of Joseph Taylor, of Bethel, and they had three children, of whom our subject was the youngest and is now the only survivor; Harriet E. married John Chichester, of Danbury, and died in 1863; Nathan died in 1867, in early manhood.

J. T. Bates was born May 11, 1843, and has always had his home in Danbury. He attended the local schools until he was seventeen, and then began to learn the carpenter's trade which he followed successfully a number of years. Since 1873 he has been interested in the lumber business on a large scale, and for some time he has carried on the manufacture of yellow pine in Georgia. In 1870 Mr. Bates married Miss Abbie S. Taylor, daughter of Joseph Taylor, a well-

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known resident of Bethel, and two daughters, Eva S. and Anna L., brighten their home. Mr. Bates was reared in the Universalist faith and he and his wife are active members of that Church. They are prominent in various philanthropic movements, and both are members of the hospital board. Fraternally our subject is identified with the Masonic order. In political faith he is a Democrat, as were his father and grandfather before him, but in local elections he is inclined to vote independently.

JUDD FAMILY, of the town of Bethel. In transmitting to posterity the memory of such men as the several subjects of this sketch, it may instil into the minds of our children the important lesson that honor and station are the sure reward of persevering exertion, and that, compared to a good education and abundant experience, coupled with habits of honest industry and virtuous economy, the greatest fortune would be but a poor inheritance.

On April 4, 1773, was born in the town of Bethel, Fairfield Co., Conn., Phineas Judd, who died there September 7, 1858. He married Sarah Silliman, who was born in the town of Fairfield, same county, December 18, 1782, daughter of Ebenezer Silliman, and niece of Gen. Gould Selleck Silliman. They lived on Hoyt's Hill, in Bethel, where Mr. Judd was engaged in farming, conducting also a general store. When a young man he taught school for a time. Children as follows were born to them: Ebenezer S., of whom special mention will presently be made, Mary Penfield, born June 13, 1803, died June 13, 1821; Eliza, born December 23, 1804, married Eli Trowbridge; Julia, born November 11, 1806, died April 4, 1868; Willis, born October 15, 1808, died September 5, 1883 (he was the grandfather of Leonard and Willis Judd); Sarah, born August 27, 1810, married Elisha Sturne; Almon, born July 28, 1812, died February 6, 1888; and Julia, born January 11, 1814, married Fairchild Judd. The mother of these died April 28, 1828, a member of the Congregational Church, with which Society she and her husband united April 24, 1808, and he held offices therein. He also served in various town offices.

Ebenezer Silliman Judd, the eldest in the above-mentioned family, was born January 21, 1802, in the town of Bethel, where, and on Hoyt's Hill, he passed his boyhood and youth, attending the schools of the neighborhood. He was a lifelong progressive farmer, his residence being on Chestnut Ridge. A Republican in politics, he served his fellow citizens faithfully, in 1869 as a representative from the town of Bethel in the State Legislature. He was very precise and prompt in all his business dealings, was a member of the Congregational Church at Bethel, and was a strong temperance advocate. His death occurred June 30, 1880.

In the town of Redding, Fairfield Co., Conn., Ebenezer S. Judd was married to Harriet Stowe, who was born in Bethel, December 8, 1806, and died April 10, 1895. To this union came children as follows: Charles S., born July 4, 1827, died November 25, 1865; Sarah, born June 5, 1829, died July 1, 1844; Emeline, born February 17, 1832, married William H. Judson, and died December 25, 1862; Henry C. will be mentioned presently; Frederick S., born September 14, 1835, and died October 21, 1859, taught private school in Bethel; Horace, born February 21, 1841, is now pastor of an M. E. Church, at Huntington, L. I. (he served in the Civil war); Frank A. is spoken of farther on; Sarah Eliza, born December 31, 1845, died October 27, 1861; Adeline, born December 14, 1849, died September 21, 1863; and Arthur S., born November 27, 1849, resides at Chestnut Ridge, Center District, Bethel.

Henry C. Judd, the fourth in order of birth in the family of children born to Ebenezer S. and Harriet (Stowe) Judd, was born in the town of Bethel October 21, 1833. He spent his boyhood days in the Center District of his native town, attending the district school as well as Ames Woodman's private school in Bethel. On September 11, 1850, he was apprenticed to the hatter's trade with Reuben Taylor, in Elmwood District, Bethel, learning the silk-hat business, finishing and curling, at which latter branch he has now worked some thirty years, in part with Judd & Company, but most of the time with Judd & Dunning. He is a Republican in politics, has held the offices of constable and deputy sheriff for twenty years, and at present is serving as justice of the peace.

On November 29, 1854, Henry C. Judd was married to Irene Taylor, daughter of Asahel B. and Laura (Gould) Taylor, and six children, as follows, have been born to them: Lucien F., born September 12, 1857, married Sarah E. Camp, and they have two children—Robert Silliman and Irene; he is a member of Eureka Lodge, F. & A. M. Frederick S., born July 12, 1859, died January 22, 1863. Harriet Augusta, born April 10, 1862, married Reuben J. Signor, and they have one child—Grace, born July 16, 1894. Elmer Taylor, born June 16, 1866, married Susan Booth, and they have one son, Edward Booth, born July 5, 1897; they now re-

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side in Cando, N. Dak.; he is a member of the F. & A. M. Henry Cornelius, born November 15, 1869, married Dorothy A. True. Edward Benedict, born July 26, 1872, died July 29, 1896. Mr. Judd has been a prolific writer on historical matters of local interest, has a wonderfully retentive memory, and as an author is possessed of more than ordinary ability. He and his estimable wife are members of the Congregational Church at Bethel; socially, he is a member of Eureka Lodge No. 83, F. & A. M.

FRANK A. JUDD, seventh in the order of birth of the children of Ebenezer S. and Harriet (Stowe) Judd, was born in Center District, town of Bethel, May 15, 1843. His boyhood was passed on the home farm, his education being received at the district schools, which he attended up to the age of seventeen years (1860). He then came to the village of Bethel, where he served a four-years' apprenticeship to the hatter's trade with George A. Hickok. In the fall of 1864 he worked in a hat factory at Matteawan, N. Y., and subsequently was employed in Orrin Benedict's hat factory, in the village of Bethel, until 1866, in which year he entered into partnership with J. B. Judd, under the firm name of Judd & Co. From 1869 to 1879 he worked as a journeyman hatter in Bethel, in the latter year purchasing the hat factory of Joel E. Fisher and forming the firm of Judd & Dunning, consisting of F. A. Judd and S. S. Dunning, which partnership continued until the latter part of 1893. On January 1, 1894, the style of the firm was changed to the Judd & Dunning Hat Co., the several members thereof being F. A. Judd, Edward Gehrels and George Crofut. They manufacture stiff hats entirely, which they sell direct to the retail trade, and the factory has a capacity of 7,000 dozen hats annually.

On October 18, 1864, Frank A. Judd was married in Danbury, Conn., to Sarah E. Conklin, daughter of William Conklin, of that city, and children as follows have blessed this union: Mary married Henry Platt, and has had three children —Edith, Irene, and Florence. Eva, born October 25, 1875, married Frank Parsons, a machinist of Danbury. Howard, born February 5, 1877, works in his father's factory. In social matters Mr. Judd is a member of Eureka Lodge No. 83, F. & A. M. Politically he is a Republican, and he has been one of the burgesses of Bethel.

WILLIAM BECKERLE. It is said that the first building ever erected in America for a hat shop was built in Danbury, and that the first hat ever made in the United States was made in that town. Whether or not these statements are true, it is certain that Danbury now enjoys pre-eminence in that important industry, and the enterprising and progressive men who have contributed to that result are not likely to allow any latter-day rival to steal their laurels from them. Among the leaders in this line we must mention the Beckerle Company, of which the subject of this sketch is the senior member, their extensive trade keeping two large factories in operation, and giving employment to a numerous force of workmen. At times their payroll amounts to $30,000 in a single month. The business was established in 1876 by William Beckerle, C. H. Peix and Joseph S. Schuldice on a very small scale, and their success has been the result of energetic and thrifty management.

Mr. Beckerle was born in Germany, March 15, 1845, on a farm near the beautiful Rhine. His parents, Sebastian and Christina (Hindz) Beckerle, were both lifelong residents of that locality, the father engaging in agricultural pursuits. They had six children: John, now a farmer in Germany; William, our subject; Lena, who married and died in Germany; Philip, and Frederick, both agriculturists in the Fatherland, and Philipine, who is married and lives in Germany. William Beckerle was trained from early boyhood to habits of industry, and at the age of ten was bound out to learn the potter's trade, remaining six years, during which he received only his board and clothes. In 1866 he came to America, landing in New York City, where he spent one week before going to Danbury to make his permanent home. For twenty months he worked on a farm in that vicinity as a common laborer, and he then began to learn the business of hatmaking, at which he was employed for about eight years "on the bench." In 1875 he began to do contracting in the hat business for Henry Crofut, and in the following year he formed a partnership with Joseph S. Schuldice (since deceased) and C. H. Peix. Thomas F. Fay joined them five years later, but he has since died. In addition to his cares as a manufacturer Mr. Beckerle has a half-interest in a sixty-acre farm, and also owns "The Hilltop" stock farm, of 218 acres, overlooking the city of Danbury and extending to the corporation limits. He devotes much attention to the raising of blooded stock, principally horses, and his stables contain about 130 choice specimens of racers of high pedigree, including the famous Wilkes, Electioneer and Jay Gould strains. A half-mile track on the farm furnishes a fine opportunity for training his speedy trotters, and "Hilltop farm" has a high reputation among horse lovers.

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Mr. Beckerle has an elegant residence, fitted up with the latest improvements. On August 3, 1870, he married Miss Sophia Harthorn, of Danbury, a lady of English descent, and four children have blessed their union: Mae A., who resides with her parents; Edward W., who married a Miss Lewis, of New Jersey; Essie, deceased; and Ida Mattie, at home. The family belong to the Baptist Church, though Mr. Beckerle is a Congregationalist in religious connection. He has done much to sustain the Church in Danbury, and he served as chairman of the Baptist building committee when the new edifice was erected. His benefactions are by no means confined to these Societies, however, as he is always ready to encourage any worthy movement. In politics he is a steadfast Republican. Fraternally, Mr. Beckerle is a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

WILLIAM CLIFFORD, a well-known resident of the city of Bridgeport, was born in County Limerick, Ireland, a son of William and Bridget (Meade) Clifford, farming people, who passed their entire lives in Ireland. They had two children, William and Jane, both now residing in Bridgeport.

Our subject remained in the old country until he reached the age of twenty, when he came to America to seek his fortune. Soon after his arrival he settled in Bridgeport, and for six years he was employed by the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, in 1885 engaging in the liquor business, in which he has enjoyed an extensive retail trade from the first. Mr. Clifford married Miss Delia Larkin, a native of Bridgeport, and he and his wife are members of the Catholic Church in that city. Politically, he is an Independent, and, socially, he is identified with the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Foresters of America. He has been successfully engaged for some time in the liquor business, conducting an establishment at No. 111 Water street, Bridgeport.

FRANCIS L. SHERWOOD is one of the best-known men in Fairfield township, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he has passed almost his entire life, having been born November 23, 1842, in Banks North District, where he still resides.

The Sherwood family is an old and numerous one in Connecticut. The first American ancestor, Thomas Sherwood, came from Sherwood Forest, in England, and settled in Fairfield in 1639, from which time to the present his descendants have been numbered among the useful and respected members of this community, and they took an active part in the Revolutionary war. Joseph Sherwood, the great-grandfather of Francis L., was a resident of Banks North District during the time of the Revolution, and when the British marched past on their way from Fairfield to Danbury his home was plundered among the rest. He was shot at, but as the bullet only struck his hat, they took him prisoner, intending to hold him and take him along with them. He had had his leg broken some time previously, however, and, though it had healed, he was still lame, and complained that he was unable to march; he exhibited his limb, to convince them, and he was accordingly released. This Joseph Sherwood had a son also named Joseph, and his son, Salmon Sherwood, the father of Francis L., was born in the old Sherwood homestead, which was built between 1750 and 1760. Salmon Sherwood commenced to learn the shoemaker's trade, but he soon abandoned it, and he was a lifelong farmer, honorable and upright in his life and respected by all who knew him. He married Arity Sherwood, who was born in Banks North District, daughter of Levi Sherwood, and they became the parents of three children: Francis L.; Henry B., who is also a farmer in Banks North District; and Esther Mary, who died in infancy. The parents were both Methodists in religious connection, holding membership with the Center Street Church, in Easton. Mrs. Sherwood lived to a good old age, and Mr. Sherwood passed away when eighty-eight years old, spending his declining years with his two sons, Henry and Francis. He was laid to rest in Oaklawn cemetery. Politically, he was a Democrat, except in local matters, when he was non-partisan, and he was not a politician in any sense of the word.

Francis L. Sherwood was born in the same house where his father first saw the light, and he received his primary education in the Banks North District school, Thirza Nichols being his first teacher. Horace Smith was also one of his early instructors, and Mr. Sherwood has nothing but praise for the old district schools, for he did well, especially in mathematics, which was his favorite study. Later he studied in Easton Academy, under Parsen Prentiss, and at Greenfield Hill Academy, under Zalmon Wakeman, completing his literary education before he was sixteen years of age, at which time he went to live with his uncle, Alva Finch, of Westport. For six years, from September 23, 1859, until 1865, he had charge of Mr. Finch's farm, and then returning to his old home he followed the butcher business here for a time, peddling meat

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over the country; he was also engaged in butchering at Westport. In 1869 he went to New York City, where he carried on a commission business in Greenwich street until 1871, when he returned to Fairfield, and the year following he purchased his present home, which was then a small tract of eighteen acres. Here he has been successfully engaged in general farming, and, for the past twenty years, in distilling cider brandy, and by careful management and prudence in all his dealings he has been enabled to add to his original purchase until he now owns nearly sixty-five acres of good land, acquired by his own efforts. Mr. Sherwood is a self-made man, and he is respected and admired by all who know him for the standing he has gained among the thrifty, substantial citizens of the town. He is popular and well-liked among his fellow men for his good nature and many sterling qualities, possessing their confidence wherever he is known, and this probably accounts for the fact that he has been chosen to act as justice of the peace in his town for over thirty years, being at present the oldest justice serving in Fairfield. He also filled the office of assessor for three terms, giving satisfaction to all concerned.

Mr. Sherwood was first married to Miss Jane E. Burr, daughter of Henry Burr, and by her he had two children: Glover B., who died at the age of twenty-one years; and Luella, who died young. The mother died, and was buried in Oaklawn cemetery, and the father subsequently wedded Miss Georgia A. Banks, daughter of Jonathan Banks, of Banks North District. One child has come to this union, Mabel, who lives at home. Our subject is a stanch Democrat in political sentiment, but he believes in selecting only worthy men for office, and rather than support a candidate whom he did not consider fit for public service he has declined to vote, even when the nominee was of his own persuasion.

ALFRED B. COLLINGS, of the Higson & Collings Company, leading hat manufacturers at Danbury, has worked his way up from "the foot of the ladder" to an enviable place among the business men of his locality. It is now twenty-five years since he first began work in the hat industry, and as at that time everything was done by hand he has seen marvelous changes in the methods of carrying on the business. Being himself thoroughly progressive, he has always been among the first to accept and advocate improvements, as they were devised, and his present shop is fitted up with the latest and best machinery, the uniform excellence of the work turned out being a potent factor in securing an extensive and profitable trade.

Mr. Collings was born February 13, 1857, at Leipsic, Kent Co., Del., a son of George W. and Mary (Reeves) Collings. The father, who was born in 1818, at Little Creek Landing, Del., enlisted in the United States navy in 1861, and was killed at Port Royal, S. C., in April, 1862, while on picket duty from the United States ship "Susquehanna." His widow, who died May 30, 1894, was born near Burlington, N. J., December 25, 1816, and attained the advanced age of seventy-seven years. In the fall of 1862 she removed to Philadelphia with her three children, Eva, Mary and Alfred B., and, the latter being then of an age to take advantage of the schools at his new home, passed through the Barlow primary school and the Weccacoe grammar school; then took a two-years' course in the high school. His studies were cut short at the age of thirteen, when he found employment with the Western Union Telegraph Company as a messenger boy, and after nine months in that service he went into the office of the Wiegand Boiler Company in Philadelphia. There he remained a year, and then spent a short time in the employ of M. B. Dyot, a crockery and glass dealer of the same city; but on the fifteenth anniversary of his birth he took a position as errand boy for P. Hearst & Co., hat manufacturers, and he has ever since been connected with that industry in one capacity or another. He had been with that company about seven months when their superintendent, William Porter, started a factory under the firm name of Porter, Peniston & Co., and Mr. Collings went with them as an apprentice. He learned the trade, and remained with the firm five years, when they failed, and he then spent several years in the employ of Simon Porter and others. In 1880 he left Philadelphia to go to Newark, N. J., as foreman of the finishing room in Charles Crossley's factory, and he afterward came to Danbury, where he worked for Henry Crofut for a year and a half as a journeyman in the curling department. During the next three years he served as assistant foreman of the curling department for Gardiner & Dudley, and then, after a year and a half in a similar position with T. Meith & Co., he took charge of the curling room in John W. Green's shop, of which he was soon afterward made superintendent. About this time machinery was being introduced for various branches of the work, and Mr. Collings, seeing the uniform superiority of the work turned out by the new methods, urged his employer to take advantage of them, the curling of hats by hydraulic

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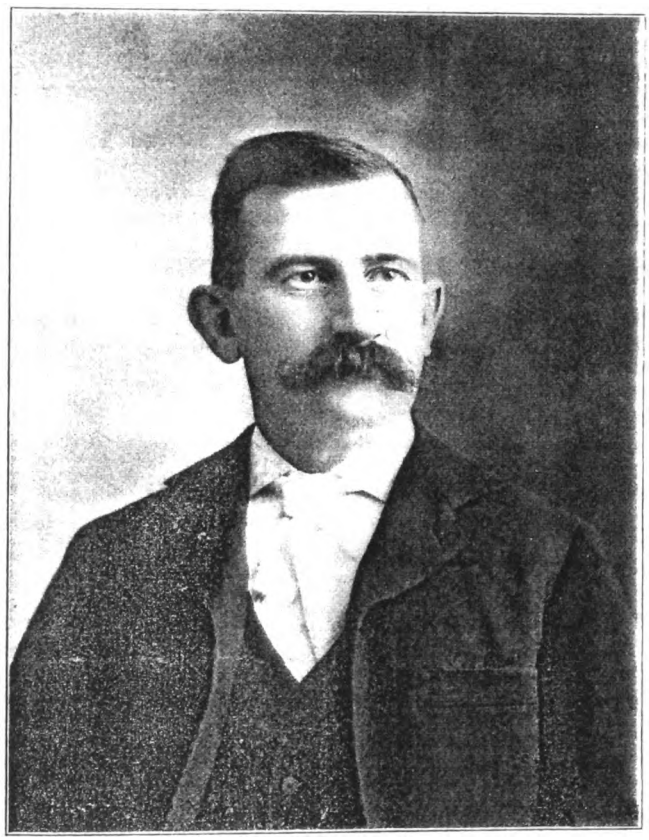

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pressure being an especially notable improvement. On Mr Green's retirement from business, Mr Collings returned to Philadelphia as superintendent of the curling room in a factory, but after a year and a half there he came back to Danbury in January, 1895, and formed his present partnership with David Hayes for the manufacture of stiff and flexible hats. Both partners are practical hatters, and are thoroughly agreed as to the value of modern methods. Their business has steadily increased from the start, and now keeps about three hundred hands employed.

On August 23, 1878, Mr. Collings was married to Miss Edith Taylor, who was born in Denton, England, August 3, 1863, and came to America when five years old with her parents, Samuel and Martha (Cock) Taylor. Seven children were born of this union: Edith and Elsie twins, the former of whom died in childhood, Eva W., Alfred, who died in infancy, Walter, Frances and Herbert. The family attend the First Congregational Church of Danbury, of which Mrs Collings is a member. While Mr. Collings has never taken an active part in political movements, he is interested in all questions of national concern, and strongly upholds the policy of the Republican party.

JOHN H. VINSON, president of the Vinson Hat Company, at Danbury, is numbered among the substantial business men of that city, and the history of his early efforts will doubtless be an inspiration to many a youth. One lesson is distinctly taught, and that is the value of a settled purpose steadily pursued, without waste of time in experiments in other lines of work, even though success should be somewhat slow in coming.

Mr. Vinson is of German descent, his great-grandfather having been a native of the Fatherland; he made his home in New York City in the intervals afforded by a sea-faring life, and after his retirement. William Vinson, our subject's grandfather, was born and reared in New York City, where he engaged in the grocery business for a time, and later he became a farmer in New Jersey. His three children were all born in the metropolis, viz.: Margaret married Aaron Swartz, a coal dealer of that city, and both are now deceased. William, who was a clerk in early life, went to California in 1849 and probably died there. John H. Vinson, Sr., the youngest, was the father of our subject. He attended school in New York City during his youth, and found his first employment in the newspaper business under Horace Greeley. Later he became interested in the drug business, and then in the carriage trade, but he finally settled at Newark, N. J., where for some years before he retired from business he conducted the finest drug store in that place. He is a Republican in politics, having joined that organization on the dissolution of the Whig party, and he has long been prominently identified with the I. O. O. F. He is now an octogenarian, and his estimable wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Sanford, has long passed the "three-score-and-ten" mark. She is a member of a leading family of New Jersey, of English origin, and her father, Gamaliel Sanford, was a wealthy farmer and miller of Newfoundland, Passaic county. Of the seven children born to this worthy couple three died in infancy; Miss Ida is at home; John H., Jr., our subject, is more fully mentioned below; Frank is a contractor in Newark, N. J., being especially engaged in dock building; Joseph is a dentist in the same city.

John H. Vinson was born May 29, 1854, at Newark, where he attended the public schools until he reached the age of fourteen. He then went to New York City to learn the details of the hat business, and, entering the employ of Solley & Seeley, remained six years. Returning to Newark he formed a partnership with L. H. Parsels, under the name of Vinson & Parsels, and engaged in the manufacture of hats. The firm was in business but one year when Mr. Vinson became a traveling salesman to the same line, and for several years he was "on the road." In 1884 he located at Danbury, associating himself with Holley, Hayes & Co., afterward Hayes & Co. Later he and Mr. Hayes purchased an interest in T. Brothwell's business, and, Mr. Hayes withdrawing after three years, the others continued under the firm name of T. Brothwell & Co., until the death of the senior partner in 1895. Since that date Mr. Vinson has carried on the business, changing the name to the Vinson Hat Company, and notwithstanding the hard times he has enjoyed a good trade, in supplying which he keeps about eighty hands employed.

In 1875 Mr. Vinson married Miss Hattie Tate, a lady of English descent, whose ancestors lived in New York City at an early period, although the family is now chiefly represented in New Jersey. The young wife died three months after her marriage, and in 1886 Mr. Vinson formed a second union, marrying her sister, Miss Eudora Tate, by whom he has had three children: Adelaide, born August 27, 1889; Margaretha, July 12, 1892; and Ida, November 22, 1894. Mr. Vinson and his wife attend the Presbyterian

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Church and contribute generously to its support. In political faith Mr. Vinson is a Republican, but he has never given much time to the work of the party. He is an active member of the I. O. O. F., and helped to organize Progressive Lodge, of Danbury.

GEORGE H. CROFUT, a rising young business man of Bethel, is now the junior member of the Judd & Dunning Hat Company of that place. Practical work at the hatter's trade has given him a thorough knowledge of all its details, and he takes a responsible part in the management of the establishment.

Mr. Crofut is a member of a well-known family of this locality, and his father, the late Col. George Smith Crofut, was born in the borough of Bethel, and received his education in the public schools of his native place. When a young man he spent some years in the merchant marine. Later he served an apprenticeship in the hat manufacturing business with Capt. Isaac Seeley, of Bethel, and previous to the Civil war was engaged in that business in Newark, N. J. During the hostilities between the North and South he was captain of Company G, 23d Conn. Regiment, and after the close of the struggle he became colonel of the Fourth Regiment of the State militia. His later years were spent at Bethel, where he followed the hatting business for some time, but he finally engaged in the coal, wood and trucking business at the place now occupied by E. N. Fillow, continuing this until his death. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bethel, and socially he belonged to Eureka Lodge, F. & A. M., and to the G. A. R., at Danbury. In politics he was a Republican, and he took an active part in local affairs, serving as town clerk and judge of probate. Colonel Crofut was married in Bethel to Miss Mary A. Foster, a native of the town of Danbury, who died in 1874, and he formed a second union, with Miss Fannie A. Price. Of his five children, all born to the first marriage, our subject is the youngest; Georgianna married Jefferson Hunt, of Bethel; Mary Virginia married Theodore R. Smith, of South Norwalk, and has had three children—Bessie, Dwight and Florence; David F., engineer at the Standard Oil Works, at South Norwalk, married Miss Sarah Wolf, and has one daughter, Mignon; Edward F., who died at the age of twenty-one years, married Miss Jessie Foster, and had one son, Edward.

George H. Crofut was born August 4, 1867, in the borough of Bethel, were he spent his boyhood, obtaining his education in the public schools. At an early age he learned the hatters trade, and for about nine months served as foreman in the trimming department of the Judd & Dunning factory; but the death of his father caused him to give up that position in order to give attention to the latter's coal and lumber business. On resuming his trade he was employed for some time in the trimming departments of various shops, finally becoming bookkeeper for Baird & Levy, and then bookkeeper and New York City salesman for Judd & Dunning. On January 1, 1894, he was taken into the last-named firm as a partner, and at present he is sub-manager under F. A. Judd.

On June 21, 1888, Mr. Crofut was married to Miss Effie L. Lockwood, daughter of Hon. A. B. Lockwood, of Bethel. She died January 26, 1892, leaving no children, and on June 10, 1896, Mr. Crofut married Miss Edith A. Dibble, daughter of H. V. Dibble, of Bethel. In religious connection Mr. Crofut is a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church at Bethel. He is public-spirited, and has always shown sympathy with every movement which promises to promote the best interests of the community.

GOULD A. SEYMOUR. The Seymour family is one of the oldest in this county, and the subject of this biography, a well-known citizen of South Norwalk, enjoys the distinction of owning an estate which is a portion of an original purchase made by an ancestor from the Indians. The head of the family came from France at an early date, and about 1640 settled at the present site of the city of Norwalk, acquiring a large tract of land and engaging in farming.

Seth Seymour, our subject's grandfather, was reared at the old home at Norwalk, and his life was mainly spent in the locality. During the Revolutionary war he served as a soldier in the American army, and he is known to have had a personal acquaintance with General Washington. He owned three hundred acres of land where Norwalk now stands, and much of his time was given to agriculture, but he followed the carpenter's trade extensively. He married, and had three children: Alfred was for many years a jeweler in New York City, and died in Norwalk, Conn.; Stephen, formerly a farmer at Norwalk; and Uriah, our subject's father.

Uriah Seymour was a lifelong resident of the town of Norwalk, and like his ancestors he devoted his time chiefly to agricultural pursuits. His wife, whose maiden name was Esther Thatcher, was a native of the same locality, a daughter of Josiah Thatcher, a leading resident.

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This family was of English origin. Our subject was the youngest of four children, none of whom ever married: George (deceased) was the foreman of a hat factory in Danbury; Augusta is deceased; and Miss Harriet resides in South Norwalk.

Mr. Seymour, our subject, was educated in the schools near his home, and being reared to farm life naturally turned to that occupation on arriving at mature age. He owns about one hundred acres of land, and as the rapid growth of the city has made the land valuable for building purposes it has greatly added to his wealth. He resides upon the most fashionable street in South Norwalk, and has other choice pieces of property in the city. Notwithstanding their abundant means, he and his sister are quite unassuming in manner, and delight in conforming to the old-fashioned ways. They manifest a generous sympathy in various worthy movements, and are identified with the Congregational Church at South Norwalk. In politics as in other things, Mr. Seymour does his own thinking, and he is known as an independent voter.

W. E. PECK conducts the oldest and most important dairy business in Greenwich, and lives on land in Greenwich township which has been in the family for several generations. The section in which his farm lies is called Peck's Land, being so named on account of the numerous members of the family who make their home there.

Mr. Peck is a son of Edward A. and Frances M. (Scofield) Peck, both of whom were natives of Greenwich, the former born October 22, 1837, on the farm occupied by our subject. Arod Peck, the grandfather, was a lifelong agriculturist, and he brought his son Edward up to the same vocation, the latter passing his life on the homestead. In addition to farming he engaged in the dairy business, and by good management, industry and thrift he acquired a comfortable property and made a good living for his family. In Greenwich he was married to Frances M. Scofield, and they became the parents of two children: W. E., and Ella, who died young. The mother is still living, highly esteemed by her friends and neighbors, and makes her home with her son; the father died at the age of fifty-one years, and was laid to rest in the Union cemetery, at Greenwich. He was a member of the Congregational Church, to which the mother also belongs, and politically he was a Republican, though he took no part in politics beyond casting his vote.

W. E. Peck was born November 27, 1866, on the home farm, and here he was reared to manhood, falling naturally in the lines of business followed by his father, as he was the only son, and assisted at home from boyhood. He began his studies in the Peck's Land school, a Miss Kellogg being his first teacher, and when in his "teens" became a pupil at the school in Greenwich village, where he finished his education. After leaving school he gave all his time to his father's business, thus becoming thoroughly familiar with every detail of the work in early life, and since his father's death has continued to carry on the farm and dairy work alone. In the latter line he has the leading trade in Greenwich; it was established forty years ago, and from a modest start has reached good proportions, Mr. Peck having a herd of from fifteen to twenty cows and running two wagons. "Nothing succeeds like success," and the reputation of his father as a good manager and reliable man was worth a great deal in gaining confidence and patronage, but the son has proved himself an able successor, and is a worthy representative of the Peck family in Greenwich township.

Mr. Peck was married, at the age of twenty-five years, to Miss Lillian M. Brundage, of New Castle, Westchester Co., N. Y., who belongs to an excellent family, and is the daughter of William H. Brundage. Mr. and Mrs. Peck are members of the Congregational Church at Greenwich. In politics he is a stanch Republican and votes regularly, but he is not active in party affairs.

GEORGE H. BECK, the proprietor of "Beck's Lakeside Inn," in the town of Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., has been widely known to pleasure seekers throughout this section for the past five or six years. He came to Stamford in 1890, and commenced business there by opening a café on Main street, which he conducted for one year, in 1891 establishing the "Lakeside Inn," which he has ever since carried on.

Mr. Beck is a native of Connecticut, born December 25, 1854, in Bridgeport, where his father, Jacob Beck, followed the carpenter's business. The latter was born in Germany, came to America when a young man, and became a highly respected resident of Bridgeport, where he was foreman at the depot for some time. He built the track at Seaside Park. Jacob Beck married Catherine Connors, and by her had thirteen children, of whom we have record of seven as follows: John (who resides in Norwich, Conn.), George H., Jennie, Willie, Walter, Julia

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and Catherine. The father passed away in 1879, the mother in 1880.

George H. Beck received a good practical training in the public schools of his native city. After commencing work he was engaged as a bricklayer for a short time, and then for eight or nine years was employed as a waiter in a restaurant. He now branched out on his own account, for ten years carrying on a wholesale and retail fruit business in Fairfield avenue under the firm style of the Bridgeport Fruit Company. During the next ten years he was similarly engaged in Danbury, Conn., whence he returned to Bridgeport, still continuing the fruit business. His next removal was to Darien, where for a year and a half he conducted the "Columbia Hotel," and he has since been a resident of Stamford. Mr. Beck has, in addition to the inn, full control of Woodside Park. It is his intention for the coming season to enlarge the "Lakeside Inn," which has become a popular resort for pleasure parties, and which Mr. Beck has taken pains to render attractive in every possible way. The inn is especially noted for its "shore dinners," and its patrons have been increasing yearly in a most encouraging degree, a fact which is due as much to the proprietor's pleasant manner of treating his guests as to the satisfactory service afforded by his house.

Mr. Beck has been twice married, first time in Bridgeport, to Mary Feeney, by whom he had two children: Maggie and Katie. He was subsequently united in marriage at Farmington, Conn., to Evaline Burns.

JOHN K. SCHWARZ, one of the prosperous self-made men of Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., is a typical native of the Fatherland, industrious, economical, thrifty and persevering, and he is one of the respected residents of his adopted town, where he has lived for over a quarter of a century. Mr. Schwarz was born December 23, 1847, in Sachsen-Meiningen, Germany, the eldest in the family of Herman and Maria (Gottwald) Schwarz, which consisted of four children, viz.: John K.; Elizabeth, who lives in Germany; Ernest, who died in Hamburg, Germany; and Matilda, married, living in Germany. The father, who was a well-to-do, respected farmer, died at the age of sixty-six in Germany; the mother is still living there.

Mr. Schwarz, our subject, as will be seen, was the only one of the family to come to the United States. He was reared and educated in his native country, attending during his earlier years the public schools, and after the age of nine pursuing his studies in a private school, where in addition to the elementary branches he studied Latin, French, music, etc. He learned rapidly, and when he left school, at the age of thirteen, was well advanced. His father wished him to study for the ministry, but it was his ambition to become a physician, and, as the parents could not afford to give him a medical education, he decided to leave school. He commenced work by helping his father at farming, at which he continued for some time. He did not wish to be compelled to enter the army, so in 1867 he bade adieu to his home and friends, and set out for the United States, embarking at Bremen in the steamer "Werra," bound for New York City, where he landed a stranger in a strange land, with nothing but his clothes and seventy-five cents in money. However, he had learned the butcher trade thoroughly in Germany, and he found work at same in Hudson City, N. J., receiving ten dollars a month for his services, which at that time he considered good wages. It was not long before he commenced to grow homesick, and he became so restless and discontented that he left his position after working one month, buying clothing with the money he had earned and expecting to find other employment without any trouble. He proceeded to New York City, but after his money was gone he experienced a harder time than he had anticipated, and he will never forget the hardships of his first winter in America, for he had no work for months, and for several weeks he did not taste warm food. He finally found employment at South Orange, N. J., as general utility man for a Mr. Wilson, with whom he remained one year, proving a steady, faithful worker. Following this he worked at his trade at Albany, N. Y., in a lumber yard, in a brick yard, and in a brewery, after which he went as a deckhand on the steamer "St. John," plying between Albany and New York City. The next winter he worked at his trade in Brunswick, N. J., thence coming to Bridgeport, Conn., where he was engaged for a year and several months with Andrew Snyder, a butcher, in Bank street.

In the spring of 1871 Mr. Schwarz settled in Fairfield, where he commenced to work on April 1st for Samuel Glover, in whose employ he continued for six years. For the next eleven years he was coachman for Mrs. Theodore Saltus, and after her removal from Fairfield he engaged in the poultry business; but as he did not succeed so well in the local markets he commenced taking his products to New York City, making three trips a week, and in this way he drifted into the messenger business, which he has since carried on very profitably. In addition to attending to

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this work he furnishes choice fruit and fresh eggs to the best trade in New York, keeps bees, and sells the honey in New York, and, altogether, has built up a large and thriving trade, which yields him a comfortable income. Mr. Schwarz handles only the choicest products for the high-class trade, and he has gained his present standing by thorough honesty and reliability in all his dealings, and close attention to the details of his business, which is growing steadily.

Mr. Schwarz was married in New York City to Miss Margaret Rose, who was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, and came to this country when a young woman. Four children have blessed this union, namely: Annie, Lena, Fred H. and Maggie, all of whom are at home with their parents. The family attend the Presbyterian Church, of which the daughters are members. Mr. Schwarz is a Republican in political sentiment, though he is not a strict party man.

MORRIS WHEELER, a prominent contractor and builder of Bridgeport, is a representative of an old and highly-respected family of the town of Easton, his ancestors having taken an active part in the various movements which have tended to the lasting benefit of the community, and in the course of his career he has shown the same enterprise and thrift which have characterized the family from the early days.

Mr. Wheeler is descended from John Wheeler, a pioneer farmer of Easton. His son, Samuel Wheeler, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Easton and followed farming there. During the Revolutionary war he was active in preparing for the defense of this section from the threatened attacks of the British, and was among those captured by General Tryon in his famous raid on Danbury, but was released after being carried two miles.

Silas Wheeler, our subject's grandfather, was a lifelong resident of Easton, where he was engaged in agriculture. He married a Miss Sanford, of the same town, and they had eleven children, of whom ten lived to adult age. The majority of them settled on farms in Easton, but David, one of the sons, located in Bridgeport and became the founder of what is now the Bridgeport Malleable Iron Works. Another son, Ebenezer, engaged in the manufacture of shovels, and later in the sewer-pipe business.

Sanford Wheeler, the father of our subject, was born and reared in Easton, and spent his life in farming there. He married Miss Marietta Banks, daughter of Solomon O. Banks, a well-known agriculturist of the town, and they had four children, of whom our subject was the youngest. Marcus is a farmer at Greenfield Hill, this county; Franklin S. is a carpenter in Bridgeport; and Benjamin S., now deceased, made his home in Canada. The parents of this family are both buried in Easton.

Morris Wheeler was born November 15, 1837, at the old homestead, and during boyhood attended the neighboring district school. As farm work was not to his liking he began to learn the carpenter's trade at the age of sixteen, finally locating in Bridgeport, where he soon established himself in an independent business as a contractor. He owns and rents considerable property in the city, and is regarded as a substantial citizen. In politics Mr. Wheeler is a Republican, and he and his wife are leading members of the Episcopal Church in Bridgeport, his family having been adherents of that faith from an early period. His wife, who was formerly Miss Rosanna Burns, is a native of Dublin, Ireland, and they have one daughter, Marietta, who married John Crounan, of Bridgeport.

FRANK E. DOWNES. This enterprising and successful young merchant, now the proprietor of a general store at Stamford, is a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of the county, being a descendant of —— Downes, who came from Scotland at an early day and settled at Stanwich, in the town of Greenwich. Seth Brush Downes, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Greenwich, and resided there throughout his life, being engaged in business as a blacksmith and farmer. He married Miss Mamie Scofield, of Stanwich.

Silas Smith Downes, our subject's father, was born in North Greenwich, and now resides upon a farm. In addition to his agricultural work, he is engaged in teaming and in the blacksmith's trade, the family characteristics of thrift and industry being well illustrated in his career. He married Miss Mary Jane White, and had seven children, viz.: Frank E., Frederick E., Addie E., Charles E., Elmer E., Arthur E. and Mabel E.

Our subject was born September 1, 1867, at the old homestead in North Greenwich, and his education was acquired in the schools of that locality. During his boyhood he assisted his father on the farm and in the blacksmith shop, and at the age of eighteen years he secured employment as a clerk in Webster Haight's grocery at Glenville, with a view to gaining experience in business. After two months in that position he removed to Stamford, where he was employed as a clerk by Greenwood & Slater for two and

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one-half years, and in August, 1888, having obtained a thorough knowledge of the business, he opened a general store at Noroton. This he conducted successfully for about two years, and during that time he served as postmaster at the village. In April, 1890, he sold out his business there and returned to Stamford to engage in a similar enterprise at the corner of Myrtle avenue and Main street. Success attended the venture from the start, and on July 25, 1891, he purchased a lot at No. 42 Myrtle avenue, where he built his present commodious and convenient store. He is regarded as one of the substantial citizens of the town, and his popularity, which extends to all classes, is based upon the sure foundation of well-proven merit.

At Pound Ridge, N. Y., Mr. Downes was married to Miss Ida F. Knapp, daughter of William E. Knapp, a prominent resident of Stamford, and he and his wife are much esteemed in the social circles of the locality. He is connected with various fraternal orders, including the I. O. O. F., Rippewam Lodge, of Stamford.

GEORGE F. STEVENSON. The Stevenson family is of English origin, and the ancestors of this well-known resident of Bridgeport were among the earliest settlers of Westchester county, New York.

Frederick Stevenson, our subject's grandfather, was born in Westchester county, N. Y., and for many years was engaged in mercantile business there and in New York City. During the Revolutionary war he entered the army, and he took part in the battle of Long Island. His wife, Hannah Brown, of Westchester county, was also of English descent, and was a native of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn. They had nine children, six daughters and three sons, of whom Ferdinand, the eldest, was lost at sea. John, the youngest, died at the age of twenty.

Shore E. Stevenson, our subject's father, was born in New York City. He was a man of fine ability and attainments, being specially noted as a linguist, and at the time of his death, about 1850, he was district attorney for New York City. During his active career he held various positions under the general government, and for many years he was connected with the New York custom house. In politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat, and in religious faith he and his wife were members of the Episcopal Church. He married Miss Ophelia Hunt, of Westchester county, N. Y., and had four children: Frederick W., deceased, who was formerly a bank clerk in New York City; George F., our subject; John, a resident of Bridgeport, now living retired; and Emeline, who died unmarried.

George F. Stevenson was born October 7, 1819, in New York City, where he resided during his youth and early manhood. After leaving school he learned the jeweler's trade, and on leaving New York he went to Detroit, Mich., where he was employed in that business for a year. He then established a plant in Brooklyn, N. Y., for the manufacture of jewelry and gold pens, continuing same until his removal to Bridgeport, where he has made his home since 1854, conducting a prosperous jewelry business in the city.

In 1847 Mr. Stevenson married Miss Susan Middlebrook, a sister of H. B. Middlebrook, of Bridgeport, and three children have blessed the union: Charles F., who is now associated with his father in the jewelry business; Shore E., who died young; and Carrie, who married F. M. Goodell, of Bridgeport. The family is much esteemed socially, and Mr. Stevenson and his wife are leading members of the Congregational Church. Though not a politician, Mr. Stevenson is a firm believer in the principles and policy of the Republican party.

ARTHUR E. TWEEDY. The Tweedy family has been so long and so extensively identified with the business of hat manufacturing that its members may be regarded as pioneers in that line, and the subject of this sketch, an enterprising young business man of Danbury, is now a leader in one of the allied branches of the trade —that of manufacturing hat trimmings. It is a comparatively new line of work, but few factories in the United States being devoted to it, and Mr. Tweedy's plant on East Franklin street, Danbury, has special interest on that account to a visitor.

Abijah E. Tweedy, our subject's grandfather, was one of the most prominent hat manufacturers in the country in his day. He was a native and a lifelong resident of Danbury, and did much to make that place a center of industry. He married Mary M. Bostwick, and their family consisted of five children, viz.: Theodore; Thomas, who became a partner of Edmund Tweedy in hat manufacturing; William, also a hat manufacturer at Danbury; Oliver P., our subject's father; and Susan, who married Dr. Charles Skiff.

The late Oliver P. Tweedy was born and reared in Danbury, and followed exclusively the business of dealer in hat trimmings. He married Miss Annabella S. Nichols, a native of Danbury, whose

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father, Edward A. Nichols, is now a resident of New York City, his office being located at room 32, No. 13 Astor place. After his marriage Oliver P. Tweedy settled in New York City, where he died in 1883, his wife, who survived him about twelve years, passing away in 1895.

The subject of this sketch was born September 22, 1865, in New York City, and when one year old came to the more healthful surroundings of Danbury, where his education was begun in the public schools. Later he attended a private school in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and Doctor Holbrook's Military Academy at Sing Sing, N. Y., and then began his preparation for business by working as an office boy in a hat factory. After gaining an insight into the practical details of the trade, he went on the road as a salesman for trimming goods, and a few years later, in 1887, he formed a partnership with F. L. Butler, and established his present business. The firm of Butler & Tweedy continued until 1895, when Mr. Tweedy purchased his partner's interest, and he has since conducted the business alone. This industry was built up from a small beginning after many discouragements, and has finally been established on a very sound basis, Mr. Tweedy being now the largest manufacturer of hat bands in the country, and from present indications this will soon supersede to a great extent the same class of goods which are now imported. This very desirable state of affairs has been brought about by and is one of the great benefits of our protective tariff. Mr. Tweedy's financial investments are varied, and he is interested in a number of corporations, including the Pahquioque National Bank and the Danbury & Bethel Street Railway Company, in both of which he holds the office of director. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, as was his father, and he inclines to the doctrines of the Congregational Church, to which his family has always adhered.

In 1888 Mr. Tweedy married Miss Grace L. Pulling, daughter of J. L. Pulling, a well-known citizen of Danbury, and two children, Donald and Margaret, have blessed the union.

J H. BEARD, grocer and real-estate dealer of Shelton, was born January 16, 1839, in Long Hill school district, in the town of Huntington, Fairfield county, a son of Joel Beard, of the same place.

Mr. Beard received a common-school and academic education, and labored with and for his parents until he was twenty-one. For the next eight years he was engaged in the wood and timber business, after which he moved to Shelton and built the first business block on the newly laid-out grounds of the present borough, a substantial and respectable-looking structure which is now, as it always has been, the best buiness stand in the borough, being situated on the corner of Howe avenue and Bridge street. Mr. Beard commenced trading in groceries and provisions on October 1, 1868, in the new block, and continued the business until October 1, 1871, when he sold it to Horace Wheeler. After this for about fifteen years, he was in different enterprises, and he has since spent most of his time in the grocery business, now carrying on same at No. 476 Howe avenue. From the age of twenty-one years to the present time he has been quite an extensive dealer in real estate. He has served his fellow citizens as first selectman, town agent and justice of the peace for several years, and has filled most of the other offices of the town and borough; was representative to the Legislature of the State during the winter of 1883-84, and served on several important committees. Politically, Mr. Beard has always been a Democrat.

In 1868 Mr. Beard married Miss Emily Elizabeth Hurd, daughter of Ezra A. Hurd, of Monroe. She died in 1888, leaving one daughter, Helen Willard Beard. He was married, in 1889, to his present wife, Margaret Elizabeth Blue, daughter of James U. Blue, of Defiance, Ohio. Mr. Beard has always been a true and loyal citizen of Shelton, laboring for its development in every practical way, and is a public-spirited man.

HENRY LEE, a prominent resident of Bridgeport, is favorably known throughout the State of Connecticut, being considered an authority on the history of the commonwealth, and his collection of books published in Connecticut is one of the largest in existence to-day. He also holds an influential place in business and political life, and at present is serving as a commissioner of Fairfield county under appointment from the General Assembly.

Mr. Lee was born March 24, 1848, in Coventry, Conn., and at an early age entered the employ of the Union Metallic Cartridge Company, then located in that town. He became thoroughly acquainted with the business, and in November, 1868, soon after the removal of the plant to Bridgeport, he came hither to take charge of the priming department. In 1881 he severed his connection with the company, and engaged in the grocery business in partnership with the late George M. Robertson, a year later forming his partnership with Charles J. Ketcham, and con-

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tinuing in the same line of business under the firm name of Lee & Ketcham. In June, 1895, Mr. Lee retired, but he retains his connection with business interests as a director and stockholder in the Lee Brothers Furniture Company, an extensive and prosperous enterprise. Politically he is an ardent Republican, and since locating in Bridgeport has held numerous official positions, elective and appointive. In 1881 he was elected registrar of the old Sixth ward, being re-elected to the same post in 1882. In 1885 he was elected to the board of selectmen, and in 1887 and 1888 he represented the Third ward in the board of aldermen. In 1889 Mr. Lee was the candidate of his party for the mayoralty, but was defeated, and during the last term of Mayor Marigold he served fifteen months as fire commissioner, resigning at the end of that time. On August 1, 1895, he was appointed to his present office of county commissioner for the term of four years, and he is now serving as secretary and treasurer of the board. In this incumbency he displays the same tact and acumen which brought him success in business life, and his services have met with the unqualified approval of the people, irrespective of party ties. Socially Mr. Lee is identified with numerous organizations, including the Ancient Order of Essenes; the Sea Side Club; Seaside Court of Foresters; St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M., and Jerusalem Chapter, while his attainments as a historian have made him a valued member of the Bridgeport Historical Society and the Connecticut Historical Association.

DAVID HIGSON, a well-known resident of Danbury, was born December 29, 1855, at Stockport, England, where his ancestors have had their home for generations. The late Giles Higson, our subject's father, who was born there, died in March, 1895, and the mother, Jane (Burgess) Higson, a native of Adlington, England, is still living at Stockport. They had six children: Sarah Jane, David, Elizabeth Ann, Charles, George, and Kate.

The schools of his native town afforded Mr. Higson, our subject, his educational opportunities, and he was in the grammar school when he gave up his studies at the age of thirteen to take a position as clerk in the correspondence office of the London & Northwestern Railway Company. He had already determined to learn the hatter's trade, but as he was not old enough to enter upon an apprenticeship, he continued his work for the railway company for a year, and then entered the hat factory of F. Woodham & Co., of Stockport. This firm, then among the most prominent in that line of business, was composed of F. Woodham, James McQueen, of London, England, and a Mr. Johnson, of Paris, France. Their manager, William Battersby, is now the head of the firm of William Battersby & Sons, the well-known hat manufacturers of Stockport. For seven years and a half Mr. Higson remained with F. Woodham & Co., acquiring a complete knowledge of the business, and then he became superintendent of W. J. Taafe's factory in the same town. After eight years in this position he became interested in a commission business in hats at Stockport, and continued in same for his own account two years, when he began work as a manufacturer under the firm name of D. Higson & Co. A few years later he decided to come to America to establish a jobbing trade in hats, and in October, 1889, he landed at New York City from the steamer City of Berlin, of the Inman line. He found the American methods of manufacture greatly inferior to those of England, and instead of carrying out his original plan he began to introduce improvements in different factories whose progressive owners desired to put his ideas into operation. The first man to make such an arrangement with him was Mr. Brown, of Dickerson & Brown, Kosciusko street, Brooklyn, N. Y., and after introducing his system in their shop he spent about two years as superintendent of the stiff-hat department in the factory of H. H. Haelofs & Co., Twelfth and Brown streets, Philadelphia, and one year in the same capacity with John B. Stetson & Co., Philadelphia. He then came to Danbury and had charge of Crofut & White's shop for a year, during which he inaugurated similar improvements there. On leaving that firm in 1894, he organized the business he was lately connected with, and so rapidly has their business increased that their factory on Railroad avenue, which employed about three hundred hands, was unable to fill all their orders. They were the sole manufacturers in America of the noted velvet pile-finish hats, for which the well-known firm of E. V. Connett & Co., of New York City, became the exclusive selling agents.

In March, 1879, Mr. Higson was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Elizabeth Bayley, daughter of John and Sarah (Shawcross) Bayley, the former of whom was employed during the greater portion of his life as superintendent of large cotton mills in different parts of England. Mrs. Higson was one of a family of ten children. The Higson residence at No. 6 Stevens street, Danbury, is a pleasant one, and Mr. Higson and his wife are prominent in social life and in the work of the Unitarian Church at Danbury.

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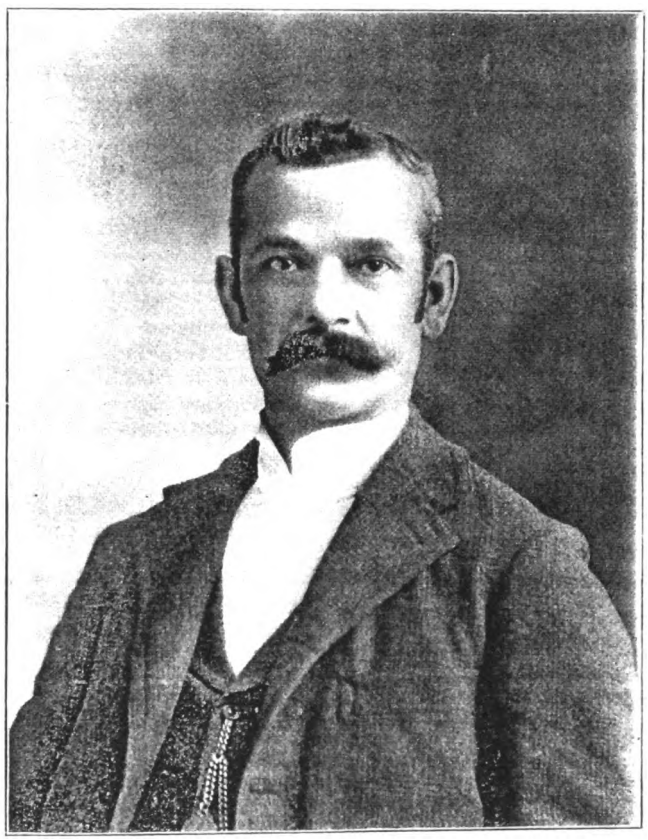

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Mr. Higson having become a citizen of the United States, he, in November, 1896, cast his first Presidential vote, balloting for William McKinley, whose policy of protection he heartily approves. Socially he is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and is a past master of the Lodge of Peace, No. 322, at Stockport, England.

EDWARD VON GAL, one of the leading citizens of Danbury, is extensively engaged in hat manufacturing, his success in this line being based upon sound business sagacity, untiring energy and a thorough knowledge of the details of the trade.

Mr. Von Gal is a descendant of an old German family, and the ancestral estate in the Fatherland has been held by the Barons Von Gal since 1100. Our subject's grandfather, who was a member of the king's bodyguard, lived and died in Germany. Jacob Von Gal, the father of our subject, was born in Cologne, Germany, and married Gertrude ——, a native of a neighboring village. He was a wealthy man, and never engaged in any occupation. In 1848 he came to America, and after traveling for a number of years located permanently in Danbury, where his death occurred June 27, 1875. His intelligence and his sympathy with progress led him to espouse the cause of liberty during the Civil war, and he served with distinction as a soldier in the Union army. His widow is now receiving a pension, and some time ago received back pension amounting to $4,000. In his early years Mr. Von Gal united with the Lutheran Church, with which the family have ever since been identified. Of his children, the twins, Jacob and Jacobina, were born in Germany, the former now a hatter in Norwalk, Conn., and the latter, who is unmarried, residing at home; Lewis, who was born in Illinois, is a hatter in Norwalk; George, born in Brooklyn, N. Y., died at the age of thirty-six; Edward, our subject, is fifth in the order of birth; Constant is a hatter in Danbury.

The subject of our sketch was born January 19, 1862, in Danbury, where he grew to manhood. He attended the local schools until he was fifteen years old, when he entered the box shop of E. S. Davis, with whom he remained three years. Having then decided to learn the hatter's trade, he served an apprenticeship of four years in Henry Crofut's factory, where he afterward became superintendent of the finishing department. After continuing about two and a half years in that position he, on June 1, 1888, formed a partnership with A. B. Davenport under the firm name of Davenport & Von Gal, and began the manufacture of stiff and soft hats. They did an extensive business until April 22, 1896, when their factory was destroyed by fire, and they dissolved partnership on June 1 following. Mr. Von Gal, however, rebuilt the factory, and has since conducted the business alone, manufacturing stiff hats exclusively. He has the advantage of understanding the business from the standpoint both of the workman and of the manufacturer. For two years he was master workman of the Hatters' Assembly, Knights of Labor, at Danbury, and during that time represented them at various meetings. When only twenty-one years of age he became the vice-president of the Hat-Finishers' Association, and in the following year he was elected to the office of president, which he held until he went into business for himself, and became a member of the Manufacturers' Association.

On October 20, 1886, Mr. Von Gal married Miss Theodora Bloomer, daughter of Theodore Bloomer, a well-known citizen of Danbury; the Bloomer family is of English descent, and has an old and honorable ancestry. Four children were born of this union: Nettie, who died October 15, 1895; Marjorie and George, who are both at home; and Edward Jr., who died in July, 1895. Mr. Von Gal and his wife are leaders in social affairs, and he is a member of various fraternal societies, including the order of Foresters and the B. P. O. E., in which he was elected in 1895 to the highest office. In politics he is a Republican.

R. A. CLANCY. Among the brave men who fought for the preservation of the Union were many gallant sons of "Old Erin," and the subject of this biography, who is a wealthy retired resident of Bridgeport, won an honorable record in the service. In private life also his name has been associated with a high ideal of citizenship, and in his extensive business operations as a foundryman in the firm of Giles & Clancy he gained an enviable standing in financial circles, the firm's plants at Bridgeport and Norwalk being conducted for years without giving a note or passing a pay-day.

Mr. Clancy was born July 18, 1833, in County Cork, Ireland, where his ancestors have made their homes for generations. Morris Clancy, his grandfather, was a merchant tailor there, and of his seven sons all followed that business, and all but one, William, remained in the old country. A son of the latter, also named William, served with distinction in the Civil war, attaining the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and met a soldier's

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death in the war with Spain, being killed in the first engagement.

Thomas Clancy, the father of our subject, was a lifelong resident of Ireland. He married Miss Catherine Fitzgibbon, also a native of that country, and our subject is the eldest of the family of six children born of this union, the others being: Mary A., deceased; John, a bookkeeper, who has been employed for twenty-five years by the Adams Express Company, in New York City; Ann, deceased; Thomas, a toolmaker for the Belknapp Manufacturing Company, of Bridgeport; and Catherine (deceased), who married Daniel Murphy, of Providence, Rhode Island.

Richard A. Clancy obtained his education in the schools of his native land previous to the age of fourteen years, when he came to America, arriving at Bridgeport June 15, 1848, and soon afterward he was bound out to Wheeler & Clark to learn the foundry business. After completing his term of three years he spent one year under special instruction at the Crescent Iron Works, where he remained, and after two years was placed in charge, filling this position acceptably until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted in Company D, 9th Conn. V. I. He was given the rank of first lieutenant, and served nineteen months, part of the time in command of his company, and after his discharge he returned to Bridgeport. Finding the business outlook unpromising he went to New Haven to find employment at his trade, and three weeks later he was made foreman of the plant of Osborn & Gaylord, with whom he remained two years. He then went back to Bridgeport as assistant foreman of the Pacific Iron Works, and subsequently took a similar position with the old Bridgeport Iron Works, after eight months being appointed foreman of that establishment. This post he held until January, 1876, when he formed a partnership with John V. Giles, and engaged in the foundry business in Bridgeport, under the firm name of Giles & Clancy, who continued in business successfully sixteen years, the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company giving them all the work of that road. They also conducted the South Norwalk Iron Works, at South Norwalk, Conn., for some time. In 1892 Mr. Clancy sold his interest, and retired to spend the afternoon of life in well-earned leisure.

Mr. Clancy married Miss Helen M. Daly, daughter of Dennis Daly, a native of Bridgeport, and a descendant of an old Irish family. Socially Mr. Clancy and his wife are prominent, and he is a member of Corinthian Lodge, F. & A. M., at Bridgeport; Jerusalem Chapter, Jerusalem Council, Hamilton Commandery, K. T., and Pyramid Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine. In religious faith he is a Catholic, having been reared in that Church, and politically he is an Independent, though previous to 1896 he gave his allegiance to the Democratic party. At all times he has taken keen interest in public affairs, but official honors have no charms for him, and he has frequently declined to appear as a candidate.

GEORGE M. BENNETT, a military veteran, is now a prominent agriculturist of Trumbull township, and his farm at Long Hill shows the same judicious management that has characterized his efforts in other lines of business. As will be seen, he is a self-made man, and his biography will be of general interest.

In both paternal and maternal lines Mr. Bennett is descended from old Holland stock, and his ancestors settled at Jamaica, Long Island, in an early day. His great-grandfather—Bennett—was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Aury Bennett, the grandfather of our subject, was a carpenter by trade, and a lifelong resident of Jamaica. Aury Bennett (2), our subject's father, was born at Jamaica, and for some years followed farming there, but his last days were spent at Long Hill, Fairfield county, where he died in 1883. His wife, whose maiden name was Lucy Hicks, is also deceased.

Mr. Bennett, our subject, was born May 15, 1834, at the old home in Jamaica, and his youth was mainly spent there. He was educated in the public schools of the locality, and at Union Hall Academy, and on leaving school he learned the carriage maker's trade, which he followed in Jamaica until 1859. He then engaged in business on his own account as a member of the firm of Spaulding & Bennett, but in 1861 he left this and entered the army as second lieutenant of Company I, 40th N. Y. V. I., his commission being signed by Governor Seward. For the fourteen months following he saw active service with the Army of the Potomac, and at the end of that time he was mustered out with the rank of first lieutenant. On his return from the front he found employment in the street railway shops at Brooklyn, N. Y., where he remained thirteen years, as foreman of the repair department, and for two years of this time he ran a boarding house on Twenty-first street, New York City. In the meantime he also conducted a confectionery store at Jamaica for seven years, and in March, 1881, he removed to his present homestead at Long Hill. Mr. Bennett was married

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in Jamaica to Miss Conger, a native of New York City, and three children have blessed the union: George Thomson Conger died in infancy; Harry Hicks resides in Bridgeport, this county, where he is employed as superintendent by D. T. Conger; Charlotte Thomson (deceased), married A. E. Poland, and had one daughter, Charlotte Bennett.

EDWARD BURKE is one of the prosperous business men of Danbury. Like many of our enterprising citizens, he is of Irish parentage, but he can claim Danbury as his native place, having been born there October 17, 1852. His ancestors had their home in County Galway, Ireland, and his grandfather, James Burke, was a farmer there throughout life.

The late Patrick Burke, father of our subject, was the only one of a large family of children to come to America, the others remaining in Ireland. He crossed the ocean in 1850, accompanied by his wife, Mary (Kelly), and six children, of whom four died from ship fever shortly after landing. Of the surviving two, the elder, Patrick Burke, Jr., is a hatter in Danbury, and Bridget is the wife of Edward McPhelemy, of the same place. Our subject was the first of five children born in America: Michael, deceased, was the superintendent of O. Benedict's hat shop in Bethel; James died at the age of twenty-one; John, deceased, was a hatter by trade; Mary died at the age of six. The mother of this family died March 9, 1866, and the father on March 12, 1896. He took much interest in politics, casting his vote regularly for the Democratic party, and he and his wife were both members of the Roman Catholic Church, to which faith our subject also adheres.

Edward Burke spent his youth in Danbury, where he attended school and later learned the hatter's trade, following same in different factories there and in Boston. In June, 1882, he engaged in his present occupation, starting on a small scale, and he succeeded so well that in a few years he was able to build the brick block which was opened for business December 19, 1885. His trade is now extensive, and his stock includes all kinds of groceries and provisions, a full assortment of ales, wines, liquors and cigars, and a line of old Maryland whiskies. His establishment is at Nos. 109–111 South street. As he began his business career without capital, his success must be attributed to hard work and careful management, those unfailing factors in success. Mr. Burke is president of the Wine, Liquor and Beer Dealers' Association of Danbury, and is on the executive board of the State association.

Until the campaign of 1896, Mr. Burke was a supporter of the Democratic ticket, but his vote was then cast with the Republican party for honest money. Before Danbury became a city he held the office of burgess for two years, from 1888 to 1890, and was chairman of the committee on streets and sidewalks.

On November 28, 1876, Mr. Burke married Miss Mary J. Sweeney, daughter of Patrick and Mary Sweeney, of Danbury. She died June 3, 1890, and on June 11, 1892, he married her sister Elizabeth, who died on October 27 of the following year. On November 28, 1895, he formed a third union, this time with Mrs. Mary (Lavin) Braumfeldt, daughter of Patrick and Mary Lavin, of Danbury, and they have one child, Edward Keys, born May 17, 1897.

CLARENCE H. BRADLEY, one of the intelligent, energetic farmers of Greenfield, is well known in this part of Fairfield county, and the name he bears is always suggestive of the best type of citizenship in Fairfield township. He was born here, in Banks North District, on August 12, 1854, and is the eldest in the family of Zalmon B. and Sarah E. (Sherwood) Bradley, who are mentioned elsewhere. The family is one of the oldest in this region.

Mr. Bradley acquired his earlier education in the schools of the district in which he was born, and was reared to farm life on the old homestead, living at home until his marriage, with the exception of the three years he spent in Toledo, Ohio, where he attended the high school. During vacation he was employed in a sash, door and blind factory. When twenty-one years old he was united in marriage with Miss Adda Chase, daughter of Stephen P. Chase, and they made their home with Mrs. Bradley's parents on their farm at Greenfield for a time, later removing to Bridgeport, where our subject engaged in the meat business. He had a partner for several years, after which he continued the business alone, remaining in Bridgeport until 1893, since which time he has occupied his father's farm at Greenfield. Here he has engaged in farming, having charge of the property, and he is regarded as one of the most progressive and up-to-date agriculturists in the locality, where he is widely and favorably known. He is a member of the Greenfield Grange, of which organization he served as secretary for three years, and while in Bridgeport he was an active member of the Butchers' Association of that city. His politi-

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cal sympathies are with the Democratic party, and, while not exactly a politician, he takes a keen interest in the welfare of his party and in local public affairs, and he served ably as township assessor. Mr. Bradley has a wide circle of friends in Fairfield, and he is one of the most popular men in the neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley have had two children, Florence C. and Irene S., both of whom are living.

GEORGE W. BARNUM, of Danbury, an honored veteran of the Civil war, belongs to a family which distinguished itself for patriotism and valor during those troublous times, as will be seen. Our subject is a successful business man and a representative American citizen, lending his influence to the various movements that tend toward progression.

Mr. Barnum was born March 7, 1842, in New Fairfield, this county, where he obtained his early education in the common schools. At the age of ten he hired out to a farmer there with whom he remained six years, receiving his board and clothes and a few months' schooling each year. When sixteen he went to Richmond, Va., to learn the sash and blind business, but in 1860 he returned North, locating in Danbury, where he was first employed as a clerk in a store and later worked in a hat factory. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted in Company C, 3d Conn. V. I., for four months, and at the expiration of his term resumed the work of clerking in a store at Danbury. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, 23d Conn. V. I. for one year, and served under General Banks at New Orleans. On his return to Danbury he followed the hatter's trade for a time, after which he re-entered the service. After the close of the war he engaged in carpentering, but in 1870 he embarked in the grocery business in partnership with his cousin, Hendrick Barnum. A few years later he formed another partnership with Albert B. Reed, under the name of Barnum & Reed, and their store at No. 307 Main street enjoyed a large and profitable trade, their stock of groceries and provisions being an excellent one.

On April 26, 1866, Mr. Barnum was married to Miss Sarah L. Raymond, daughter of John D. and Eliza Raymond, prominent residents of Danbury. She died August 11, 1886, and on July 11, 1890, our subject formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Miss Anna E. Platt, of Danbury, whose father, George Platt, is a well-known citizen of this county. Mr. Barnum is the father of five children, all by his first marriage: Fannie E., born September 8, 1870, married to Charles F. Wilson, of Danbury; Laura E., born October 3, 1872, who married Ward B. Dann, and has one son, Ward C., born January 30, 1896; Charles W. and Charline W., twins, born February 28, 1875, the latter of whom died on August 15 of the same year; and Clara D., born April 26, 1882, living at home.

In politics Mr. Barnum is a Republican, and he has held several offices, and in 1869 he was elected constable for three years. In 1882 he was elected burgess of his borough, and was also appointed a grand juror. His service in the war was supplemented by five years in the State militia, and he was a charter member of the local company, of which he was made second lieutenant at its organization, and was later promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. He belongs to numerous fraternal and military societies, including the I. O. O. F., the I. O. R. M., the K. of P. (in which he is Past Chancellor); the G. A. R., and the Sons of Veterans.

The Barnum family traces its descent from Thomas Barnum, or Barnham, as the name was originally spelled. He was born in England in 1625, and about 1640 came to America, locating at Springfield, Mass. In 1643 he removed to Fairfield, Conn., and in 1660 to Norwalk, and later he, with seven other heads of families, including James Beebe, of Stratford, Conn., settled at Danbury, at what is now the south end of Main street. He was twice married, and by his second wife had five children: Thomas, Jr., Francis, Richard, John and Ebenezer. Of these, Francis and Richard both represented Danbury in the Colonial Legislature.

Francis Barnum, the next in the line of descent, was born in Norwalk, and died about 1736. He married Mary ———, and had six sons: Isaac, David, Samuel, Thomas, Nathan and Abel.

Nathan Barnum, the next ancestor in the direct line, married Rebecca Lockwood, of Norwalk, and in 1742 they removed to New Fairfield. They had two children: Nathan, Jr., and David.

David Barnum, our subject's great-grandfather, was born in Danbury, March 30, 1735, and died January 30, 1822. On July 13, 1756, he married, for his first wife, Anna, daughter of Samuel Towner, and five children were born of the union, their names, with dates of birth and death, being as follows: Nathan, March 28, 1757—September 13, 1758; David, August 9, 1758—December 31, 1793; Rebecca, November 3, 1760—October 20, 1817; Annie, October 21, 1762—December 7, 1793; and Diantha, September 11, 1764— March 24, 1834. David Barnum married, for his second wife, Jemima, daughter

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of Capt. Ebenezer and Mehetable Peck Stevens, and widow of Serajah Beardsley. They had six children, namely: Serajah B., born November 30, 1789, died February 10, 1831; Samuel T., born November 18, 1790, died January 15, 1859, Ebenezer and Mehitable, twins, of whom the latter died in childhood, Jerusha, born May 12, 1775, died May 8, 1873; Thaddeus, born September 6, 1778, died August 13, 1825.

Ebenezer Barnum, the grandfather of our subject, was born in New Fairfield, October 31, 1772, and died October 4, 1846, having been a farmer throughout his life. By his first wife, Betsey, daughter of Capt. Ebakim Nash, of Weston, this county, he had eight children, viz.: Amy, born May 10, 1801, died May 14, 1830; Truman, born February 23, 1803, died September 14, 1875; Amasa, died August 22, 1859; Homer B., our subject's father; Horace, Ebakim N., killed in 1862 in the Civil war; Harvey, and Ebenezer, Jr., died November 9, 1886. The second wife of Ebenezer Barnum was Rebecca Mead, daughter of Rev. Uriah and Rebecca Mead. She died March 9, 1875. Their children were: George, born June 23, 1818, died July 2, 1882; John, born May 31, 1821, died March 21, 1825; Luther M., born January 16, 1830, a farmer, now living retired at No. 449 Main street, Danbury.

Homer B. Barnum, our subject's father, was born May 16, 1809, at New Fairfield, and on September 8, 1830, married Miss Eliza Foote, a native of Newtown, born February 27, 1812. She was a daughter of Philo and Phebe Foote, and her family was one of the first to settle at Newtown. After his marriage Homer B. Barnum settled upon a farm in New Fairfield, where he followed the occupation of a stone mason, and also worked as a comb maker. He was a man of remarkable force of character, as was shown by his gallant support of the government during the Civil war, in which he lost his life. He was one of the first to join the Republican party, and with his five sons enlisted in the Union army, their record being given below. His wife, who died October 12, 1867, bore him six sons: William A., born August 24, 1834, is a farmer at Cannon Station, this county; Theodore H., born June 10, 1837, died April 18, 1879; Eben L., born August 13, 1839, is a butcher and merchant at Danbury; George W. is the subject proper of this sketch; Frederick C., born October 14, 1843, met a soldier's death on June 21, 1863, at La Fourche Crossing, La.; and Edwin H., born October 28, 1847, is now a successful business man of Bradford, Penn., being a director in banking and other corporations and an extensive producer of petroleum. (He was formerly a noted oil operator.)

The patriotic zeal of Homer B. Barnum and his sons is well described in an article in the *National Republic* of Washington, D. C., entitled "A Fighting Family. A Father and Five Sons in the Army." The writer says:

"Mr. Editor.—The following extract from the Providence (R. I.) *Press* of October, 1862, is furnished by a Danbury correspondent: Among the numerous volunteers from Danbury is an old man named Homer B. Barnum and five sons. A more patriotic fighting family is not to be found in this region. If the sons fight as well as the father they will do their share toward crushing out the Rebellion. The father, who is nearly sixty years of age, passed himself off to the mustering officer as forty-four, and was mustered in over a year ago, and as a member of Company A, 11th Connecticut, has since followed in the division of the brave Burnside. At the battle of Antietam he was on the skirmish line at the stone bridge, and was stationed behind a post, and did not leave his position until he had emptied his Sharp's rifle fifty-nine times. As he is an old experienced fox hunter, it may be presumed that few, if any, of his shots were wasted. He had one narrow escape. Soon after seating himself he discovered a hole in the post opposite his heart; reaching outside the post he put in a stone and went to work again. In a few minutes the stone covering the hole was shattered by a ball from a Rebel sharpshooter, pieces of the stone and ball falling through into his lap. But the old hero's time had not come yet. He coolly closed up as before and resumed his labors. A number of gentlemen, learning the facts of the devotion of the family to our cause, yesterday quietly made a donation visit to the mother and remaining son, and left goods and money to the amount of over $50 as a slight token of their appreciation of the sacrifice of this household. It was well deserved. May all the worthy heroes of our grand, noble army be remembered and rewarded.

"As a sequel to the above I will give a brief sketch of the service of this patriotic family during the war. The father, Homer B. Barnum, enlisted October 25, 1861, in Company A, Eleventh Connecticut, and was in all the battles of the regiment until July 12, 1864, when he was shot through the head by a sharpshooter and instantly killed in the trenches in front of Petersburg, Va. His time would have expired October following. When the regiment veteranized he offered his services for three years more, but our old surgeon, Doctor Whitcomb, said to him:—

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'Homer, you are too old a man to go for three years more. There are plenty of younger but not better men to take your place. Stay your other year out and then go home. Your family is well represented now. I will get you a thirty-days' furlough to go home with the boys; but do not stay in the army any longer than your present enlistment.' At his death his remains were brought home to Danbury, where they peacefully rest in our beautiful cemetery, and he is yearly remembered on 'Memorial Day,' together with nearly two hundred other gallant heroes.

"The eldest son, William A. Barnum, was rejected as a soldier, being subject to epileptic fits, but served as a steward for about two years on various government transports. Theodore H. Barnum enlisted for three years in Company B, Fourteenth United States Infantry, Second Battalion, and contracted inflammatory rheumatism and chronic diarrhea, from the effects of which he died several years later. He was in several engagements, including the battle of Bull Run. Eben L. Barnum enlisted April 25, 1861, in Company C, Third Conn. Vol. Inf., for three months, and on November 13, 1861, in Company A, Eleventh Conn. Vol. Inf., for three years, and received honorable discharges from both regiments, having served both enlistments in full.

"George W. Barnum, Jr., enlisted April 25, 1861, for three months, in Company C, 23d Conn. Vol. Inf., and on August 25, 1862, in Company G, 23d Conn. Regiment, for nine months, and served both terms in full. Frederick C. Barnum enlisted for nine months in Company K, 23d Conn. Vol. Inf., and was shot and instantly killed in the battle at La Fourche Crossing, La. He is buried where he fell. This left the sixth and youngest son (eleven years of age) at home with his mother, where he stayed until the Eleventh Connecticut came home on a veteran furlough, and he returned to the seat of war with them as sutler's clerk."

The Danbury *Evening News* of April 26, 1889, says: "Two G. A. R. men became Sons of Veterans to-night—Eben L. Barnum and G. W. Barnum, brothers. The family have not only an honorable but also a very patriotic war record. It was a sight seldom witnessed, two brothers, one fifty years and the other forty-eight, wearing upon their breast the honorable badge of the G. A. R., going through the beautiful and impressive service of initiation and coming out full-fledged Sons of Veterans as members of Nelson L. White Camp No. 10. Capt. Tobert Davis, ably assisted by inspector Edward S. Whiton, very gracefully performed the duties of the occasion. James E. Moore Post, No. 18, of which E. L. Barnum is senior vice-commander, was especially invited to be present. A beautiful collation was served by the ladies and society after the services."

HENRY B. MIDDLEBROOK. Whether by politics or by literature, by the professions or by manual labor, the path leading to success is a thorny one. Perseverance and industry, wisdom and judgment, physical and mental endurance, are the requisite stepping-stones. Few men, comparatively, combine in their general make-up these necessary qualifications, and he who does is more often called "lucky" by the world, that looks, not at the toiler, but at the man who stands firm before the people on the topmost point. The hope of result gives the charm to all labor, and, as we contemplate on the lives of the successful men of to-day, how little do we realize the despair, the heart-aches and almost hopelessness of the worker that precedes the crowning glory of success. The life-story of men who have achieved success is a fitting study for the coming generations of American citizens, and we here present to our readers one worthy of emulation.

Henry B. Middlebrook, whose name introduces this article, was born in Bridgeport, Conn., February 14, 1829, a son of Samuel B. and Margaret (Rickert) Middlebrook, the former also a native of Bridgeport, and the latter a native of Dutchess county, N. Y., of good old Holland stock. Samuel B. Middlebrook was a son of Samuel Middlebrook (born in Southbury, this county, of English extraction). He spent his life in Bridgeport, and was one of the firm of Curtis & Middlebrook, vessel and house painters. He married Margaret Rickert, and by her had eight children, of whom the following is the record: Maria married George Augur, a carpenter and builder of New Haven; Susan married George S. Stevenson, a jeweler of Bridgeport; Sarah Ann married George S. Curtis, a cabinet-maker of Trumbull (both she and her husband are now deceased); Margaret S. did not marry; George, deceased, was in the market business; Charles, deceased, was a house painter; John, deceased, followed carpentering as an occupation; and Henry B. is our subject. The father of this family kept a paint store for a number of years. In politics he was a Democrat, and had served as deputy sheriff of the county. During the war of 1812 he had performed guard duty near the city of Bridgeport. He and his entire family were communi-

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cants of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Mr. Middlebrook died October 20, 1838, and his wife passed away April 27, 1882.

Henry B. Middlebrook spent his early days in Bridgeport, and here in the local schools received his education. At the age of seventeen he began to learn the tinning and sheet-iron trade, and later the plumbing trade, at which he served a four-years' apprenticeship. Following this he worked as a journeyman until 1860, when he formed a co-partnership with P. R. Bishop under the firm name of Bishop & Middlebrook, this partnership lasting four years, when our subject formed another business alliance, this time with J. W. and Charles E. Wilmot; they continued together until 1871, when one of the members of the firm died, the other two carrying on the business for two years under the name of Middlebrook & Wilmot. Mr. Middlebrook sold out his share to Zalmon Goodsell, and removed to Naugatuck; but after remaining there a short time he returned to Bridgeport and opened his present business—plumbing, gas and steam fitting, etc. He has made a thorough study of his trade, and is therefore capable of giving the best satisfaction possible for first-class workmanship.

On November 29, 1849, Mr. Middlebrook was united in marriage to Miss Louisa A. Hayden, of Litchfield, a daughter of Canfield and Candis Hayden. Mrs. Middlebrook died December 26, 1892. One child came to bless this union—Fred H., who married Estella J. Hanson, of Bridgeport, and has one child, Grace E. Fred is in charge of his father's store, and bids fair to be a most successful man, his genial manner and gentlemanly bearing winning for him a high place both socially and commercially among the citizens of his native town. Among the patrons of this establishment are many of the old settlers of the county, and it is one of the finest of the kind in the city.

Henry B. Middlebrook, though loyally devoted to and interested in the well-being of our government, is no politician. He gives liberally to any movement that tends to the development of home industries, and the progress of civilization. For twelve years he has served in the military company, and for the same length of time with Engine Company No. 2. In the Master Plumbers Association of Bridgeport he has been president, and in fact has held all the offices, even now serving as vice-president; he also holds a State office in this order. In his religious views he has clung to the faith of his fathers, and is active in the work of the Episcopal Church. In all local movements he has taken an active part, and few men attain to such prominence as his, in their native towns. He has always been interested in literature, and has contributed some gems to the poetic world that are worthy of reproduction. On the death of J. J. Weaver, Master Plumber of Philadelphia, he wrote:

As leaves in golden Autumn
Are strewn by every blast,
Frail man must meet death's summons
And turn to death at last.

Our dear departed brother,
Death calls him home to his rest,
To dwell among the angels
In mansions of the blest.

We've missed his ways so kindly,
His friendship and his voice
No more on earth shall greet us,
To make our hearts rejoice.

Life's battle scenes are over,
His armor is laid down,
To every trust so faithful,
He now receives a crown.

All thoughts of him are golden
In noble honest name,
We close his eyes in slumber,
And wreathe sweet mem'ry's frame.

So let the waiting angels
Bear him on to the shore
Where sweetest rest awaits him
In bliss forever more.

For like the patriarch olden
He sought a home above,
Where saints and angels tune their harps
And sing e'er "God is Love."

Sleep long, sleep well, dear brother,
Peace be to thee, and rest,
And some day may we meet thee
In mansions of the blest.

And again on the occasion of the meeting of the Master Plumbers Association in Philadelphia, in answer to the words of welcome from the mayor, he wrote:

We come to your beautiful historic city,
The home of old Liberty bell,
We wish the dead and departed
Were with us its glories to tell.

McDonald, Weaver, Remick and Weldon,
Struck down by Death's sickle at last,
Though gone, yet as ever their memory
Is engraved on our hearts deep and fast.

Once more we meet in convention
As bound by a golden chain,
One more will look on together,
That knows not a shadow of stain.

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We come thankfully to this re-union
With another year passed away.
Oh! joy to the living here with us,
And peace to the dead, we say.

You welcome us so fraternally,
Friendship's stream flows brightly and clear,
Its waters will bear us forever
The joy of our visit here.

Let us pass the hours there together
In a glad and fraternal way,
So the good of another re-union
Will linger for many a day.

Nature shows us its complete beauty,
All the flowers and birds are in tune;
'Tis pleasant thus to be assembled
In the rosy month of June.

All hail to the brethren who greet us!
All hail to the children of Penn!
We hope to be able to meet them
For many a time and again.

The newspaper writers may say it,
Philadelphia is awfully slow,
Let them meet in convention of plumbers,
And they will never say it is so.

JOHN J. KEARNS, a well-known business man of Stamford, Fairfield county, is a native of that town, born in 1855. He is a son of Martin Kearns, who was born in Ireland.

Mr. Kearns attended the public schools of Stamford in early life, and acquired a good practical education. For fifteen years after commencing work he was engaged in railroading, running for some time on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad; and for four years on a road in Illinois. In 1888 Mr. Kearns commenced the retail liquor business in Stamford, which he has since conducted, and which brings him in a comfortable income. His first location was on Railroad avenue, but he subsequently removed to his present quarters, on Pacific street, where he has a commodious business room. He is a prominent member of the Liquor Dealers Association of Stamford. By thrift and economy he has succeeded in acquiring considerable valuable property, and he holds several good pieces of real estate in Stamford.

Mr. Kearns was married in Stamford to Miss Julia Hayes, and two children have been born to them, namely: Martin, and Julia, who died when thirteen months old. The family are Catholics in religious belief, and are members of St. John's parish. Socially, Mr. Kearns is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He is a Democrat in political sentiment.

WILLIAM D. BALDWIN, of the well-known firm of McGraw & Baldwin, dealers in groceries and provisions at No. 93 White street, Danbury, is a man who has won success in life by energetic and persistent effort in his chosen line.

Mr. Baldwin was born October 13, 1856, in Newtown, Conn., and is connected with several of the old families of this State. His paternal grandfather, William Baldwin, who was born November 28, 1803, and died January 11, 1847, was married not earlier than 1827 to Miss Emeline Leavenworth, a native of Woodbury, Conn., who was born August 14, 1807. The Leavenworth family is descended from Thomas and Grace Leavenworth, who were born in England, and, according to tradition, came to America in 1664, or later, and settled at Woodbury, Conn. Thomas Leavenworth died there August 3, 1683, but it is thought that his wife lived until 1715. They had three children: Thomas; John, who was still living in 1718; and a daughter, whose name is not known. II. Dr. Thomas Leavenworth, eldest child of Thomas and Grace Leavenworth, was born in 1673, probably at Woodbury, but possibly in England, and died at Ripton, England, August 4, 1754. In 1698 he was married at Stratford, Conn., to Miss Mary Jenkins, daughter of David and Grace Jenkins. She was born in 1680, and died at Ripton in June, 1768, in her eighty-ninth year. Eleven children were born of this union, the names, with dates of birth, etc., being as follows: James, September 1, 1699, died after August 1, 1759; David, October 12, 1701, died April 10, 175-; Ebenezer, April 7, 1706, died in 1734; John, November 3, 1708, died in 1783; Zebulon, about 1709, died May 2, 1778; Mark, about 1711, died August 20, 1797; Thomas died after 1795; Mary, about 1717, died at the age of ninety-six; Hannah, about 1719; Sarah, November 6, 1721; Edmund, born in 1725, died July 17, 1785.

III. John Leavenworth was born at Stratford, and about 1737 married Deborah Hurd, who died January 1, 1746. On January 29, 1747, he married Mary Bronson, who was born July 21, 1719, a daughter of Ebenezer Bronson and Mary (Mann). The children of the first wife were: David, born about 1737 or 1738; Abigail, born about 1739; John, who is mentioned again below; Lemuel, born October 9, 1743, died April 30, 1825; and Deborah, born May 8, 1745. There were six children by the second wife: Sybil, born 1747; Amos, baptized August 9, 1753, died at Deerfield, N. Y., September 2, 1828; Avis, born 1754; Elihu, born October 5, 1756, died December 25,

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1756, Elisha, baptized July 3, 1763, Elihu, born June 10, 1763, died July 1, 1817. All were born in Woodbury. IV. John Leavenworth was baptized July 19, 1741, and died in 1821 in in Woodbury. He served in the Revolutionary army. On November 20, 1769, he married Abigail Peck, of Newtown, who died June 30, 182[illegible]. Their children were Bertha, born March 14, 1771, Captain John Peck, born November 23, 1772, died October 13, 1852, Lucretia, born April 18, 1775, Russell, our subject's great-grandfather, and Amarillis, born December 11, 1778 (she was a twin, the other child dying in infancy).

V. Russell Leavenworth, born January 18, 1777, died April 17, 1865. On February 5, 1802, he married Althea DeForrest, born September 7, 1779, and died February 21, 1814. On September 13, 1815, he married Polly Warner, daughter of Rev. Noahdiah Warner, a clergyman, then of Newtown, later of Danbury. Russell Leavenworth was a mechanic and farmer. He removed about 1824 to Newtown, Conn., and in 1827 lived in New Milford on a farm. In 1830 he settled in Bridgewater, Litchfield county. He had five children: John D., born January 2, 1803, Abigail, born June 4, 1804, died February 28, 1866, Emeline, born August 14, 1807, Mark, born March 25, 1809, and Lorenzo W., born July 2, 1821. William and Emeline Baldwin had one son, Hon. James D. Baldwin, our subject's father, who was born February 21, 1832, and after residing for some years of his early manhood at Hawleyville, Conn., removed to Bethel, where he was engaged in mercantile business for many years, his death occurring February 1, 1888. He was a man of much influence, and in 1867 was a member of the State Legislature. His wife, Margaret (Blackman), was born in Newtown. Her grandfather, Samuel Blackman, is mentioned in the life of P. T. Barnum, and her parents, James and Hannah (Turner) Blackman, were highly respected residents of Newtown.

To James D. and Margaret Baldwin seven children were born, viz.: Mary E., born May 7, 1853, married William Wheeler, and died in 1889; William D. is mentioned more fully below; Louis T., is deceased; Jennie M. married W. F. Godfrey, of Danbury, and had one daughter, Marguerite; Robert J., died leaving a widow, Mrs. Carrie Gordon Baldwin (daughter of W. A. Gordon) and two children, Robert Gordon and Hazel; John, born August 6, 1866, and Dwight, born in 1872, reside in Danbury.

Mr. Baldwin, our subject, was educated in the common schools of Bethel and Danbury, and when about sixteen years old began his business career as a clerk in the grocery store of L. S. Benedict & Son, of Danbury. After six years with this employer he took a similar position with Barnum & Reed, and there remained five or six years. In 1889 he formed his present partnership with Edward McGraw, and established himself in business at No. 101 White street, Danbury, but on November 1, 1896, the firm removed to No. 93, where they have continued. Their business is an extensive one, having steadily increased under their energetic and judicious management, and their stock, which occupies one floor and a cellar, 20 x 75 feet, is well-selected and admirably arranged.

In 1886, Mr. Baldwin married Miss Annie Monroe, daughter of Colonel James and Virginia M. (Martin) Monroe. Her father, who was a nephew of President Monroe, was a graduate of West Point, and served in the regular army for many years. He commanded at Fort Snelling, Minn., for some time, and participated in the Mexican war and in the Civil war. He died of typhoid fever in 1862, at Harper's Ferry, while serving as colonel of the 22nd N. Y. V. I. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin have a pleasant home at No. 28 Osborne street, Danbury, and are prominent in social life and in the work of the Congregational Church. They have had five children: James Monroe, John (who died in infancy), Louis, William D., Jr., and Eugenia. Mr. Baldwin is a director in the Y. M. C. A. He also takes an interest in fraternal society work as a member of the Knights of Honor. In political faith he is a Republican.

WILLIAM E. HENEBRY, whose name in the city of Danbury is inseparably connected with the Opera Café, is a native of Waterbury, Conn., born June 9, 1859.

William Henebry, father of our subject, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, and there grew to manhood and married a native of the same place. For some years afterward they made their home in the Emerald Isle, coming to America about 1846 and settling in Waterbury, where they made a permanent home. They had nine children, viz.: Two daughters who died in infancy; James, a brass molder in Waterbury; John, a police officer in Chicago, who was killed in the "Haymarket riot;" Patrick, a machinist by trade, who is now in the sewing-machine business in Danbury; Thomas F., who is a brass molder by trade, but is now in the butcher business in Danbury; Timothy, a miner in California; Garrett, a brass molder, residing at Waterbury; and William E., our subject. The father of these is a laboring man at Waterbury. In

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politics he is an ardent Democrat. The mother died in 1867.

William E. Henebry passed his early days at Waterbury, and with his brothers attended the local schools, afterward learning the brass molder's trade, which he followed until 1881, principally in Waterbury; for periods of short duration, however, he was at various places, going as far west as Chicago. He finally located at Danbury and engaged in the saloon business, in which he has continued ever since with steadily increasing patronage. He conducts the Opera Café, and vigilant to the interests of the place maintains the strictest order.

On April 27, 1887, Mr. Henebry was married to Miss Anna McDermott, a daughter of Thomas McDermott, a native of Ireland, who for many years has been closely identified with the interests of Danbury. Mr. Henebry is a wide-awake business man, and well posted on the issues of the day. In his political affiliations he has always supported the doctrines of the Democratic party except at the last Presidential election. In local affairs he has always been independent, voting for the man who in his opinion is best qualified for the office to be filled. He is an active member of the B. P. O. E. In religious connection he and his wife adhere to the faith of the Roman Catholic Church, and contribute liberally to its support.

ALLEN T. SANDFORD, veteran of the Civil war, has been for some years a resident of Bethel, where he is successfully engaged in the undertaking business.

Mr. Sandford was born November 26, 1844, at Newark, N. J., where the family has resided for several generations, son of Enoch Sandford, a native of the same city, who passed his life there, following the mason's trade. He married Miss Elizabeth Kissam, a native of New York City, and they had six children: Ebenezer, a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Catherine, Mrs. Bowers; Phœbe, deceased; Allen T., our subject; Mary B.; and Emily N., deceased.

Mr. Sandford was educated in the schools of his native place, and at an early age learned the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked for some time in New York City. Later he engaged in shoe fitting in that city, and for ten years he followed the same business in Norwalk, Conn. In November, 1883, he removed to Bethel to enter upon his present business, in which he has ever since been continuously engaged. He is ably assisted by his wife, formerly Miss Alice H. Hand, to whom he was married in Norwalk, Conn. Two daughters, Emily N. and Alice H., blessed their union, but both are deceased.

During the "dark days" of 1863 Mr. Sandford enlisted in the 33rd New Jersey V. I., giving his services throughout the remainder of the war. He is now a valued member of James E. Moore Post G. A. R., at Danbury, and he also belongs to the Masonic Fraternity, uniting with St. John's Lodge No. 6, F. & A. M., and Washington Chapter, No. 24, R. A. M., at Norwalk.

JOHN B. SULLIVAN, a prominent citizen of Bridgeport, is an extensive dealer in groceries, meats and liquors, and his store at the corner of East Main and Steuben streets contains a well-selected stock of goods in those lines. Mr. Sullivan believes in giving close personal attention to his business, and has found this to be the key of success; but he also finds time to take an active part in political affairs, and has frequently been chosen to office by the people of his city.

Mr. Sullivan was born November 3, 1856, in Colchester, Conn., and is of Irish descent on both sides. Michael Sullivan, his father, was born in Ireland, and came to America in 1848, locating in Colchester. He married Miss Mary Sullivan, a native of County Kerry, Ireland, and they had three children: John B.; Ellen, wife of James Flynn, of Willimantic, Conn.; and E. L., a merchant in Bridgeport. Our subject remained at home until he reached the age of sixteen years, and during this time he worked for one year in the Hayward Rubber Works at Colchester. As his time was mainly occupied with farm work in boyhood his educational advantages were somewhat limited, but his earnest desire for improvement led him to spend his evenings in study, thus laying the foundation for a good practical knowledge of the common branches. When sixteen years of age he went to East Haddam, Conn., where he was employed as clerk by D. B. Warner, who carried on a lumber yard and general store, and while there also continued his studies in the evenings. During his two years of service he discharged his duties so well that on leaving he received a good letter of recommendation from Mr. Warner. In 1874 he removed to Bridgeport, and after working six months in a cartridge factory he took an agency for a history and other books, canvassing for some time. Being familiar with farm work, he found employment with Mr. Brice, the milkman, for one season, and at its close, on October 28, he began to work for the Wheeler & Wilson Company in Bridgeport, with whom he continued

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for nine years. In the meantime, as his health required change of activity, Mr. Sullivan began to give attention to municipal affairs, becoming an influential worker in the Democratic organization. In 1884 he was elected to the board of councilmen, and after serving acceptably through 1885-86 he was chosen to the office of alderman in the latter year. About this time he left the Wheeler & Wilson Company, having been appointed letter carrier under Postmaster Edward F. Meeker, and after serving two years he resigned, Mr. Meeker giving him a hearty written recommendation.

In 1889 Mr. Sullivan and his brother, E. L., purchased the business of Johnson & Rickle, grocers and liquor dealers, at the corner of East Main and Steuben streets, and for five years conducted the establishment under the firm name of Sullivan Bros. Since the dissolution of partnership our subject has continued the business alone, adding a meat market to the other departments. Although he has handled liquors for some years he is strictly temperate in his habits. His business averages $50,000 annually, and in addition to his large stock he owns two handsome residences in Bridgeport.

On February 9, 1880, Mr. Sullivan married Miss Anna M. Clark, of Bridgeport, a daughter of John Clark, who was born in Ireland, and five children have blessed this union: Edward J., Eugene F., John B., Jr., Mary M., and Vincent T. Mr. Sullivan and his family are leading members of the Catholic Church at Bridgeport, and he is also connected with the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

FRANK SHEA is well known to the residents of Stratford, Fairfield county, as the builder of some of her most substantial edifices, and though he is not one of the old citizens of that place, he has become thoroughly interested in her welfare, and is regarded as one of the reliable men of the city.

Mr. Shea is a native of Lisbon, Androscoggin Co., Maine, born September 15, 1854, and lived there until he was eleven years old, when he removed to Bowdoin, same State. There he attended public school for a time, and, with the intention of preparing himself for college, later entered the Litchfield (Maine) Academy, where he received a good practical training. His father's death changed his educational plans, and coming to Hartford, Conn., he apprenticed himself to Henry R. Tryon, a mason builder, with whom he served three years, during which time he acquired a thorough knowledge of the details of the business. Two years later he became Mr. Tryon's partner, continuing as such until 1882, since when he has contracted on his own account, and also engaged in other branches of industry. In 1881 Mr. Shea came to Stamford to construct a chimney for the Yale & Towne Company, for whom he has put up several buildings, and among other specimens of his handiwork we mention the Lincrusta Walton works, the Stamford high school building, the Stamford National bank, the C. O. Miller, Lyman Hoyt's Sons and Ayres Bros. buildings, and the M. E. parsonage, all in Stamford. In 1888 Mr. Shea went west, locating in Tacoma, Wash., where he commenced speculating in real estate, and he remained there several years, engaged in various enterprises, returning to Stamford in 1894. For the past two years he has been in the employ of T. W. Hall, of Tallmadge Hill.

Mr. Shea was first married to Miss Charity E. Whitmore, a native of Maine, who died in Stamford, leaving one son, Walter F. In 1896 he wedded, for his second wife, Miss Hattie L. Jones, daughter of D. C. Jones, of Bridgeport, Conn. Our subject is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge in Stamford, and united with the Masonic Fraternity in Maine. He has served as burgess of Stamford.

DAVID O'DONNELL, a leading grocer of Bridgeport, has built up a flourishing business through his judicious and enterprising management. His store at No. 628 Main street is well patronized, and in addition to a fine stock of groceries he keeps on hand a variety of liquors for the retail trade.

Mr. O'Donnell is of Irish descent, and his paternal grandparents reside upon a farm in County Limerick, Ireland. Patrick O'Donnell, the father of our subject, was born in that county, and came to America in early manhood, spending some time in New York City engaged in contracting and building, afterward engaging in the construction of railroad beds on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, the Naugatuck division of the New York and New England railroad. His business changes caused the family to make numerous removals during his active years, and for some time he was a watchman in North Bridgeport, but he finally settled upon a farm in Litchfield county, where he died. He was married in Bridgeport to Miss Mary Carey, a daughter of David Carey. Of the thirteen children born to this union all but two lived to maturity: Jeremiah is foreman in the Meriden lock factory at Meriden, Conn.; John is a molder in

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Terryville, Conn.; David is the third in order of birth; Dennis became a molder by trade; William is employed as a brass molder in Bridgeport; Thomas (deceased) was an iron molder; the seventh child died in infancy unnamed; Morris, who was formerly a brass molder, is now in the employ of our subject; Patrick is a lock maker in Terryville; Mary Jane married Joseph McAuliff, who is engaged in the concrete business in Waterbury, Conn.; and Catherine died unmarried.

Our subject was born March 3, 1851, in New York City, and when about three years old he accompanied his parents to Terryville, where he remained until he reached the age of thirteen. He then removed to Bridgeport, and for some time he was employed as a clerk in a grocery there. Later he served an apprenticeship to the molder's trade in the Pacific Iron Works at Bridgeport, where he was afterward employed as a workman, remaining nine years in all. He then visited various places, including Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago, following his trade as he found opportunity, and on returning to Bridgeport he continued for some time in that line of work. Four years he then spent in the grocery business in partnership with John Driscoll, on the dissolution of that firm resuming his work as a molder. In 1883 he engaged in the grocery and liquor business at No. 659 Main street, meeting with success from the start, and after four years he removed to his present store. Politically he is a Democrat, and he has served one term as councilman, and one year as collector of assessments, while at present he is a member of the board of public charities. He is a prominent member of the Catholic Church at Bridgeport, and is an active worker in the Catholic Benevolent Legion and the Knights of Columbus.

On September 25, 1875, Mr. O'Donnell married Miss Julia A. Barry, daughter of James Barry, of Bridgeport, and seven children have blessed this union: Agnes is a graduate of the Bridgeport High School, and at this writing is under training for the profession of teaching; William, a graduate from the same school, is connected with his father's business; Julia is a dressmaker; Catherine is a graduate from the Bridgeport High School; Estella is attending school in a convent; and George and Margaret are at home.

DANIEL H. WARD, the successful feed and grain dealer of Trumbull, has passed nearly all his life in that town. He was born there September 5, 1846, a son of John and Marietta (Hamlin) Ward.

John Ward was born in Bridgeport, the son of Thomas Ward, who resided there and in Trumbull. His early days were passed in Bridgeport, and later he followed the water on coasting vessels in the grain and lumber trade. He afterward engaged in the raising of small fruits in the town of Trumbull. He married Miss Marietta Hamlin, daughter of Joseph Hamlin, of Trumbull, and seven children were born to their union: Franklin, who is deceased; Julia, wife of Peter Ritchie, of Bridgeport; Daniel Hamlin; Elizabeth, who married James R. Vans, of New York City; Samuel, of Trumbull; Mary, widow of David H. Williams; and Edward. John Ward passed away in 1895, and his widow makes her home in Trumbull.

Daniel H. Ward was educated in White Plains District, town of Trumbull. He early took up the burden of life for himself, commencing work in a paper-mill in Trumbull, where he remained, however, but a short time. He then for several seasons was on the water with his father. His first venture for himself was in the lumber business, in which he has now been constantly engaged for over thirty years. Later, in connection with the lumber trade, he began the feed and grain business, handling hay and fertilizers, and in this line he has met with much success during the twelve years that have passed since his first venture therein. He rebuilt the mill in its present form, and has otherwise greatly improved his facilities for handling the business.

In May, 1896, Mr. Ward was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Patchen, a daughter of Lemuel Patchen, of Bridgeport, and one child, Earl Daniel, has been born to their union. Mr. Ward is greatly interested in the events of the day and is well posted on important issues. In politics he is a stanch supporter of the Democratic party, and in religious belief he adheres to the Congregational Church, of which he has been a member for many years.

THOMAS F. HENEBRY, the well-known butcher of Danbury, was born in Waterbury, Conn., August 27, 1852, a son of William Henebry, who was born and married in County Tipperary, Ireland. The other children in the family who grew to maturity were: James, a brass molder in Waterbury; John, a policeman in Chicago, who was killed during the Haymarket riot; Patrick, now in the sewing-machine business in Danbury; Timothy, a minor in California; Garrett, a brass molder in Waterbury; and William E., proprietor of the Opera Café, at Danbury.

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Our subject spent his youth at his native place, and attended the local schools. He learned brass molding, serving an apprenticeship of two and one-half years under Seymore & Judd, and after mastering the details of the trade went to Chicago, where he followed it for one and one-half years. Returning to Connecticut he accepted the position of foreman of the Davis & Wilson brass foundry, in Watertown, remaining in this capacity about one year, after which he became foreman of the Foster & Mervin Company's brass foundry, at Meriden, New Haven county. There he continued for eight years, coming to Danbury in 1880. In connection with his brother, P. F. Henebry, he engaged in the grocery business on Liberty street; this copartnership lasting a little over two months, when our subject started in the butcher bnsiness on the same street, later removing to his present location. For a little less than two years of this time Mr. Henebry was in partnership with Henry Rothforth, but he bought out his partner's interest and now conducts the market alone, most successfully.

On May 26, 1875, Thomas F. Henebry was united in marriage with Miss Mary Hines, a native of Watertown, Conn., and a daughter of Patrick Hines, native of Ireland. They have become the parents of eight children: Nellie H., Mary, Wilburt, Charlotte, Albert, Thomas, Grace and Walter, all at home except Mary, who is deceased. Mr. Henebry is a prominent man socially, holding membership with the Knights of Columbus, in which he has served as president, and as treasurer of the State Association. He takes a keen interest in political issues, and on National questions casts his ballot in support of the Democratic party, though in local affairs he is independent, voting for the men and measures he thinks best qualified to contribute to the general good of the public. He is ever to be found among those whose motto is "progress," and gives liberally of his time and means to the advancement of all that works for improvement. Like his parents before him he is a faithful adherent of the Roman Catholic faith, as are the other members of the family.

CHAUNCEY WARREN is one of Bridgeport's most highly esteemed citizens, and lasting evidences of his business sagacity and enterprise are to be seen in the many tasteful and attractive dwelling houses with which he has improved the east end.

Mr. Warren was born June 9, 1848, at Stafford Springs, Conn., the son of Samuel B. and Marilla (Orcutt) Warren, both of whom died at Stafford Springs, where the father had been engaged in business for many years as a carpenter and builder. There were seven children in their family, namely: Charles, now the president of the Stafford Springs Savings Bank; Chauncey, our subject; Charlotte, wife of Frank Willis, of Stafford Springs; Augusta, widow of Daniel Webster; Emily, wife of Anson Bartlett, of Grand Rapids, Mich; and Ellen and Ann, both deceased.

Chauncey Warren was educated in the public schools of his native place, and at the age of sixteen years entered the Union army as a private in Company C of a regiment of Connecticut Light Artillery, with which he served in several battles. On his return to the North he became a traveling salesman for the Canfield Rubber Company, of Bridgeport, of which company he was subsequently vice-president for five years. They had branch agencies in many of the largest cities of Europe, and during his connection with the firm he made several trips abroad in their interest. In 1895 he retired from the business, and he has since been investing in real estate in East Bridgeport, and building houses to rent. Politically, Mr. Warren is a stanch Republican, but he has not sought official honors. He and his family are prominent in social life, and he is a member of the M. E. Church and a Freemason of the thirty-second degree, belonging to Hamilton Lodge and Lafayette Commandery.

EUGENE ALBIN is one of the enterprising and progressive citizens of Stamford, Conn., one who has a wide circle of friends, and by his genial manner and kindly disposition is constantly adding to that number.

Mr. Albin is a native of Connecticut, having been born October 17, 1851, in the town of Wilton, Fairfield county, a grandson of Nathan Albin, and son of Charles Albin, both also of that nativity. Nathan Albin, who was a farmer in the towns of Wilton and Norwalk, married a Miss Wood. Charles Albin was a manufacturer of curled hair in Georgetown, Conn., but since 1882 has lived in Stamford, engaged in business with his son Eugene. He married Miss Harriet E. Platt, of Ridgefield, Conn. (who died in Stamford), and children as follows were born to them: Francis Platt (deceased) and Eugene. There is also an adopted daughter, named Jennie.

Eugene Albin received a liberal education at the public schools of Georgetown, Conn., and then commenced work in his father's factory. Removing thence to Naugatuck, Conn., he re-

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mained there in the employ of the Goodyear Metallic Rubber Company some six years, at the end of which time he accepted the position of glue sorter with the H. D. Rolph Mfg. Co., at Georgetown, Conn. With that firm he remained only a year, however, for in the fall of 1880 we find him a resident of Stamford, Conn., he having bought out J. W. Alphonse's market. He has since been prosperously engaged in business there, having met with well-merited success, and built up an enviable trade.

In Stamford, Mr. Albin was married to Miss R. S. Waterbury, daughter of Samuel C. Waterbury, and two children have blessed their union: Harriet Frances and Harold C. Socially, Mr. Albin is affiliated with Council No. 999, Royal Arcanum; with Puritan Lodge, I. O. O. F.; with Shepherd Lodge, F. & A. M., at Naugatuck, Conn., and is also a member of the Chapter. In religious faith he is a Methodist; Mrs. Albin is an Episcopalian.

J. M. LUND, of Bridgeport, is one of the enterprising foreign born citizens, and his career shows that he has inherited the thrift and good judgment characteristic of the inhabitants of his native land.

Mr. Lund was born June 26, 1863, in North Schleswig, Germany, son of Niels M. Lund, who was born and reared there and, like his father, was for many years engaged in agriculture, his death occurring at the old home in 1876. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Botille Peterson, was born in the same province and is still living there. Of the seven children of Niels M. and Botille Lund, the eldest, Jacob M., is a farmer in Germany; Mads, who served three years as cavalryman in the German army, is also engaged in farming in the old country; J. M., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Christian M. is deceased; Jesse P. M. is a merchant in Bridgeport; Louis is a clerk in the employ of our subject, and Marie died at the age of three years.

As a boy J. M. Lund attended the public schools of his native place, but at the age of fourteen he began to earn his own livelihood by farm work. His ability soon brought him promotion and for some time he held the position of foreman on a farm. Coming to this country at the age of about twenty-two years, he was for a short time employed as a gardener at Cleveland, Ohio, but in June of the same year he located at Bridgeport. His first employment there was as a day laborer, and he also worked three months in a livery stable, but during the following winter he conducted a cigar store. He then began working for the Bridgeport Beef Company, remaining with them about two years, and in 1888 he rented a building on Wood avenue and opened a retail meat market, which he carried on for three years and a half. In 1892 Mr. Lund bought a lot on Wood avenue and built his present store, to which he transferred his market, and in 1894 he built another store on the lot, opening a grocery and feed store, which he has since conducted successfully.

On December 25, 1891, Mr. Lund married Miss Christina Jepson, a native of Germany, and three children have blessed the union: Botille C. and Marie J., who are living, and Jennie M., deceased. Socially Mr. Lund and his wife are much respected, and he is a leading member of the Danish Lutheran Church, being at present a trustee of same. He is also connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and the I. O. O. F., Arcanum Lodge No. 41, of Bridgeport. Politically he is a Republican, and since making his home in this country he has taken keen interest in all questions relating to the national welfare.

ARTHUR S. JUDD, a leading citizen of Bethel, has held the office of first selectman in that town since 1884, his fellow townsmen demonstrating their appreciation of his able and faithful service by re-electing him at the expiration of each term.

Mr. Judd comes of good Colonial stock, and his grandfather, Phineas Judd, who was born in the town of Bethel April 4, 1773, spent his life in that locality, engaged as a farmer and merchant. In early manhood he taught school for a time. He took an active part in local affairs, being frequently chosen to fill town offices, and he was also a prominent official in the Congregational Church. His wife, Sarah Silliman, was born in the town of Fairfield, this county, December 18, 1782, daughter of Ebenezer Silliman and niece of Gen. Gould Selleck Silliman. She died April 28, 1828, and Mr. Judd's death occurred September 7, 1858. Their children were: Ebenezer S.; Mary Penfield, deceased; Eliza, who married Eli Trowbridge; Julia, who died young; Willis, deceased; Sarah, who married Elisha Sirrine; Almon, deceased; and Julia, who married Fairchild Judd.

Hon. Ebenezer Silliman Judd, our subject's father, was born January 21, 1802, in the town of Bethel, and became a well-known agriculturist, his home being on Chestnut Ridge. His business dealings were characterized by strict

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honesty, and he was influential in the advancement of the temperance cause and the work of the Congregational Church. In politics he was a stanch Republican, and in 1878 he was elected to represent his town in the State Legislature. He died June 30, 1880, and his wife, Harriet Stowe, who was born December 8, 1808, died April 16, 1895. They had the following named children: Charles S. and Sarah, both deceased, Erastine, who married William H. Judson, Henry C., Frederick S., deceased, Horace, a veteran of the Civil war, who is now a Methodist minister at Huntington, L. I., Frank A., a resident of Bethel, Sarah Eliza and Adeline, deceased; and Arthur S., our subject.

Arthur S. Judd was born November 26, 1849, in Center District, town of Bethel, on the farm where he now resides. His education was acquired in Bethel, in the public schools and the academy, and on leaving school he served an apprenticeship to the hatter's trade with Orrin Benedict, of the same place. When about twenty years old he went to Minnesota on account of ill health, spending a year there, and on his return home he worked upon the farm for a year or two. Later he was employed in the hat factory of G. A. Hickok for some time, and for twelve years he worked in the curling department for Judd & Co. Mr. Judd has always made his home at the old farm, and is regarded as one of the substantial agriculturists of his locality. He takes a keen interest in all the questions of the day, and politically he is a steadfast Republican.

On November 28, 1872, Mr. Judd was married in Bethel to Miss Sarah L. Allen, daughter of Alexander Allen, a well-known citizen. Five children have blessed this union, of whom, the first three, Allen, Florence and Horace, are deceased. Helen K. and Philip H. are at home. The family attend the Congregational Church at Bethel, of which Mr. Judd is an active member.

WILLIAM KEEFE, a well-known citizen of Bridgeport, enjoys the distinction of having been elected justice of the peace at an earlier age than any other man in this State, having barely attained his majority at the time. He is a man of true intelligence, and well-posted on the issues of the day.

Mr. Keefe was born in Bridgeport April 7, 1865, and is of Irish blood in both paternal and maternal lines. His paternal grandfather passed his entire life in Ireland. David Keefe, his father, was born at Limerick, Ireland, in 1832, and emigrated in early manhood to the United States, locating in Bridgeport, where he followed the marble cutter's trade many years. His death occurred August 19, 1879. His wife, Rosanna Donahue, who died December 8, 1891, was born May 1, 1832, at Killashandra, County Cavan, Ireland. Of their six children, Stephen and David (twins) died in infancy; John is employed in the Graphephone works in Bridgeport; Nellie is in a convent in Prescott, Arizona; William, our subject, is mentioned more fully below; and Margaret married Thomas Hayden.

Mr. Keefe was educated in Bridgeport, attending the Golden Hill school, and began his business career tending bar for Colonel Sheridan, by whom he was employed eleven years. On May 18, 1892, he opened a retail liquor store on Main street, and he has built up a profitable trade. He married Miss Augustine Berger, a native of Sharon, Mass., whose father, Francis Berger, was born in France, and four children have blessed this union: Edna, Ethel, William, Jr., and Raymond. The family is identified with the Catholic Church at Bridgeport, of which Mr. Keefe is a leading member. He also belongs to various societies, including the Foresters of America and the B. P. O. E., Bridgeport Lodge No. 30, and he is now the president of the Third Ward Literary Club. Politically he is a Democrat, and in 1898 he served as a delegate to the county convention, but he does not aspire to official honors, and when elected justice of the peace in 1886 he refused to qualify.

JOHN C. O'NEILL, a well-known resident of Stamford, is one of the enterprising self-made men, whose success has been won without the assistance of inherited capital or influential friends.

Mr. O'Neill was born in Stamford July 3, 1852, and the greater portion of his life has been spent in that city. His father, Patrick O'Neill, was a native of Ireland, coming thence to the United States in early manhood, and making his home at Stamford. Our subject was educated in the public schools of Stamford, and at an early age began earning a livelihood by working upon a farm, where he spent about five years. He then for some time tended bar for John H. Hicks, of Stamford, and in 1873 he engaged in the liquor business on his own account at the location now occupied by "The Silver Dollar." This enterprise proved successful, and on April 16, 1881, he opened a saloon and grocery at No. 47 Elm street, which he conducted until 1895. Since that date he has devoted his attention ex-

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clusively to the liquor business, discontinuing the grocery, and he enjoys a large and lucrative trade. He is a prominent member of the Stamford Liquor Dealers Association, and for some time he has been connected with the Board of Trade of that city. In politics he is a Republican, and he takes much interest in all questions relating to local improvement, while he is also active in religious work, being a leading member of St. John's R. C. Church, at Stamford.

On November 14, 1875, Mr. O'Neill married Miss Sarah E. Bennett, and their home is brightened by four children, namely: Mary, Sarah, Helen, and John C., Jr.

WILLIAM J. BEEHLER. From an American point of view the commercial interests of a place play an important part in the great drama of the world's history, and the merchant holds an honorable social position. Among the merchants of Fairfield county who have by their own ability and energy molded their fortunes we find the name of William J. Beehler.

Christian William Beehler, father of our subject, was a native of Germany, whence over half a century ago he came to America. He first settled in New Jersey, later moving to Sandy Hook, in the town of Newtown, Fairfield Co., Conn. In his youth he served his time as a weaver, though his ancestors were all blacksmiths. Since his residence in this country he has worked many years with a rubber company. In politics he is a Republican, and in his religious views he is a faithful follower of the teachings of John Wesley. He was married in Germany to Miss Elizabeth Stahl, and their family consisted of the following named children: F. T., who is the proprietor of a hat store at Stamford, Conn.; Christian W., of the Wolfe American Bicycle Company, at Brooklyn, N. Y.; George, of Newtown, Conn.; Elizabeth; Sophia, an operator in a shirt factory at Bridgeport; Amelia, of Newtown; William J.; and Albert C., of Newtown. Mr. Beehler, the father, though now eighty years old, is still strong and vigorous, and his mind is keenly alive to the interests of the day.

William J. Beehler was born December 4, 1866, in the town of Newtown, Conn. He acquired his literary training in the district schools of Sandy Hook and the private school of C. M. Parson, and after leaving school he began his business education with a year and a half in the shops of the New York Belting & Packing Company. For a similar period he was employed in the store of James M. Blackman at Sandy Hook, and in the spring of 1885, when eighteen years old he came to Brookfield and went to work for Henry S. Beers, in the capacity of clerk, remaining with him some eight years. Mr. Beers was a man of fine personality, and it is to his interest and careful training during this period that Mr. Beehler attributes much of the success which has since marked his business career. In the fall of 1892 this store was struck by lightning and burned; almost at once the present store building began to arise from the ashes of the old, and in the spring following the fire Mr. Beers sold his interest to Mr. Beehler and removed to Middletown, Conn. Mr. Beehler has been prosperous in his undertaking, and carries one of the finest lines of general merchandise in the county, doing a business of about $18,000 per year. He is also the only undertaker and embalmer in the town, obtaining his diploma in this line from the Champion College of New York City.

Mr. Beehler is one of the self-made men of which this country can boast: he started out in life without any financial support, and by dint of grit, energy and perseverance he has secured a competence, while his honorable business methods have won for him an enviable place in the estimation of the commercial element of Brookfield. He is actively interested in the advancement of the Republican party, and is at this writing serving as clerk and treasurer of the town and as postmaster at his home, Brookfield Iron Works; for two years he was on the school committee of the district. In his social relations he is a member of Samaritan Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Danbury, of the Good Templars, at Sandy Hook, and St. Peter's Lodge, F. & A. M., at New Milford. Religiously he is a faithful member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of which he is now serving as vestryman. Though young in years, Mr. Beehler has acquired the steady poise and sound judgment that usually comes only to men of large experience, and his public spirit would make him a leader in any community.

PETER FOX, a prominent resident of Stamford, was born May 13, 1849, in the Kingdom of Prussia, where his ancestors had resided for several generations. His father, Charles Fox, also a native of Prussia, was engaged in business as a grain dealer.

Our subject was educated in the public schools of his native place, and at the age of fifteen came to America to seek his fortune. On landing in New York City he secured employment in a hat factory, and for eight years he worked at that

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trade as a journeyman. In 1874 he located at Stamford and opened a liquor store in Gay street, where he has ever since conducted a thriving business. He is an active member of the Stamford Liquor Dealers Association, and is justly regarded as one of the leaders in his line of trade.

In February, 1873, Mr. Fox was married, in New York City, to Miss Hedwig Hirshson, and in 1898 they celebrated their silver wedding anniversary, the occasion being marked by great rejoicing among their relatives and friends. Six children have blessed their union: Rosie (now the wife of Sol. Bernard, of Trenton, N. J.), Henry, Pauline, Regina, Charles, and Helen.

THOMAS B. DE FOREST, president of the Bridgeport National Bank, and one of that city's foremost business men, has won the distinction he now holds by his own achievements. The brief recital of his life's history is an interesting one, for it aptly illustrates the opportunities and the rewards that await the young man of pluck and determination.

Mr. De Forest was born April 22, 1831, at Bridgeport, Conn., a son of Isaac and Sarah Ann (Bartram) De Forest. Isaac De Forest was born in Easton, Conn., in 1798, a son of William and Sarah (Nichols) De Forest; Sarah Ann Bartram was the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Bartram. Isaac De Forest was an early resident of Bridgeport, and died in 1874. He and his wife had two children: Thomas B., subject of this sketch, and William L., now deceased.

Thomas B. De Forest received his education partly in the academy at Fairfield, whither his father had moved when he was nine years old, and he also attended private schools at Bridgeport. The sea has fascinations for many boys, and the subject of this sketch was attracted by its witching glamor. For three years he was a sailor before the mast on a line plying between New York City and Savannah. Then the young mariner deserted this calling and became a landsman. He entered a clothing store in New York City as a salesman, and subsequently traveled several years for a clothing house at Charleston, S. C. Next he went to Chicago, where he secured a position in a bank, and he later filled similar positions in a bank in Minnesota. In 1857, at the age of twenty-six years, Mr. De Forest returned to Bridgeport and embarked in the insurance business, which he has since followed uninterruptedly to the present day. In 1871 he established a business relationship with W. R. Higby, under the firm name of Higby & De Forest. His interests have grown and prospered with those of the city, and he is now prominently associated with many institutions of great influence and value to the community. For twenty-three years he has been a director of the Bridgeport National Bank, of which he is now president. He is also first vice-president of the Bridgeport Savings Bank. He is vice-president of the Consolidated Rolling Stock Co., and is treasurer of the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company.

Mr. De Forest was married, in 1857, to Miss Martha Crocker, daughter of Capt. Charles and Julia Crocker. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. De Forest: Marian; Julia, wife of B. D. Pierce, Jr., of Bridgeport; Sarah M., wife of Justus B. Entz, of New York City; Thomas; and William. Our subject is a member of the South Congregational Church, and for a number of years has served on the board of that society. In politics he is a Democrat. He was a member of the common council of Bridgeport during the Civil war, and during the term that P. T. Barnum served as mayor. Subsequently Mr. De Forest was elected a member of the board of aldermen; he has acceptably filled the position of road and bridge commissioner, and in various other capacities has contributed to the public service that ripe experience and judgment which has won for him the present high esteem in which he is held by his fellow men.

C E. SMITH. In the complicated activities of modern commercial and industrial life there is need for the employment of widely diversified talents, the practical business man, skilled in the conduct of affairs, being of no less service than the man who works with his hands. Each is essential to the success of the other, each must aid in order to bring any enterprise of magnitude to a profitable conclusion. As a promoter and manager of large interests, the subject of this sketch, now a prominent resident of Stamford, has won an enviable reputation, his success being mainly due to his clear judgment as to the right means for carrying out his plans and to his fine executive ability, which gained for him the confidence of his associates in business.

Mr. Smith belongs to one of Stamford's old and respected families, the Smith homestead, which is still standing on Stillwater avenue, now 150 years old, being a well-known landmark there. The family is of English descent. Isaac Smith, the father of our subject, was a native of Stamford, and throughout his life was engaged in agricultural pursuits in that locality. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Webb, died in Stamford.

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Our subject was born April 5, 1809, at the old homestead, and his youth was spent in the manner common to country lads of that day, the summers being devoted to work on the farm, while in winter he attended the local schools. In his sixteenth year he went to New York City and entered the employ of Smith & Dimond, the well-known shipbuilders, with whom he served a regular apprenticeship, from 1828 to 1831, under the old system of work "from sun to sun." On completing his term he worked for two years at lump work, jobbing certain pieces of work, and later he engaged in merchandising at Smithtown, N. Y., conducting a general store and ship chandlery. He also owned a set of ways for hauling up vessels in need of repairs, and for two years he carried on these lines of business successfully. He then returned to New York City to engage in ship repairing, which he continued until 1847, one of the first boats constructed by him being the "New Brighton," and he followed that business in all ten years, clearing in that time about $10,000.

In 1847 Mr. Smith became interested in the whale-oil business, in which he continued for sixteen years. Meanwhile he organized the Vulcan Mining Company, for the purpose of exploring the copper region of northern Michigan; and later, having secured a lease of some valuable copper land, he organized the Minnesota Mining Company, with which he operated the property from 1847 to 1864. At first he held two hundred shares, but as time passed he became the owner of 1,333⅓ shares in the company, the investment proving to be a most profitable one. Mr. Smith also held interests in other mining properties, and at present he owns nine hundred shares in the Central Mining Company of Michigan. At various times he has been interested in other lines of investment, and for some years he was a director in the Fulton Fire Insurance Company of New York City.

In February, 1837, Mr. Smith was married, in New York City, to Miss Mary Egerton, with whom he became acquainted when she was but twelve years old. In 1857 he purchased a residence in Fourteenth street, New York City, and in the "seventies" he built his present handsome home in Schuyler avenue, Stamford. He and his family have always held a prominent place in social life, and since 1879 he has been a member of the New England Society. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian, identified for many years with the Fourteenth Street Church in New York City. In 1885, after nearly half a century of happy wedded life, his beloved wife passed to the unseen world. Of their four sons, the eldest, Egerton, died in New Orleans, of yellow fever. Henry married Miss Fannie Bogardus, and both died some years ago, leaving one son, James B. George married Miss Helen Hudson; he is also deceased. Schuyler died in Stamford. Mr. Smith is still active, and enjoys remarkable health for a man of ninety years.

JOHN J. RYBURN, one of Bridgeport's native sons of whom that city is justly proud, was born December 29, 1855. His father, William H. Ryburn, was born in 1824, in Charleston, S. C., where his father, a seafaring man, had settled.

William H. Ryburn grew to manhood in his native town, and thence went to New York, where he learned the cabinet maker's trade. Years ago he made the woodwork on the piano that drew the first prize at the World's Fair. He followed that trade until 1872, in 1850 removing to Bridgeport, where he made his home until his death, in March, 1877. In New York he married Margaret McGovern, who was born in Ireland, and a family of seven children came to them: One that died in infancy; William H., who is a night watchman in Bridgeport; Annie A., deceased wife of William Clampitt, of Bridgeport; Isabella, widow of James Henderson, of Boston (he was her second husband); Margaret, the wife of Nicholas Desmond, of Port Chester, N. Y.; John J., our subject; and Mary E., who died unmarried. The father of this family was an active Republican in his political affiliations, and in religious connection was a member of the Episcopal Church. The mother is still living.

John J. Ryburn has passed his entire life in Bridgeport. He attended the public schools up to the age of eleven years, when he went to work for C. Capen, a shirt manufacturer on Cannon street, remaining there four years, after which he went to work for his father, who had previously engaged in the grocery business. On the death of the father our subject assumed entire charge, and he has been conducting the business ever since with almost phenomenal success, dealing, wholesale and retail, in fine groceries, provisions, ale, wine, liquors, house-furnishing goods, crockery and tinware. He has also dealt extensively in real estate, embarking in this line of business in 1882. In appraising property he has taken an especial interest, and so well has he informed himself on relative values that he has many times been called into court to testify as an expert. Mayor Bostwick appointed him to serve one year as appraiser of benefits and damages, on the expiration of that time reappointing him for a term

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of three years, and he is still serving in that capacity.

On November 8, 1877, Mr. Ryburn married Margaret Downing, daughter of Philip Downing, a native of Waterford, Ireland, and seven children have been born to this union: William and John (deceased), James, Edward, Mary, Annie and Nellie.

Mr. Ryburn has the true instinct for commercial life, and his success in business is the result of his integrity, courtesy and manly bearing. He is a Democrat in politics and a worker in the interests of his party, in which he ranks high as a wise counselor. He is particularly noted for his generosity, and his charities, public and private, are quite extensive, the poor and needy never applying in vain for his aid. He is well liked, and men are proud to call him friend.

LAWRENCE TIMMONS, although one of the younger merchants of the town of Greenwich, Fairfield county, ranks with the foremost in a business way, and has already achieved unusual success, judged from either a financial or a moral standpoint. His career is an example of what perseverance and industry, combined with irreproachable methods, courtesy and scrupulous honesty, will do to help a man rise in the commercial world, and he is one of the native citizens of Greenwich of whom she may be proud.

Mr. Timmons was born March 4, 1864, son of James and Jane (Smith) Timmons, who still live in Greenwich, the father now aged seventy-one years, the mother sixty-nine. James Timmons was born in County Carlow, Ireland, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Timmons, lived and died. When a young man he decided to come to America, and taking passage landed, after an eight-weeks' voyage, at New York City, where he commenced work as soon as possible. Later he came to Greenwich, where he engaged in farm work, for quite a while in the employ of Ed. Peck, and he was respected by all who knew him as an honest, hard-working man. In Greenwich he was married to Miss Jane Smith, who was also a native of Ireland, and they have reared a good family, all of whom have remained in Greenwich, Theresa, the eldest, living with her parents; Lawrence was the eldest son; William is engaged in blacksmithing; Robert is a carpenter; Mamie lives at home, and is bookkeeper for her brother Lawrence; James lives in Greenwich. The family are all Catholics in religious connection. Mr. Timmons is a Republican politically.

When five years old Lawrence Timmons began his education in the district school of Greenwich, which he attended until he was fourteen, and in all that time did not miss a single day. For two years afterward he was a pupil in the Greenwich Academy under Professor Shepherd, and then, at the age of sixteen, he commenced work as clerk for H. M. Fitzgerald, who carried on a grocery business, receiving $15.00 per month to start. He continued in Mr. Fitzgerald's employ for two years, and the following two years clerked in New York City, on his return to Greenwich taking a position in the store of Webb & Avery. There he remained for six or seven years, the firm in the meantime changing to Avery & Wilson, after which he was in the post office at Greenwich for a time under Mr. Fitzgerald. His next experience was as manager for a few months of a hotel at Great Barrington, Mass., and since that time he has been engaged in the grocery business at Greenwich. He began in 1892 as a member of the firm of Fitzgerald & Timmons, which two years later became Timmons & Finch. In 1896 Mr. Timmons became sole proprietor, and by strict attention to business and promptness in supplying the wants of his customers, he has built up an extensive trade in and around Greenwich. He has displayed excellent ability in the management of his affairs, and is also popular for his personal qualities, which have no doubt had as much to do with his success as the more practical qualifications.

In October, 1894, Mr. Timmons was united in marriage to Miss Kate Howley, of Glenville, who is the daughter of James Howley, and one child, Mary E., has blessed their union. They are members of the Catholic Church in religious connection, and socially he unites with the Royal Arcanum. Politically he is a Democrat, but is not active in party affairs, and is no office seeker, though he has filled the office of burgess.

COL. T. J. MURPHY, a well-known and popular citizen of Bridgeport, where he is conducting a first-class café, is a native of Ireland, born March 4, 1860, at Dunmanway, County Cork, the birthplace also of his father and grandfather.

James Murphy, grandfather of our subject, a farmer by occupation, who reached the advanced age of eighty-four years, married Julia Dullea, of the same locality, and they became the parents of three children: Jeremiah, Timothy and Mary Ann. Of these, Jeremiah, the father of Col. T. J. Murphy, spent his life on the old homestead at Dunmanway, engaged in farming. He married Julia Regan, who was born at Drinagh, Ireland,

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and their children were: James, who died in August, 1896; Timothy J., our subject; Margaret, wife of a Mr. Murphy, of Dunmanway; Jeremiah, of Springfield, Mass.; Thomas and Mary Ann, both living in Dunmanway; and John, who died in infancy. The father was a member of the Catholic Church and of the Land League.

Timothy J. Murphy, whose name opens this sketch, passed his boyhood days on the home farm at Dunmanway, Ireland, and attended the National schools. In 1879, then nineteen years old, he came to the United States, making his first New-World home in Springfield, Mass., where, in partnership with a Mr. Glynn, he engaged in the meat and grocery business, under the firm name of Glynn & Murphy. They also, in connection, conducted the "Mansion House" in Springfield, but in 1894 Mr. Murphy retired from the firm. In 1888 he came to Bridgeport and opened his present café on Main street, in which venture he has met with well-merited success.

On January 18, 1893, Mr. Murphy was married in Bridgeport to Miss Catherine M. Crowley, daughter of Edward Crowley, of that city, and two children have blessed this union: Jeremiah Emmet and James Edwin. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are members of the Roman Catholic Church in Bridgeport, and in politics he is prominently identified with the Democratic party. Socially, he is affiliated with Milton Lodge, K. of P., the Foresters of America, the A. O. H., the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the New England Order of Protection, also with Bridgeport Lodge, No. 36, B. P. O. E., with the Knights of Columbus, the Emmet Club, and the Irish National Alliance. He is colonel of the First Regiment, Hibernian Rifles of Connecticut, the highest officer in that organization, there being but one regiment.

CHARLES J. KELLEY, of Bridgeport, was born in Bridgeport, February 26, 1861, and is of Irish ancestry in both paternal and maternal lines.

Thomas Kelley, his grandfather, was a native of Ireland, but came to America many years ago, and his death occurred in Bridgeport. Our subject's father, also named Thomas, was born in New York City, and became a steamfitter by trade, following that occupation in New York City and in Bridgeport, where he died in July, 1893. His wife, Hanora Flynn, was a native of Ireland. Our subject is the youngest in their family of five children, the others being: Thomas, who is engaged in the cigar business in Jersey City; George, a tile setter in Bridgeport; Mary, widow of Frank Keef, formerly a resident of Montreal, Canada; and Anna, who is unmarried.

Our subject's early life was spent in Bridgeport, and after leaving school he was employed in the mineral water business for fifteen years. In May, 1894, he opened his present store, where he has since had an extensive retail liquor trade. He married Miss Isabella White, a native of New York, whose father died at the age of thirty-five years. Socially, Mr. Kelley is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Foresters of America, and the Concordia Singing Society. Politically, he affiliates with the Democratic party. He has for some years been identified with the liquor business in Bridgeport, his establishment being at No. 35 Wall street.

JAMES MAHER. Many of our most prominent citizens have endured in their youth the hard discipline of poverty, and through their own efforts have conquered and risen to an enviable place in the business world. One who possesses tact, ability and energy can dispense with outside aid, as is shown by the successful career of the well-known resident of Greenwich whose history is here outlined.

Mr. Maher was born September 25, 1865, at Sound Beach, on a farm now known as the Samuel Adams place, located on the "old Post road," running through the town of Greenwich, and was the second son and child of Daniel and Ellen (Ivery) Maher, who are mentioned elsewhere. During boyhood he attended the common schools of the vicinity, a Mr. Betts being his first teacher, but as his parents were then less prosperous than they are at present, he was often compelled to sacrifice his schooling in order to help with the work at home. He also assisted neighboring farmers in such light work as a boy could do, and much of his time was spent in weeding onions for a Mr. Ferris, who raised large quantities every year. After reaching the age of sixteen he attended school but little, and for some time he was employed at different places as a farm hand, his wages being usually turned over to his parents. On attaining his majority he engaged in the grocery and liquor business at Mianus, continuing it successfully until the establishment was raided by burglars and destroyed by fire. While in Mianus he served four years as postmaster, and during his term the office was robbed. On June 1, 1895, he removed to Greenwich, where he formed a partnership, and under the firm name of Smith & Maher engaged in business as a dealer in coal, wood and building materials. The

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enterprise succeeded, and on October 1, 1896, he became the sole proprietor of the business, which he has since conducted in his own name. Notwithstanding the fact that he has had to meet the competition of several old firms, he has made rapid headway, and now enjoys a large trade, his straightforward methods winning him the confidence of all classes. While he is a stanch Democrat, Mr. Maher does not take an active share in party work, preferring to devote his time to his business interests.

Mr. Maher married Miss Kate B. Eddy, of Mianus, daughter of Charles and Catherine (Whalen) Eddy. Our subject and his wife are popular socially, and in religious connection are leading members of the Catholic Church at Greenwich.

JOHN P. WIXTED, member of the firm of Gorman, Wixted & Crowe, manufacturers of hats, Bethel, Fairfield county, is a native of Connecticut, born May 1, 1865, in the borough of Bethel. Patrick Wixted, father of our subject, was born in County Limerick, Ireland, and when a boy came to the United States, making his first New-World home in Danbury, Conn. Here he learned the hat manufacturing business in the factory of Preston Durant, at the age of seventeen years moving to Bethel, where for a number of years he worked for Cole & Ambler, and he is now in the employ of Edwin Short. Patrick Wixted was married at Bethel to Ellen McGinnis, also a native of County Limerick, Ireland, and five children were born to them, viz.: Maggie; Rose; Thomas, with the firm of Lee & Hawley, Danbury, Conn.; John P., our subject; and James M., also a member of the firm of Gorman, Wixted & Crowe. Of these, Thomas is married to Ellen Gannon. The family are all members of the Roman Catholic Church, and in politics the men invariably vote the Democratic ticket.

John P. Wixted, whose name opens this sketch, attended the public schools of Bethel, and when old enough commenced to learn the trade of hatter with Cole & Ambler, in that borough, remaining with that firm five years, after which he worked for Andrews & MacKenzie two years. In 1893 the firm of Gorman, Wixted & Crowe was formed, starting business in the Reid factory, where they remained some months; they then rented the "Willows," which was burned in January, 1894, when they returned to the Reid building, and in July, 1894, they bought the "Willows" property, rebuilt the factory, and once more occupied it; but in January, 1896, it was again destroyed by fire, and the firm a second time returned to the Reid building, where they have since remained, manufacturing stiff hats (all hand-made), and employing some thirty hands.

ANTHONY A. GORMAN, another member of the firm of Gorman, Wixted & Crowe, and salesman on the road for the factory, was born October 18, 1867, in Bethel, Conn. Dennis Gorman, his father, was born in County Clare, Ireland, and died October 15, 1878, aged thirty-four years. When a boy he came to this country, locating in Bethel, Conn., and in that borough learned the hat manufacturing business with Orrin Benedict, and in the Hickok factory. He married Ellen Quinlan, also a native of County Clare, Ireland, who survives him, and three children were born to them: Annie, wife of James A. Manning, of Danbury; Anthony A., our subject; and Dennis F., of Bethel. The family are members of the Roman Catholic Church, and are Democrats politically.

After receiving a liberal education at the common schools of Bethel, Anthony A. Gorman entered T. C. Millard's hat factory in that borough to learn the business, and remained there some five or six years. Later he worked for Andrews & MacKenzie, and still later for Burns & Schoonmaker. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

LAWRENCE CHARLES CROWE, also a member of the firm of Gorman, Wixted & Crowe, was born in Bethel, Conn., December 24, 1868. Anthony Crowe, his father, was born in County Clare, Ireland, in July, 1819; came to America in 1856, and located in the town of Redding, Fairfield Co., Conn. Later he moved to Bethel, and there worked at the hatting business with Orrin Benedict for three years, after which he took up farming in that town. He married Mary, a native of Galway, Ireland, who died in 1890, and they had eight children, as follows: Michael, a hatter, who is with Edwin Short; Mary ———, married to P. W. O'Boy, of Danbury; Nora, married to William P. English, of Bethel; Maggie, a sister in the New London convent; Lizzie, married to Frank Farrell, of Danbury; Martin, a hatter by trade, in Bethel; Catherine; and Lawrence C., our subject.

Lawrence C. Crowe received his education at the district schools of Bethel, and at the age of seventeen years commenced to learn the trade of hatter with Judd & Co., remaining with that firm some five years. He then worked for Edwin Short two years, and was with Andrews & MacKenzie a couple of weeks. Since 1893, as already related, he has been a member of the firm

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of Gorman, Wixted & Crowe. Mr. Crowe and his father are members of St. Mary's Church at Bethel, and in politics they are Democrats.

FRANK I. PALMER is probably one of the best-known men in and around Sound Beach, Fairfield county, where for years he has served efficiently as station agent and postmaster and has also been identified with the most progressive business men of the place. He is a native of Sound Beach, born March 20, 1863, and is a son of Darius and Susan (Jones) Palmer, and grandson of William and Elizabeth (Ferris) Palmer.

Darius Palmer was born in 1818 in Bible Street, at the head of Greenwich, received his education in the public schools of the day, and was reared to farming, which he followed all his life. He commenced life a poor boy, without any capital but a thorough knowledge of farming, and when a young man obtained the position of overseer for a large land owner at Sound Beach, William Quintard, with whom he remained for some time. Later he was overseer of an estate on Staten Island, but ill health compelled him to return to his native county, and having by economy managed to save part of his earnings he commenced to rent land and finally was enabled to purchase property of his own. His first tract consisted of but two acres. Later he traded for more, adding to it gradually until he owned a good-sized farm, where he was profitably engaged in general agriculture. During the winter time, and when work on the farm was not pressing, he also carried on an oyster and fish market in Stamford, and he was a successful man in spite of the odds he had to contend with during his early years. Mr. Palmer was married in Old Greenwich to Miss Susan Jones, and they became the parents of nine children, viz.: Charles E., who is an extensive oysterman of Sound Beach; George A., who is also in the oyster business in Sound Beach; Mary A., Mrs. Ferris, of Sound Beach; Emma E., Mrs. Sylvester Finch, who died at the age of thirty years; Sarah C., wife of Henry Adelman, of Sound Beach, formerly of Brooklyn; Hamlin F., an oysterman of Sound Beach; Clinton, who died in childhood; Frank I.; and Clara A., Mrs. George Carey, of Sound Beach. The father died at the age of seventy-six years, the mother when sixty-eight, and both were interred in the cemetery of the First Congregational Church, of which they were members. Mr. Palmer was an active worker in the ranks of the Republican party, in whose success he took great interest, and he held the office of township assessor. He was small of stature, and weighed 135 pounds.

Frank I. Palmer received his elementary education in the public schools of Sound Beach, and later studied under private tutors. His father was a good farmer, and our subject was reared to agricultural pursuits, in which he was engaged on the home place up to the age of sixteen years, work being always plentiful there. At that time he entered the office of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Company at Sound Beach, which was established in July, 1879, and here he has remained ever since, proving a competent and trustworthy man in this responsible position. The post office was opened in 1880, and as our subject was too young at that time for the appointment his brother was nominally postmaster, though he did all the work, and he has been retained in this incumbency, also, up to the present day. Besides attending to his duties as railroad and express agent and postmaster, Mr. Palmer has conducted a livery, trucking, newspaper and periodical business with signal success, which indeed has attended his efforts in every direction. He is a "hustler" in the strongest sense of the term, and he has taken a keen and substantial interest in the progress and growth of Sound Beach, where he is recognized by all as a valuable citizen, one who has the welfare of his community at heart. His political sympathies are with the Republican party, but he is not a strict partisan.

In 1889 Mr. Palmer was united in marriage with Miss Ida M. Carey, of Stamford, daughter of Giles Carey, and in the same year he erected the pleasant and comfortable home where they reside. He has also put up and sold a number of dwellings, and at the present time is the owner of three houses. Mrs. Palmer is a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Stamford.

THOMAS F. COGHLAN, a well-known resident of Stamford, is a self-made man, whose enterprise and energy have won for him a substantial position in the business world.

Mr. Coghlan was born in Stamford, May 18, 1862, and is descended in both paternal and maternal lines from Irish ancestry. His father, Thomas Coghlan, came from the Emerald Isle in early manhood, and located in Stamford, where he married Miss Bridget Hayes, a native of Limerick, Ireland. This worthy couple had five children, as follows: John, Thomas F., Maggie, William and Mamie.

Our subject was educated in Stamford, graduating from the public schools, and on completing

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his studies he learned the wood-working trade with the St. John Company, later going to Port Chester, N. Y., where he spent ten years in the employ of Mertz & Sons, in the same line of business. He then engaged in the liquor business at Port Chester, continuing same there about five years, and in April, 1897, he returned to Stamford and opened a similar establishment at No. 186 Main street, where he has since conducted a successful business. Socially, Mr. Coghlan is popular, and for some time he has been a member of the Foresters Lodge at Mamaroneck, New York.

During his residence at Port Chester Mr. Coghlan was united in marriage with Miss Mary Kelly, of that town, and their home is brightened by two sons: Walter Francis and John Hayes.

CORNELIUS O'LEARY, who carries on the meat market business in Elm street, Stamford, is a lifelong resident of Fairfield county, Conn., having been born July 6, 1865, in the town of Greenwich.

Mr. O' Leary is of Irish descent, his father, Michael O'Leary, being a native of Cork, Ireland, where he spent his early life. When a youth he came to America, being only sixteen years of age when he settled in Greenwich, Conn., where he worked in the store of Newman & Hughes for many years. In 1873 he came to Stamford, where he has since resided, and engaged in teaming for the Stamford Woolen Mill. He was married, in Stamford, to Maria Dowd, also a native of Ireland, and they had a family of five children: Josephine, who is now the wife of John F. Kearns, of Stamford; Mary (Mrs. Michael J. Downey, of Stamford); Nora; Cornelius; and Rose, who is now deceased. The mother died in 1890. The family are devout members of St. John's R. C. Church. In politics Mr. O'Leary is an ardent member of the Democratic party.

Cornelius O'Leary was brought up in Stamford, and in his early years attended the public and parochial schools. For some time after leaving school he clerked in the grocery store with Capt. A. M. Prior, and then began the butcher business as clerk for Mr. Gregory, with whom he remained nine months. Following this he was with Tip for seven years, then with Seeley for one year, and in February, 1889, he commenced business on his own account; his first store being in Meadow street. In 1890 he bought the lot in Elm street whereon he erected his present establishment, and he has a thriving trade which is widening as time goes on, bringing him a comfortable competence.

In January, 1886, Mr. O'Leary was united in marriage, in Stamford, to Miss Mary Martin, daughter of Michael Martin, and four children have been born to them: Cornelius, Jr., Kate (deceased), Michael Martin and Joseph. They attend St. John's R. C. Church, of which Mr. O'Leary is an active member, and he is also very prominent in various social orders, being a member of Court P. H. Sheridan, Foresters of America; St. Joseph's Young Men's Total Abstinence Society; Second Division, A. O. H.; the Catholic Benevolent Legion, and the Knights of Columbus. He takes patriotic interest in politics, especially local affairs, and served as registrar of voters in Stamford in 1896 and 1897.

ROBERT E. DELANEY, senior member of the firm of Delaney & Hurley, the well-known hat manufacturers of Bridgeport, is a young man whose enterprise and foresight have won for him an enviable place in business circles.

Mr. Delaney was born January 20, 1864, in New Milford, Conn., and is of Irish ancestry in both paternal and maternal lines, his father, John Delaney, now a highly-respected resident of Danbury, this county, having been born in County Tipperary, Ireland, and his mother, whose maiden name was Johanna Walsh, is a native of Wexford, Ireland. This worthy couple have had six children: Mary E., Katie, Robert E., Nellie, Edward W. and Susie A., all of whom are living.

Mr. Delaney attended the public schools of New Milford and Danbury for some years, and at the age of twelve he went to work upon a farm, continuing at that work for three years. He then began to learn the hatter's trade with Meeker Brothers, of Danbury, and after two years he entered the employ of Nichols & Hines, of the same place, with whom he spent four years. For some time he followed his trade in New Milford, later going to South Norwalk, where he was employed for about fifteen months by John C. Wilson & Co. and for a short time by Crofut & Knapp. He then spent a short time in Newark, N. J., on his return to Danbury engaging for a year with E. A. Mallory & Son. On leaving that position he went to New Milford to take the place of foreman in the hat factory of Hill & Hanke, with whom he remained about two years, when the firm was dissolved, Mr. Hanke removing to Bridgeport, and Mr. Delaney formed a partnership with him under the name of the Hanke Hat Company, this arrangement continuing about two years. In April, 1896, Mr. Hanke sold his interest to William R. Hurley,

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and the present firm of Delaney & Hurley was formed. Their factory is located at the corner of Golden Hill and Middle street, Bridgeport, and their growing trade gives employment to from ten to fifteen workmen. They have so far made a specialty of the manufacture of stiff hats, but at present they are extending their business to include a line of soft hats. Mr. Delaney is not married. Politically he is a Democrat, but he does not aspire to official honors, as his business occupies his attention. In religious connection he is a Catholic, having been reared in that faith by his parents, who are both devout members of the Church.

EDWARD C. GINTY. In the strong light that shines on the holder of public office pledged to maintain order and guard the law stands Edward C. Ginty, captain of the Danbury police force, and one of the best known young men in Fairfield county, Conn. James Ginty was born in County Sligo, Ireland, in 1837, but at an early age he bade farewell to the familiar faces in the Emerald Isle and crossed the broad Atlantic in search of the fortune that awaited the toiler in the New World. At the close of the Civil war, in 1865, he settled in Danbury and married Miss Johanna Delaney. Eight children gladdened their home, three of whom are now living: Frank, a hatter by trade; Mary, a bookkeeper; and Edward C., whose name introduces these lines.

Capt. Edward C. Ginty was born March 23, 1870, in Danbury, and grew to manhood in his native place. His education was obtained in the public schools, in which he was enrolled as a pupil until he was seventeen years of age. On leaving school he learned the hatting and silver-plating trades. Captain Ginty achieved a considerable share of his popularity as a base-ball umpire. Not only on the local diamond, but in several other cities his services as an umpire were frequently in demand, and he was at one time an umpire in the Eastern and the Connecticut Leagues. He also attained success as an elocutionist and amateur actor. In local entertainments he was always popular, and he managed several dramatic productions with marked success. He found very agreeable employment in newspaper work, and in this active line he made a host of friends. For a time he acted as a reporter on the *Dispatch*, and later was editor of the *Catholic Weekly*, besides being a correspondent for a number of out-of-town papers, his work in this field bringing him in contact with all classes of people, and adding much to his store of practical knowledge. In 1896 he was elected constable, during his service in this office gaining some knowledge of police matters and showing considerable detective ability in that line. On June 6, 1897, he was appointed captain of the Danbury police, and his appointment met with the hearty approval of the citizens. The contest that preceded will long be remembered in Danbury political circles as the most lively struggle that had ever been made for a local municipal office. Captain Ginty had many strong rivals in the race, but as he had the backing of several conservative business and professional men, and was not the candidate of any political faction, he came out an easy winner. Mayor Kerr was warmly congratulated for taking the independent course he did in the matter of appointing Mr. Ginty in the face of political and factional opposition.

Though young in years, being probably the youngest police captain in the country, Captain Ginty is old in experience, and in the knowledge of men. In the Bohemian habits that become essential to the successful newspaper man, he became familiar with the haunts of those who more frequently transgress the law, and if wanted he knows just where to find them. He possesses rare common sense, with a quick intelligence and an honest, open countenance, and he is the personification of an ideal officer. His executive ability and practical ideas have produced a marked improvement in the condition of the force.

R JOHNSON, the well-known merchant tailor of Bethel, enjoys a practical monopoly there in his line, his success in meeting the demands for good work keeping all others from even attempting to rival him.

Mr. Johnson was born January 7, 1866, in Copenhagen, Denmark, and in his native country his name is spelled Johansen. His youth was spent in Copenhagen, where he had excellent educational advantages, of which he made good use, being now well acquainted with five languages, English, Danish, German, Swedish, and Norwegian. He learned the details of the tailor's trade in early life, but when a young man served his term in the Danish army before engaging in business. At the age of twenty-four he established himself in Copenhagen as a merchant tailor, but at the end of three years he decided to see something of the world, and for some time he traveled through Germany, Italy, Switzerland and other countries of Europe, supporting himself in the meantime by working at his

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trade. In 1892 he came to America, and after spending a few months in Brooklyn, N. Y., and in Providence and Newport, R. I., he found his way in July of that year to Danbury, where he found employment in the establishment of John Wagner, on Liberty street. In February, 1894, he located in Bethel, and having met with success from the beginning he has ever since continued in business there, his establishment being in the Durant Block.

On February 18, 1893, Mr. Johnson was married, in New York City, to Miss Johanna Marie Rasmussen, and two children have blessed the union, Harry, and Adolph, who is deceased. In religious faith Mr. Johnson is a Lutheran, and he is prominent socially as a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle at Danbury, the Sons of Herman, and a Swedish society.

WILLIAM RAYMOND KEELER, of the livery firm of Adams & Keeler, Ridgefield, was born in that town October 31, 1866. He is a grandson of Jesse Keeler, and the eldest son of Russell Raymond Keeler, who was also a native of Ridgefield, born October 30, 1837.

Russell Raymond Keeler lived on a farm at Ridgefield all his life, and was for many years engaged in its cultivation. However, he was also interested in other lines of business, particularly cattle dealing. In 1891 he embarked in the livery business, being associated in same with J. H. Adams, of South Salem, N. Y., under the firm name of Adams & Keeler. They put up the buildings occupied by the present firm, the establishment being one of the finest in this part of the country, and Mr. Keeler continued as a member of the firm up to the time of his death, which occurred November 4, 1893. He left a comfortable property, acquired by his own industry and good management of his business affairs, in the conduct of which he showed much skill and keen judgment, meeting with substantial success. He was liberal and broad-minded in all matters, and took quite an interest in public affairs, especially those concerning the welfare of his town and county. An ardent Republican, he was an active worker for his party, and represented his district in the State Legislature. Mr. Keeler was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Hickok, daughter of William H. Hickok, of Wilton, Conn., and three children were born to them, namely: William Raymond; Mortimer Cole, born August 10, 1868, on the homestead, who married Grace Russell, of Bristol; and Ella Rowena, born January 1, 1874, now the wife of N. Bradley Gorham, a business man and speculator of Norwalk, Conn. The family attended the Congregational Church, of which Mr. Keeler was a prominent member and official for many years.

William R. Keeler received a good education, commencing his studies in the public schools of Ridgefield. He next attended Brown's Boarding School at Wilton, after which he took a more advanced course at Doctor Fitch's Hillside Academy, where he finished his literary training. It had been his intention to follow this with a college course and prepare himself for the profession of the law, but on account of weak eyesight he gave up this project and instead took a business course at Bridgeport, Conn., completing same when about nineteen years old. Proceeding to New York he obtained a situation with the New Haven Clock Company, and later entered the employ of the Manhattan Watch Company, also of New York City, with whom he remained some five years, part of the time in New Haven, Conn. He commenced with this firm at the bottom of the ladder, gradually rising through various positions to that of assistant superintendent of the company, by whom he was held in the highest esteem for his energy, stability, and business ability. In November, 1893, upon the death of his father, he succeeded to the partnership in the firm of Adams & Keeler. This firm has not only a lucrative local patronage, but also caters to the New York trade in the sales department, which is constantly growing. During the summer season they have about fifty horses in the stables. Mr. Keeler is still a young man, but his success in business life is already assured, and he has every prospect of a prosperous future in a promising field for one of his enterprising disposition. Like his father before him, he is a Republican in political faith, and takes considerable interest in party affairs. In religious connection he is a member of the Congregational Church.

JOHN FLAHAVEN, JR., who is now serving his second term as selectman of the town of Bridgeport, is an enterprising young business man, and the proprietor of a well-patronized grocery and liquor store in Bridgeport city.

Mr. Flahaven was born in 1867, in County Limerick, Ireland, the son of John Flahaven, also a native of County Limerick, who came to America with his family in 1880. Four years later he settled in Bridgeport, where he now resides with ten of his twelve children.

Our subject's education was begun in the schools of Limerick, and after coming to the United States he attended school for a time at Cold Spring, Putnam Co., N. Y. Soon after the

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removal of the family to Bridgeport he entered upon an apprenticeship to the plumber's trade with Mr. Daniel Fitzgerald, which he followed, however, only three and a half years. Since that time he has been engaged in the grocery and liquor business at No. 148 Hough avenue, Bridgeport. He is not married. Mr. Flahaven is popular socially, and is connected with Harmony Circle, Foresters of America, and the Brotherhood of the Union.

T. A. BURGESS. Industry, thrift and perseverance are sure passports to success in the business world, whatever believers in "luck" may say, and in the career of this well-known contractor and builder of Bridgeport we find those characteristics fully exemplified. Being left fatherless at an early age, he has had his own way to make from boyhood, and his present prosperity is due solely to his personal efforts.

Mr. Burgess was born June 27, 1868, in Windsor, Canada, son of William and Abigail Ann (Card) Burgess. The father, who was a native of England, crossed the Atlantic when eighteen years old, and settled at Windsor, Canada, where he engaged in farming, and also carried on business as a contractor and builder. His death occurred there, and his widow, who was born in Windsor, of good Canadian stock, is now living in Bridgeport. This estimable couple had a large family of children, as follows: Edgar and Everett, who are farmers in Canada; Anna, who married Anthony Burgess, now employed as foreman by Marsh Bros., of Bridgeport; Leila (deceased), who married William Tomlinson, now in the employ of Marsh Bros.; T. A., our subject; Robert S., a carpenter by trade, who is engaged in mining in California; Odessa, wife of Benjamin Roberts, a carpenter in the employ of our subject; George, a carpenter, who is now a miner in California; and William A., a carpenter, with Marsh Bros., of Bridgeport.

Mr. Burgess was but thirteen years old when his father died, and, as the family was large, he was obliged to turn his attention to the task of earning a livelihood. For three years he was engaged in a greenhouse in Portland, Maine, and then, after spending a winter at home, he went to Fitchburg, Mass., where he spent three years as an apprentice to the carpenter's trade. In the fall of 1885 he returned home, the following May locating at Bridgeport, where he completed his apprenticeship to his trade. For some time he followed contracting and building, in partnership with his oldest brother, under the firm name of Burgess Bros., and they carried on a profitable business for two years, after which our subject purchased his brother's interest, and he has since continued alone. He is not afraid of work, often taking off his coat and "setting the pace" for his men, and his reliability and thoroughness have brought him an extended custom, some of the best buildings in Bridgeport, Stratford, Meriden, Danbury, Derby and other towns in this part of the State having been constructed by him.

On November 4, 1890, Mr. Burgess married Miss Annie B. Marsh, a sister of Charles Marsh, of Bridgeport, and they have had two children: Florence Mannetta and Royal Tweedie. Mr. Burgess and his wife are prominent socially, and are active members of Grace Methodist Church, at Bridgeport, in which for two years he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school. In politics he is a stanch Republican, but his allegiance does not depend upon official favors, as he has no inclination toward public life.

WILLIAM E. BROWN. There is probably no better known man in the younger element of Stamford, Fairfield county, than the subject of this sketch, who for the past three years has been the efficient cashier of the Stamford Co-operative Savings Association, and is also actively identified with the social and religious interests of the town.

Mr. Brown is a native of Fairfield county, born July 5, 1868, in New Canaan, a son of Orange Scott Brown, and a grandson of James A. Brown, who was a farmer at Pound Ridge, N. Y., and died at South Norwalk, Conn., aged seventy-four years. Orange S. Brown was born in Pound Ridge, N. Y., and for the past thirteen years has been a resident of Stamford, where he first carried on a grocery store, after a time taking up the insurance and real-estate business, which he conducted very successfully. During the Civil war Mr. Brown served his country as a member of the 17th Connecticut Heavy Artillery, and later was in the Infantry, enlisting in January, 1864, and remaining in the service until the close of the struggle. He was wounded once in the hand, suffering the loss of one of his fingers. He is a member of W. T. Minor Post, G. A. R., and, socially, of the Royal Arcanum, also of the New England Order of Protection; in religious connection he is a member of the M. E. Church, having joined the congregation at New Canaan. He was married in New Canaan to Sarah Selleck, a daughter of Edwin Selleck, and William E. is their only child.

William E. Brown attended public school in the northern part of the town of New Canaan

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during his early years, and for three years was a student in a private academy at Bedford, N. Y. He clerked for a time in his father's grocery store, and later was clerk in the post office under L. S. Begent, after which he entered the office of Lounsbury & Soule, as bookkeeper, remaining with them for four years. From that time he was engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in Stamford, succeeding his father, until in 1896, when he discontinued it in order to give his entire time and attention to the duties of his present position, which he assumed in 1895. In this responsible office Mr. Brown's business talent has had ample opportunity for display, and the manner in which he has served in his present capacity is sufficient evidence of his ability in this direction. Mr. Brown takes a lively interest in the progress of the community in which he lives, and is always ready to aid any project for the common good. He is an active member of the Y. M. C. A., equally well-known in Church circles, being a devout member of the M. E. denomination; at present he is organist of the Congregational Church at Stamford. Socially, he is a member in good standing of the Royal Arcanum; the New England Order of Protection, and of Puritan Lodge, I. O. O. F.

On October 1, 1889, Mr. Brown was married, in Stamford, to Miss Henrietta Morgan, daughter of Oscar A. Morgan, of Stamford, and one child, Harold C., born August 5, 1890, has blessed their union.

HUGH DONNELLY, a young business man of Norwalk, whose honesty and industry are bringing to him rewards while he is yet in his early manhood, was born there May 28, 1868, the posthumous child of Hugh Donnelly, Sr.

Hugh Donnelly, Sr., was a native of County Meath, Ireland, where he married Elizabeth Lynch, also of that county. Four children were born to them in Ireland: Thomas, now of Norwalk; John, deceased in 1896; Edward, a clerk in a meat market in Norwalk; and Mary, deceased in infancy. The father of these came alone to this country, and, having secured employment, sent for his family, but died soon after their arrival; his wife is still living.

Hugh Donnelly, our subject, was given good educational advantages in the local schools, later in a Roman Catholic parochial school, and he was not slow to use the opportunities for acquiring knowledge; moreover, he had considerable natural talent and a retentive memory. On leaving the schoolroom he found his first employment in a lockshop of the Norwalk Lock Company, at South Norwalk. He worked for this company for about one year, and then became clerk in the grocery and liquor store of John Keena; after six months in this store he was given a position with George Low as clerk, and remained with him five years. Next he entered the store of C. H. Valden, and for nearly two years retained this position, when Mr. Valden sold out to George F. Quintard, and Mr. Donnelly remained with him during his two-years' proprietorship. The grocery was then purchased by F. S. Ambler, and at the end of two and one-half years Mr. Donnelly, on January 16, 1895, bought out Mr. Ambler, and has since successfully conducted the store at No. 5 Wall street, Norwalk, with which he had been so many years connected. His pleasant manners had greeted the customers so long during his clerkship, that when he took upon himself the responsibility of ownership, the good will and best wishes of the public were freely extended to him, and his fair, honorable dealing has won for him a large share of the grocery trade of the city.

On October 27, 1896, Mr. Donnelly was married to Miss Jane A. O'Sullivan, a daughter of John O'Sullivan (a sketch of whom appears elsewhere). In his political faith Mr. Donnelly is a Democrat, but his busy life has given him but little time to devote to politics. His family for generations have been strict adherents to the Roman Catholic Church, and Mr. Donnelly has had no inclination to deviate from the faith of his ancestors. In fraternal relations he is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Catholic Club. He is highly respected by the community in which his entire life has been passed, and is to-day one of the representative young business men of the county.

FRED J. WOLFEL is taking his place among the rising young business men of New Canaan as a member of the prosperous firm of Wolfel & Greenwald, tinsmiths and plumbers.

Mr. Wolfel was born November 11, 1869, in New Canaan, son of Conrad Wolfel, a native of Nuremberg, Germany. His grandfather ——— Wolfel was a cabinet maker by trade. Conrad Wolfel received an excellent education in the schools of his native place, and there learned the shoemaker's trade, which he has followed all his life. In early manhood he came to America with several others, and he and his wife were among the first German settlers in New Canaan, where they still reside. At first he followed his trade here on his own account, and then entered the William G. Webb shoe factory, where he was

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foreman for six or seven years. Subsequently he worked eight years for Tracey, in Stamford, and for the past eight years he has been in the Fancher factory, at New Canaan. Mr. Wolfel was married, in New York City, to Catherine Metzger, who was born in Kulmbach, Germany, and five children came to them, namely: John C., Carrie, Louise, Sophie and Fred J. Of these, John C. is a blacksmith residing at Long Ridge, Stamford; he was first married to Louisa Grupe, by whom he had four children: Harry, Charles, Albert and Mary, and after her death wedded Alice ———. Carrie Wolfel is deceased. Louise is the wife of Henry Veirrn, of Bridgeport, Conn. Sophie is married to William E. Wilson, of Green Point, N. Y. Mr. Wolfel is a prominent Odd Fellow in New Canaan and is past grand of his lodge.

Fred J. Wolfel was a pupil in the Center District school of New Canaan during his boyhood. When nineteen years of age he went to Stamford and took a position with the firm of B. D. Lum & Son, plumbers and tinners, and from that time spent seven years learning the plumber's trade, working in Stamford, New York City and Brooklyn. On April 1, 1895, he and John Greenwald, Jr., entered into partnership under the firm name of Wolfel & Greenwald, and began business on Railroad avenue, where they were located for about one year. The following April they moved to their present quarters, which were formerly occupied by John E. Whitney, and here they do a successful business in plumbing, tinning, steamfitting, etc., receiving the greater share of that kind of work in New Canaan and vicinity. They have also done work in Norwalk and Stamford. Mr. Wolfel is at present serving as superintendent of the water works in New Canaan. He is active in fraternal circles, being a member of Harmony Lodge No. 67, F. & A. M.; the Ridgeley Protective Association, F. & A. M.; Wooster Lodge No. 37, I. O. O. F., of which he is past grand; and the Knights of the Golden Cross.

JOSEPH V. BRENNAN, the present superintendent of the poor at Bridgeport, Conn., was born in that city, October 24, 1870. Joseph Brennan, his grandfather, was a native of Ireland, and came to this country while quite young. He was married in Fairfield county, Conn., to Katharine McKeegan, and they reared a family of four children: James, the father of our subject; Joseph, who for many years was organist of St. Patrick's Church in New Haven, Conn., where he died in 1896; John, an engineer, residing in Fairfield; and Edward, who was an organist in Norwalk, Conn., for many years. The father of this family was an agriculturist by occupation; he died in Fairfield county.

James Brennan was born in Bridgeport, and was a steamfitter by trade, though for over twenty years he was engaged in the grocery business. He was united in marriage with Miss Johanna Mead, who was born in Bridgeport, daughter of James Mead, a shoemaker by trade and a highly respected citizen. To this worthy couple were born eight children, namely: William M.; Joseph V.; E. Paul; J. Augustine; Ellen C., wife of G. S. Wildman, of Bridgeport; Mary C.; Grace I., and Julia, all now deceased except Grace I., Ellen C. and our subject. The mother of this family died June 16, 1892, and the father is now living retired. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious faith the entire family were devout and consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Joseph V. Brennan attended the local schools of his native town during his boyhood days. At the age of sixteen he began the study of pharmacy under Charles E. Shelton, and, after three and one-half years with him, secured the position of clerk in the drug department of the Emergency Hospital. He gave great satisfaction in this position by the careful manner in which he attended to his work, and he remained there, also filling the place of ambulance surgeon, until April, 1896, when he was appointed superintendent of the poor. This responsible position he still retains, and the same careful attention that he formerly gave to the drug business is now turned to the good of the unfortunate.

On January 13, 1891, Mr. Brennan was married to Miss Lillie Linskey, who was born in Guilford, New Haven Co., Conn., a daughter of Martin and Ellen Linskey. In politics our subject is a stanch adherent of the principles of the Democratic party, in whose interests he has been active ever since he cast his first vote. Socially, he is a member of Court Pequonnock, F. of A. He is a bright young man, whose success in the past gives promise of a brilliant future, with the additional luster of the respect and honest esteem of his fellowmen.

WILLIAM CABLE. Among the well-educated young men of whom Danbury is justly proud is William Cable, who was born in that city April 9, 1876.

Mr. Cable was educated in the public schools of Danbury, graduating from the Danbury Academy in the class of 1892. Having a decided

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preference for the legal profession, he determined to make it his life work, and accordingly, the following year, entered Yale Law School, where for two years he pursued his studies. His law work was completed under the able instruction of Judge James E. Walsh, and in January, 1897, he was admitted to practice at the Fairfield County Bar. He is a young man of much promise, and with his steady, temperate habits, his good education, and a wisdom far beyond his years, it is safe to predict for him an honorable and successful career.

ROBERT T. WHEELER. Few young men have made as promising a beginning in life as has this able and enterprising business man of Stratford, a leading dealer in coal, wood and similar commodities.

Mr. Wheeler was born in Stratford June 12, 1874, and belongs to a family which has long been noted in that section for industry, thrift and public spirit. His grandfather Wheeler, a farmer by ocupation, was a native of the town of Stratford, while the grandmother, Elizabeth (Wakelee) Wheeler, was born in the town of Huntington. This worthy couple had four children: Louise, William E., and two whose names are not given.

William E. Wheeler, our subject's father, was born in Stratford, and was only three years of age when his father died. In early manhood he studied medicine, but his plans for entering the profession were interrupted by three years of gallant service in the Union army during the Civil war. On his return home he opened a general store which he conducted in Stratford for a number of years, and later he engaged in the coal business at the dock, continuing same until his death, which occurred October 29, 1889. He was a prominent member of the Congregational Church at Stratford, and was also active in local politics, affiliating with the Republican party and serving in various offices, including that of justice of the peace. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Tomlinson, survives him. They had four children: Fannie L. died unmarried; William M. is a teacher in Mt. Pleasant Military Academy at Sing Sing, N. Y.; Robert T., our subject, was the third in order of birth; and Miss Elizabeth, resides with her mother.

The Tomlinson family has been identified with this county for many years, and Mrs. Sarah Wheeler's grandfather was a farmer near Stratford village. Her father, Gideon M. Tomlinson, was born in that locality, and followed agricultural pursuits there throughout his life.

Robert T. Wheeler spent his early life in Stratford, receiving his education in the schools of that locality, and his business career began with four years of service in the general offices of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., at New Haven. In 1896 he returned to Stratford and took charge of the coal business, which already shows the effects of his energetic management, and he enjoys a profitable trade. Politically he is a Republican, but he has not, so far, been especially active in party affairs, although he is in hearty sympathy with all movements tending to promote the general welfare. In October, 1896, he married Miss Marian Beach, and one son, Robert T., Jr., has blessed the union. Mrs. Wheeler was born in Bridgeport, and her parents, George E. and Mary A. (Edmonds) Beach, are also natives of that town.

HON. GEORGE WHEELER (deceased) was one of the leading citizens of New Fairfield, and his death on August 21, 1896, caused sincere mourning throughout the community. Few men of his locality have taken a more active part in the various movements that tend to progress, and none have held in a higher degree the esteem and confidence of the people.

Mr. Wheeler was born August 1, 1818, in Patterson, N. Y., the son of Nathan D. and Louisa (Beardsley) Wheeler. He was educated in the local schools, and in early manhood learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed during the greater portion of his life, becoming well-known as a builder of fine residences. For eight years he resided in Illinois, where he did an extensive business in this line. At one time he conducted a sawmill at New Fairfield in connection with his other work, and he was also interested for a while in a hat factory there. Being a stanch Democrat he took much interest in political matters, and his popularity made him a favorite candidate on his party ticket, as he served for many years in offices of trust and responsibility. At one time he was a member of the State Legislature of Connecticut, and for a number of years he was selectman and town clerk of New Fairfield. Socially he was prominent as a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities, and his family has always been identified with the best circles of the neighborhood. He married on May 1, 1848, Miss Harriet Hopkins, by whom he had the following children: M. Louisa, born May 11, 1849; Harvey H., born July 21, 1852; and Bessie, born January 24, 1860, in Knox county, Illinois.

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Mrs. Wheeler, who survives her husband, is a lady whose excellent qualities of character endear her to her associates. She was born July 21, 1825, and is connected with several of the old and respected families of New England, of which we will give a brief account. Her father, Stephen Barnum Hopkins, was a direct descendant of Stephen Hopkins, the Pilgrim, who came to America in 1620 on the "Mayflower." He was a person of some importance and wealth, as he had with him two male servants, and his standing among his companions is indicated by the fact that he was sent ashore with Capt. Miles Standish to treat with the Indians. Abbott, the historian, describes him as a man who was "both discreet and true." He had six daughters and three sons. Of the latter, one, Oceanus, was born on the voyage and died in infancy. Giles married and settled on Cape Cod, and of the other son, Caleb, nothing is now known, although it is believed that he did not marry. In the third generation Judah Hopkins, a son of Giles, married and had a son, John, born in 1704. John, of the fourth generation, married and left a son, John (5), who was born in Harwich, Mass., a town on Cape Cod, in 1751, and is said to have been a man of great ingenuity. About the time of the Revolutionary war, possibly a little later, he removed to Guildhall, Vt., and after a short residence there he proceeded to Lyndon, and then to Brattleboro, in the same State. From there he started to Centerville, N. Y., in 1813, but died on the way while at Pike, Wyoming Co., N. Y. Little is known concerning his family, but he had at least three sons: John (6), who is the next in the line of descent; Judah, who was killed in early manhood by falling from a barn; and Clark, who settled in New York and left descendants there. John (6) was born at Ballston Spa, N. Y., and became the owner of a large tract of land in the town of New Fairfield, this county. He was married in Vermont to Miss Sarah Smith, and had two sons, John and Stephen Barnum (7), both of whom located in New Fairfield.

Stephen Barnum Hopkins (7), Mrs. Wheeler's father, was born in New Fairfield, May 29, 1789, and died March 24, 1866. He received a common-school education in his youth, and for a short time followed the shoemaker's trade, but later he engaged in mercantile business, which he successfully conducted in New Fairfield for many years. He was a generous man, and was well-liked by his fellow citizens, being often chosen to fill local offices, including that of selectman. The different questions of his time excited his keen interest, and he was always a strong supporter of the Whig party. On November 7, 1811, he married Miss Chloe Judd, who was born in New Fairfield, May 17, 1795, and they had seven children: (1) Betsey M., born May 28, 1813, was married September 16, 1830, to Nathan Terrell, and died March 2, 1868. (2) Hiram S. is mentioned more fully below. (3) Joseph, born September 9, 1817, was married (first) to Caroline Terrell, and (second) to Sarah Clark. (4) George J., born May 2, 1820, married Rebecca McGraw, and died in 1894. (5) Harvey, born February 17, 1823, died November 19, 1850, unmarried. (6) Harriet (Mrs. Wheeler) is mentioned above. (7) Stephen L., born April 22, 1828, died July 10, 1837.

Hiram S. Hopkins, Mrs. Wheeler's brother, was born in New Fairfield, May 9, or 11, 1815, and died November 20, 1852, at Winchester, Va., where he had gone as advance agent for Turner's circus, of which he was a part owner. In his early manhood he followed mercantile business in New Fairfield, and he always held a prominent place in the social and political life of that locality. On October 18, 1837, he was married at New Fairfield, to Miss Louisa Sherwood, who was born July 2, 1817, a daughter of Abel Sherwood, a well-known resident of the same town. They had one son, Lewis Legrand, born February 24, 1842. After the death of Hiram Hopkins, his widow married Nathan Terrell, then a resident of Danbury, who was born in New Fairfield, and was killed March 28, 1895, at the age of eighty-six, by an engine on the New York and New England railroad.

Hon. Lewis Legrand Hopkins was but a child when the death of his father brought him face to face with the problem of earning a livelihood. He had begun his education in the common schools of New Fairfield, but at the age of eleven he was sent to the town of Brookfield, this county, to live with an uncle upon a farm. This quiet existence not suiting him, he after a year went to Jersey City and secured employment as a newsboy on the New Jersey Transfer Company's line. In the following year he went to New York to take a similar position on the New York and New Haven railroad, and while there he had an opportunity to attend school in winter, a privilege which he eagerly accepted and made the most of. He next entered a large grocery establishment in that city as clerk, but finding the employment uncongenial he shipped on a vessel, the "Endymion," for Liverpool, England. When off Burton Head, on the coast of Wales, the ship was burned to the water's edge, and a falling spar struck the young sailor upon the head, crushing his skull For several weeks

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he lay in Southworth Hospital, Liverpool, in a dangerous condition, under the care of the American consul. On his recovery he returned to New York, and as his love for adventure was not yet satisfied, he went to California to engage in placer mining in Shasta county. Tiring of this, he took ship at San Francisco for a voyage around Cape Horn, the trip proving to be a very rough one. His next employment was as a night clerk on a steamer on Long Island Sound, and later he went to Danbury and learned the business of hat finishing, which he followed for a time there, also in Bethel and Philadelphia. In 1865 he began drilling for oil in Pennsylvania, and afterward he accompanied a surveying expedition in the interests of the New England Railroad Company in the northern part of this State. When this ended he returned to Danbury and engaged in a bottling business with S. A. Barnum and Joseph Beers, but he soon traded his interest in that establishment for a factory and store at New Fairfield, where he made his home for a time. His factory, where he conducted a hatting business, was burned to the ground, and he then engaged in the manufacture of shirts in New Fairfield; but the venture proving unprofitable he went back to Danbury to take a position in the freight office of the Danbury & Northern railroad, the company afterward appointing him agent at that place. In the meantime he had become prominent in political circles. While residing in New Fairfield he was town clerk for twelve years, and there, as elsewhere, he took an active interest in educational affairs. In 1870, 1871, 1875, 1881, and 1887, he was elected to the General Assembly of this State, and his able service as representative won the approbation of all classes in his community. During Sheriff Clarkson's first and second terms he appointed him a deputy. As the last warden for the old borough of Danbury, Judge Hopkins held office two months beyond the legal time in order to conform to the dates set in the city charter for the opening of the new regime. In 1889 he was chosen mayor of the new city, and in 1892 he became judge of the probate court, a position he still holds. Politically, he is a Democrat, and for two years he served on the State Central Committee of that party. On September 18, 1865, Judge Hopkins was married at Danbury to Miss Grace Agnes Croal, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, who came to America at the age of thirteen with her parents, David and Agnes (Kay) Croal. Two children have blessed this union: Marie Louisa, born August 3, 1876, and married June 20, 1894, at Danbury, to Francis T. Benedict; and Stephen Legrand, born in New Fairfield August 3, 1876, who resides with his parents at Danbury.

On the maternal side Judge Hopkins is descended from Thomas Sherwood, of "Sherwood Forest," England, who was born in 1586 and died at Fairfield, this county, in October, 1655. He came from Ipswich, England, in April, 1634, in the ship "Francis," with his wife, Alice, and four children, Ann, Rose, Thomas (2), and Rebecca. According to Mrs. Schenk's "History of Fairfield County," Vol. 1, page 307, he is first heard of after his landing as a resident of Massachusetts, but he was in Fairfield county as early as 1645. He is mentioned in the first volume of the Colonial Records as having bought land in Fairfield county in 1653. By his first wife, Alice, he had eight children, and by his second, Mary, he had four, the names of all being as follows: Jane Thomasine, Margaret Sarah, Hannah, Rose, Thomas, Rebecca, Stephen, Matthew, Mary, Ruth, Abigail and Isaac.

II. Thomas (2) was born in England in 1624, and died at Fairfield, this county, in 1697. He was the first miller on Mill run, at that place. He was married four times, his first wife being a daughter of Thomas and Annie Wheeler; his second was the daughter of Benjamin and Mary Turney; his third was the widow of John Cable, Jr.; and his fourth was the widow of Peter Colby, and the daughter of Humphrey Hide. [See American Ancestry, Vol. 5, for 1890.]

II. Isaac Sherwood, youngest son of Thomas (1), married Elizabeth Jackson, daughter of John Jackson, and had a son, David. III. David married Sarah Meeker, daughter of John Meeker, and had a son, Abel. IV. Abel was born December 20, 1720, and was married on January 1, 1749 or 1750, to Hannah Fountain, who was born April 2, 1729, a daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth Fountain. Abel served as a soldier in the French and Indian war under General Montgomery, and is said to have caught the latter in his arms when shot. He entered the service April 12, 1761, as a member of the Sixth Company Second Regiment, from Connecticut, which was mustered in at Horseneck, this county, in that year, and consisted of one hundred men. He served twelve weeks and two days, and having received a serious wound was discharged on September 28, 1761, and died in November following from the effects of his injuries. His pay for his period of service was 12 shillings, 10 pence, and 1 farthing, according to the pay rolls preserved in the State capitol at Hartford. He had three daughters and one son, Abel.

V. Abel Sherwood, son of Abel and Han-

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nah, was also a soldier, and during the Revolutionary war he enlisted three times. He married Keziah Hodge, and had seven children, who lived to maturity, married, and left descendants.

VI. Abel Montgomery Sherwood, son of Abel and Keziah, was named in honor of General Montgomery, under whom his grandfather fought. He was born May 26, 1777, and died April 12, 1866. His first wife, Betsey (Disbrow), died in 1828, and in 1829 he married Clarissa Knox. By the first union he had four children: Ransom W., Harriet, Amanda, and Louisa, wife of Hiram S. Hopkins, mentioned above, and mother of Judge Hopkins. By his second marriage, Abel M. Sherwood had one son, who was named after him.

CHARLES F. OSBORN, whose death, on February 25, 1897, is still fresh in the minds of his fellow citizens of Norwalk, where he lived in retirement for a number of years previous, was one of the most esteemed residents of that place. On October 13, 1814, there died in Norwalk Jacob Osborn, who had long been prominent in the affairs of the town. For years he taught the village school, and by precept and example inculcated lessons of industry and morality. He also served as town clerk, and in many ways showed his interest in municipal affairs. His wife in her maidenhood was Betsey Jarvis, and they became the parents of Lewis, Frederick, Maria, William, Charles (mentioned in full later on), George (1), George (2), and Eliza. The family were faithful members of the Established Church.

Charles Osborn was born in Norwalk, in 1792, and in 1807, after acquiring such education as might be obtained in the common schools, he went to New York, where he served his time in the jewelry business, following it as a means of livelihood until 1820, in which year he embarked in the real-estate business. He rapidly advanced to the front rank, becoming agent for such men as Gen. S. Van Rensselaer, Gen. Morgan Lewis, John Jacob Astor, etc. In 1841 Mr. Osborn laid aside business cares, and returning to Norwalk passed the remainder of his life in close retirement. Of a naturally reserved disposition, he took but little part in any affairs that would render him at all conspicuous. Courteous and manly in bearing, and strictly honorable in all his dealings, he was held in the greatest respect by all who knew him. When twenty-three years of age he married Miss Huldah Jarvis, daughter of Noah Jarvis, who was of French and English extraction, and six children were born to them: (1) Elizabeth married Aaron Hardman, and both are now deceased. (2) Charles F. is the subject proper of this sketch. (3) Maria and (4) Julia both died in infancy. (5) Frances married Charles H. Jennings, of Ridgefield. (6) George, deceased, was at one time in the real-estate business in New York City. The father of this family died in March, 1869, long preceded to the grave by his noble wife, who passed away September 18, 1827.

Charles F. Osborn was born September 28, 1818, in New York City, remaining there until 1850, when he joined his father at Norwalk. Like his father he engaged in the real-estate business, and held the confidence and esteem of the same wealthy element in New York, where his business was as extensive as that of any agent in Gotham. Having acquired a fortune largely of his own accumulation, he, too, desired to pass the remainder of his life in its enjoyment. On March 23, 1841, Charles F. Osborn was married to Miss Caroline Kellogg, of Norwalk, who died April 1, 1864, leaving no issue. On April 19, 1865, Mr. Osborn was again married, his second wife being Mrs. C. A. Maybury, formerly Miss Harriet E. Smith, a daughter of Stephen Smith, of Norwalk. One child, Clarence F., blessed this union.

In politics Mr. Osborn was first a Whig, but he became an independent voter, casting his ballot for the men and measures that, in his judgment, seemed best calculated to promote the general welfare. For many years he served as trustee of the Savings Bank, and he was a man whose advice in matters of finance was much sought. He was actively interested in the Episcopal Church, to which the family have belonged for generations, for many years serving as treasurer and vestryman, and he was one of the trustees in support of the Diocese of Connecticut. His closing years were passed quietly, his private affairs taking up all the time he cared to give to business, and the major portion of his days being passed in the enjoyment of the luxuries supplied by his abundant wealth. His generosity to those less fortunate than himself, his ready help to those deserving, made him one of the best loved men in the town.

REV. RICHARD EDWARD SHORTELL was born July 23, 1860, in Ansonia, Conn., and is a descendant of one of the oldest families of County Kilkenny, Ireland. It is supposed that the first of the name came into Ireland under "Strongbow," in 1170, from the Welch marches. The family gained wealth and influence, but were

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deprived of both by Cromwell, because of their reluctance to give up their Catholic faith.

Richard Shortell, grandfather of our subject, was a farmer in County Kilkenny, and enjoyed much popularity and respect in his neighborhood. He was a man of considerable education, and by reason of his many sterling qualities was honored with various positions of trust, which he filled in a highly creditable manner. He married a Miss Kennedy, by whom he had four sons—Edward, Columb, Robert and John—and the entire family came to America and settled in Ansonia, Conn. The sons, Columb and John, enlisted on the Union side in the Civil war and served throughout the struggle.

Edward Shortell was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, came to America with his parents, and became an iron-roller by occupation, working in the Iron & Steel Works at Birmingham, Conn.; he continued at this until his death, which occurred about 1869. He wedded Bridget Cahill, daughter of Michael and Margaret Cahill, and this union was blessed with five children, namely: Richard Edward; Mary; Margaret M., who is married to John Dunn, of Derby; Julia V., unmarried, who is a teacher; and James, who is a druggist in Wallingford, Connecticut.

Richard Edward Shortell received a good preliminary education in the public schools of Ansonia and Birmingham, completing the course in the Birmingham High School in 1879. The same year he entered Niagara University, at Niagara, N. Y., where he graduated in 1882, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, receiving that of Master of Arts from the same institution in 1884. Father Shortell's theological training was received at Niagara Seminary of Our Lady of Angels, where he was ordained priest in 1886, after thorough preparation for his calling. He is known as one of the best informed of the younger men in the Church. After his ordination he was stationed at Norwich, Conn., as assistant in St. Patrick's Church, where he served four years, at the end of that time being transferred to St. Augustine's Church, in Bridgeport, and continuing there for sixteen months. For the eighteen months following he was assistant in St. Peter's Church, at Danbury, finally, on May 30, 1893, taking charge as pastor of the Church at Ridgefield, where he has remained ever since. He has made an excellent record in this, his first charge, and has won a warm place for himself in the hearts of his people as an untiring, devoted worker. Since his advent in Ridgefield he bought the land, built the rectory, and has finished a handsome new church, which is one of the finest in this part of Connecticut. In addition to his duties in Ridgefield he has undertaken the care of the mission at Georgetown, which he attends each Sunday. Father Shortell, though still a young man, is considered one of the most efficient priests in the Hartford Diocese, which is under Bishop Tierney. His influence in Ridgefield has been strong and beneficial, and he has given his help in many matters for the welfare and advancement of the town. As a public speaker he is in great demand, and his eloquence and earnestness have made him very popular in this respect. Father Shortell interests himself in politics and political affairs only so far as they affect the moral life of the community.

ENOCH KNAPP (deceased). "Our forefathers," writes a well-known author, "still live among us in the records of their lives as well as in the acts they have done, which live also. Whoever has left behind him a record of a noble life has bequeathed to posterity an enduring source of good." The quiet yet useful career of this honored resident of New Fairfield, who passed away December 2, 1887, should be held in lasting remembrance, and it is most appropriate that the following outline of his history should find preservation in this volume.

The Knapp family is of German origin, the immediate ancestors of our subject coming to this country in the early part of the eighteenth century. Jonathan Knapp, his grandfather, was born May 16, 1730, in Greenwich, Fairfield county, and engaged in farming in that locality. He married Miss Eunice Peck, daughter of Theophilus Peck, and they had twelve children, whose names, with dates of birth, are as follows: Eunice, February 12, 1755; Mary, November 6, 1756; Shubal, November 21, 1757; Joshua, January 6, 1761; Sarah, June 5, 1763; Isaac, August 13, 1764; Rachel, October 31, 1765; Samuel; Benjamin, January 1, 1772; Reuben, March 16, 1774; Enoch, October 8, 1776; and Jared, March 15, 1779.

Dr. Isaac Knapp, the father of our subject, was a native of Greenwich, and at the age of twenty-five became a citizen of New Fairfield, being the first physician to locate there. He gained a wide reputation by his success in treating malarial fevers, which were then prevalent in this section, and was regarded as one of the leading members of the profession. His death occurred in 1838. He was married in New Fairfield to Miss Amy Brush, daughter of Amos and Hannah Brush, and eight children were born of this union, the names and dates of birth being as follows: Theresa, February 16, 1790; Isaac, July

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12, 1801; Sally, September 7, 1803; Enoch, May 21, 1805; one who died in infancy; Ezra, August 19, 1816; David, June 13, 1820; and and Euphemia, February 20, 1823.

Enoch Knapp acquired his education mainly in the schools of his native town of New Fairfield, and spent one term in the study of higher branches in the academy at New Canaan, this county. He engaged in farming and cattle raising, in which he was very successful, and for many years he was a leading spirit in the various progressive movements in his locality. In 1835 he became a member of the Congregational Church at New Fairfield, and throughout life remained a faithful worker in that Society, serving as deacon for many years. He was a member of the Board of Foreign and Home Missions, to which he always contributed generously, and he was equally liberal in relieving the temporal needs of the poor around him. He also delighted in helping young men to get a start in business, and many successful men of Danbury and other places are ready to acknowledge the value of his timely assistance. In politics he was a strong Republican, and for some years he held office as justice of the peace and as selectman of the town of New Fairfield. In the old "training days" he took a great interest in the militia, serving as a major, and later he was appointed lieutenant-colonel, but he never was in active duty in a time of war. In 1838 he married Miss Rachel A. Barnum, daughter of Deacon Seeley Barnum, a prosperous farmer of the town of New Fairfield, and a granddaughter of Deacon Ephraim Barnum, of Bethel, this county. Mrs. Knapp's mother, whose maiden name was Louisa Rogers, was a daughter of Rev. Medad Rogers, who preached for nearly half a century in the Congregational Church at New Fairfield.

The home of our subject was brightened by eight children, of whom six survive: (1) Mary Louisa, born August 14, 1840, died May 27, 1851. (2) Almira E., born October 27, 1842, married Daniel G. Wood, a farmer of Redding, this county, and has had five children—Enoch K., Floyd, Ida, Viola and Fred. (3) Sarah T., born May 25, 1846, was married October 27, 1866, to Wait Brush, a farmer near Rome, N. Y., and they have had three children—Ernest, Dwight and Charlotte. (4) Charlotte L., born July 3, 1851, is a lady of marked ability, and ranks among the leading artists of the country. Her education was begun in the schools of New Fairfield, and after taking a complete course in the State Normal School at New Britain, Conn., she entered the Packer Collegiate Institute at Brooklyn Heights, N. Y., where she studied art. She then went to Paris, France, to pursue her art studies under Professors LaHaye and Lazar, two famous teachers, and on the completion of her course there she returned to the United States. In 1882 she accepted the position of principal of the Art Department of Packer Collegiate Institute, filling this responsible post with marked ability and success. She resides in New York City, where she has a studio, and specimens of her works are often on exhibition at the Academy of Design in that city, and at art exhibits in Philadelphia and other centers of culture. (5) Isaac S., born July 27, 1853, died September 21, 1855. (6) Mary C., born April 11, 1855, was married in January, 1873, to Charles W. Claggett, son of Rev. E. B. Claggett, of Boston, Mass. They have one son, Clifton K., born September 2, 1879. (7) Isaac S. (2), born November 26, 1856, is now engaged in farming at New Fairfield, and is a member of the Legislature. He was married March 25, 1894, to Miss Luella M. Dayton. (8) FREDERICK E., born January 5, 1859, was educated in his native town of New Fairfield, and at Chappaqua, N. Y. From boyhood he has given his attention to farming and stock raising, and he now conducts the old homestead, "Sunny Side Farm," being the third in direct line of descent to own the estate. He is active and influential in public affairs, and in 1889 was elected to the State Legislature on the Republican ticket, an evidence of popularity which is the more remarkable from the fact that he was the first Republican representative from his district in thirty-two years. He has also held a number of local offices, including those of tax collector and town clerk. On November 14, 1888, he married Miss Fannie M. Taylor, who was born August 4, 1859, the daughter of Emory and Mary (Cowles) Taylor; her father is a gunsmith of Unionvale, Hartford county, Connecticut.

SAMUEL E. DUNHAM, proprietor of the Dunham Machine Works at Danbury, believes in the efficacy of hard work as a means of securing success in life, and his own experience amply demonstrates the correctness of his theory. He does an extensive business, manufacturing boilers, engines and machines of all kinds, including special machinery built to order, and furnishing mill supplies, such as shafting, hangers and pulleys, also Babbitt, and all grades of anti-friction metals.

Mr. Dunham was born April 6, 1861, in Danbury, the son of Frederick N. Dunham, a native of St. Lawrence county, N. Y. The father fol-

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lowed the carpenter's trade all his life, and before the Civil war was foreman of the D. & J. Stevens Planing-mill at Danbury. After the close of the struggle he took charge of the wood-working department in the same establishment, and continued there for many years, his death occurring in 1892. His wife Mary E. (Dibble), a native of Newtown, Conn., died in 1867. Our subject was one of two children, his sister, Carrie I., being the elder, she married (first) Edward Layman, and after his death became the wife of Charles Orr.

Samuel E. Dunham was educated in the schools of Danbury, and at the age of seventeen began to learn the machinist's trade, spend-about five years in the establishment of Fanton Brothers. He then worked in various places as a journeyman, and for two years was in charge of a machine shop in Danbury. In 1889 he began his present business in a small way, with a capital of $800, the venture succeeding so well that in 1893 he built his establishment on Rose street, and his property is now valued at about $17,000. This success has not been gained without severe labor, however, and he considers fifteen hours per day a fair allowance.

In 1880 Mr. Dunham married Miss Fannie N. Starr, a member of one of the oldest families of Fairfield county; her father, Capt. Frederick Starr, a native of the county, died a soldier's death while serving in the Union army during the Civil war. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dunham. Politically, our subject is a Republican, as was his father before him, but in local affairs he is not a strict partisan, supporting the best man according to his judgment. Socially, he and his wife are prominent, and he has been a member of the I. O. O. F., and the Masonic Fraternity, but the claims of his business have prevented him from taking an active part in fraternal work.

JOHN I. HOVER, who, since September, 1895, has been the principal of the Franklin street school in Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., is a native of the Empire State, born June 17, 1869, in Linlithgow, Columbia county. His ancestry is German, his great-grandfather, John B. Hover, having been a native of the Fatherland. Grandfather John N. Hover was born in Linlithgow, N. Y., where he was a large property owner and a prominent citizen.

Martin H. Hover, father of John I. Hover, was born and reared in Linlithgow, and has always made his home there. He has been a lifelong agriculturist, and being a man of unusual intellect and progressive ideas has run his farm on scientific principles with gratifying results. He married Martha E. Wagner, who was born in Hollowville, Columbia Co., N. Y., the daughter of Levi Wagner, and four children blessed this union—Welcon E., Cora A., Cornelia A., and John I.

John I. Hover received his early literary training in the public schools of Linlithgow, N. Y., later attended the Northeastern Ohio College (in Mahoning county, Ohio), where he took a special course, and began his professional career in Columbia county. He subsequently took a course at the New Paltz (N. Y.) Normal School, after which he taught in the Polytechnic, at Brooklyn, N. Y., for two years. In September, 1895, he entered upon the duties of his present position, which he has since discharged with a faithfulness and zeal highly appreciated by all who have felt his influence in this direction. Ten instructors besides Mr. Hover are engaged in the Franklin street school, where there are nine grades, besides the kindergarten. He is a progressive man in every sense of the term, and personally he is constantly working and studying to prepare himself for higher work in his profession, keeping well-informed on modern views in thought and method, especially in the line of education. At present he is taking a course of lectures on psychology at Yale University, He is a member of the County and State Teachers Associations.

Mr. Hover was married, in 1890, at Canfield, Ohio, to Miss Aurelia M. Boycott, who is the daughter of William Boycott, and the granddaughter of the originator of the term "boycott." To Professor Hover and wife was born a daughter Dorothy Alletta, August 2, 1898.

LEO DONATELL. This well-known former resident of Stamford is a son of Italy, and since coming to America some years ago he has found a wide field of effort in the direction and oversight of his fellow-countrymen who are employed in railway construction and other enterprises. For this useful work he is peculiarly fitted, being held in sincere regard by the men in his employ, who, naturally, can best understand and be understood by one of their own compatriots. With a knowledge of their needs, their likings, and their aspirations, no less than of their language, Mr. Donatell wields great influence among them, and of late years he has been frequently called upon to act as interpreter in the Fairfield county courts in cases where his countrymen were concerned.

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Mr. Donatell was born December 16, 1860, and was educated in the schools of his native land. Like most of his race he possessed fine musical gifts, of which he made use for a time in earning a livelihood; but he afterward learned the shoemaker's trade as a more certain means of support. In 1883 he came to America, landing at New York City, and after spending some time there and in Amsterdam, N. Y., he went to the Province of Quebec, Canada, to take a place as foreman on the Canadian Pacific railroad, then in process of construction. In January, 1887, he returned to New York City, where he was employed for a few months by the Inman and Red Star lines of steamships as a foreman, his duties being to oversee the loading and unloading of goods. In the spring of the same year he took six hundred men to Duluth, to work upon the Duluth & South Shore railroad, and later he came to Connecticut to take a position as foreman for Nolan & Co., who were then constructing a branch railway between Meriden and Waterbury. During one winter he was engaged in shoe making at Waterbury; but in the spring he went to Chicago, Ill., where he was appointed to take charge of two hundred men on the Zanesville & Ohio River railroad. He then worked for a time for Stanley & Co., on the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad, and on leaving that company he went to Clarksburg, W. Va., to assist in the construction of the Monongahela railroad. On December 25, 1889, he embarked for Italy, to visit his beloved mother, and that winter he spent under the sunny skies of his own land.

In April, 1890, Mr. Donatell returned to the United States, and soon afterward he located in Pottsville, Penn., to carry out an arrangement for supplying a number of his fellow-countrymen as laborers for Mr. Gaynor, who was then engaged in the construction of the Shenandoah branch of the Norfolk & Western railroad. Later he furnished laborers for Fred Jones, of Brinkhaven, Ohio, and for the West Virginia & Pittsburg railroad, and then, after spending a short time in the employ of Mr. Gaynor, in Pennsylvania, he undertook to secure laborers for building the reservoir on the Girard estate in Pennsylvania, the contract being held by P. M. Queen. His next enterprise was the supplying of laborers for the Consolidated railroad at Sound Beach, Conn., and for a time he resided at New Haven in order to facilitate his work. In 1894 he settled at Stamford, and for four years past he has furnished laborers for Mr. Ryan, the contractor for the Consolidated line in that locality. Mr. Donatell is interested in all that concerns the welfare of his countrymen, and he is now president of the Campanella Lodge, at Stamford, a mutual benefit association for Italians. He is also identified with several other societies including the Knights of Pythias, at Scio, Ohio, and the I. O. O. F., at New York City. He was married in West Virginia to Miss Wolfe, a resident of Clarksburg, and two children have blessed the union.

LIEUT.-COL. CHARLES W. HENDRIE, one of the leading dry-goods merchants of Stamford, and for ten years prominent in the National Guard of Connecticut, as well as in business circles, is a native of Greenwich, Fairfield county, where he was born October 29, 1862.

Colonel Hendrie descended through Joshua Beal Hendrie, his father, from Charles Hendrie, who was a native of Scotland, whence he came to this country prior to the birth of his son, Johua Beal, which occurred at Stamford in 1832. The latter has thus far passed his life in the town of Stamford, having been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married Sarah E. Newman, of Greenwich, Conn., and to the Union were born: Charles W., Sarah E., and Lucy (Mrs. Stanley T. Jennings). The father of these is a member of the Congregational Church.

Charles W. Hendrie was reared on his father's farm, and attended the schools of the neighborhood. Later he went to the Stamford High School and also to the Williston Seminary at East Hampton, Mass., spending three years in the latter institution. In 1882 he began clerking in the store of C. O. Miller at Stamford, and remained so occupied for ten years. In 1892 he started in the dry-goods business for himself, forming a partnership with George G. Goulden, under the firm name of Hendrie & Goulden. This partnership lasted until in March, 1896, at which time Mr. Goulden retired. Since that period the business has been carried on by Colonel Hendrie alone. The Colonel has been a careful and judicious business man, and is prospering. He is one of the enterprising and progressive citizens of Fairfield county. On April 29, 1886, he became identified with Company C, 4th Regiment Connecticut National Guard, and on December 27, 1889, he was made quartermaster sergeant. He was promoted to second lieutenant June 27, 1890; to captain, July 20, 1891; to major, June 28, 1893; and to lieutenant-colonel, January 18, 1897. Socially, Colonel Hendrie is prominent in various orders, among which may be mentioned Union Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he is senior deacon; Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11, and Wash-

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ington Council No. 6; Excelsior Lodge No. 49, K. of P., being past chancellor; is also vice-grand of Puritan Lodge No. 43, I. O. O. F.; and he is a member of the Order of Red Men, and of the Business Men's Club. Colonel Hendrie has been twice married, the first time, at Stamford, to Miss Lucy C. Dean, a daughter of George W. Dean, of Stamford, and their issue is: Emily C. The wife and mother died July 20, 1887, and Colonel Hendrie afterward married Rebecca M. Smith, a daughter of James Smith, of Stamford.

FRED MILLER, a prominent resident of the town of Greenwich, is one of the thrifty, prosperous, German-born citizens, and in making his way to success, in spite of an unpromising beginning, he has shown the characteristic energy of his race.

Mr. Miller was born May 7, 1858, in Hanover, Germany, the third son and fifth child of Louis and Margaret Miller. The mother died when he was but three years old, but the father is still living at the old home, and now occupies an official position similar to that of selectman in this country. He came to the United States, but returned to the Fatherland after spending a couple of years here. Our subject was educated in the schools of his native province, and in the spring of 1874 came to America to seek his fortune, setting sail from Bremerhaven on the vessel "Necka." The voyage lasted fourteen days, and on landing in New York City the young lad found employment as a confectioner with his brother-in-law, Mr. Koenig. Having had no previous knowledge of the trade, he began as an apprentice with low wages, but as time passed, bringing better returns for his work, he managed to lay by enough money to establish a business of his own, which has been continued successfully ever since. In 1891 he purchased from Andrew Burns a small farm at Riverville, known as the Samuel Peck homestead, and he has since resided there, with the exception of two years, when he rented it and returned to New York to attend to his confectionery business. The estate contains forty-five acres of excellent land, pleasantly located, and Mr. Miller's judicious improvements have made it a valuable and attractive homestead.

In 1883 Mr. Miller married Miss Susie Feifeer, who was born in New York City, May 27, 1867, the daughter of Matthew and Theresa (Lambert) Feifeer. Five children have blessed this union: Lillie, Minnie, Theresa, Annie and Frederick, Jr. As a citizen, Mr. Miller is held in high esteem, but while he approves of all movements that will promote the welfare of his adopted country, he has not taken an active part in public affairs.

SYLVESTER B. WILSON, a leading contractor and builder, and one of the most enterprising citizens of Norwalk, Fairfield county, of which city he has been a resident some thirty years, is a native of New York State, born on New Year's Day, 1849, in Kingston, Ulster county.

Job Wilson, father of our subject, was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., whence in early manhood he moved to Ulster County, and at Kingston followed contracting and carpentry for many years. He married Sallie G. Taylor, born in the town of Wilton, Fairfield county, a daughter of Moses Taylor, a native of Westport, Fairfield county, and a carpenter and contractor by trade. Like the Wilsons, the Taylor family is of English lineage. After marriage Job and Sallie G. Wilson resided at various places in New York State—New York City, Ellenville, and finally in Kingston. Ten children were born to them, five of whom died in infancy, the names of the survivors being: Mary E., Billings G., Hally B., Armida A., and Sylvester B. Of these, Mary E. married Joseph Bowman, of Kingston; Billings G. wedded Eunice Sherman, a contractor and builder, of Lowell, Mich.; Hally B. is living retired in New York; and Armida A. married Charles M. D. Marks, of New York, who had served as a soldier in the Civil war. After carrying on his trade some fifteen or twenty years at various places, as already related, the father of this family came to Connecticut, and in 1864 commenced farming in the town of Wilton, Fairfield county, where he died in 1875; his wife had passed away in 1861. They were devout members of the M. E. Church; in politics he was first a Whig, later a Republican, on the organization of that party.

S. B. Wilson, our subject, passed his boyhood days in Kingston, N. Y., until he was thirteen years old, when he went to Michigan, and there attended school for some time. On his return to Kingston he commenced boating on the Hudson river, but at the end of one season he went to New York and drove a milk route in that city, also one season. He then went to Pompton, N. J., where for a while he followed the trade of file making; then returning to New York again took up the milk business. Once more, after a few months, we find him in Michigan, where he commenced to learn carpentry; but again he went to New York and peddled milk.

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In 1866 he came to Norwalk, and commenced learning the trade of machinist; at the end of about a year, however, he abandoned the notion, and in 1867 he concluded to finally settle in Norwalk and follow his regular trade, that of carpenter. He first worked for E. K. Street (two weeks), then for Thomas Sanford (about six months), then for Platt Price (some nine years). After this, in 1879, Mr. Wilson commenced contracting and building in Norwalk, for his own account, and has since successfully conducted an extensive business in that line. Among the many buildings he put up in Norwalk, alone, may be mentioned the Norwalk Club, several churches and residences, including two fine ones which he owns, one of them being occupied by himself and family.

In 1868 Mr. Wilson was married in Norwalk to Miss Anna Smith, a native of that city, and a daughter of Dr. Tocket Smith, who was killed at Port Hudson, La., during the Civil war, and six children graced this union, namely: Edward L. (who married Georgia Street, foreman for our subject in Norwalk), and Edith M., Ira B., Arthur C., Mabel J. and Gladys, all at home. In his political preferences Mr. Wilson is a stanch Republican, while socially he is prominently identified with the I. O. O. F. He is practically a self-made man, one who, by indomitable perseverance, prudent economy and sound judgment, has surmounted all the difficulties incident to a lack of capital at the outset of his industrious career, and to-day he has the pleasurable satisfaction of looking back, with no small degree of proper pride, on a life of honest toil.

DANA PUTNAM RICHARDSON, M. D. This able and popular physician located at Sandy Hook in 1890, but he had previously won an enviable standing in his profession, and his skill met with prompt recognition from the people of Sandy Hook and vicinity, where he built up an extensive practice. As he is a constant student, keeping well abreast of the scientific movements which have done so much to improve medical practice of late years, he has been unusually successful in his work, and in fact, he deserves credit for some original researches in connection with his labors, especially in electricity as applied to the treatment of disease.

In both paternal and maternal lines the Doctor is of English descent, but his ancestors came to this country at an early period. The Richardson homestead at Leominster, Mass., has been in the family for several generations, and the house is one of the oldest in the State, having been built originally as a stockade or fort. Moses Richardson, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Medway, Mass., but in his later years made his home in Leominster. By occupation he was a farmer, blacksmith and wheelwright, and he was regarded as one of the successful men of his locality; during his residence in Leominster he was quite prominent in local affairs, holding various offices. In politics he was a Whig, and in religious faith he was a Baptist, his activity in Church work being indicated by the fact that he served as deacon for a number of years. Moses Richardson was the father of four children, of whom we have record of three: Horace, a mechanic of Leominster; Silas, a farmer and real-estate dealer; and Moses D., our subject's father.

Moses D. Richardson was born in Leominster, and in his youth received an excellent education. For some years he was engaged in teaching, but later he followed agricultural pursuits on the old homestead, a portion of which he inherited from his father. He was a successful manager, and as time passed he added to his inheritance until he owned a farm of two hundred acres. Possessing positive convictions, and the courage to express them, he was always among the leaders in local movements, and for a number of years he served on the board of selectmen of his town. In his political affiliations he was a Republican after the organization of that party, and he took much interest in religious work as a member of the Baptist Church, in which he held numerous offices, including those of deacon and clerk. He died in July, 1887. Moses D. Richardson was married three times. His first wife left no children, and by his second marriage he had one daughter, Mary, now the wife of Putnam Simonds, of Fitchburg, Mass., and one son, George, who died when about fourteen years old. For his third wife Mr. Richardson married Abbie W. Putnam, daughter of Israel Putnam, of Fitchburg, Mass., and a member of the distinguished Colonial family to which Gen. Israel Putnam belonged; she still survives and enjoys good health. Our subject is the younger of two children by this marriage. The elder, James Albert, is now in the employ of the government in connection with the salmon fisheries in Alaska, and is also engaged in mining there.

Doctor Richardson's birth occurred October 14, 1858, at the old homestead in North Leominster, and he received his academic education in the schools of that place. On graduating from the high school in 1876 he entered Harvard College, where he pursued the scientific course for

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two years, and then began his professional studies in the medical department of the same institution, entering in 1878 for the regular course of four years, including practical work in the Boston City Hospital and the Children's Hospital. In June, 1882, he received the degree of M. D., and for the next five years he was engaged in general practice in his native town, being admitted during this time to membership in the local medical association, the Worcester County Medical Society and the Massachusetts State Medical Society. In 1886 there was a favorable opening for a practitioner at Gloucester, Mass., and the Doctor removed there. The Cape Ann Granite Company, of that place, employed about four hundred men, being then in the height of its prosperity, with Gen. Ben Butler and Colonel French as members of the corporation, but after the death of the former the business declined, and all local interests suffered. The Doctor again looked about for a suitable field for his efforts, and in December, 1890, he came to Sandy Hook and purchased the practice of Doctor Stiles, which he continued with marked success until, in 1899, he returned to his native place on account of the poor health of himself and family. He is living at No. 600 Main street, retired for the present. He became a member of the State and County Medical Societies, and for five years was the physician of the local board of health. He has never taken an active part in politics, and while his sympathies are with the Democrats on many questions of National policy, he is inclined to use his judgment independently at election time. He attends the Episcopal Church, and socially is identified with the I. O. O. F., Leominster Lodge No. 86, and with the Independent Order of Foresters, Sandy Hook Lodge No. 54, of which he has been the official physician.

In October, 1888, the Doctor was married to Miss Fannie L. Benton, daughter of Charles H. Benton, a prominent carpet merchant of Fitchburg, Mass., and one son has blessed the union, James Putnam, born in November, 1889.

THOMAS F. DANFORTH, who for the past fifteen years has been a resident of Georgetown, Fairfield county, and for thirteen years a trusted employe of the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company, is a native of Massachusetts, born in the city of Worcester, July 22, 1854.

Patrick Danforth, father of our subject, was born in the parish of Carmerick, County Waterford, Ireland. He received a thorough education in the parish schools. When a young man he immigrated to the United States and located in the city of Worcester, Mass., where he became employed in a wire mill, remaining so occupied throughout his lifetime. His death occurred in 1864, when he was aged thirty-five years, the result of an injury received in a boiler explosion. He was married at Worcester to Miss Mary Sheehan, who was born in the same parish and county in Ireland as her husband, and came to the United States when quite a young girl, and to this marriage were born: Thomas F., our subject; Annie, who died in 1880; and Daniel. The daughter married James Conlon, a teacher and also a wire-drawer, of Worcester, Mass., and they had one child, John H.

Thomas F. Danforth received a good common-school education in his native city. After his school days were over he learned the trade of wire drawer, and having served out his time continued with the same firm for some years. For a time during the Civil war he was in the employ of the firm of Allen & Wheelock, manufacturers of cartridges. In 1880 he went to Trenton, N. J., where he remained three years, in December, 1883, coming to Georgetown, Conn., and entering the employ of the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company, in whose employ he has been ever since as a wire drawer. By his industrious habits and the good management of himself and wife, he has saved his earnings, and he is now the owner of a small farm lying adjacent to the village of Georgetown. Politically he is a Republican; he is a member of the Roman Catholic Church of Georgetown, and, fraternally, is identified with the Foresters of America.

He has the universal respect and esteem of his fellow citizens.

In 1880 Mr. Danforth married Miss Nellie L. Quinlan, and their children are: Mary L., born August 13, 1881; Alice G., born September 9, 1883; Leo Joseph, born December 16, 1885; Bertha L., born October 30, 1887; Ellen A., born May 5, 1889; Annie R., born August 9, 1892, died August 2, 1894; and George T. F., born January 3, 1895. Mrs. Danforth was born May 18, 1859, at Worcester, Mass., daughter of Peter and Alice (Kiley) Quinlan, natives of Ireland, who were reared, educated, and married in that country. They came to the United States in their early married life, locating at Worcester, Mass., where the husband found employment in a company that manufactured wire goods, and he remained in the same employ until his death. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Of his children, (1) Catharine married (first) Robert Mahagan, and had children—John J., Robert M., Alice L., Bertha M., Nellie and

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Annie; by her second husband, James Lane, she had two children—Walter J. and Mabel. (2) Mary never married. (3) Nellie L. was third in the order of birth. (4) Edwin was educated at Holy Cross College, where he was prepared for the priesthood. However, he became a teacher, and is at this writing teaching in the public schools of Worcester, Mass. He is not married. (5) William is also single. He learned the trade of a machinist, which he followed for a few years, then went to the State of New Jersey, and is now somewhere in the West.

GEORGE W. BIRCH, M. D., one of the leading physicians of Stamford, Fairfield county, where in the course of forty years' practice he has made a reputation as a careful and safe physician, counselor and a conscientious man, is a native of the Empire State, born in the City of New York, January 18, 1831.

Samuel Ralph Birch, M. D., his father, was a physician who stood high in the profession in the State of New York. He read medicine under Doctor White, at Somerstown, N. Y., and was licensed, as in those days it was more customary than graduation. He practiced in New York City for many years, and then moved to Pawling, Dutchess Co., N. Y., where he lived retired for a number of years before his death, which occurred in 1855 or 1856. He was a man of marked ability. Dr. Samuel R. Birch was married in New York City to Mrs. Sarah (Chase) Spellman, who was born in 1796 and descended from English ancestry, and to this union were born: Samuel R., a farmer of Patterson, N. Y.; Sarah, the widow of George Cromwell; George W., our subject; Henry L., a resident of Patterson, N. Y.; James G., M. D., a resident of Newburg, N. Y.; and Edward F., M. D., deceased, formerly of Norwalk, Connecticut.

George W. Birch passed the greater part of his boyhood at Pawling, N. Y. He attended school until of age, first in the public schools of Pawling, and later in the academy at Patterson, N. Y., and after his school days were over began the study of medicine under the direction of his father. In 1853 he went to Brookfield, Conn., where he continued his studies with Dr. A. L. Williams, remaining with him three years, and following this he attended medical lectures at Yale College, and was graduated from that institution in 1858, standing second in his class. The same year he located at Redding Center, Fairfield Co., Conn., practicing there until January 15, 1861, when he removed to North Stamford, and there he continued until, in August, 1868, he came to Stamford, locating at the corner of Broad and Atlantic streets. Throughout his professional career the Doctor has devoted himself to general practice, but he has made something of a specialty of obstetrics and pneumonia, and has been unusually successful, having lost but four patients in the former branch during his forty years' experience.

In April, 1895, there occurred in Stamford an epidemic of fever, over which there was much discussion among the medical fraternity of the place, and which attracted widespread attention elsewhere. It was an irritative fever of some kind, and opinion differed as to just what it was, but as symptoms of typhoid were present, it was pronounced as such by some physicians. All told there were 450 cases in Stamford, and upon investigation it was found that nearly all the sick had been using milk purchased from the same dealer; an examination of his premises showed a well from which water was taken to wash the cans, situated in close proximity to outhouse and stables, and those who adhered to the typhoid theory claimed this as the source of the trouble, that the germs of the disease were in the water. Doctor Birch, guided by his forty-years' experience, in which he had treated many cases of typhoid, did not so consider it, but deemed it a case of metallic poisoning, and as there were some twenty or more of those affected who did not obtain milk from the dealer mentioned, and therefore could not have imbibed any of the germs from his well, he made an examination for causes and secured evidence which convinced him that his diagnosis was correct. He found that some two weeks before the epidemic broke out the milk dealer had purchased from a New York agent a powder which placed in milk would keep it sweet for an indefinite period. He also found that the other dealer, whose patrons had the disease, had used a similar powder, and this further strengthened him in his theory of metallic poisoning, so he followed his own methods of treatment, and his patients all recovered.

Feeling not the slightest doubt of the reliability of his position in the matter, Doctor Birch refused to report his cases as typhoid fever, and this precipitated a crisis between him and the other physicians of the place, who having what seemed exactly similar cases had reported them as typhoid. Heated arguments followed, and personal feeling ran high, but Doctor Birch was firm and would not yield a point, and it was afterward admitted by one of the foremost advocates of the typhoid theory that a new discovery had been made and the disease was caused by poisoning. The following statistics may be interesting:

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When the epidemic broke out there were thirty physicians in Stamford, and as there were 450 cases of the fever the average would be fifteen cases for each doctor, pre-supposing an equal division. Doctor Birch had sixteen cases, and while there were a number of deaths from the disease, it is worthy of comment that every one of his cases yielded to his treatment.

As a citizen the Doctor stands high in the community in which he has so long lived. He is a member of the State Medical Society, of the Fairfield County Medical Society, and of the Stamford Medical Society, of which he has served as president. He was a member of the first health board organized in the city of Stamford, and he is again serving on that board at the present writing. He has served several terms as justice of the peace, and as a member of the school board of the town, being one of the school committee for several terms, and on the visiting committee of the board for several years.

In August, 1857, Doctor Birch was married to Miss Harriet W. Somers, a daughter of Rensselaer and Eurania (Merwin) Somers, of Brookfield Center, Conn. To this union came two children, namely: Harriet Somers, born in 1861, who became the wife of Edward M. Prior, of Stamford, and died in 1893; and George William, born in 1871, who is married and resides in New York City, where he is an employe of the Liverpool Globe Insurance Company. Doctor Birch's first wife died March 24, 1874, and for his second he married Gussie Gumbs, who died August 28, 1875. For his third wife he married Alice J. Scofield, a daughter of George Scofield, and to them were born: Alice A.; and a son that died in infancy.

CARL MERTENS, a well-known resident of New Fairfield, is one of the enterprising German-born citizens of the town, and his career shows that he possesses the thrift and industry which characterize his race.

For many years the family resided in a little town in the province of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, and our subject's grandfather, Christoff Mertens, was born and educated there, and after leaving school engaged in the cabinetmaker's trade, which he followed successfully throughout his life. He married Dorothy Vanic, and they had two children, Chris John and Dorothy.

Chris John Mertens, the father of our subject, was born in 1820 in Germany, where he attended school, and at an early age learned the shoemaker's trade. For many years he was engaged at same, and during this time he held the office of clerk of his town for eighteen years. He married Miss Frederica Teamon, also a native of Germany, and they had three children: August, Minnie and Carl, all of whom lived to adult age and married.

Carl Mertens was born and reared in the Fatherland, and in early manhood engaged in the miller's trade. He married Miss Caroline Geise, by whom he has had seven children, four born in Germany. In October, 1887, Mr. Mertens, with his wife and four children, and his honored father and mother, left the shores of his native land for this country, and in due time the party arrived at New York City. At first they lived in Danbury, where Mr. Mertens found employment in a paper mill, but later he bought a farm in the town of New Fairfield, and for eight years past has been engaged in agriculture there, for a time making tobacco his principal crop. This branch of his work he has now discontinued, his attention being given mainly to conducting a sawmill, gristmill and cider-mill, and to the distilling of spirits. Politically his sympathies are with the Republican party, but he has never aspired to office. His children—Arthur, Amos, Emma, Mary, Edith, Elsie and Maggie—are all at home, and they are a family of which any parent might well be proud.

HON. JOHN O. NORTHROP (deceased) was for many years a leading citizen of the town of Sherman, and his death, on November 29, 1895, caused sincere grief throughout the community. A local paper fittingly expressed the feeling of the people in the following lines:

> Another of our honored citizens, J. O. Northrop, at the age of ninety-one, has finished his course. All these years, with the exception of one or two, he had spent in his native town, and thus during all the century he has been identified with the interests of the locality. He was a man of strong religious character, abhorring all dishonesty and sham, and was a faithful member of the Congregational Church, being deeply concerned in its success, and giving freely to its support. He had an exalted conception of God, and of his responsibility to his Maker in the use he made of this life. In his home he had daily family prayer and the thought that controlled him was an ever-thankful spirit to his Saviour. He was indeed a pillar in the temple of God.

Mr. Northrop was of English and Scottish ancestry, and his family has been established in this county since an early period. Thomas Northrop, his grandfather, located in the town of New Fairfield, now Sherman, when a young man, and married a native of that town, Miss Joanna Leach, by whom he had seven children: David, Thomas, Joanna, Amos, Abigail, Isaac, and Abraham. David Northrop, our subject's father, was born in the town of Sherman in 1758, and after receiving a good common-school educa-

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tion engaged in business as a stock dealer and farmer, his operations in both lines being quite extensive. In all local affairs he held a prominent place, serving from time to time in township offices, and he was a liberal contributor to Church interest. He married (first) Miss Rebecca Beardsley, a lady of Scottish descent, and a daughter of Nehemiah Beardsley, Esq. She died leaving three daughters—Sally, Joanna and Rebecca—and he afterward married her sister, Salina, by whom he had six sons—Nehemiah B., David, Ezra G., Isaac, Thomas, and John O.

The birth of our subject occurred June 27, 1804, on the old Northrop homestead in the town of Sherman, and he was educated in the district schools and a private school in the same locality. He engaged in the lines of business in which his father had been so successful, and, like the latter, he became a leader in local enterprises of various kinds. He is said to have settled more estates in his time than any other man in his township. He held numerous town offices, serving for some time as selectman, and was regarded as one of the chief supporters of the Republican party in this section. In 1885, when in his seventy-ninth year, he was elected to the State Legislature, and throughout his term he missed only one week's attendance. For many years he was clerk of the Church, and he always took much interest in its work.

On September 2, 1827, Mr. Northrop married his first wife, Miss Charlotte Giddings, who died December 7, 1869, leaving two children: Sarah Eunice and John Edward. The daughter married the late Rev. J. B. Stoddard, of Cheshire, Conn., and they had two children. John Edward resides at Essex, Middlesex Co., Conn., and is the secretary and treasurer of the Comstock & Cheney Ivory Manufacturing Company, of that place; he married (first) Miss Cornelia Bostwick, who died in March, 1870, leaving one daughter, Isabelle, and (second) Miss Elizabeth Comstock, of Essex. In 1870 our subject formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Miss Paulina W. Gelston (daughter of Deacon Hugh Gelston, a well-known resident of Sherman), who was born in that town October 3, 1835, and was educated there, developing into a woman of rare ability and character. At present she resides in Sherman.

JOHN TEMPLETON, who is engaged in the grocery business in the town of Wilton, was born in Ireland, January 19, 1832. After receiving his education in his native country, he emigrated to the United States, a boy of fifteen years, and settled in New York, where he learned the cooper's trade, working at same for some time. In 1862 he enlisted in Company G, 3d California Artillery, went to the Platte river, and served all through the Civil war, after the close of the struggle going to New York, where he remained four years. He then removed to Wilton, Conn., where he has since been successfully engaged in the grocery business. Politically, he has always been a strong Republican, but has not held or sought office. In religious connection he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilton. Mr. Templeton married Jean Downie.

John Downie, grandfather of Mrs. John Templeton, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and was educated in the schools of that city. Having finished his education, he learned the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked in the old country all his life, and he also kept a store. From the earliest history of his family, the ancestry were Scotch, and he married a Scotch lady, Miss Lillie Henderson, by whom he had the following children: James, who married Margaret ——; John, who married Belle ——; William, Mrs. Templeton's father; and Agnes, who remained single.

William Downie, father of Mrs. John Templeton, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and was educated in the schools of that city. Afterward he learned the trade of machinist, and established a business of his own in Glasgow, which he successfully conducted until he came to the United States in May, 1849. He first located in New York City, then went to Indiana, and afterward spent a short time in Boston. Returning to New York, he there continued to work at his trade until his death, being employed a large portion of the time in the Singer Sewing Machine works. Politically he was a strong Republican, but never sought office. Religiously he was a member of the Baptist Church. While still living in Scotland he married Miss M. Rowen, who was born in Scotland, a daughter of Andrew and Margaret (Wilson) Rowen, the former of whom was a blacksmith of Glasgow. She had the following children: Margaret, wife of Archie Watt; Lillie, who remains single; Marion, who died young; John, who was killed in the late Civil war; Agnes, who died at the age of twelve; Jean, who married John Templeton; William and Andrew, both of whom are still single; and Benjamin, who died young.

John Downie, brother of Mrs. John Templeton, was born in Scotland, and came to the United States with his parents. When the Civil war came on he enlisted in the Seventy-ninth

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New York Volunteer Infantry, and was in the first battle of Bull Run. During a light skirmish soon after this battle he was killed, being at the time about twenty-one years of age. Margaret, eldest sister of Mrs. Templeton, was married in New York to Archibald Watt, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and a molder by trade, who came to the United States and settled in New York. The children born to this marriage were William G.; Marion; Marion (2); Isabella; John and James (twins), and Archibald, all of whom died young, except William G., who, born and educated in New York, is now engaged in the real-estate business in New York, though when young he learned the shoe-cutter's trade. He married twice, his first wife living only three months after marriage. By his second wife he had two children: Jean and Archie, both of whom died young. The mother of these children is now deceased.

James Downie, eldest brother of the father of Mrs. John Templeton, was born and educated in Scotland, and was a graduate of some college in his native country. He became a veterinary surgeon, and followed that profession all his life. He married Miss Margaret ———, by whom he had a large family. John Downie, second eldest brother of Mrs. Templeton's father, was also born and educated in Scotland, was a graduate of a college, and became a prominent lawyer in the city of Glasgow. He married there, and had one child that lived, John Downie, Jr., who also became prominent as a lawyer, and was elected sheriff's clerk, a position commanding a large salary. He is married and has three children.

AARON HILL MALLETT, a well-known agriculturist and dairyman of Pembroke District, town of Danbury, is connected with several of the old pioneer families of this section, and his excellent standing as a citizen shows that he possesses the same sturdy qualities of character which distinguished his honored ancestry.

Mr. Mallett is a native of Fairfield county, having been born September 11, 1856, in the town of Redding, where his parents, Aaron and Abbie Jane (Hill) Mallett, were prominent farming people. He was educated in the public schools of that town and of Danbury, and in a boarding school in Wilton, conducted by a Mr. Brown, under whose instruction he remained several terms. When about seventeen years old he left school, and for some time he was employed upon his father's farm, later engaging in similar work on his own account, renting a place in the town of Redding. After spending three years there he became interested in the meat business at Bethel, but he did not continue it long, and he then found employment as a clerk for Birch & McKee in their dry-goods store at Danbury. After remaining three years in that situation he engaged for eight years in the milk business in the same city, but in January, 1894, he purchased his present farm and commenced general agriculture. He has also an excellent dairy, keeping from twenty to twenty-five head of cattle, and his farm shows careful management in all respects. It is a fine estate of 150 acres, bounded on the north by the Bear Mountain highway, and on the south and west by the lands of James Leach.

Mr. Mallett was married August 21, 1878, to Effie Araminta Barnum, who was born March 4, 1862, daughter of Stephen A. and Lydia M. (Gardiner) Barnum. Mr. and Mrs. Mallett have one child, Effie Barnum, born March 5, 1890. They are members of the Methodist Church at Danbury, and Mr. Mallett has much influence in local affairs and in the Republican organization of his district.

On the paternal side Mr. Mallett is descended from that famous old Huguenot pioneer John Mallett, who escaped from France in the seventeenth century, during the reign of Louis XIV, being conveyed on board a vessel in a chest, through the courage and discretion of his young wife. For years before they left their native land they had endured much persecution on account of their faith, and their precious Bible was concealed in a hole chiseled out of a block of wood, which was used as a footstool, but at the time of their flight to America greater dangers threatened, Mr. Mallett's life being saved only by the clever ruse which allowed him to pass on the ship without the knowledge of his enemies. On their arrival in the New World they settled in Connecticut, and were among the first to locate at Tashua, where they left numerous descendants. According to the inscription on the headstone of her grave the brave wife attained the age of 101 years. Their son Peter had a son Peter (2), who had at least three children: Peter (3), Daniel and Philip. Of these, Peter (3) married and had five sons. Daniel, who left no descendants, was a general in the American army during the Revolutionary war, and was given a bounty of 10,000 acres of land in Tennessee, in recognition of his gallant services. Philip, who was born in 1751, in Connecticut, on Long Island Sound, died March 7, 1819. He married Sarah Frost, and they had seven children, of whom the following record has been transmitted: (1) Dimon, who died March 20, 1828, at the age of fifty years,

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married Eunice Couch, who died July 23, 1856, aged seventy-nine years, eleven months. They had a son, George B., and a daughter, who married Thomas Couch. (2) Daniel, our subject's grandfather, is mentioned more fully below. (3) Levi married Rebecca Stocker, and they had three children, Jesse (who married and located in Leroy, N. Y.), Mary and Lucy. (4) Esther died in Tennessee, unmarried. (5) Naomi. (6) Philip, who did not marry, lived with his sister Esther in Tennessee until her death, when he made his home with George E. Mallett, in Watkins, N. Y., where he died April 27, 1856, aged sixty-seven years. (7) Isaac was never married; after enlisting as a soldier in the war of 1812 he was taken sick and died near Buffalo, New York.

Daniel Mallett, second son of Philip and Sarah (Frost) Mallett was born December 3, 1781, and became a farmer in West Redding, where he died April 1, 1851, aged sixty-nine years, three months and twenty-eight days. He first married Mrs. Mary (Sanford) Couch (widow of Thomas Couch), who was born November 15, 1779, and died January 29, 1828, aged forty-eight years, two months, fourteen days. On November 28, 1829, he married, for his second wife, Mabel Hill, who was born December 17, 1791, and died December 17, 1845, aged fifty-four years. There were no children by the last union, but by the first there were three, viz.: Aaron, our subject's father, is mentioned more fully below. (2) Mary, born March 6, 1814, died October 9, 1832, aged eighteen years, seven months, three days. (3) Samuel, born September 7, 1816, went to Bridgeport at the age of twenty, and in 1847 removed to New Haven, where he practiced dentistry successfully until nearly the close of his life. He died April 21, 1877. His wife, Elizabeth Ann (Turney), whom he married in 1840, died February 14, 1873, when about fifty years of age. They had three children: (a) Lizzie Turney, born March 16, 1851, was married December 30, 1874, to Dr. Walter Judson, and they had one son, Lewis Mallett, who was born November 12, 1881, and died December 31, 1883. (b) Samuel Sanford, born August 1, 1852, was married October 10, 1883, to Miss Carrie I. Ketchum, and has three children, Charlie, born March 1, 1885; Mary Cornelia, born April 10, 1891, and a son, ——, born January 2, 1896. (c) Daniel Trowbridge, born April 16, 1862, was married June 11, 1890, to Miss Aleine Rowland.

Aaron Mallett, the father of our subject, was born in the town of Redding, March 20, 1809, and died December 30, 1889. In early manhood he taught school, but the greater portion of his life was spent in agricultural pursuits. He was married October 4, 1837, to Miss Abbie Jane Hill, a native of Redding, born October 25, 1820, who is still living at the old homestead. They had two children: Mary J., born October 17, 1840, who is unmarried and resides at home, and Aaron Hill, our subject.

On the maternal side Mr. Mallett is a descendant in the ninth generation from William Hill, who arrived in America in 1632 and died at Fairfield, Conn., in 1650. He married Sarah ————, and had six children: Sarah, William, Joseph, Ignatius, James and Elizabeth. The succeeding generations in this branch of the family are as follows:

(II) William Hill, who died December 19, 1684, married Elizabeth and had seven children: Sarah, who married Richard Widdon; William, who is mentioned below; Joseph, who died in 1696 leaving no children; John, who married Jane ————, and died in 1727; Eliphalet, who married Esther ————, and died in 1695; Ignatius, and James.

(III) William Hill died in 1728 leaving four children: Sarah; William; Joseph; and David, who married Abigail ———, and died in 1737.

(IV) Deacon William Hill, who died in 1739, married Sarah ———, and had three children: Joseph; William, who died in 1775; and David.

(V) Deacon Joseph Hill, born April 1, 1699, died March 6, 1797, aged over ninety-seven years. He was married March 30, 1731, to Abigail Dimon, who died April 25, 1774, and they had six children: Abigail, born March 21, 1732; Sarah, August 21, 1733; David, April 22, 1737 (died March 26, 1760); Ebenezer, who is mentioned below; Jabez, June 17, 1744 (died October 9, 1779); and Moses, January 11, 1748 (died October 3, 1777).

(VI) Ebenezer Hill, born February 26, 1742, died March 27, 1798. On January 17, 1765, he married Mabel Sherwood, who was born December 8, 1745, and died October 20, 1820. Their children were: David, born July 7, 1766, died December 24, 1848; Ebenezer, the next in the line of descent: Seth, born December 22, 1769, died December 10, 1825; Dimon, born October, 1771, died December 8, 1793; Joseph, born May 3, 1774, died April 19, 1816; Mabel, born September, 1776, died July 8, 1779; Eleanor, born August 29, 1778, died July 22, 1779; Jabez, born June 13, 1780, died August 2, 1807; and Esther, born October 26, 1785, died August 27, 1804.

(VII) Ebenezer Hill, born in Fairfield, February 20, 1768, died in Redding, May 5, 1842. In May, 1791, he married Sarah Barlow, daughter of Nathaniel Barlow, of Redding. She was

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born January 16, 1770, and died April 11, 1845. Their children were: Mabel, born December 17, 1791, who married Daniel Mallett, and died of consumption December 16, 1845, leaving no children; Nathaniel Barlow, born October 23, 1793; Gershom, our subject's grandfather; Ebenezer, born October 11, 1797, died June 10, 1875; Moses, born October 7, 1804; Jabez, born March 5, 1808, who died of consumption at Key West, January 27, 1831, aged twenty-three years.

(VIII) Gershom Hill was born March 10, 1796, and died January 4, 1871. He married Samantha Gregory, daughter of Samuel and Roda (Ogden) Gregory, and had three children: Abbie Jane, born October 25, 1820, the mother of our subject; Moses, born January 4, 1824; and Mabel, born November 27, 1830, died October 26, 1896. The Hill family has been prominent in various ways, and a cousin of Mrs. Abbie Jane Mallett, Hon. Ebenezer Jabez Hill, who was born in Redding, Conn., August 4, 1845, is a political leader in the State of Connecticut, and in 1896 was elected to the State Senate.

Through his mother Mr. Mallett is also related to the Sanford family, whose head in this country was Timothy Sanford. The succeeding generations are here given: (II) Joseph Sanford married and had nine children, viz.: Nehemiah, born January 10, 1725-26; Elnathan, October 11, 1727; Phebe, November 20, 1729; Ann, February, 1731-32; Timothy, February 8, 1733-34; Joseph, June 20, 1736; Nathan, August 15, 1738; James, December 14, 1740, and Stephen, July 16, 1743. (III) Timothy Sanford, son of Joseph, born February 8, 1733-34, died leaving a widow, Esther, and two children. She married, for her second husband, a Mr. Stebbins. The children of Timothy and Esther Sanford were Huldah, born August 29, 1770, and Mary, born November 21, 1779. (IV) Mary Sanford married (first) Thomas Couch, by whom she had five children: Edward; Esther, born January, 1799; Timothy Sanford; Moses, born March 20, 1803; and Thomas, born July 4, 1805. After the death of Thomas Couch his widow married Daniel Mallett, and they had three children, viz.: Aaron Mallett, the father of our subject, Mary and Samuel, all of whom are mentioned above.

Our subject's maternal grandmother, Samantha (Gregory), was one of a family of ten children born to Samuel and Roda (Ogden) Gregory. Rebecca married a Mr. Jelliffe, and had seven children—Eliza, Polly, Derinda, Juletta, Samuel, William and Jane. (2) Roda married Lewis Beers, and had four children—Sarah Ann, William, Mary Jane and Malvina. (3) Juletta married Seth Fillow, and had three children—Roda Ann, George and Mary. (4) Samantha married Gersham Hill, as above stated. (5) Sallie married James Jeams, and had one daughter, Esther, who lives in Danbury. (6) Mary married Le Grand Sturges. (7) Elizabeth married Benjamin Betts, and had four children—Elizah, Samuel, Charles and Mary. (8) Samuel Gregory married Eleanor Fillow, and had three children—Eleanor, Samuel and Lewis. (9) Lucinda married James Betts, and had three children—Harriet, Clarissa and William. (10) The youngest died in infancy.

W E. WEED, M. D., health officer of the town of Ridgefield, and one of its leading general practitioners, was born July 9, 1861, in New Canaan, Fairfield county, Connecticut.

The Doctor is a grandson of Luther Weed, of North Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., and a son of Robert G. Weed, now of Bridgeport, this State. Our subject commenced his literary education in the public schools of Bridgeport, later attending for two and a half years the private school of Emery F. Strong, of that place. When this course was completed he was seventeen years of age, and he shortly after began the study of medicine with Dr. F. J. Young, of Bridgeport, under whom he continued same off and on until his medical education was completed. After one year's continuous study with Doctor Young he matriculated at the Medical College of Yale University, where he remained for one year, and then rested a year on account of weak eyesight; the three years following he prosecuted his studies in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, graduating there from in 1883.

Doctor Weed took up the active practice of his profession on his own account in the spring of 1884, locating at West Cornwall, Conn., where he continued for a period of three years. At the end of that time he removed to Ridgefield, where he has since made his home, and although he began his career here in the face of much opposition, he has succeeded in acquiring an enviable professional and personal reputation, and a lucrative general practice. He is progressive, enterprising and public-spirited, and as a citizen of his adopted town has shown decided interest in her welfare and improvement. He was appointed health officer for a term of four years, and is filling the office to the satisfaction of all concerned. He does not take any active interest in politics, in National matters voting with the Republican party, and in local affairs supporting the man he considers best fitted for the office.

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Fraternally he affiliates with Jerusalem Lodge No. 49, F. & A. M., Ridgefield, of which he is master at present, and with Pilgrim Lodge No. 46, I. O. O. F., Ridgefield, of which he is past grand.

In 1884 Doctor Weed was married to Miss Minnie F. Hillman, daughter of Frederick Hillman, of Bridgeport, Conn., and their union has been blessed with three children, namely: Chester, Mabel and Louise. The family attend the Episcopal Church at Ridgefield.

JOHN E. AND JOSEPH A. MECHALEY, who, under the firm name of Mechaley Bros., have conducted a bicycle business in Stamford for the past six years, are the acknowledged leaders in their line in the city, and are classed among the most enterprising and solid young business men in this section.

The brothers have lived in this part of Fairfield county all their lives, both having been born in South Norwalk, John E. in 1855, and Joseph A. in 1873. They were educated in the public schools of Stamford, and both learned the printer's trade with the Stamford *Herald*, later for about two years having the management of the *Herald* office, at No. 91 Main street. The elder brother now took a position on the *Town Crier*, and, Joseph joining him, they worked together on that paper for three years, until, in 1892, they embarked in the bicycle business. Their first establishment was at No. 82 Main street, in the stationery store of the *Town Crier*, and in 1893 they opened a store in Luther street, where they also did business one year, in 1894 moving into new quarters at the corner of Broad and Atlantic streets, where they have since remained. In August, 1897, they purchased the Seeley & Adams store and bicycle stock at No. 68 Atlantic street, next to the Congregational church, which they have also continued, John E. having charge of the first-named store and Joseph of the new one.

From the very start Mechaley Bros. have enjoyed the distinction of being the first in Stamford in their line, and in the face of competition —for new agencies are constantly appearing— they have had an increasing trade from year to year, in both their selling and repairing departments. Though, as above related, they have removed several times to satisfy the demands of their growing business, they are at the present time obliged to economize their space very closely. Their stores are neat and well-appointed in every respect, and in their repair shop they pride themselves upon being equipped with facilities for executing even the most difficult work promptly and satisfactorily. In addition they teach riding, and have an extensive trade in the renting line. Altogether these young men are to be congratulated for the substantial position they have already obtained, and the high regard in which they are held by the citizens of Stamford, who respect them for their industry, integrity and energetic business ways. They are prominent members of the Stamford Wheel Club, and Joseph is also a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M.

John E. Mechaley was married in Stamford to Miss Helen Tucker, and they have two children: Ada and Florence Virginia.

Joseph A. Mechaley was married in Stamford to Miss Adeline De Camp, daughter of Alexander De Camp.

Adam J. Mechaley, the father of the two young men above spoken of, was born in Germany, on the Rhine. His father was a merchant in that country. Adam received his education in his native land, and came to America when about twenty years of age, locating first at Yonkers, N. Y., where he was in the employ of the Singer Sewing Machine Company. Removing thence to South Norwalk, Conn., he engaged in the retail shoe business, and in about 1878 he settled in Stamford, where he took the position of overseer for John Hubbard. Later he entered the service of John J. Taylor, in the same capacity, and he still remains with him. Mr. Mechaley was married, in South Norwalk, to Miss Frances Hartwick, also a native of Germany, and they have reared a family of four children, viz.: John E., Jessie, Joseph A. and Frank. The daughter is now the wife of John J. O'Connell, a mason and builder of Stamford; they have one child—Frances.

JAMES H. RYAN, late of Bethel. The Ryan family originated in Ireland, and our subject's parents, Patrick and Winifred (Greagan) Ryan, were both natives of County Tipperary. They came to America early in life and located at Lee, Mass., where the father was employed for many years in a paper-mill. There were five children in their family—Patrick, deceased; Michael L., our subject's partner; James H.; Sarah, who married John Carr, of Williamantic, Conn.; and Thomas F., who learned the drug business with O. P. Atwood, of Pittsfield, Mass., and is now a successful druggist at Danbury, this county.

Michael L. Ryan learned the machinist's trade with E. P. Tanner, of Lee, Mass., and, after coming to this section, was employed for several years by the Danbury Machine Com-

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pany. He now gives his attention to the machinist work in connection with the business of the firm. In religious faith he is a Catholic, belonging to St. Mary's Church at Bethel. He was married at Danbury to Miss Nellie McCarthy, and they have one daughter, Sarah C.

The subject of our sketch was born July 14, 1859, at Lee, Mass, and at an early age he learned the plumber's trade with H. C. Phelps, of that place. After working there for some time as a journeyman he followed the trade in Lenox and Pittsfield, Mass.; Ottawa, Canada, and Balston Spa, Rodman, Watertown and Ogdensburg, N. Y. Later he came to this county, and for three years before settling in Bethel was in the employ of C. S. Andrews, of Danbury. On October 1, 1889, he formed a partnership with W. S. Wortman, engaging in business in Bethel, and on April 1, 1890, the firm of Ryan Brothers was organized, our subject taking charge of the plumbing and tinsmithing. Mr. Ryan is a devout Catholic, as are all the members of his family, and is identified with St. Mary's parish at Bethel.

LEWIS F. JUDSON, of Stratford, is one of the able and enterprising citizens of that town, and for a number of years has been successfully engaged in raising first-class vegetables and fruits for the local market.

Mr. Judson descends from a good old English family, and William Judson, the first of the name to come to America, was among the pioneer settlers of Stratford. Stiles Judson (1), our subject's great-grandfather, owned a large tract of farming land in this county, and made his home in the village of Stratford. Stiles Judson (2), the grandfather of our subject, was a soldier in the Revolutionary army, his services being recognized by a pension, and he became a farmer by occupation, settling in the town of Stratford.

George T. Judson was born and reared in Stratford, where he followed agricultural pursuits throughout his life. For a number of years he also carried on mercantile business in a store on his farm, which fronted on Main street, Stratford. He was a Republican in politics, and for many years was a prominent member of the Congregational Church. His death occurred March 2, 1880, and his wife, Mary Fairchild, who was born in Stratford, May 10, 1810, died in July, 1883. She belonged to one of the oldest and most highly respected families of the county, and her father, Lewis Fairchild, who was born in 1794, was a leading citizen of Stratford. Five children were born to George T. and Mary Judson—Mary, who married Walter P. Beers, a salesman in New York City; Sarah, wife of Gilbert Terry, also a salesman in the metropolis; Lewis F., our subject; George, a Congregational minister at Winsted, Conn.; and Thomas, an electricion, now residing in the South.

Our subject was born November 24, 1857, at the old home in the town of Stratford, and his education was obtained in the public schools and the academy. On leaving school he engaged in agricultural work at the homestead, in which he has ever since continued, building up a fine business as a market gardener. His farm comprises twenty-five acres, and is most advantageously located, a line of street cars running past it. Mr. Judson takes much interest in local affairs and in the work of the Republican party, and two years ago he was elected to the office of selectman, which he filled with characteristic fidelity. On September 27, 1881, he married Miss Anna Caldwell, a native of England, who came to America in childhood with her father, Thomas Caldwell, and was reared in New York. The only child of this union, Elsie, was born July 23, 1882, and died April 17, 1896. Mr. Judson and his wife contribute to the support of the Congregational Church, and are in hearty sympathy with all progressive movements.

WILLIAM SHELDON, a well-known contractor and builder of wide reputation, and whose work in that line in Norwalk, Fairfield county, alone will remain as lasting memorials of his skill, is a native of that town, born January 1, 1849, of Scottish descent.

Aaron Sheldon, grandfather of William, was a native of Massachusetts, where he followed farming all his life, and there was born his son Warren, father of our subject. Warren was a stone mason by trade, which he followed in Massachusetts for a time, from there coming to Norwalk, Conn., while yet a young man, and marrying Emeline Barnes, of that place. She was a daughter of Charles Barnes, a farmer of that locality, and a descendant of English immigrants. To Warren and Emily Sheldon were born five children, namely: Warren, Emeline, William, Frank, and one that died in infancy. Of these, Warren died in Norwalk in 1847; Emeline was twice married, first to Louis Elword, and after his decease she wedded Samuel Hull, of Norwalk. The father of this family died in August, 1885, a lifelong Democrat; his widow is yet living.

The subject proper of these lines was reared in Norwalk, and at the early age of nine years

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began working on a farm, etc., but before long he commenced learning the trade of stone mason with his father. When eighteen years old he began contracting and building for his own account, and has ever since successfully continued in that line, doing an extensive business, and has taken and executed probably the largest building contracts in Norwalk, in fact, he is recognized as the leading stone mason in that town.

Mr. Sheldon married Miss Mary Smith, a native of England, and seven children were born to them, four of whom are yet living, all still single, to wit: William, John, Anna M. and Allesia. The mother of these departed this life, and Mr. Sheldon subsequently wedded Hannah Hartnett, a native of Ireland, who is now also deceased. His present wife was Miss Mary Nolan, a lady of Irish extraction, and two children, Lizzie and Stephen, grace their union.

The family are members of the Roman Catholic Church, and Mr. Sheldon is identified with a local Catholic organization; in his political preferences, up to three years ago, he was a pronounced Democrat, but since then he has been a stanch Republican. The entire family enjoy the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends, while their home is a bower of hospitality and comfort.

JAMES A. HOUSE. When Robert Fulton's steamboat made its first trip, when Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin, such revolution the world of labor and mechanics took place that the working classes were startled. Could they have looked forward to to-day, and beheld the modern labor-saving devices, they would have stood aghast. We have Edison, with his marvelous brain still working out some new wonder, and Tesla, and many others, with the descriptions of whose work the papers are filled; yet there are other inventors, whose inventions are fully as useful, but whose names are not so well known. Such a one is he whose name opens this sketch—James A. House, who was born April 6, 1838.

James House, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Vermont, and for some time made his home in Rutland, that State, but later lived in Little Meadows, Penn. He married Miss Hepzibah Newton, who was of English descent, and they had three children: Ezekiel N., father of our subject; William A.; and Royal E., who invented the first printing telegraph. Ezekiel Newton House was born in Rutland, Vt., and later lived in New York, where he was corporation architect in the 'forties. He married Miss Susan King, of New York City, by whom he had three children: Hepzibah (who married George C. Bishop, of Rochester), James Alford and Henry A. The father of this family died in 1867.

James A. House, the subject proper of this review, was born in New York City, where he passed his boyhood days, and attended the public schools. The education he here obtained was supplemented by attendance at the schools in Little Meadows, Penn., and Owego, N. Y. He early developed the mathematical skill that is essential to the success of the true architect, and under the guidance of his father began the study of architecture, later studying with O. L. Wheelock, and still later with J. M. Van Osdel, of Chicago. His abilities soon attracted the attention of his teachers, and he was entrusted with work far beyond that his years would have warranted. When only twenty-one he was assistant superintendent of the building of the large Jesuit church (Church of the Holy Family) on the West side, Chicago. Shortly after he had attained his majority he began the study of mechanical engineering, and for three years continued this in Chicago. He began his actual work as a mechanical engineer at Rockford, Ill., working on agricultural implements, but he soon decided to return east, and in Brooklyn, N. Y., was associated with his brother, Henry A., in the manufacture of button-hole machinery. They are the joint inventors of the button-hole machine, and the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company are still running on their patents. During the progress of the Civil war our subject had the contract for making button-holes on the army clothes.

In 1862 they left Brooklyn, N. Y., and came to Bridgeport, licensing the Wheeler & Wilson Company to manufacture machines on a royalty. Five years later the Wheeler & Wilson Company bought out their interests in the patents, and employed the House Brothers on a salary. Our subject remained with them ten years, but his brother Henry A. staid only one year. Mr. House has, in all, over three hundred patents, on forty-six different articles, such as: cotton-harvesting machine, steam engine, sewing machines, button holes, tucking edges, carpenter's brace, baby chair, belt tightener, lawn mower, button-hole cutter, rubber corner for trunks, trunk stays, trunk hinge, machine for making scroll-saw blades, scroll saws, corset-shaping machine, apparatus for molding corsets, for flossing corsets, mechanical foot power, plyers for setting buttons on shoes, stocking supporter clasp, bank check punch, method for making

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punches, bottle washer, velocipede, hose reel, fire extinguisher, chemical engine for eyeletting corsets, corset eyelet, pantagraph attachment for sewing machines, boning awl for corsets, three patents on Warner Bros. coraline, belt punch and plyers, steam turbine, etc. After leaving the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Company, he in 1882 formed the House Corset Machinery Company, of which he is president, Emile H. Roth, secretary and treasurer, and Charles H. Dimond, assistant treasurer.

In 18[illegible] Mr. House was married, at Rockford, Ill., to Miss Frances M. Dimond, and they have one child living, a daughter who married Dr. James Douglas Gold. Mr. and Mrs. House spent the summer of 1898 traveling, and enjoying the beauties of the Old World, they visited all the principal cities of Europe, and found great enjoyment in their recreation on historic ground.

In his political affiliations Mr. House has ever been a Republican, casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. For thirty-two years he has lived in his present residence, and has represented his neighbors in the city council in 1873-74 as alderman from the Third ward, and later from the Fifth. He can in no way be regarded as an office seeker, though his influence in political circles is always felt, and he is often consulted by the party leaders. Socially he is connected with the Masonic Fraternity, having become a member of Joppa Chapter, New York City, in 1863 (he has fourteen degrees), is a charter member of Corinthian Lodge, Bridgeport, member of Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, and of Hamilton Commandery No. 5. Mr. House is one of the most prominent men in the city, and is highly esteemed by all who know him for his integrity and upright bearing. He is a man of great executive ability and business tact, and his clear sense of justice wins for him the high regard of all his employes.

JOSEPH BRUSH. Few young men in this section have made a more promising start in life than has this enterprising business man of Greenwich, the junior member of the well-known firm of Banks & Brush, dealers in coal, wood, lumber, and all kinds of building materials. They have the largest trade in their line of any firm in the town, and Mr. Brush's energy, ability, integrity, and tact have been leading factors in their success.

Our subject is a native of Greenwich township, having been born January 20, 1866, at Cos Cob, and he is a descendant of two of the oldest families of the town. In the paternal line he is of the fifth generation in descent from Edward Brush, who came to Fairfield county from Long Island about 1700, accompanied by a brother, and engaged in agriculture. Benjamin Brush, a son of Edward, married Samantha Reynolds, and they had a son Joseph, our subject's grandfather, who became one of the leading business men of this section in his day, conducting an extensive general mercantile store at Cos Cob. He also shipped large quantities of goods from that point to other markets, and was the pioneer meat packer and shipper of Greenwich township. He married Sarah A. Mead, a member of another prominent family of the town.

Benjamin P. Brush, our subject's father, was born at Cos Cob, October 2, 1830, and was educated in the district schools of that locality, and in the academy at Greenwich, then conducted by Philander Button. In early manhood he assisted his father in the store at Cos Cob, and as the business of meat packing and shipping required much of his attention he became especially familiar with the details of the butcher's trade. After a time he engaged in that business in Stamford, and later returning to Cos Cob he went into partnership with his brother Amos in a general store and meat market. His last years were spent at Greenwich village, where he conducted a meat market on Greenwich avenue for some time. He was an excellent citizen and a successful business man, and while he was never a seeker after official positions he took keen interest in public questions, and voted the Democratic ticket regularly. His death occurred June 19, 1875, and his remains now repose in the cemetery of the Congregational Church at Greenwich, with which he and his estimable wife united many years ago. He married Miss Sarah Mead, and they had five children, as follows: Henry M., who resides in New York City; Charles M.; Joseph, the subject proper of this sketch; Gertrude L., who died at the age of sixteen; and Annie L., who died in 1897.

On the maternal side our subject is of the ninth generation in America of the well-known Mead family. His mother, who is a highly respected resident of Greenwich, was born at Indian Field, and is a direct descendant of John Mead (1), the noted pioneer, who came from England in 1642, and located in 1660 in Greenwich, where his death occurred about seven years later. John Mead (2), a son of the pioneer, married a Miss Potter, of Stamford, and died in 1696. Ebenezer (1), the next in line of descent, was born in 1663, and died about 1728, and he and his

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wife, Sarah Knapp, became the ancestors of many of the name in this section. Ebenezer (2), who married Sarah Howe, was born October 25, 1692, and died May —, 1775. Jonas (1), born December 25, 1725, died September 14, 1785. Jonas (2), our subject's great-grandfather, who married Hannah Hibbard, was born April 13, 1784, and died August 2, 1871. Deacon Charles Mead, the grandfather of our subject, was born February 4, 1812, and died in January, 1898. He married Rachel Sackett, and among their children was Judge Whitman S. Mead, of Greenwich, whose biography appears elsewhere with a more complete account of the ancestry of this branch of the family.

Mr. Brush was but a child when his parents removed from Cos Cob, and the greater portion of his life has been spent at Greenwich. His education was begun in a private school, but later he attended a public school in Greenwich.

At the age of sixteen he accepted a desirable position in New York City, where he remained about six years, returning home to take the post of teller for the Greenwich Trust & Deposit Co., which he filled satisfactorily until his resignation in 1895. Having determined to embark in his present business he organized the firm of Banks, Brush & Mead, they buying out the extensive trade of Waterbury & June, established in 1868. In 1895 the firm became Banks & Brush, the other partner retiring. The business is constantly increasing, and in 1896 the trade of another firm was absorbed. Mr. Brush's energy and shrewdness are proverbial, and his straightforward methods have won him unlimited confidence in commercial circles. Socially, he is popular, and he is an active worker in the Congregational Church at Greenwich. While not ambitious for political distinction, he is a firm supporter of Republican principles, and at one time he held the office of township auditor; he has been identified for several years with the Amogerone Fire Company of Greenwich. All movements tending to local improvement command his hearty approval.

GEORGE M. BENEDICT, junior member of the well-known grocery firm of Finney & Benedict, was born in New Canaan, Fairfield Co., Conn., November 27, 1853, a son of James M. and Phœbe (Mills) Benedict, the former being a shoemaker and highly respected citizen of New Canaan, and the latter a daughter of Rufus Mills, a stone mason by trade, who came of an old English family.

George M. Benedict attended the district schools until he was fourteen years of age. On reaching that age it became necessary for him to take up the battle of life for himself. Coming to Norwalk, he was employed by the Norwalk Lock Company of South Norwalk for three years, proving himself a faithful worker, conscientious in his outlook for his employer's interests. For some time he was employed in the foundry of the Austin Parsons Co., and then for two years found employment in a hat factory. In 1875 he and William J. Finney, Jr., with remarkable foresight for such young men, saw the possibilities for a successful grocery business, if it were based on a solid foundation. They accordingly formed a co-partnership under the firm name of Finney & Benedict, and beginning in a small way, they established themselves firmly in the commercial world of Norwalk. The business has grown much since those days of early struggles, and is now one of the most extensive in that line in the county, while the proprietors are enabled by their carefully invested capital to spend some time in the enjoyments of the fruits of their business sagacity.

On September 25, 1879, George M. Benedict was united in marriage with Miss Ella Armstrong, a daughter of Isaac Armstrong, of Brooklyn, and a native of the Empire State. Two children blessed this union: Jessie and Howard Melville.

Mr. Benedict is a Republican in his political faith, and works much and faithfully for his party's interests. He is public spirited and progressive, keenly alive to the needs of his town, and willing to contribute liberally toward all improvements. For twenty-two years he and Mr. Finney have faced the storms and stress of business together, and have by their fair and honorable dealing, and upright lives, brought themselves close to the hearts of their fellow townsmen.

JOHN G. LAUTH. As one of the leading German-born citizens of Stamford, the subject of this sketch deserves prominent mention in this volume.

Mr. Lauth was born March 18, 1847, in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, and was educated in the public schools of his native place. During his boyhood he learned the blacksmith's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years, and later he was employed as a journeyman for three years in Frankfurt and other cities of the Fatherland. At the age of twenty he came to America, landing at New York City, where he remained about fifteen months, thence moving to

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Arcana, Dutchess Co., N. Y., where he was employed in a carriage shop for two years. He then went to New Haven, this State, and after working for a few years in a carriage shop he was employed in the Whitney Armory some seventeen years, being during the last eight years of that time the superintendent of foremen. Giving up this work he engaged in the hotel business, and for seven years he conducted the "Winchester Hotel" at New Haven, meeting with marked success. In 1878 he made a visit to his native land, and on his return he located at Stamford, where he conducted the "Germania Hotel" on Atlantic Place, and under his able management the house attracts a large patronage. While he is not a politician, Mr. Lauth takes keen interest in all that concerns the welfare of his adopted country, having been naturalized during his residence in New Haven, and he is a stanch supporter of the principles of the Republican party.

Mr. Lauth was married in Arcana, N. Y., to Miss Caroline Lauk, a native of Germany, and four children have blessed the union: Arcana, married to William Twombly; Lena, married to John Burney, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; they have two children, John and William; and Carrie and William John, at home. The family are much esteemed in social life, and Mr. Lauth's genial disposition and true personal gifts are highly appreciated among his acquaintances. He belongs to a number of societies, including the I. O. O. F., Germania Lodge No. 78, and Aurora Encampment No. 27, at New Haven, the Order of Harugari, Frederick Hecker Lodge, at New Haven, the New England Order of Protection, Mozart Lodge, also the Arion Society and the Independent German Rifle Company, both of New Haven; the Harugari Liedertafel, a singing society, the Stamford Turn Verein, and the Stamford Quartette Club.

WILLIAM H. SMITH. The branch of the Smith family of which this well-known resident of Shelton is a member, was established in Connecticut many years ago.

Ephraim Smith (1), the great-grandfather of our subject, was born probably in Connecticut, and it is believed that he resided for some time in Cheshire. He had seven sons: Roswell, Ephraim, Titus, Raymond, Sylvester, Lyman and Anson, all of whom removed to Susquehanna county, Penn., in 1797, and located in the then wilderness, purchasing a large tract of land in what is now the flourishing town of Franklin. Anson was killed while felling trees in the forest. The descendants of these brothers are now numerous, many of them residing at or near Franklin, and on August 27, 1897, they held a reunion there, our subject being one of the guests.

Ephraim Smith (2), our subject's grandfather, was born at Cheshire, Conn., and died November 4, 1856, at his homestead in Franklin. He was a Whig in politics, and in religious connection, like the majority of the family, was a member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Tuttle, was also a native of Connecticut. They had four children: William, deceased, was a farmer near Franklin, Merab married Covel Park, a farmer in the same locality; Ephraim is mentioned more fully below; and Sally married Levi Fellows, a farmer near Franklin.

Ephraim Smith (3), our subject's father, was born at the homestead in Franklin, and his life was spent in that neighborhood. He married Miss Mary Barnum, a native of Franklin, and the daughter of Stephen Barnum, an early settler there, who was doubtless related to the Fairfield county family of that name. After his marriage our subject's father purchased a farm near the old homestead, and for many years followed agricultural pursuits, his death occurring in 1873. In his later years he was a Republican, and in religious faith he and his wife, who died in 1882, were devout Presbyterians. They had seven children: Frances, widow of Joseph Merriman, a merchant of Franklin, where she now resides; Sarah, deceased, who married O. M. Hall, a farmer near Franklin; Stephen A., a veteran of the Civil war, who is now engaged in farming near Franklin; Lavinia M., wife of Edson Pickering, a farmer at Montrose; Elijah B., a farmer of Wayne county, Penn.; William H., our subject; and Hiram F., who occupies the old homestead.

Our subject was born September 12, 1846, at Franklin, Penn., and remained at the old farm until he reached the age of twenty-one. He then went to Susquehanna, Penn., to learn the joiner's trade, which he followed about nine years, two years of the time being spent in this county, at Birmingham, now Derby, where he located in 1874. In 1876 he entered the factory of the Brewster Corset Company, of that place, spending two years as cutter, and he was subsequently promoted to the post of superintendent of the entire plant, which he held for about twenty years. In 1891 he went to California, his health having failed, and on his return six months later he sought outdoor occupation, three years of which brought great improvement. In

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1894 he resumed his work with the Brewster Company, but his health would not permit him to continue, and on March 14, 1898, he retired. His earnings have been wisely invested, and he owns property in Shelton, which he rents. On May 3, 1877, Mr. Smith married Miss Maria R. Hinman, daughter of Charles Hinman, a prominent citizen of Westville, Conn. No children have been born to this union. Mr. Smith and his wife are well-liked socially, and he is a member of Ousatonic Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., at Derby. In politics he is a Republican.

MG. GELSTON. Doubtless many of our readers, in tracing their ancestral lines to a point where uncertain tradition brings their researches to an early and unsatisfactory ending, have realized the value to future generations of this attempt to preserve in substantial form the information still obtainable concerning the genealogies of our citizens, together with such accounts of the men of to-day as will serve to continue the record for the use of posterity.

In the case of the subject of this biography, a well-known agriculturist of the town of Sherman, the line of descent is traced through six generations to a citizen of Belfast, Ireland, who is supposed to have been wealthy and to have owned mills on the river at that city. He seems to have had a large family of sons, of whom Samuel was educated for the ministry, and Hugh for mercantile business, while Thomas sailed the high seas in a trading vessel owned by himself. In 1717 Samuel and Hugh came to America, locating on Long Island, at Southampton. These appear to have been the only members of the family who made a permanent home in this country, but Thomas is said to have come to New York in his ship, and afterward sailed down the coast of Long Island to visit his brothers. It is believed that a nephew came at a later date and remained a short time. Rev. Samuel Gelston was for many years the pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Southampton, but later he resigned that charge and settled in or near Goshen, New York.

Hugh Gelston, from whom our subject traces his descent, became a prosperous merchant at Southampton, and took a leading part in political movements in his locality, serving for some years as county judge, and holding various other offices in the county and State. He died December 13, 1775, aged seventy-eight years. His first wife, Mary (Maltby), died July 21, 1737, and he subsequently married Mary Pelletreau, widow of Francis Pelletreau. By the first union there were ten children, as follows: Mary, born January 19, 1718, died October 9, 1740; Susannah, born March 28, 1721, married Col. Josiah Smith; Maltby, born March 20, 1823, died September 22, 1783; Sarah, born March 10, 1725, died April 14, 1784; Samuel, born March 24, 1727; Jane, born April 13, 1729; Hugh, born July 19, 1730, died May 19, 1734; John, born July 17, 1732, died February 26, 1734; Thomas, born May 15, 1734, died April 1, 1752; and Hugh (2), born September 13, 1735, died December 1, 1815. By the second marriage there were three children: Chatfield, who died at an early age; Mary, who is thought to have married Elias Howell; and Jerusha (Mrs. Sanford), who died in January, 1841, at the age of ninety.

Hugh Gelston, the youngest son by the first union, was born and reared on Long Island and became a farmer by occupation. On November 17, 1763, he married Phœbe Howell, by whom he had one son, Maltby.

Rev. Maltby Gelston, our subject's grandfather, was born at the old homestead at Southampton, July 17, 1766, and his education was begun in the local schools. At an early age he expressed a desire to enter the ministry, and having prevailed upon his father to permit him to take a course in Yale College, he matriculated there at the age of nineteen, and pursued his studies until 1791, when he was graduated, Doctor Stiles being at that time the president of the institution. He made no profession of religion until 1792, when he united with the Presbyterian Church at Jamaica, Long Island. He studied theology with Rev. Jonathan Edwards, of New Haven, and in 1794, was licensed to preach by the New Haven Association. On beginning his active work he preached with acceptance in various places, including West Granville, Mass., Roxbury, Conn., and West Rupert, Vt., and in the fall of 1796 he came to Sherman, this county, where he found the Church in a discouraging state, many divisions having arisen. Believing it to be an excellent field for work he decided to remain, and on April 26, 1797, he was installed as pastor, at a yearly salary of 100 pounds sterling, and a few cords of wood. On July 17, 1798, he married Miss Jane Bordwell, daughter of Rev. Joel Bordwell, of Kent, Conn. She died April 26, 1850, and he did not long survive her, his death occurring December 15, 1856. They had seven children, of whom our subject's father, Hugh Gelston, was the eldest; Betsey, born March 7, 1801, died February 19, 1894; Phœbe, born September 15, 1803, died April 22, 1841; Maltby, born April 30, 1805, died February 9, 1893; Jane, born February 7, 1808;

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Mary, born May 30, 1812, died November 11, 1888; Mills, born August 27, 1817.

Hugh Gelston, the father of our subject, was born December 17, 1799, in the town of Sherman, and during several years of his boyhood he attended the common schools of that locality, thus acquiring a good practical education. Owing to poor health he did not pursue a higher course of study, but at an early age engaged in farming. He always took a prominent part in local affairs, holding various township offices, and for long periods he served as judge of probate and clerk of the board. In political sentiment he was a Republican. In religious work he showed keen interest, and throughout his life he was a faithful member of the Church at Sherman, in which he served for many years as deacon and clerk, retaining both offices until old age made him too feeble to perform the duties attaching to them. His death occurred June 18, 1882. Mr. Gelston married Cornelia Gailord, daughter of David and Armida (Geddings) Gailord, a former prosperous farmer of the town of Milford, Litchfield Co., Conn. Our subject was the youngest in a family of five children, the others being Mary E., born March 27, 1829, died August 5, 1834; Jane, born November 9, 1830, who did not marry; Betsey, born March 5, 1833, who married Ferris Leach, a farmer of the town of Sherman; and Paulina W., born October 3, 1835, who married J. O. Northrop. Betsey has had five children: Mary E., born March 6, 1861, died April 4, 1883; Levi, born July 21, 1863, died in June, 1872; Maltby G., born December 26, 1865; Watson F., born March 17, 1868; and Anna, born September 22, 1873, died June 8, 1874.

The subject proper of this sketch was born February 9, 1847, at the old home in the town of Sherman, and after acquiring an elementary education in the local schools was sent to different institutions in Bridgeport and New Milford, graduating from the Naples Academy. On leaving school he returned home and assisted in the work of the farm. When he was nineteen years old he met with a strange experience. While working in his father's shop during a thunderstorm he was struck by lightning, the fluid entering on his left side below the shoulder blade and passing under his arm, around his chest and down his leg, where it tore his boot to pieces before proceeding on its way. It burned a large hole in the floor and passed downward through a wagon top on the lower story of the shop and into the ground. Mr. Gelston was unconscious for some time after the shock, and the effect upon his nerves has not yet worn off entirely, but he may consider himself fortunate to survive such an accident. Mr. Gelston has devoted his attention to agriculture, and still occupies the old homestead. In politics he is a strong Republican, but he does not aspire to office. From early manhood he has been a leading worker in the Church at Sherman, and in March, 1879, he was made a deacon, while at various times he has served as trustee, clerk and treasurer.

On February 9, 1875, Mr. Gelston married Miss Sophia Geddings, who was born June 2, 1849, the daughter of Alfred Geddings, a farmer of the same town, and his wife Mary (Picket). Three children were born of this union: Cornelia, born January 8, 1879; and two who died in infancy, unnamed.

WILLIAM J. FINNEY, JR., whose name is so familiar to the citizens of Norwalk, as a member of the popular grocery firm of Finney & Benedict, was born in that town, January 19, 1853.

William J. Finney, Sr., father of our subject, was also a native of Norwalk, born in 1803, a son of Charles Finney, who followed farming in Norwalk all his life, and there reared his three children: Charles, who died in early manhood; William, Sr.; and Rufus, a hatter by trade. William J. Finney, Sr., was raised on a farm, but in early life learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until his retirement from active life. He married Susan Disbrow, who was born in Norwalk, a daughter of Phineas Disbrow, who came of a numerous and ancient family of the Colonies. Four children were born to William J. Finney, Sr., and his wife: Charles, a resident of Salem, Westchester Co., N. Y., where he follows carpentering; George E., a dry-goods salesman, and William J., Jr. The father of this family first affiliated with the Whigs, later joining the ranks of the "G. O. P," where he is still found. Religiously he and his family incline to the Methodist faith. Mrs. Finney died July 28, 1895.

William J. Finney, Jr., spent his early days in the pursuit of knowledge, attending the schools at Norwalk; and also a private school. Shortly after he had passed the seventeenth anniversary of his birth, he entered the shoe store of a Mr. Brown, as clerk, remaining one year, and then entering the grocery store of Gould D. Jennings, where, for three years, he studied the details of that business and acquired the practical knowledge that has added so materially to the management of the present firm of Finney & Benedict. In 1875 he formed the co-partnership with George M. Benedict (who is mentioned elsewhere), and

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now for twenty-two years this firm has prospered and increased in scope until it rivals any firm in similar line of business in Fairfield county, and the proprietors are rated among the most substantial of men.

On October 10, 1879, Mr. Finney was married to Miss Carrie E. Vaille, a daughter of William Vaille, a native of Litchfield county. Four children have graced this union: Mable, who died at the age of three years; Arthur G.; Myrtle, and Glenna. Mr. Finney votes the Republican ticket, and the entire family attend the Methodist Church, to which they contribute liberally. They occupy an honored social position, and their comfortable home is often thrown open to their many friends.

GEORGE I. ABBOTT has for a number of years conducted the largest flour, feed and grain business in or about Ridgefield, and occupies an enviable position among the successful business men of this section. He was born November 13, 1858, in Irvington, Westchester Co., New York.

Samuel Abbott, grandfather of George I. Abbott, was a native of Ridgefield, and was of English descent. He lived in West Lane District, where he owned a valuable farm of 150 acres, and in addition to its cultivation was engaged as a cattle drover, being a heavy dealer, especially in oxen and milk cows. Capable in business and successful in all his undertakings, he was a man of some prominence in his day and locality, where he was well and favorably known. He had a family of six children, viz.: Ruth, Mrs. Seymour; Harriet, unmarried; Charity, who became the wife of Rev. Abbott Nash; William, who wedded a daughter of Walter Smith, and lived in Norwalk, Conn.; Mary, who married Francis Meeker, of Ridgefield; and George.

George Abbott was born at Ridgefield, and there grew to manhood. Choosing the mercantile business for his life work, he commenced as a clerk in New York City, returning thence to Ridgefield, where he opened the corner store now being conducted by Mr. Smith, doing a general merchandise business. After four or five years in this place he sold out to Mr. Keeler and went to Brooklyn, where he embarked in the furniture business, continuing same for a period of about five years, when he again sold out. Removing to Irvington, N. Y., he entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, Charles Adams, in the grocery business, conducting the same for about six years at Irvington, and for the following nine years at Yonkers, where he had an extensive trade. His health being poor, he returned to Ridgefield, and there from 1865 to 1875 he carried on a general merchandise business, which he sold out in the year last mentioned to the firm of Seymour & Borhite (L. C. Seymour and Philip Borhite). His next enterprise was the boot and shoe store and bakery, which his son took later, and which he ran until his retirement from active life in 1887. Mr. Abbott was essentially a self-made man. He was possessed of good judgment in business matters, and was decidedly successful in life, financially and otherwise. Had he desired official honors he might have had them, but he took little active interest in public affairs, and no part in politics beyond casting his vote, supporting the Republican party. In religious connection he was a prominent member of the M. E. Church, and was an officer in same. He married Fannie S. Adams, a daughter of Stebbins Adams, of South Salem, N. Y., and they had three children—Eva T., who became the wife of Dr. G. S. Kendall, a dentist of South Norwalk; George I.; and Annie C., who married Henry L. Hoyt, a farmer of Ridgefield. The parents of this family are both deceased, the father passing away in July, 1895, the mother in August, 1888.

George I. Abbott received a good education, attending the district schools of Ridgefield, and Brown's private school at Cannon Station, Conn. He continued at school until about eighteen years of age, and has all his life read more or less, keeping himself especially well informed on current events. On beginning life in earnest, he clerked for a time with his father, succeeding him in the bakery business above mentioned, which he carried on about four years, and after selling same he conducted a bakery in Brooklyn for three years. The year following he was in the employ of Smith, Gray & Co., in the clothing business in Brooklyn, and then coming back to Ridgefield commenced the flour, feed and grain business, to which he has since given his entire time. The concern has been materially enlarged during the past few years, and Mr. Abbott has the largest patronage, in his line, in the section. He has met with most satisfactory success, and may well be proud of the position he has attained and the property he has acquired. He takes a lively interest in local affairs, and gives his influence and support to all measures for the welfare and advancement of his town and county. Like his father he is a stanch Republican in political faith, but is not active in party affairs.

Mr. Abbott was united in marriage with Miss

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Catharine Barry, daughter of John Barry, of New York City, and three children have blessed this union, namely: Robert Oakley, Louis Arnold and Catharine Murial. The family attend the M. E. Church.

JAMES MILLER. This well-known citizen owns a fine farm in the town of Danbury, Fairfield county, and another in the town of Kent, Putman Co., N. Y., and ranks among the successful agriculturists of his vicinity. He has devoted much attention to the breeding of fine grades of cattle and horses, making a specialty of the latter. Several fast horses of wide reputation have been reared by him, one of them the celebrated "Lady Bismarck," now a six-year-old with a record of 2:25¼, which has since been lowered to 2:21½. She was bought two years ago by Mr. Bennett, of Danielsonville, Conn., but Mr. Miller has some promising colts in his stables at the present time.

Our subject was born July 1, 1849, in the town of Kent, Putnam Co., N. Y., son of Charles Henry and grandson of Henry Miller. His father, who was born in the same town in 1829, married Miss Matilda Lee, a native of that locality, born in 1832, and both are still living at the old homestead. The Lees were early settlers in the town, Obadiah and Rachel Lee, our subject's great-grandparents, and Thomas and Esther (Meade) Lee, his grandparents, having had their home there. Our subject was the eldest of a family of three children, the others being Violet and Robert.

James Miller was educated in the public schools of the towns of Kent and Patterson, and in a private institution at Patterson, N. Y. At the age of fifteen he began to work as a farm hand for various parties, and after his marriage, which occurred when he was about twenty-one years old, he rented a farm in his native town and operated it for six years. He then bought the "Moses Mead farm" of 125 acres in the same town, but soon disposed of it, realizing a profit of $1,000 on the transaction. His next purchase was a large farm belonging to F. H. Ludington, of the town of Kent, and although he soon sold a portion of this he still owns 100 acres. Another profitable deal was made in the purchase of an estate from Aaron Disbrow, which he sold two years later at an advance. In 1881 Mr. Miller moved across the State line and located upon a rented farm at Balls Pond, in the town of New Fairfield, this county, where he remained five years, engaging extensively in dairying and keeping from seventy-five to eighty cows. In 1888 he bought his present homestead of 100 acres in Danbury District. He raises general crops, and also keeps from twenty-five to thirty head of cattle in addition to a goodly number of horses.

In 1869 Mr. Miller married Miss Susie E. Tompkins, of the town of Kent, Putnam Co., N. Y., a daughter of Howard and a granddaughter of Samuel Tompkins. Her mother, whose maiden name was Julia Washburn, was a daughter of Samuel and Phœbe Washburn. Five children were born of this union, four now living, viz.: Carrie B. is the wife of Henry C. Osborn, foreman in the hat factory of the Tweedy Manufacturing Company; Arthur H., Maude L. and George I. are at home. Another son, a twin of George, lived but a short time. Mr. Miller and his wife are Baptists, and while residing near Ludingtonville, N. Y., he was a trustee of the Church of that place. He also takes an interest in fraternal society work, and belongs to the Knights of Honor, Danbury Lodge. In politics he is a Republican, but no aspirations for office have disturbed the even tenor of his way.

FREDERICK H. RICHMOND is a native of Batavia, N. Y., where his father, William Richmond, was for many years engaged in the livery business. He married Miss Lydia Durant, a sister of George G. Durant, of Bethel, and three sons were born to them, the eldest, Harry, dying at the age of twenty-one; Edward B., born July 31, 1849, and Frederick H., born November 5, 1856, are now partners in the business at Bethel. After receiving a practical education in the schools of his native place our subject decided to seek his fortune in this section, being prompted, doubtless, by the fact that his uncle, George G. Durant, was then a successful hatter at Bethel. On January 1, 1871, Edward Richmond, our subject's brother, entered Mr. Durant's factory to learn the trade, and on August 19, 1872, Frederick H. followed his example. Edward finally became superintendent and bookkeeper in the establishment, and in 1877 Frederick took charge of the factory as foreman. They continued thus until October 1, 1884, when, having saved some money from their earnings, they purchased the business, and on May 1, 1892, Mr. Durant re-entering the business, the firm became Durant & Richmond Brothers. On October 15, 1892, the factory was destroyed by fire, and the partnership was dissolved. The brothers were not discouraged, however, and on April 1, 1893, they purchased George A. Kinner's factory, where they after-

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ward carried on the business successfully. During the period when soft hats were universally worn they made a specialty of manufacturing them, their profit enabling them to "get on their feet" financially. Later they manufactured stiff hats only, and in this line they commanded a good trade, about seventy-five hands being employed in the shop.

Frederick H. Richmond gave much of his time to traveling in the interests of the firm, and his ability as a salesman was an important factor in the success of the business. On November 15, 1876, he was married in Bethel to Miss Evalyn L. Manly, daughter of Ira Manly, and four children brighten their home: Frank F., Julia Evalyn, George Howard and William Frederick. Socially, the family is prominent. The brothers are both identified with Eureka Lodge No. 83, F. & A. M., in which Frederick H. holds the rank of past master: Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Crusader Commandery, K. T.; and Pyramid Temple, Mystic Shrine.

Edward B. Richmond was married at Bethel to Miss Mary Reid, daughter of Hugh Reid, and five children have blessed this union, viz.: Lilly, Hugh, Harvey, Charles and Eunice. Mr. Richmond takes great interest in local affairs, is a leading Republican, and at present is one of the burgesses of the borough. He is a member of the Congregational Church at Bethel, and is active in the work of the Masonic Fraternity

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CHARLES E. ROWELL, M. D., who is widely-known in professional and public circles throughout Fairfield county and, indeed, this section of Connecticut, has held numerous offices of honor and trust, and made a most enviable record in the service of his town and county. He makes his home in the city of Stamford.

Doctor Rowell was born May 2, 1849, in West Concord, Vt., son of Frederick and Rosaline (Banfil) Rowell, and is descended from Revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather, Samuel Rowell, having been a soldier in that war. His preliminary education was obtained in the common schools, and was materially improved by a period of service in the *Coos Republican* office, at Lancaster, N. H., where he acquired a knowledge of printing. Later he learned the machinist's trade at the Spencer Rifle factory, located in the old Chickering building, in Boston, Mass. In the fall of 1869 he joined the original Greeley Colony which made a settlement in Colorado, and the year following joined the Chicago Colony. His residence in Colorado was a comparatively brief one, for in 1871 we find him studying medicine with Dr. Charles Snell, of Whitefield, N. H., and in 1872 he continned his studies under Dr. George Norton, of New York City. In 1873 he graduated from the New York Homeopathic College, and the succeeding year from the New York Ophthalmic Hospital, in March, 1874, commencing practice in Lancaster, N. H., where he resided for several years. In February, 1880, he settled in Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he has since been successfully engaged in the duties of his profession, and at the same time followed a busy public career. Since 1886 he has been coroner's medical examiner, and in 1896 and 1898 he served the city of Stamford as member of the health board. He has been very active in political circles, being one of the "wheel horses" of the Republican party in this section of the State, was deputy and registrar of voters from 1885 to 1896, and for a number of years acted as chairman of the Republican committee for the town, borough and city of Stamford. He has been councilman from the First ward, serving in 1894 and 1897, and in every incumbency he has discharged his duties with a promptness and fidelity which proved him deserving of the continued honors his fellow townsmen bestowed upon him. In November, 1896, he was chosen to represent his district in the State Legislature, and he became an active member of the House.

Doctor Rowell is prominent in fraternal circles as a Mason, Odd Fellow, member of the O. U. A. M., and the New England Order of Protection, and he also finds time to devote to commercial affairs, being a director of the Board of Trade and the Schleicher Piano Company. He was post surgeon for Fairfield county from 1887 to 1897, and while in New Hampshire was pension surgeon for the northern part of that State from 1876 to 1880. In 1874-76 he served as health officer and highway surveyor at Lancaster, New Hampshire.

On December 25, 1872, Doctor Rowell was united in marriage with Miss Arletta Bolles, of Dalton, N. H., by whom he has had three children: Dr. J. F. Rowell; George P., who is a graduate of the law school of Yale University; and Dr. Edward E. Rowell.

ISRAEL P. TAFFT takes a prominent part in the business, political and social life of the city of Stamford, Fairfield county, where he has resided since 1885.

Col. Henry S. Tafft, his father, was born at Charleton, Mass. He was one of those who went to California in 1849, and crossed the Isth-

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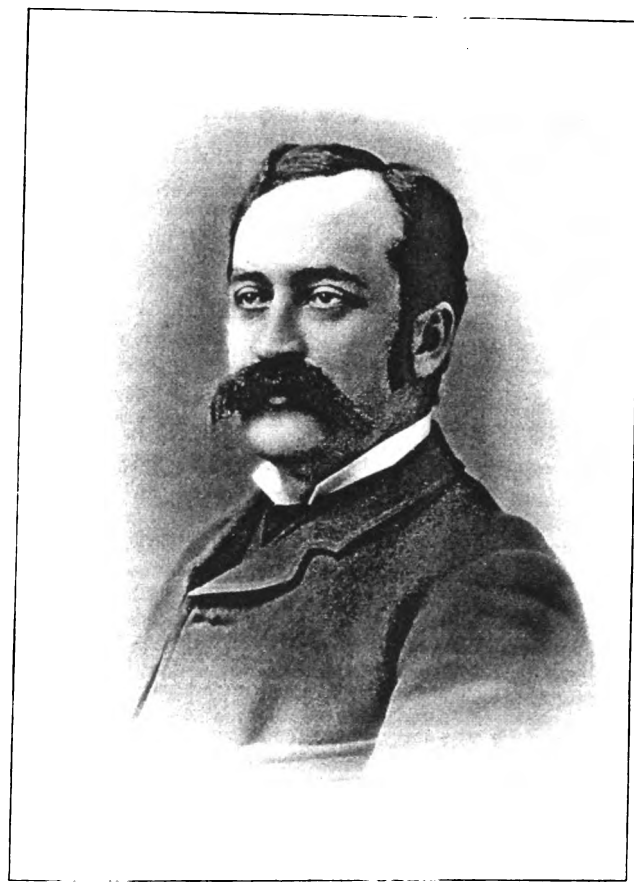

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mus of Panama on foot. He lived in California several years, and was a member of the Vigilance Committee at San Francisco in 1857. Colonel Tafft returned east before the Civil war, during which struggle he was chief signal officer of the Department of the South, with rank of lieutenant-colonel. The seven years succeeding the war he spent on a plantaion, which he owned, in South Carolina, and engaged in raising cotton; he now makes his home in Providence, R. I., where he is carrying on a granite business. He is an active member of the G. A. R., and for years was president of the Signal Corps Association. Colonel Tafft was married at Northbridge, Mass., to Miss Emma A. Plummer, who is now deceased, and they had four children, viz.: Israel P.; Anita, Mrs. William B. Bradford, of Somerville, Mass.; Grace C., Mrs. James A. Anderson, of Chicago, Ill.; and Harry J., of Somerville, Mass. They trace their descent on both maternal and paternal sides from Robert Tafft, who came from England and settled in Mendon, Mass., in the year 1679.

Israel P. Tafft was born February 1, 1857, in San Francisco, Cal. During the Civil war the family lived at Hilton Head, S. C., and afterward for seven years on a cotton plantation on St. Helena Island, S. C., and our subject acquired his education at different places, first attending school in Washington, D. C. He graduated from the high school at Northbridge, Mass., after which he entered Dean Academy, at Franklin, Mass., and on leaving that institution he went to work in the general store of Peter M. Tafft, at Whitinsville, Mass., where he remained for a year and a half, in the meantime rising to the position of first clerk. For two years and a half following he was engaged in cotton buying at Beaufort, N. C., and on his return north he became traveling salesman for the Hall Safe and Lock Company for one year. After that for short periods he was with the Diamond Hill (R. I.) Granite Company, and the dry-doods house of H. B. Keith & Co., of Worcester, Mass., respectively, in 1880 entering the employ of William Knowlton & Sons, of West Upton, Mass., manufacturers of straw goods, with whom he remained four years, learning this business thoroughly. The next two years he traveled for Royston, Hedges & Co., straw hat manufacturers, of Adrian, Mich., having the western territory, and in 1885 he came to Stamford, where he took the position of bookkeeper and cashier with Smart, Patterson & Rice, straw hat manufacturers. He continued with the house in this capacity till 1891, when he became a member of the firm of T. B. Smart & Co., from which he withdrew in 1893, and bought an interest in the business of George W. Southwick, dealer in mill supplies. This partnership was dissolved January 1, 1897, but Mr. Tafft continued the business in Stamford for some months. In June, 1897, in company with John S. Davenport, he purchased the hardware business of J. G. Houghton, which they are now carrying on.

In 1878 Mr. Tafft was married in Beaufort, S. C., to Miss Mary A. Nichols, daughter of Dr. E. G. Nichols, who during the Civil war was driven from Florida on account of his sympathies with the Union. Mr. and Mrs. Tafft have had born to them a family of five children: Annie Louise, Emma Anita (in West Upton, Mass), Jennie May (at Adrian, Mich.), George Knowlton (in Stamford), and Edith Alston (in Stamford).

Mr. Tafft has always been active in the life of the community wherein his home has been made, has held various public offices, and is interested in all of the progressive movements of the day, especially those calculated to do the greatest good to the greatest number. While living at Upton, Mass., he served as selectman of the town, was secretary of the Farmers Club and of the Fire Department, and was chosen as a delegate from Upton to several County and State conventions. He was an officer in Company M, Sixth Regiment M. V. M. for four years, and during his residence in Adrian, Mich., he was secretary of Company B, First Regiment Michigan State Troops, for two years. In Stamford he has acted as justice of the peace for six years, and in 1897 was elected a member of the city council from the Third ward, and re-elected in 1898, being nominated for that office by the Republican party, of which he is a stanch supporter. He is also president of the city council. Religious societies and interests have always received a large share of Mr. Tafft's attention, and he is at present secretary of the Church Extension Society, director and chairman of the gymnasium committee of the Y. M. C. A., and parish clerk for St. John's Episcopal Church, of which he is a member. In fraternal affiliation he is connected with Union Lodge No. 5, and Rittenhouse Chapter, F. & A. M.; with Puritan Lodge No. 43, I. O. O. F., in which order he is prominent, being grand guardian of the grand lodge of the State of Connecticut; with Stamford Council, No. 999, Royal Arcanum, in which order he holds the position of grand chaplain of the grand council of the State of Connecticut; and with the New England Order of Protection. He was at one time secretary of the Stamford Rod and Gun Club.

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CHARLES F. CRABB, of the well-known firm of Crabb Bros., builders and contractors, Stamford, Conn., is a native of the town of Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., born July 13, 1859.

Charles Crabb, father of our subject, was also born in the town of Stamford, and the greater part of his life has been passed in agricultural pursuits. He married Miss Ann Amelia Sarles, and children were born to them: Sarah, Charles F., Wilbur L. (in Stamford), Jennie E., Velina, Theodore A. (in Stamford), Nettie (in Norwalk), Lizzie, Chester, Harold, and Mary (in Norwalk). In his political predilections Charles Crabb is a Republican.

Charles F. Crabb, whose name introduces these lines, passed his boyhood days on his father's farm, during the winter months attending the district schools. At the age of twenty-one he commenced learning his trade with Warren Kirk, of Stamford, and after serving his apprenticeship worked at same until 1894, in which year he and his brothers, Wilbur L. and Theodore A., under the firm name of Crabb Bros., established their present prosperous business. This enterprising firm have a wide reputation in their line, and have built many houses in Stamford.

At Stamford our subject was united in marriage with Miss Florence Mead, daughter of Abel Mead, of Greenwich, Conn., and three children have been born to them: Clarence, Lester and Carleton. Socially, Mr. Crabb is a member of Stamford Council No. 999, Royal Arcanum, at Stamford; and in politics he is a stanch Republican. By the exercise of resolute will and persevering industry he has secured a prominent place in the business world.

MRS. AUGUSTA B. GIDDINGS. This estimable lady is a resident of the town of Sherman, where she is held in high regard for her excellent qualities of mind and heart. Her husband, the late George C. Giddings, whose death occurred May 2, 1892, was a man whose influence was widely recognized as a power for good, and Mrs. Giddings has at all times been a friend to progress, her sympathies being none the less effective because expressed in the quiet ways to which woman's efforts are usually restricted. As the object of this work is to preserve for future generations accurate individual histories of leading men and women, the following finds an appropriate place here:

The late George C. Giddings was born May 5, 1847, in the town of Sherman, where his family, of whom an account is given below, has been prominent from pioneer times. He attended the common schools of his native town for some years, and then pursued the higher branches of study at Fort Edward, Suffield, and New Marlboro. It was his intention to enter the ministry, but, owing to ill health, he gave up the idea, and devoted his time to agriculture as a business. His interest in religious work did not lessen, however, and throughout his life he was an active supporter of the Congregational Church in his locality, holding the office of deacon for many years. On November 16, 1875, he married the lady whose name opens this sketch, and four children blessed the union: Eliza G., born August 16, 1878, died September 29, 1879; Alfred S., born August 3, 1882; Ella M. B., born June 19, 1885; and Howard C., born November 21, 1887.

Mrs. Augusta B. Giddings was born January 3, 1852, a daughter of John Gibbs, a native of Scotland, who came to America at the age of five years. He received a practical education, and in early manhood engaged in mercantile business in Rochester, where he died September 27, 1871. His wife, Eliza (Goodwin), who was born April 13, 1819, died November 12, 1853. Mrs. Giddings was the youngest in a family of eight children, the others being Benjamin D., born, October 16, 1838; Juliet P., March 24, 1841, died September 19, 1850; James A., May 28, 1843, died July 15, 1865; Calvin B., February 25, 1845, died July 28, 1845; Alvira A., May 12, 1846, died April 15, 1851; John F., May 31, 1848, died July 29, 1852; and Ella C., June 30, 1850, died July 13, 1850. In 1853 Mrs. Giddings was legally adopted by Calvin H. Briggs, of the town of Sherman, and his wife, Lois H. (Goodwin), a sister of Mrs. Giddings' mother. She was carefully educated under their kindly direction, and at their death inherited their property, as they had no other children.

The Briggs family has been identified with this county since 1770, when Zephaniah Briggs, the grandfather of Calvin H. Briggs, came to the town of Sherman. The date of his birth is given as 1735, therefore, at his death in 1837, he was 102 years old. He served in the French and Indian war, also in the Revolutionary war, being afterward granted a pension for his gallant conduct during the latter struggle. His stories of his experience at Ticonderoga and elsewhere are cherished traditions in the family, and the rusty flint-lock musket which he left to his descendants is treasured as a priceless relic of that early time. He married, and had the following children: Phœbe, born April 15, 1777; Lucy, October 3, 1778;

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James, who is mentioned more fully below; Newton, born July 8, 1782; Elizabeth, July 26, 1785; Solomon, May 2, 1787; John, August 27, 1788; Abigail, February —, 17—; and Patience, February 23, 17—. James Briggs, the father of Calvin H., was born in the town of Sherman August 31, 1780, on the homestead which is now occupied by our subject. At an early age he engaged in farming, and his success in this calling gave him a reputation as a judicious manager. He died in 1859 in his seventy-ninth year, and his wife, Phœbe Ferris, who was born November 16, 1784, died in 18—. They had three children: Ophelia, born April 1, 1809, died in November, 18—, unmarried; Calvin H. was our subject's father; and Eusebia, born April 28, 1814, was married October 15, 1840, to Ralph Giddings. The late Calvin H. Briggs was born January 3, 1811, at the old homestead in the town of Sherman, where he was educated and later engaged in agriculture. He was active and influential in local affairs, and held various offices, including that of justice of the peace. The questions of his day always interested him greatly, and in politics he was in his later years a strong Republican, having joined that party at an early period in its history. He was married February 4, 1845, to Miss Lois H. Goodwin, who died November 13, 1890, and his own death occurred September 28, 1880.

As has been already noted, George C. Giddings was a member of one of the oldest families of the county. Joseph Giddings, his great-great-grandfather, was born in 1714 in Gloucester, Mass., and in 1722 or 1723 removed with his father to Lyme, Conn. On October 24, 1737, he married Eunice Andruss (or Andrews), of Ipswich, Mass., and about 1752 he located with his family in what was known as the North Society of New Fairfield, Conn., his lands being included in the tract afterward set off as the town of Sherman. Owing to the destruction of the early records of New Fairfield by fire, the precise date of his removal there cannot be obtained, but the records of Lyme show that in 1752 he gave a deed of a tract of land there to Jasper Griffin for 1,450 pounds sterling, and in 1755, while residing in New Fairfield, he gave another deed to the heirs of Dr. Benjamin Coult, of Lyme. His name first appears on the Church records of the North Society October 6, 1752, in connection with the baptism of a daughter, Sarah. On July 15, 1754, he was admitted to the Church by letter from the Third Church at Lyme. In 1772 he was chosen one of the committee to represent the Church before a body composed of Rev. Daniel Farand and others, and in 1775 he was at the head of a committee to build a new house of worship. He took an active part in the French and Indian war, and in the Colonial records for 1760 we find the following: "This assembly do establish Mr. Joseph Giddings to be captain of the North Company or train band in the North Society in New Fairfield." He died January 10, 1803, and his wife, Elizabeth (Hungerford), passed away September 5, 1815, at the advanced age of ninety-nine years, eleven months. She had two brothers, Joseph and Josiah Hungerford, and a sister Susan, who married Nehemiah Stuart, the father of Dr. Morgan Stuart, of Milan, Ohio. Joseph and Elizabeth Giddings had nine children: James, Jonathan, Solomon, Benjamin, Sarah, Joseph, Mary, Hannah, and Lydia.

Jonathan Giddings, the next in the line of descent which we are now tracing, was born in Lyme, Conn., April 18, 1741, and accompanied his father to New Fairfield, where he passed his life as a successful farmer. He served in the Revolutionary war, enduring many hardships, and at one time, having been sent out by his superior officer as captain of a scouting party, he lost his way, and with the other members of the party subsisted for nine days upon roots and herbs only. Later he received a severe wound, and was honorably discharged from the service. He was one of the original proprietors of the Western Reserve, in the State of Ohio, consisting of 3,500,000 acres of land set apart in 1786, by the State of Connecticut, all other claims of the latter upon the unexplored regions of the West being then ceded to the general government. In 1795 Jonathan Giddings and others, among whom was Elijah Boardman, of New Milford, purchased a large tract of land on the Reserve, and May 12, 1800, Elijah Boardman, Homer Boardman, David S. Boardman and Stanley Griswold, of New Milford, with Elijah Wadsworth, Frederick Wolcott, of Litchfield, and Zephaniah Briggs, of New Fairfield, gave to Jonathan Giddings a deed of land "as proprietors, in common with him, of township number two, in the sixth range of townships, in the Connecticut Western Reserve, so called, and of lot number two, in township number seven, in the tenth range, * * * which lot contains the land which was annexed to said township number two at the general partition of said Reserve made by the proprietors thereof at Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, on the 23d day of January, A. D. 1798. Being desirous of making a partition of said lands to each proprietor in severalty, according to the interest and property of each therein, have, together with the said Jonathan Giddings, caused the said township and the

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said lands thereto annexed to be surveyed and laid out into lots," etc. The lands deeded to Jonathan Giddings were in various parcels, and amounted in all to 1,383 acres, 2 roods and 32 rods. The deed was recorded January 27, 1801, in the records of the town of Palmyra, Ohio, book I, page 42. On the back of the deed appear the names of the partitioners, beginning with that of Elijah Boardman, and the memorandum: "Partition Deed, Received and Recorded in Trumbull County Records, Aug. 23, 1802. Book D, Page 186," and signed: "John S. Edwards, Recorder."

Jonathan Giddings was married on January 2, 1766, to Mary Baldwin, daughter of Gamaliel and Mary or Rebecca (Herrick) Baldwin, and adopted daughter of Benoni Stebbins, of New Milford, the bride being then eighteen years old. He afterward came into possession of the homestead of the Baldwin family, a fine estate on the west side of the Housatonic river, with the residence fronting on Hinanam brook. This property remained in the Giddings family for about one hundred years. The death of Jonathan Giddings occurred April 8, 1817, and his will was admitted to probate in 1818. According to the inventory his estate was worth $18,000. His wife, who died February 20, 1824, was very prepossessing in appearance, and her affectionate and kindly nature caused her to be greatly beloved throughout the community. She was especially sympathetic toward the poor, giving generously whenever she could to relieve the needs of a worthy sufferer. She was admitted to membership in the Congregational Church of the North Society on April 28, 1772. Her estate, as inventoried for probate in 1824, amounted to $4,302. She had the following children: Gamaliel Baldwin, born October 6, 1766, married Tabitha Eunice Barnes; Rebecca, born January 2, 1769, married Revilo Fuller; James Andruss, born April 3, 1771, married (first) Eunice Penfield, and (second) Rachel, widow of John Seelye; Armida, born April 21, 1773, married David Gaylord; Solomon, born March 25, 1775, married Patty Paine; Jonathan, born February 18, 1777, married (first) Lydia Salmon, and (second) Philomela Buck; Polly, born October 2, 1779, married Andrew Barnes; Laura, born in 1780, married Sturges Penfield; Samuel, born May 13, 1782, married (first) Lydia Giddings, and (second) Amanda Sanford

Samuel Giddings, the next in the line of descent, inherited from his paternal ancestors great muscular strength and agility. He was six feet in height, of commanding presence, and when he was seventy years old his dark hair was but slightly tinged with gray. His eyes were blue, and their keen glance would make any offender quail. In his youth he was distinguished for his skill in all athletic exercises; and seldom was a match found for him in wrestling, as he could manage two ordinary men. His feats at jumping matches were remarkable, and he could easily jump twelve feet forward or backward. On one occasion he was seen to take up a barrel of cider that had rolled out of his wagon, and replace it by main strength. At another time a farm hand who had refused to perform some task at his command was picked up by the collar, and through a deft use of Mr. Giddings' foot sent sprawling over the fence, and on arising he was told never to enter the premises again. Mr. Giddings seemed to be absolutely fearless, and he did not allow his house or his farm buildings to be locked night or day. While he sometimes appeared stern, he was most charitable to the needy, and to his friends he was always generous, delighting in the hospitable entertainment of all guests at his home. Politically he was a Whig, and from the first he was a constant reader of Greeley's *Tribune*. Official honors meant little to him, but he was often chosen to local positions, and served several times as justice of the peace. He was also a lieutenant in the local militia company for some time. As a member of the Congregational Church he contributed liberally to religious work, and the punctuality which characterized him in his business dealings was shown in his regular and prompt attendance at Church services. When a new edifice was built by the congregation in 1835, his subscription was second in amount. His homestead in "Giddings District," near the New York line, was a valuable estate, and by his industry and good management he secured a handsome competence. He had an excellent constitution, and suffered but little from ill health until the sickness which terminated in his death on February 10, 1853. His first wife, Lydia Giddings, to whom he was married January 15, 1810, was born May 10, 1784, a daughter of Capt. William Giddings, for many years a deacon in the Church. She was a true Christian, and had a most pleasing disposition which endeared her to all who knew her, her death on July 12, 1829, being greatly lamented. By his second marriage, with Armida Sanford, which occurred in 1831, he had no children, but by the first there were eight, as follows: Rebecca, born December 19, 1810, married Hiram Giddings; Sally Ann, born June 24, 1812, died March 26, 1831, from the effects of a cold contracted while away from home at school; Dorcas, born May 13, 1814, married

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Harvey H. B. Tumer; Armida, born December 30, 1815, died May 18, 1818; Alfred is mentioned more fully below; William Henry, born July 21, 1820, married Flora E. Leach; Ann Jeanette, born January 26, 1823, was a lady of exemplary Christian character, and her untimely death on January 8, 1855, from a fever, contracted while on a visit to Ohio, was greatly deplored; and Caroline, born January 22, 1825, married David N. Fuller.

Alfred Giddings, the father of our subject's husband, was born March 5, 1818, at the old home in the town of Sherman, and obtained a good common-school education in his youth. His health seemed somewhat delicate during his boyhood, but as he grew older he became quite robust. For a time he taught school in Ohio, but later he purchased a farm in his native town, near the New York line, belonging to his father, and formerly known as the Hoag place. He built a house there, and made it his home until 1865, when he bought the homestead of his half-brother, Minot S. Giddings, which he repaired and improved, making a most attractive residence. He died there November 19, 1878, surrounded by the friends that a life of usefulness had won for him. By nature he was somewhat reserved, but he was always scrupulously upright and honorable in his dealings with others, and showed a benevolent disposition toward worthy objects of charity. Socially he and his family held a high place, and he was an influential member of the Congregational Church. In November, 1843, he married Miss Mary E. Pickett, daughter of Clark and Sophia (Giddings) Pickett. She was born July 23, 1822, and throughout her life was noted for her energy and high character, proving a wise counsellor and helper to her husband. They had two children: George C., who resembled his father in appearance and disposition; and Sophia C., who was born June 2, 1849, and was married February 9, 1875, to Maltby Gelston, of the town of Sherman

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JAMES W. SMITH, M. D., has carried on a drug store and engaged in general medical practice in Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., for the past two or three years, and in that short time has gained a strong footing there in both lines. He has had a wide and varied professional experience in his twenty odd years of practice, and has acquired an enviable store of practical knowledge in his work, which has proved of much value to him.

Doctor Smith was born May 2, 1840, in Greenville, Greene Co., N. Y., a son of Amos Smith, a native of Vermont, who was a wheelwright by trade, and passed the greater part of his business life in Greenville. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. He lived to be almost ninety-six years of age, and was the father of twenty children, eighteen of whom grew to maturity. James W. Smith lived at Greenville until he was nineteen years of age, when he went to New York City and entered a drug store as clerk. On September 6, 1864, he enlisted, at Albany, N. Y., in Company M, 18th N. Y. Cavalry, with which he served in the Department of the Gulf, receiving his discharge from the service June 2, 1865. Returning to New York City, he became a partner in the drug store where he had clerked before the war, and also studied medicine in 1870, graduating from the medical department of the University of the City of New York. Doctor Smith has since passed five and one-half years in Florida, also five years in California, but his professional career has for the most part been passed in the City of New York.

On November 15, 1895, he located at Stamford, where he opened the drug store at No. 23 Main street, which he has since conducted, at the same time engaging in the practice of his profession. He has a very extensive office practice, and is regarded as a skillful and competent physician, worthy of the trust reposed in him. Socially, the Doctor is a member of the Masonic Fraternity and of the G. A. R., having originally joined Rawling Post at Stockton, Cal., from which he transferred to Hobbie Post.

JARED FINCH, who occupies an influential and prominent position among the agricultural population of Greenwich township, Fairfield county, has spent the greater part of his life here.

Mr. Finch was born April 22, 1843, in Peck's Land, son of Gilbert P. Finch, was born June 30, 1799, at Genoa, N. Y., of which locality his ancestors were early settlers. At the age of seven years he came to Fairfield county, Conn., and made his home with his uncle, Gilbert Peck, for several years, acquiring his education in the school at Peck's Land. He was married at that place and began his domestic life upon his uncle's farm, following agriculture throughout life, and thoroughly enjoying it. He was looked upon as one of the best agriculturists of the community, and was an upright, honest man, whose systematic labors secured for him a good home and a comfortable property. He was very witty and always full of fun, so that he had little trouble in making friends. Besides attending to his farm-

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ing interests he was an officer in the Greenwich Mutual Insurance Company, and he was a stockholder in the Stamford Bank. Although his education was limited, he was a very intelligent man, possessed of sound judgment and good business ability. During early life he held the rank of captain in the State militia. In politics he was first a Whig and later a pronounced Republican.

Gilbert P. Finch was twice married, his first wife being Miss Frances C. Mead, who was born in New York State, December 16, 1804, and died May 26, 1826. She left two children: Hannah R., born December 17, 1823, is now the wife of Isaac Howe, of Savannah, Ohio; and Thomas S., born November 5, 1825, is a resident of Stanton, Mich. (he served for three years in the 18th Mich. V. I. during the Civil war). On April 8, 1827, Gilbert P. Finch married Alathea Peck, who was born May 15, 1803, and the following children blessed this union: Hester A., born January 31, 1828, married William M. Mead, and died in Oberlin, Ohio; Frances C., born December 17, 1829, married H. L. Ferris, and died in Greenwich; Gilbert P., born October 27, 1831, was a passenger conductor on the Illinois Central railroad for thirty-four years, and is now a wealthy retired citizen, occupying an elegant home in Amboy, Ill.; Alathea, born April 23, 1834, is now Mrs. Leander Mead, of Greenwich, Ohio; Laban, born March 26, 1836, was a member of the 9th Iowa V. I. during the Civil war, and died at Springfield, Mo.; Rebecca K., born May 16, 1838, is the wife of Theodore Lyon, of Greenwich, Conn.; Silas, born October 4, 1839, is a farmer of Peck's Land, Greenwich township; David I., born June 2, 1841, was for years a railroad man on the Illinois Central and the Toledo, Peoria & Warsaw railroads, but after being injured he served as revenue collector and township clerk at Peoria, Ill., where he died May 12, 1897 (he was a member of Company I, 10th Conn. V. I. during the Civil war); Jared, the subject of this sketch, is the next in order of birth; Mary E. died in infancy. The father departed this life December 1, 1878, the mother August 26, 1877, and both were buried in the Congregational cemetery at Greenwich.

Jared Finch began his education in the Peck's Land school, and later attended the Greenwich Academy, then under the charge of Professor Button. His business training was obtained on the home farm under the able direction of his father. He, too, donned the blue during the Civil war, being sworn into the Union service in October, 1861, as a member of Company I, Tenth Conn. V. I., at Hartford. His first engagement was at Roanoke Island, and he took part in many other battles and skirmishes, in April, 1863, being honorably discharged on account of disability. As soon as able to work after his return home he operated his father's farm on shares.

On October 17, 1866, Mr. Finch married Hannah B. Mead, a native of Greenwich township and a daughter of Elkanah and Jane (Mead) Mead. The only child born of this union, Jeannette, is now the wife of George M. Mead, of Greenwich township. After the death of his first wife our subject married Rebecca G. June, who was born in Glenville District, Greenwich township, January 4, 1843. Her father, Edwin W. June, was born in Stanwich, Conn., January 4, 1807, and throughout the greater part of his life engaged in farming. At one time he attempted meat packing in New York City, but after Croton water was introduced there his health failed and he returned to Greenwich to resume farming. He was married March 17, 1842, to Cynthia Green Taylor, who was born in Glenville, Greenwich township, January 27, 1816. Mrs. Finch is the eldest of their children, the others being as follows: Mary E., born July 24, 1844, now the widow of Alfred Walton, living on King Street; Nancy H., born April 1, 1847, who first married William Greenwood, later James H. Clark, and also lives on King Street; John S., born July 24, 1852, a carpenter of Port Chester, N. Y.; Joseph T., born December 12, 1856, who died in Glenville. The father of these children died at the age of fifty-six years, the mother at the age of forty-seven, and their remains were interred in Green cemetery (a private one) in Greenwich township. Mr. and Mrs. Finch have two children: J. Harvey, born July 12, 1879, is attending school in Greenwich; and Willis D., born January 14, 1887, is at home.

In 1867 Mr. Finch moved west, locating in Amboy, Ill., where he operated his brother Gilbert's farm for one year. He then went as brakeman on the Illinois Central railroad, and for three years was employed as conductor on that line, in 1874 returning to Connecticut, as his parents had become quite old, were alone and needed his help in operating the farm. After their death he bought the farm, and he now has the excellent place of fifty acres under a high state of cultivation and well improved. Mr. Finch's ability as a farmer is above the average, and he is regarded as a good citizen, of the strictest integrity and thoroughly reliable. With his ballot he always supports the men and measures of the Republican party, but he cares

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nothing for political honors. Both he and his wife are devout members of the North Greenwich Congregational Church, in which he is serving as committeeman, and a member of the standing committee.

ALFRED B. DAVIS (deceased) was for many years a prominent resident of Stratford, and as a citizen he was held in high esteem. His death, which occurred November 18, 1890, caused sincere grief among his associates, and the bereaved family had the sympathy of the community in which he had so long made his home.

Mr. Davis was born December 10, 1813, in Bridgeport, this county, a son of Philo Davis, who was a native of Derby, New Haven Co., Conn. His mother, whose maiden name was Phœbe Wayland, was born in the town of Trumbull, this county. Seven children came to the union of Philo and Phœbe Davis: Charles, who never married, was a peddler in the South; Henry, who died in the South, where he was engaged in farming and lumbering, married (first) Caroline Ambler, of Danbury, (second) Mary Edwards, of North Carolina, and (third) Josephine ———; George, a tanner and currier by trade, married Caroline Hayes; Alfred B., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Susan married D. C. Dayton, of New Preston; Delia did not marry; and Edwin, who engaged in farming in the West, married Anthy Burr, of Trumbull.

Our subject became engaged in business in early manhood as a tanner and currier, following the trade first in Trumbull, then in Bridgeport, and later in Stratford. While he was not especially active in public affairs, he took an interest in all questions of his time, and was an ardent supporter of Democratic principles. In religious faith he was a Congregationalist, and for many years he was a leading member of the Church at Stratford. On January 16, 1837, he married Miss Ruth A. Booth, who survives him, and of their five children three are still living: (1) Edwin B., a mechanic in Bridgeport, married (first) Miss Mary Bristol, of Stratford, and (second) Miss Sarah Buddington, also of Stratford; he had two sons—Charles and George, both by the first marriage. (2) Sarah A. is unmarried. (3) An infant died unnamed. (4) Walter F. S., a farmer by occupation, died March 31, 1898. (5) Carrie S. married Morris C. Clark, of Stratford.

MRS. RUTH A. DAVIS was born in the town of Stratford, and is a member of a well-known family. Her grandfather, James Booth (1), and father, James Booth (2), were both residents of the town, and the latter was born there, as was also his wife Hepzibah ———. This worthy couple, who were married January 8, 1800, had a family of fourteen children, ten of whom lived to adult age: Abigail A., born in 1802, married John Hopkins, of Bridgeport; Julia A., 1804, married William Burritt, of Stratford; Nathaniel B., 1805, married Eunice E. Russell, of Derby; James, 1810, married Mary Beardsley, of Stratford; Elmira, 1812, married (first) Nathan William Burritt, of Stratford, and (second) Joseph Allen, of Woodbury; Angeline, 1815, married Bartholomew Kugler; Ruth A. (Mrs. Davis) was next in the order of birth; Sarah M., 1819, married Edmund Dikeman, of Newtown; William H., 1822, married (first) Betsey Booth, of Woodbury, and (second) Margaret Smith, a native of Jamaica, West Indies; and Catherine E., 1826, married George B. Ambler, of Trumbull. None of these children are now living except Mrs. Davis, William H. and Catherine E. The father died on March 4, 1860, the mother preceding him to the grave.

HON. ARTHUR C. WHEELER, mayor of the city of Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn., was born August 26, 1856, and is a representative of one of the old families in New England.

Benjamin Wheeler, grandfather of our subject, settled in the town of Wilton, where he operated a saw and grist mill. He married Permelia Boughton, and the following is the record of their three children: Charles H.; Betsey married Rev. A. B. Pulling, a Methodist minister, and both are now deceased; and John B. is a mechanic in a sewing-machine factory at South Norwalk. Benjamin Wheeler was a devout Methodist. He passed to his final rest in January, 1880, in Wilton.

Charles H. Wheeler was born in the town of Ridgefield, and engaged in teaching until failing health compelled him to change his vocation. He left the school-room with deep regret, as he was one of those instructors who love their work, and the private school which he had for some years successfully conducted in Norwalk was abundant testimony of the thoroughness of his methods. He took a patriotic interest in municipal affairs, and from 1884 to 1890 served as first selectman of the town of Norwalk, being elected on the Republican ticket. He married Anna E. Canfield, a daughter of Daniel Canfield, a native of the town of Lewisboro, Westchester Co., N.Y., and the young couple at once located

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at Norwalk, where their three children were born and educated: Mary E., who married Seaman W. Haines, formerly of Ledyard, N. Y., but now of Chulavista, Cal.; Carrie V., wife of Charles W. Littell, of Norwalk; and Arthur C., our subject.

Arthur C. Wheeler passed his boyhood in Norwalk, and at the age of fourteen he left the schoolroom and entered the office of John P. Beatty Bros., as an errand boy, at a salary of three dollars per week. For two years he held this position, but his cheerful willingness and ready obedience had attracted the attention of those in authority, and he began to make rapid advancement, his first step being to the duties of shipping clerk, and the last to that of general manager and superintendent of the factory. In 1888 Beatty Bros. retired, and then the erstwhile errand boy took the business for himself, manufacturing men's straw hats exclusively, and employing from 125 to 150 people. Not a position in the establishment but its details are understood by the proprietor, not from observation, but from experience—from the lowest to the highest, a magnificent record, one filled with lessons of fidelity to duty, prudence, foresight, and business sagacity and executive ability; a success that might turn a man's head, but which has produced no effect upon the genial, courteous manufacturer, who, firm, self-reliant, pursues his course, unaltered and unmoved by the success that has crowned his efforts. His decisive character, which in no way permits of vacillation, is nowhere so clearly demonstrated as in his political views, wherein he is first, last and always a Republican. From 1886 to 1895 he was committeeman of his school district, and has always shown a deep interest in matters educational. When Norwalk was a borough, Mr. Wheeler served as a member of the court of burgesses, and in 1893, when Norwalk became a city, he was a member of the original city council, where he served as chairman of the committee on lights, and made the contract for lighting the city for ten years. In 1895 he was elected mayor of Norwalk, and in October, 1896, was re-elected to the same office. His loyalty to his native town, his interest in her welfare, and his progressive spirit, make him truly a fitting person for the first office of the city.

On June 23, 1880, Arthur C. Wheeler was united in marriage with Miss Susan Cousins, a daughter of Thomas Cousins, formerly of Brooklyn, but now engaged in the manufacture of shoes at Norwalk (he came to this country from England in 1850). Two children have brought joy to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler—Ernest C. and H. Arthur. Our subject and his wife are communicants of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Mr. Wheeler is prominently connected with various fraternal societies. He is past master of St. John's Lodge No. 6, F. & A. M.; eminent commander of Clinton Commandery No. 3; grand junior deacon of the Grand Lodge of Free Masons of the State of Connecticut, and secretary of the Benjamin Isaacs Masonic and Benevolent Association; he is a member and past grand of Our Brothers Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 10; member of Kabosa Encampment, I. O. O. F., and is now grand patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Connecticut. He is also a past officer in the Insurance Order, Improved Order of Heptasophs, which lodge he was appointed to represent in Louisville, Ky., in May, 1897. The Social Club bears his name on its roll, but in his home Mr. Wheeler finds his pleasanter social relations, and in their beautiful residence he and his hospitable wife entertain liberally.

Mr. Wheeler is one of the directors of the Fairfield County Savings Bank. Among the varied kinds and classes of people met with in daily life, Arthur C. Wheeler belongs to those whom good men delight to honor.

EMIL LOUIS WEISS, M. D. Few members of the medical profession have enjoyed as thorough preparation for practice as has this well-known physician of Danbury, and fortunately he has the ability to make full use of his opportunities.

Born in Danbury June 15, 1859, of German parentage, our subject secured an elementary education in the public schools of that city, and at the age of ten years was sent to Carlsruhe, Germany, his father's native place, in order to pursue a course of study in the State Gymnasium. On graduating from that institution, in 1880, he entered the University of Strassburg, and later studied in the university at Tubingen, where he took his first examination in medicine, then studied at Munich, where he passed the State examination in 1887, and later at Leipsic, where he passed his special test for the degree of Doctor. In October, 1887, he went into the service of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, as physician on board their ships, and remained with that company four years, making trips between Bremen and South America, Australia and New York City. In October, 1891, he entered the hospitals at Berlin for clinical work, and continued his studies there until May,

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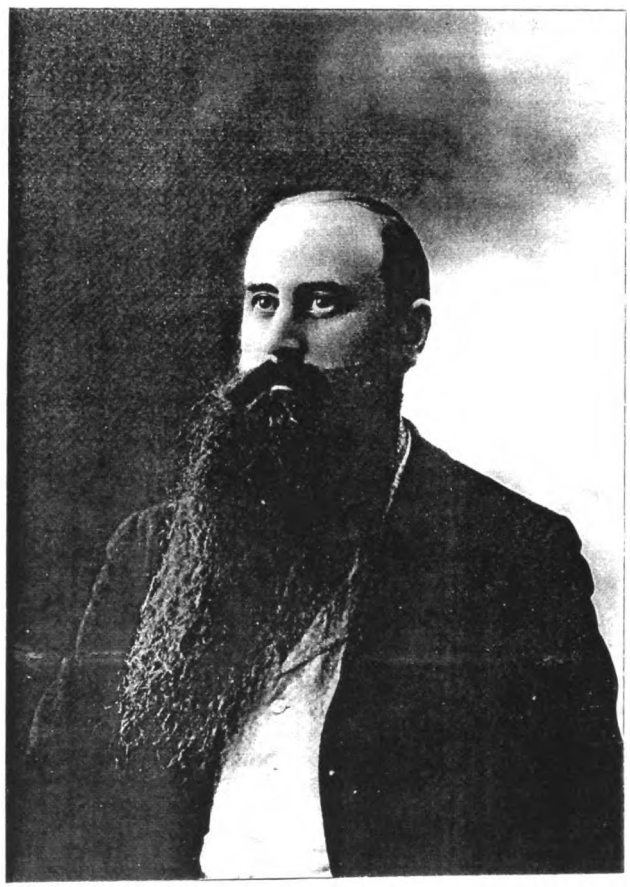

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1892, when he returned to the United States to engage in the practice of his profession. He first located in Ansonia, Conn., forming a partnership with Dr. Henry Steudel, which still continues. In November, 1893, he left that practice in the hands of Doctor Steudel, and removed to Danbury, there to open an office. His ability and skill speedily gained recognition, and he now enjoys an enviable practice. He is a prominent member of the German Medical Society of the State, and at present holds the office of treasurer thereof. While he takes a general interest in all movements of the times, he has always remained neutral in politics.

On November 1, 1894, Doctor Weiss was married to Miss Albertina Witte, a native of Bremen, Germany, where her father, Henry Witte, was stationed as consul from Brazil. Her mother, Joacquina (Machado) Witte, was of Brazilian blood.

The late Ernest Weiss, father of our subject, was born at Carlsruhe, Germany, and died at Bethel, Conn., in 1880. He had a family of seven children, as follows: (1) Louis, born December 6, 1857, died January 24, 1859; (2) Emil Louis is our subject; (3) Charles Rudolph, born in May, 1861, died in May, 1868; (4) Ernest, born August 4, 1863, died October 5, same year; (5) W. Wilhelmina, born March 28, 1863, is now Mrs. W. G. Myers, of Bethel; (6) Louise Amelia, born June 9, 1865, died April 30, 1881; (7) Lizzie, born August 9, 1867, is the wife of Willis B. Judd, of Bethel, Connecticut.

JOHN BRIZELL. The advent of a man, who is well-informed in regard to his profession is always to the advantage of any community, and he is sure to prove an acquisition to the social world. The gentleman whose name opens this brief review is a native of Liverpool, England, born August 18, 1860.

The father of our subject, also named John, was a native of the same place, but in early life he emigrated to the United States, settling in Philadelphia, where he became interested in a manufactory. He married Eliza Graham, also a native of Liverpool, and to them were born eight children, three of whom are living: James, a broker in Liverpool; John, our subject; and Robert, a contractor in Liverpool. The father of these children died in 1896, loved and honored by all who knew him. He served as a councilman in Liverpool, and was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. The mother is still living.

John Brizell passed his boyhood days in Liverpool, England, and acquired his education at a private school in his native city. After graduation he was placed under the tuition of Dr. G. Hayes, a veterinary surgeon, and a generally recognized leader in that line, with whom he remained about four years, or until the Doctor's death when he bought out the practice, and also the horse-shoeing department, which there, as it should be everywhere, is a part of the veterinary surgeon's profession. Immediately after buying out this practice, Doctor Brizell entered the Edinburgh New Veterinary College, remaining there three years, and graduating therefrom with the class of '82. In the meantime his Liverpool practice had been attended to by a partner, and after his graduation he continued same until 1887, when, in order to secure better facilities and wider scope for his work, he came to America, locating in Dayton, Ohio; he remained there only a short time, however, going thence to Cynthiana, Ky., where he remained six years. He was eminently successful here, but in 1894, he went to York, Penn., where he made his home for one and one-half years, on August 10, 1895, coming to Bridgeport. Here he has a large and lucrative practice. In November, 1895, he established the Veterinary Hospital, at the corner of Harrison and Fairfield avenues, the only institution of its kind in Fairfield county, where he is also conducting a horse-shoeing and dentistry department, thus making it the largest and most complete hospital for veterinary purposes in this section, with Doctor Brizell, who is conceded by all to be an expert in his line, at its head.

On October 15, 1881, at Edinburgh, Doctor Brizell was married to Miss Robina White, and two children have blessed this union: Ernest Graham and Ethel Frances. In politics the Doctor is an ardent Republican, and in religious faith he is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Socially he is connected with the Merchants Lodge of Masonry No. 241, at Liverpool, and the Knights of Pythias, in Kentucky.

GEORGE W. BARNUM. One of the most pleasant homes in the charming little city of Sherman is that of Mr. and Mrs. Barnum, characterized, as it is by an atmosphere of refinement and culture. Mr. Barnum is especially gifted as a musician, and both take much interest in all that pertains to that art. They are related to several of the leading families of the section, as will be seen from the following account.

Mr. Barnum was born in the town of New Fairfield, April 1, 1826, the son of Gorham Barnum. He received a common-school education, and has always held an honorable place in the

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community. In politics he is a stanch Republican, but he has never been an aspirant for official rewards for party fealty. In July, 1888, he married Mrs. Jane (Spencer) Stuart, whose intelligence and force of character have made her a true helpmeet.

The Spencer family were early residents of the town of Sherman, and Nathan Spencer, Mrs. Barnum's grandfather, who was born and reared there, was a successful farmer of his locality. During the war of 1812 he served in the army as a musician, and the exposure and hardships to which he was subjected shortened his life, as he was never strong after his return. He married Miss Mary White, of Danbury, whose parents were either lost or killed at the time of the burning of that city by the British during the Revolutionary war, nothing being heard from them afterward. Nathan and Mary Spencer had four children: Betsey, who married Miles Dingey; Ferdinand, Mrs. Barnum's father; Mary, who married a Mr. Clever; and Esther, wife of Isaac Tripp. Ferdinand Spencer was born in February, 1811, in the town of Sherman, where he learned the mason's trade, following same during the greater part of his life, although he was also interested in agriculture. He was an influential worker in the Republican party, and held various town offices, and he was very active in religious matters as a member of the Congregational Church at Sherman. He married Miss Hannah Curtis, by whom he had two children: Jane (Mrs. Barnum), and Charles F., who was born April 8, 1839.

On the maternal side Mrs. Barnum is descended from the Curtis and Paddock families. Her mother, Hannah Curtis, was born at Salem, N. Y., the daughter of Abner and Fannie (Paddock) Curtis, and was educated there and in the common schools at Bridgewater, Conn., whither her parents removed during her girlhood. She was one of a family of seven children, whose names with dates of birth are as follows: Abner, Jr., January 28, 1804; Stiles, 1806; Phœbe, December 5, 1808; Hannah, February 27, 1811; David, April 25, 1813; R ——, July 31, 1816; and Mary, May 13, 1821.

Nathaniel Paddock, Mrs. Barnum's great-grandfather, was born October 25, 1744, at Salem, N. Y., and his educational opportunities were limited to the common schools of that time and locality. He possessed a remarkable memory, as an evidence of which it is stated that he could repeat a sermon almost word for word the day after he heard it. By occupation he was a blacksmith. On September 24, 1773, he married Miss Mary Crane, and they had the following children: Abial, born October 5, 1774; Sarah, September 2, 1776; Eunice, October 3, 1778; Fannie, August 26, 1780; Mary, August 17, 1782; Thankful, September 24, 1784; Ruhamah, October 29, 1786; Elizabeth, November 15, 1788; Silas, November 15, 1791; Margaret, April 15, 1793; Bethia, June 8, 1795; and Lydia, June, 1797. Fannie Paddock, Mrs. Barnum's grandmother, was born and reared at Salem, N. Y., and attained the advanced age of eighty-four years, her death occurring December 10, 1864.

Mrs. Barnum was born April 3, 1836, in the town of Sherman, where she obtained a good common-school education. She married (first) Abel W. Stuart, a prosperous agriculturist of the same town, who was born there in October, 1826, and died October 15, 1885.

ERASTUS RUSCOE, one of the substantial and well-to-do citizens of the town of Wilton, is a son of Stephen Ruscoe, and grandson of James Ruscoe.

James Ruscoe, the grandfather, was born in the town of South Salem, N. Y., and was there educated. From the time of completing his education he followed farming the remainder of his life. Politically he was a strong Republican, and he was a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilton. He married Miss Anna Hoyt, of Wilton, and by her had the following children: Stephen, who married Annie Raymond; Darius, who married Ora Keeler; Eliza, who married Rumsey Fancher; Celesta, who married Richard Morgan; James, who married Celeste Brown; and Rufus, who married Sallie Ann Ruscoe. Of these sons, Stephen Ruscoe was born in the town of Lewisborough, (formerly South Salem), September 23, 1794. There he obtained his early education in the district schools, afterward learning the shoemaker's trade, and then established a manufacturing business at Vista, N. Y., which he conducted during his life. During training days he was lieutenant of a company, and in politics he was a strong Republican, holding the office of justice of the peace for thirty years, and also other important offices. For many years he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilton. On October 19, 1815, he married Miss Annie Raymond, who was born December 24, 1795, a daughter of Sands and Esther Raymond, of Lewisburg, N. Y. By her he had the following children: Julia, born October 9, 1816, married William Fancher; Chauncey, born May 29, 1818, married Eliza J. Hoyt; Hiram, born January 15, 1820, married Emily Hoyt; Erastus is our sub-

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ject; Alva L., born August 25, 1829, married Julia A. Sturgess; and Andrus, born August 2, 1831, married Jane Gilbert.

Erastus Ruscoe was born February 19, 1823, in the town in which he now resides. Having received his early education in the common schools, he then learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked until 1860, when for a time he engaged in the butcher business, and later followed farming. He enlisted in Company C, 2d Conn. H. A., and served twenty months. At the battle of Cold Harbor he was wounded, and now receives a pension on account of his wound. Politically, he has always been a strong Republican, but has never aspired to public office, and in religion he is a Methodist, being a member of the Bald Hill Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has served as steward and trustee. He married Miss Mary F. Sturgess, daughter of William Sturgess, of Kent, or South Wilton. To this marriage there have been born two children: (1) Nettie, married Jesse Fillow, a butcher of Wilton, but died soon after her marriage. (2) William E. was born in the town of Wilton, was educated there and learned the stonecutter's trade, at which he has worked ever since. He married Miss Elizabeth LeRoy, by whom he has four children: Susie, Coley, Clarence and Edgar. Erastus Ruscoe, after the death of his first wife, married Mrs. Seymour, widow of the late Charles Seymour, and daughter of Walter Smith. Mr. Smith was born in Ridgefield, Conn., there learned the tailor's trade, and worked at the same the most of his life, but in his later years engaged in farming. Politically he was a strong Democrat, but never held public office. He married Miss Esther Treat, daughter of Richard and Esther (Hines) Treat, and by her had the following children: Richard, who married Eliza Pike; Sherman, who remains single: William, who married Mary Sommers; Sidney, who married Amelia Hull; Mary, wife of Jesse Bradley; Harriet, wife of William Abbott, and Jane Esther (Mrs. Erastus Ruscoe).

ALVA L. RUSCOE, a son of Stephen and Annie (Raymond) Ruscoe, was born in the town of South Salem, N. Y., August 25, 1829. Having completed his education in the common schools of that town, he then learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked for a few years, and for eighteen years subsequently was engaged in the butcher business. Since then he has been engaged in farming. Owing to a deformity of his hand he was unable to serve in the Civil war. Politically he was originally a Whig, later a strong Republican. He is a member of the Sons of Temperance, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married Miss Julia Ann Sturgess, who was born August 1, 1829, a daughter of William and Caroline (Howlett) Sturgess, of Wilton. To this union have been born two children: Frank, who died young, and Elbert, who was born in the town of Wilton, August 25, 1852. After completing his education in the common schools he learned the stone mason's trade, and at this he has since been employed. He married Miss Celia Brown, by whom he has one child, Theron, born February 14, 1880. Our subject is held in high regard as a man and citizen by his many lifelong friends and acquaintances of Fairfield county.

F. C. BENJAMIN & CO., of Danbury, dealers in flour, feed, grain, salt, concrete, roofing materials and other commodities, have scored a signal success in the business world, having built up an extensive trade since the organization of the firm in 1891. They own their elevator, which is three stories high, and covers 60 x 120 feet of ground, and also have a storehouse on the tracks of the New York & New Haven railroad. A thirty-horse power boiler and engine are required to do the work of grinding and elevating, and in addition to this they use a five-horse power gas engine in certain lines of work. All their grain is shipped from the West directly to them, and an idea of the growth of their business may be obtained from the fact that they began with one carload of goods and now carry from twenty to twenty-five carloads. In connection with the concrete and roofing business they keep on hand all kinds of cements and paints. It would be difficult to find a more thoroughly progressive and enterprising firm than this, and the following brief personal account of the partners, Frederick C. and William Benjamin, will be read with interest.

Frederick C. Benjamin, the head of the firm, has been prominently identified with the manufacture of hat wire, having been the sole proprietor of the patent three-fourths round hat wire. The business was founded by him in 1885 in partnership with C. S. Andrews and A. A. Trowbridge, under the name of the Hatters Supply Company, but in 1890 he purchased the entire interest. In 1894, when the firm of F. C. Benjamin & Co. was formed, he discontinued the manufacture of hat wire. This able and energetic young business man was born in Danbury, February 5, 1864, the son of Charles and Julia A. (Fairchild) Benjamin, and, after receiving a public-school education in his native city, left home at the age of fifteen to work on a farm. He

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spent two years in this occupation, and, finding the life less congenial than that of the city, he returned to Danbury and found employment in a hat shop, where he became familiar with all branches of the work. In 1885 he founded the Hatters Supply Company, as stated, and from that time his history contains only a record of widening effort rewarded by constant success. His business affairs are too engrossing to permit him to pay attention to practical politics, if he had the inclination, but he is a close observer of current events, and in sentiment is a stanch Democrat.

William B. Benjamin, the junior partner, was born August 23, 1861, in Danbury, and was educated in the common schools of that city. On leaving school he began his business career as a clerk for L. S. Benedict & Son, now A. G. Benedict, and after six years with this firm he spent one year with Peck & Wildman. He was then appointed letter-carrier, the first in the city of Danbury, and held this position for nine years. Since then he has been engaged in business with his brother. He takes much interest in fraternal society work, and is a member of Union Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter, R. A. M.; the Royal Arcanum, the Knights of Honor, and the Improved Order of Red Men. Like his brother, he is a Democrat politically. On January 12, 1897, Mr. Benjamin was married to Miss Lizzie Gavin, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Her father, John Gavin, died in 1896; her mother, whose maiden name was Hannah Croxson, is still living.

The Benjamin family has been prominent in Danbury from an early date, and the late Charles Benjamin, the father of our subjects, was born there in 1818, the son of Delancy and Deroxy Benjamin. He was a hatter by trade. His death occurred in 1872, and his wife, who was born in Danbury in 1830, is still residing there. They had six children: Frank (who died in childhood), Jennie A., William B., Florence, Frederick C. and Thomas. The Fairchilds are of Colonial stock, and Mrs. Benjamin's grandfather Fairchild was a soldier in the Revolutionary army. Her father, Franklin Fairchild, was a leading politician of the locality in his day, serving for eight years, or two terms, as postmaster of Danbury, and for some time he was deputy sheriff of Fairfield county.

MRS. MARY F. PARTRICK was born in the town of Wilton, Conn., September 20, 1845, and received her education in the public schools there. For her first husband she married Sturges Abbott, a shoemaker of Wilton. Mrs. Partrick is a granddaughter of Halsey and Phebe Partrick, the former of whom was also born in the town of Wilton, and followed farming all his life. He had the following named children: Noah, Bradford, Silas, George, Mary A., Fannie, William, Charles and Zilla.

Charles Partrick, the eighth child and sixth son of Halsey Partrick, and the father of Mrs. Mary F. Partrick, was born in the town of Wilton in 1815. After receiving an education in the public schools of that town he learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked the greater part of his life, and he owned a farm which now belongs to our subject. Charles Partrick married, for his first wife, Miss Harriet Van Hoovier, a daughter of David Van Hoovier, of Wilton, Conn., and by her had one child, Mary F., the subject of this sketch, who as stated above married, for her first husband, Sturges Abbott. For his second wife, Mr. Partrick married Susan Hoyt, a daughter of Francis Hoyt, of Wilton; by this union there were no children.

Sturges Abbott was a patriotic soldier in the war of the Rebellion, enlisting in Company K, Third Conn. Vol. Inf., and serving three months. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott were parents of children as follows: Charles, who married Mary Hill; Arthur, who married Ettie Banks; Richard, unmarried; and two that died in infancy. After the death of Mr. Abbott, Mrs. Abbott married Henry B. Partrick, her second cousin, and a son of Burr Partrick, who is a farmer of Wilton township, and one child blessed this marriage, Martha Jane Partrick.

DOCTOR WILLIAM H. MURRAY is of Irish descent, and his parents, Patrick and Catherine (Conboy) Murray, were both born in the Emerald Isle; they are still living, both being past seventy. They resided in New York for a time after coming to America, but later settled in Danbury. Eight children blessed their union, of whom our subject is now the only survivor.

Doctor Murray was born September 22, 1865, in New York City. He was educated in the public schools of Danbury, the family having located there during his boyhood, and at Villa Nova College, in Delaware county, Penn., and on completing his course there he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. There he spent two years, subsequently completing his medical course at Bellevue Hospital Medical College, graduating in March, 1890. He immediately opened an office at Danbury, where he practiced, his success being es-

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tablished at the start. In politics the Doctor is a Democrat, and he is prominent socially as a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters of America, Court Pahquioque No. 38. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic.

On February 25, 1897, our subject was married, at St. Peter's Church, to Miss Mary Feeley, the ceremony being performed by Rev. M. J. Traynor.

MAURICE T. FITZGERALD (deceased) was for many years a prominent resident of Bridgeport, and his kindly heart and genial manner won for him a wide circle of friends. His death, which occurred October 2, 1898, cut short a career which had given many evidences of personal worth, and keen sympathy was felt in the community for the bereaved family.

Mr. Fitzgerald was born December 13, 1859, in Guilford, Vt., son of Maurice and Mary (O'Donnell) Fitzgerald. The father, who was a native of County Kerry, Ireland, came to America in the "forties," and settled in Vermont, where he followed the slate-cutter's trade. Our subject was the second in a family of three children, the others being an elder brother, Thomas (now deceased), and a younger sister, Miss Eliza. The first eighteen years of his life were spent in Vermont, and in 1881 he came to Bridgeport, where he was employed for about four years by a Mr. Cullinan, an undertaker. In April, 1885, he established himself in the liquor business at the corner of Middle and Wall streets, and there he built up a fine trade. While he had a good local wholesale custom, he was chiefly engaged in the retail business, with a large family trade. Politically he was a Democrat, and his influence was a recognized factor in partisan affairs.

Mr. Fitzgerald married Miss Mary Morrissey, a native of Bridgeport, and daughter of Thomas Morrissey, a well-known citizen of that place. Three children were born of this union: Mary A., Maurice T., Jr., and Grace J., who are at home with the widowed mother. The family is connected with the Catholic Church, and Mr. Fitzgerald was also identified with various fraternal orders, including the Foresters of America, the Knights of Columbus, and the brotherhood of the Union.

LOUIS JOFFEE, one of the bright progressive younger men of Ridgefield, and a well-known merchant tailor and men's furnisher, is a native of Germany, born in 1867.

In his native land Mr. Joffee learned his trade, and he followed it there until coming to America in 1887. In New York City he remained some time, taking a course of instruction in cutting and fitting, preparing himself to become master of all the details of his business. From New York City he removed to Bridgeport, Conn., where he worked at his trade until 1892, in that year coming to Ridgefield, where he opened out a merchant-tailoring establishment—the first that had been in the city for some sixteen years. Beginning in a small and unpretentious way, he has by careful application to business and skillful work built up a large and growing business, having among his patrons many of the New York summer residents of Ridgefield. In 1895 a large portion of the business part of the town was destroyed by fire, and Mr. Joffee suffered with the rest, his entire establishment being consumed. After that event he located in the new Masonic building on Main street, where he has added to his merchant-tailoring business a full line of men's furnishings. Socially, Mr. Joffee is a member of New Jerusalem Lodge No. 49, F. & A. M., and of Pilgrim Lodge No. 49, I. O. O. F.

JOHN C. SHERWOOD, of the New England Flag & Regalia Company, Stamford, Conn., is a native of Connecticut, having been born October 18, 1845, in Greenwich.

John S. Sherwood, the father of our subject, was a native of Nelson, Ohio, whence he went to New York City, where for a time he was principal of public schools; coming to Connecticut he kept a boarding and day school for boys in Greenwich, which later he removed to Danbury, in the same State. He married Miss Harriet Newell Cotter, who was born in West Cornwall, Litchfield Co., Connecticut.

John C. Sherwood, our subject, passed his early school days at West Cornwall, Conn., where he lived with his grandmother Cotter. Afterward he attended Cream Hill Agricultural School, and still later the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Being now equipped for business life, Mr. Sherwood clerked for three years in West Cornwall, Conn., during the succeeding four years conducting in the same city a tin and stove business. For some fifteen years thereafter he was engaged in the milk and produce trade at Washington, Litchfield Co., Conn., and in April, 1889, he came to Stamford, where he has since been connected with what is now known as the New England Flag & Regalia Company, conducting the only industry of its kind in Stamford. Under the head of Society goods,

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alone, there is a wonderfully long list of tasteful and curious things made in this factory—articles for use, for ornament, and for purely symbolic purposes. It includes lodge-room furnishings, with all that implies of various quaint and strange affairs, the purposes of which would be a puzzle for all outside the mystic circles. The national ensign is also made there in quantities and of any size required.

Our subject was married at West Cornwall, Conn., to Miss Ellen C. Hart, daughter of Nathan Hart, and two children grace their union: Herbert Francis and Nathan Hart. Socially, Mr. Sherwood is affiliated with Rippawan Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the Encampment; also with the Knights of Pythias, the order of American Mechanics, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Knights of the Mystic Shrine, and the Knights of the Maccabees. He is also Deputy State Councilor of the Daughters of Liberty. In religious faith he is a member of the Congregational Church, and in political affiliations he is a Republican.

VALENTINE GREEN, better known among his friends and neighbors in Greenwich township as "Volney" Green, is a member of a highly honored family of that section of Fairfield county. The home he occupies is over 110 years old, and the farm which he operates has been owned and cultivated by the Greens for four generations.

James Green, the great-grandfather of Volney Green, was a farmer, and ended his days on the home place, dying of gangrene in his eighty-ninth year. He was buried in the private cemetery of the Green family. He had a numerous family of children, and among the younger members was Benjamin, who was born October 24, 1774, on the homestead. Benjamin Green was reared to farm life, which he followed in his early manhood, but not many years after his marriage he removed to New York City, where for some time he carried on a grocery business at the corner of Orchard and Division streets. He passed the remainder of his life on the homestead. Mr. Green was twice married, his first wife being Deborah Lawrence, a native of New York State, who was born May 8, 1789, and by whom he had nine children, born as follows: George W., January 10, 1810 (he was a grocer, and died in New York City); A. L., October 31, 1811; William, August 30, 1815; Charles B., July 25, 1818; Benjamin, September 17, 1820; Charles E., November 21, 1822; Thomas, November 24, 1826; Dewitt C., February 28, 1829 (he resides in New York City); and Deborah L., August 11, 1832 (she is the wife of Benjamin F. Hyatt, of Greenville, Conn.). The mother of these passed away March 10, 1833, and was laid to rest in the Green cemetery. The father afterward married Eunice Husted, who survived him, dying at a ripe old age. He breathed his last on August 11, 1840, and was interred in the family cemetery. Mr. Green was a large and powerful man, weighing 240 pounds. At one time he was a supporter of the Democratic party, but later in life he transferred his political allegiance to the Whigs.

A. L. Green, the father of our subject, was born on the old home farm, and is still living there. He was a mere infant when his parents removed to New York City, as above related, and there he passed his early life, attending the public schools for a number of years. In his thirteenth year the family returned to the farm in Greenwich, where he acquired his early experience in his life work. After his marriage he located on his father's farm in Rye township, Westchester Co., N. Y., whence, after a residence of several years he returned to Greenwich, and since his father's death he has made his home on the farm of his birth, which was his share of the paternal estate. He now owns seventy-five acres, having added to the original tract, and was actively engaged in the work of cultivating his land until about five years ago, since when he has lived retired. In his day he was, like his father, a powerful man, and has accomplished the unusual feat of laying up eight rods of stone fence in a day, handling every stone himself. Although advanced in years he is well preserved, mentally as well as physically, and he is esteemed and venerated by his numerous acquaintances and friends throughout Greenwich, where he is well known. In his early manhood he filled several local positions of honor and trust, and was once "Hog Hayward" of Greenwich township, an office which was long since discontinued.

On August 20, 1834, Mr. Green married Sally M. Taylor, who was born May 17, 1813, in Greenwich, the daughter of Joseph Taylor, an employe of the woolen factory at Glenville. Nine children came to bless their home, of whom, Malvina married Levi Bailey, and died in Greenwich; Joseph is a silver plater of Bridgeport, Conn.; Lawrence lives in White Plains, N. Y.; Valentine; Norval is a painter, and makes his home in Greenwich; George; Phillipene is dead; Emma married W. M. Ritch, of East Port Chester; Herman makes his home in Stamford, Conn. Four of the sons—Joseph, Lawrence, Norval and George—entered the Union service

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during the Civil war, and all returned home safely. The mother of this family was called from earth in August, 1888, and sleeps her last sleep in the Green family cemetery. Mr. Green has since remarried, his present wife being Jessie, daughter of Dean and Catherine (Palmer) Worden; she was born in Greenwich township. Mr. and Mrs. Green are devout members of the Methodist Church in King Street, in which he has held office at various times. He voted for Henry Clay when that gentleman was the Presidential candidate, and has not cast his ballot since.

Valentine Green has spent his entire life on the home farm. He received his education in the public schools of Glenville, and was his father's assistant in the farm work from an early age, having given all his time during active life to the cultivation and improvement of the home place. His life has been quiet and unassuming, and for industry and sterling integrity no man in the township commands or deserves greater respect. Public affairs and office have no charm for him, and though he has been a stanch supporter of the Republican party ever since he cast his first Presidential vote, in 1804, for Abraham Lincoln, he has taken no active part in political matters.

OSCAR SMITH, a well-known architect and builder residing in Westport, is a man who commands in a high degree the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens. In early manhood he gave proof of his patriotism by gallant service in the Union army, and in private life he has manifested the sterling qualities of character which belong to good citizenship.

Mr. Smith is related to several of the leading families of Fairfield county, and on the paternal side is of the fourth generation in descent from Lieut. Henry Smith, who came from England during the Revolutionary war with Burgoyne's army; but as his sympathies were with the struggling Colonists, he deserted and joined Washington's forces, with which he served until peace was declared. He was married in Westport and for a number of years resided there, but his death occurred in Litchfield, where his remains were interred.

Aaron Smith, a son of the old hero and the grandfather of our subject, was born in Westport where he made his permanent home upon a farm, and in addition to the management of the place he carried on the shoemaker's trade. He married a Miss Batterson, also of Westport, and they had eight children, viz.: Harry (our subject's father), George, Burr, Allen, Caroline, Emeline, Sarah and Mary.

Harry Smith, the father of our subject, was born March 5, 1812, in Westport, where he followed the shoemaker's trade. While he was not a politician, he took keen interest in all that concerned the welfare of his country, and in sentiment he was a stanch Republican. He married Harriet Marvin, who was a native of Norwalk and a descendant of an old French family. They were devout Methodists, and their large family was reared in the same faith. Of their twelve children, the eldest, Sarah M., is unmarried; George B., a resident of Westport, is a carpenter by trade, and is also engaged in the insurance business; Charles H. died in infancy; Aaron is a blacksmith in Norwalk; Oscar, our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Esther M., widow of Robert M. Potter, resides in Westport; Theodore is engaged in the foundry business in Norwalk; Homer, a resident of Port Chester, N. Y., is in the house-furnishing business; Eugene is a machinist in New Haven; Franklin died when eight years old; Frederick died in infancy; and Elmer resides in New York City, where he is a manufacturing jeweler.

Our subject was born June 29, 1842, in the town of Wilton, but his youth was spent chiefly in Westport, his education being obtained in the schools of that locality. During boyhood he clerked for a time in a grocery in Westport village, and later he was employed in an edge-tool factory at Port Chester, N. Y., but he did not follow that business long. On August 28, 1862, he was sworn into the Union service as a member of Company F, 17th C. V. I., and during his three years of service he took part in numerous important engagements, including the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. He was with the forces that captured Jacksonville, Fla., and other Southern towns, and did not return to the paths of peace until the war ended, being mustered out in July, 1865, at New Haven. He then engaged in his present business at Westport, in which he has met with substantial success. In politics he is a stanch Republican, active and influential in local affairs, having for six years been a member of the town committee, and he is now serving as selectman, having been elected in 1896, and again in 1897. Socially, he is prominent in connection with the G. A. R. and the Masonic Fraternity, having been an active member of Temple Lodge No. 65, F. & A. M., since about 1874, and he is also identified with Washington Chapter, R. A. M.

On July 22, 1875, Mr. Smith married Miss Elizabeth Allen, daughter of Harvey Allen, a

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leading citizen of Westport. She passed to the unseen life October 8, 1895, leaving one daughter, Bessie.

LUTHER M. WRIGHT. "Diligence," once said a wise observer, "is a fair estate," and so it has proved in the case of this energetic young business man of South Norwalk. Few have begun life under less favorable circumstances, yet few men of his age in this section have attained as high a standing in the business world, or have brighter prospects before them. Mr. Wright was born September 21, 1867, at Whitestone, Long Island, and is of English descent on the paternal side. His grandfather, Jonathan Wright, a farmer on Long Island, lived to the advanced age of ninety-seven years, but John Wright, our subject's father, who was a fisherman by occupation, met his death by drowning in 1870 when in the prime of life. As Mr. Wright, our subject, was only three years old at that time he has no personal recollection of his father, and he does not even know the name of his mother, who also died during his childhood. He was the youngest in a family of six children, and the others are now living on Long Island.

Soon after the death of his parents Luther M. Wright was placed in an orphan asylum in Brooklyn, where he remained three years, and later he was sent to the home of a farmer in Massachusetts. There he remained until he reached the age of thirteen years, when he removed to South Norwalk, Conn., and began to learn the trade of blacksmith. After three years he went to New York City to perfect his knowledge of the business, then in October, 1886, he returned to South Norwalk and opened a shop of his own, where he gradually built up a large trade as a carriage maker. From time to time he has enlarged his establishment until he now employs twenty-three workmen in the various branches and departments. His factory and repository is located at the corner of Franklin and Madison streets, South Norwalk, and in addition to a complete line of carriages of all kinds he keeps a stock of harnesses, whips and similar goods. Through his branch establishments at Darien and Norwalk he controls the trade over a large section, and as he is a believer in the efficacy of advertising he makes use of all legitimate measures to introduce his goods to public notice.

In 1889 Mr. Wright was married to Miss Angie Smith, daughter of William P. Smith, a well-known citizen of South Norwalk, and his home is brightened by three children: Robert, Frank, and Edna. In politics he is a Republican, but while he takes keen interest in the success of his party he has never been active as a politician. His habits are strictly temperate, and in all his relations with others he is governed by a high sense of honor. Business interests occupy his time chiefly, yet he is well-liked socially, and he is a member of the Order of Red Men, of the South Norwalk Club, and of the Putnam Hose Company.

JOSEPH D. GOULDEN (deceased), for many years the proprietor of the drug business now conducted by the firm of E. C. Goulden & Co., was in his lifetime one of the representative, prosperous and progressive citizens of Stamford, Fairfield county, active in business and public affairs, and highly respected by all classes. His death, which occurred when he was a comparatively young man, brought to the community, in which he had so long been a prominent member, what was regarded as a public loss, and his memory is held in sacred esteem by a host of friends and acquaintances in Fairfield county.

Mr. Goulden was born September 19, 1859, in the town of Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., where the father died when Joseph was a small boy. There he was reared, and he received his early education at the schools of Fairfield and Southport, Conn., some years later in life attending college for a time. He commenced his life work as a clerk in a drug store at Manchester, Conn., subsequently owning a drug store in that town in partnership with W. H. Cheney, for about three years. In 1888 he came to Stamford and bought out the drug business of Wilbur E. Lewis, continuing it on his own account until his decease, in December, 1896. The business was enlarged and the establishment materially improved during these years, Mr. Goulden winning the confidence of the people along with their patronage, and in return taking a lively interest in the welfare and advancement of his adopted town. His influence in public affairs was felt throughout Fairfield county, and in 1894 his fellow citizens gave substantial proof of their opinion of his worth by nominating and electing him representative to the State Legislature from his District on the Republican ticket. That he proved himself equal to his part and the expectations of his constituency may be concluded from the fact that in 1896 he was nominated for State Senator, an honor which he was obliged to decline on account of ill health, and he passed away not many months later, at Welaka, Florida. Mr. Goulden was married in December, 1885, at

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Fonda, N. Y., to Miss Evelyn C. Reese, daughter of Abram Reese, of that town, and he left one son, Walter Reese. Since her husband's decease Mrs. Goulden has retained his business interests, and is a partner in the drug store which is at present conducted under the firm style of E. C. Goulden & Co., with the same methods, and, consequently, the same success, which marked Mr. Goulden's management.

EDWARD FREYLER. Bridgeport has been peculiarly favored in her young men. Perhaps no city of the size has so many young men who have developed, in early life, the talent for business that usually takes so many years of patient toil in contact with the world. We here present a brief review of the life and character of one whose career justly entitles him to representation in a volume of this kind. Edward Freyler, who was born in Bridgeport, November 18, 1869, is the son of Francis Joseph and Magdalena (Kusterer) Freyler.

Francis Joseph Freyler was a native of Germany, born in 1844, at Mainz, on the banks of the picturesque Rhine, in the Province of Rhein-Hesse, Germany. He spent his early days at his native place, and received all his education before the age of ten. His quick perception and retentive memory had, even at this tender age, secured for him a literary training greatly in advance of his years. In 1854, when at the age most boys are devoted to play, with never a thought or care for the morrow, he came alone to this country to seek his fortune. He located in New York City, and found employment in a confectionery store, where he so devoted himself to business that he soon had mastered all the details, and later opened up an establishment of the same kind for himself. This he conducted with the marked success that is the offspring of business sagacity, as well as close application to business, until late in the "sixties," when he located in Bridgeport, and opened up two confectionery stores, one at the place where "Lane's" now is, and the other on the present site of "Huber's." Both of these he carried on, building up a large and lucrative trade, until in 1884, when he opened a café on Main street, later moving to Cannon street.

He was married in Bridgeport, to Miss Magdalena Kusterer, daughter of Bernhard and Magdalena Kusterer, who died in 1876. Two children were the result of this union: Edward, our subject; and Cora, deceased. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Freyler was again married, this time to Louisa Schreiber, and two daughters were born to them: Carrie and Cora. Mr. Freyler is a member of several of the fraternal societies of Bridgeport, and takes an active part in their work.

Edward Freyler, the subject proper of this sketch, has spent his entire life in his native city. He received his education at the Bridgeport High School, where he distinguished himself as a close student, with remarkable reasoning faculties. For two years he was secretary and treasurer of the Bridgeport Business College, and in 1896, in the office formerly occupied by James Staples & Co., bankers, he engaged in the real-estate and insurance business. He represents fire, life, marine, accident, burglary and live-stock insurance companies, while rents, loans, investments, exchange drafts, &c., are all attended to by him, with the collection of rents a specialty. He handles railroad and steamship tickets, and, by appointment of Gov. Cooke, is a notary public. His office is located at No. 207 State street, and the busy scene therein betokens a business success far beyond that usually acquired by men of his years. To the believer in the laws of heredity, this young man would be an interesting study, and the solution of his remarkable talents a simple problem—German blood, and all that means of industry, integrity and economy, coupled with a New England training. Judging of the future in the light of the past, it is safe to predict that before his sun has gone down in the West, he will have reached the zenith in the commercial world. He is unmarried.

Socially, Mr. Freyler is a member of the Sea Side Club, Bridgeport Wheel Club and Park City Yacht Club; he is also a member of the Bridgeport Real Estate Protective Association.

EDWARD S. PRICE. This enterprising agriculturist is the owner of a fine estate on Huntington road, formerly known as the "Blood farm." For the last seven years he has made a specialty of dairying, in this, as in other departments of his work, meeting with gratifying success.

Mr. Price was born September 12, 1859, at Cornwall, Conn., where his family is well known. Edward E. Price, his father, was also a native of Cornwall, where since early manhood he has been engaged in agricultural work. He and his wife, formerly Miss Julia Lawrence, of the same place, have had six children, of whom two, Edward S. and Charles, are the only survivors.

Our subject was educated in the public schools of Bridgeport. During his youth he became

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familiar with all branches of farm work while assisting his father on the homestead, and as the occupation proved congenial, he has always followed it. In 1891 he purchased his present farm and established his home there. He takes much interest in all that concerns the development of his locality, and is a prominent member of the Trumbull Grange. In 1884 he was married, in Bridgeport, to Miss Ella Morris, of that city, and five children have brightened their home: Maud, Frank, Edward, William and Harriet.

R. W. IRVING, whose place of business has for over twelve years been at No. 464 Main street, Bridgeport, is one of the popular men of the city.

He is a native of New York State, born in January, 1856, in Middletown, Orange county, and is of Scottish ancestry, his grandfather, Robert Walsh Irving, having come from "the land of the mountain and the flood," and settled in New Jersey, where he became an extensive paper manufacturer.

Robert W. Irving, father of our subject, was born in Peekskill, N. Y., from there going to Middletown, same State, and thence to New Milford, Penn., and New Jersey, where, in the city of Elwood, he was storekeeper and postmaster until his death, in 1871. He married Phœbe Storms, who was born in Orange county, N. Y., of English extraction, and whose father was a farmer by occupation. To this union were born three children: Katie, Robert W. and Jessie, of whom, our subject is the only survivor, the daughters having died early in life.

Robert W. Irving passed his boyhood in Middletown, N. Y., thence at the age of eight years removing with his parents to New Milford, Penn. He attended school at both places, and when twelve years old accompanied his parents to Elwood, N. J., there finishing his education. He learned the trade of shoemaker in that city, where he followed same for a time, and he continued at shoemaking for a period of about fourteen years, after his removal from New Jersey working in seven other States. He was engaged at the trade for three years in Bridgeport, Conn., whither he had come in 1881, and on April 8, 1884, he entered his present line of business in Bridgeport in partnership with Jacob Schietinger, under the firm name of Irving & Schietinger. This arrangement continued for seven years, the co-partnership being dissolved at the end of that time, and our subject has since continued in business alone, with the exception of about one year.

On June 23, 1883, Mr. Irving was married to Mrs. Mary Stirling, a daughter of Philo Bassett. There are no children by this union. A Republican in politics, Mr. Irving loyally upholds the platform of the party, but he is no office-seeker in the literal sense of the expression. Socially, he is a member of the Bridgeport Concordia Society; he also belongs to the Bridgeport Liquor Dealers Association, of which he has been president and vice-president, and he was connected with the Bridgeport fire department from 1881 to 1885. Possessing a genial and pleasant disposition, Mr. Irving has made many warm friends, who one and all congratulate him on his success in his business affairs.

VANDERBURG JOYCE. The wholesome influences to be found in rural communities make an ideal environment for family life, and it is not strange that some of the best citizens are enrolled in the agricultural class.

The subject of this biography, who owns a fine farm in the town of Sherman, comes of an ancestry which has been engaged for several generations in tilling the soil, but has nevertheless kept well abreast of modern progress. Stephen Joyce, our subject's grandfather, received an education in the common schools of his day, and throughout his life was interested in farming, for a time following also the blacksmith's trade. He married Miss Thankful Congo, by whom he had eight children: Abbie, who married Ira Northrop; Allen, our subject's father; Joel, who married (first) Emily Ladue, and (second) Amanda Steadwell; Sallie, wife of Dwight Woodruff; Polly, wife of Lyman Porter; Beckie (Mrs. Salmon Brotherton); Drucilla, who married John Knowles; and Ann, wife of Jabez Covill.

Hon. Allen Joyce, the father of our subject, was born in the town of Sherman, where he was educated in the common schools, and afterward engaged in agriculture. As a citizen he was held in high esteem, and for many years he was regarded as a leading member of the Democratic party in his locality, was chosen to fill various town offices, and at one time served as the representative of his town in the State Legislature. He married Miss Lois Gardner, daughter of Thomas Gardner, and they had the following named children: Cornelia, wife of Odell Page; Stephen, who married Drucilla Wakeman; Vanderburg, our subject; Annie, wife of Charles Osborn; and Daniel, who married Sarah Clark.

Mr. Joyce, our subject, was born January 21, 1831, at the old homestead in the town of Sherman, and the public schools of that locality

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afforded him a good practical education. He has always been occupied with agricultural interests, and has taken an active part in local affairs, being an ardent Democrat. At times he has been called to serve in local offices, including those of selectman and member of the board of relief. His wife, formerly Miss Charlotte E. Hoyt, belongs to a well-known family mentioned more fully below. Four children have blessed their union, of whom three are living: (1) Frederick L., born April 3, 1860, a farmer by occupation, married Miss Hannah A. Vincent; they have no children. (2) Clarence E. died at the age of five years. (3) Bertie C., born November 21, 1869, is also a farmer; he married Miss Minnie Potter, and has one son, Kenneth. (4) Arthur R., born October 23, 1871, is engaged in agriculture; he married Miss Deborah Wolhes, and has two children—Clarence A. and Ralph M.

The ancestors of Mrs. Joyce settled in Massachusetts at a very early period, and her grandfather, Enoch Hoyt, was a native of that State. He served in the Revolutionary war, and in his later years received a pension from the government. He and his wife, Elizabeth (Leach), reared a large family, as follows: David and Abram, who did not marry; Enoch, who married Emeline Pepper; Hiram, deceased; Rebecca, Mrs. Gilbert; Betsey, wife of George Corbin; John; and George, Mrs. Joyce's father.

George Hoyt was born and reared in the town of Sherman, this county, receiving a public-school education. For a time he followed the tailor's trade, but later he engaged in farming, which he continued until his death. He married Emeline Mead, daughter of Alanson Mead, a farmer of New Milford, Litchfield Co., Conn., and his wife, Rachel (Squires), and six children were born of this marriage: (1) Caroline married Levi Congo, and had two children—Flora and Milla. (2) Jane married Stephen Reed; they had no children. (3) Charlotte E. married our subject. (4) George W., who became a farmer and butcher by occupation, married Sarah J. Northrop, and they had two children—Lillie May, and Ralph N., who died at the age of twenty-three years. (5) Edwin (deceased) was reared and educated in the town of Sherman, and engaged in farming. Soon after the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in Company I, 7th Conn. V. I., and for three years he served under General Burnsides. He married Miss Phœbe J. Cole, daughter of Lyman and Mary C. (Beardsley) Cole, and they had seven children: George S., an electrician, who is not married; Abram F., who died at the age of ten years; Emma and Gertrude, who died in infancy; Enoch, a plumber, who is not married; Miss Carrie A.; and one that died in infancy, unnamed. After the death of Edwin Hoyt, his widow married Avra Beeman, a farmer, by whom she had four children: Lyman F., Bert, Rufus, and Ernest, who died in infancy. (6) Frank M. (deceased) followed farming for a time, then engaged in hatting, and later was in mercantile business in Danbury. He married Miss Harriet Durga; they had no children.

Charles Frederick Lockwood, a half-brother of Mrs. Joyce, was born and reared in New Milford, Conn., and obtained a common-school education. Having learned the tailor's trade in his youth, he followed it for a time in New Haven, Conn., but ill health compelled him to sell out. Later he engaged in the restaurant business, which he carried on until his death in 1886. He married Miss Caroline Munson, and they had two children—Mary G. and Dolly.

ARTHUR C. MIDDLEBROOK, a farmer of the town of Wilton, was born in that town October 31, 1873, and was educated in the common schools of the locality. His education having been completed, he learned the butcher business, but not having a liking for that trade, he became engaged in farming, which he has since successfully followed. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious faith he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilton. He married Mrs. Mary Seymour, widow of the late Charles O. Seymour, who was a prosperous farmer of the town of Wilton, and died in 1892. Her maiden name was Mary Morgan, and she was born in April, 1857, a daughter of Harris and Mary S. (Rockwell) Morgan, the former of whom is a farmer of the town of Wilton, and an eminently respectable man. By her marriage to Mr. Seymour she had four children, as follows: Charles E., born September 8, 1883; Edna M., February 28, 1885; Frank L., September 9, 1886; and Clarence, January, 1889.

Samuel Middlebrook, great-great-grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Fairfield, and was there educated in the common schools. Afterward he engaged in farming, which occupation he followed during life. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Charles Middlebrook, son of Samuel, and great-grandfather of our subject, was born and educated in Fairfield, and throughout his adult life was engaged in farming. He married a Miss Smith, by whom he had the following children: Mary, who married Henry Flower; Samuel, a sketch of whom follows; James, who married

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Emily Olmstead; Sarah, who married a Mr. Sexton; and Charles, who married Ella Murphy.

Samuel Middlebrook, eldest son of Charles, and grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Wilton, where he obtained a good common-school education, and he afterward graduated from the high school at that place. Throughout his life he was engaged mostly in farming. He married Miss Artemisia Olmstead, daughter of Lorenzo Olmstead, and by her had the following children: Charles, a sketch of whom follows; Flower, who married Carrie Beers; Bell, wife of Frank Williams; and Marion, who remains single.

Charles Middlebrook, eldest son of Samuel, and father of our subject, was born in the town Wilton in 1852. Having received an excellent common-school education he engaged in the grocery business in Wilton for some time, and then for some years was engaged in various occupations, at length learning the watch and clock maker's trade at which he is now engaged. He married Miss Agnes Beers, who was born at Weston, February 3, 1854, a daughter of Edwin and Abigail (Mead) Beers. Edwin Beers was a farmer and shoemaker of Weston, and a successful and respectable man. To this union were born the following children: Arthur, who married Mrs. Charles O. Seymour; Agnes M., who died at the age of nineteen; Louise, who married Theodore Comstock; and Challis, who is still single.

Charles O. Seymour, father of our subject's wife's first husband, was born in Ridgefield, April 11, 1816, and was educated in the common schools of that town, afterward devoting his life to farming. He married Miss Maria Olmstead, and their children were: Christopher, who married Fannie ———; Bell, wife of Samuel Gregory; Helen, who married H. B. Coley; Lucy, who died in infancy; and Charles O., who married Mary Morgan, as already related.

Before closing this sketch it may be proper to add the names, together with dates of birth, of the brothers and sisters of the father of our subject's wife's first husband, to wit: Delia A., January 25, 1804; Hiram, December 8, 1805; Rufus, April 15, 1808; Lucy, June 18, 1811; and Charles O., 1816. The father of these was born March 10, 1782, the mother on February 27, 1782.

LOUIS H. WARNCKE was born in Hanover, Germany, March 22, 1861. After receiving his education in the public schools of his native country, he was employed for a year or two on a farm, and when sixteen years of age he set sail for the United States, landing in New York in 1877. For about three years, after reaching that city, he was employed in the grocery business, and thence going to Jersey City, N. J., he established himself in the pickling business, which he carried on successfully for about twelve years. At the end of this period he sold his pickle factory, and removed to Wilton, Conn., where he purchased his present farm, on which he carries on general farming and pickle growing and packing, being located at Cannon's Station. In business affairs Mr. Warncke has been unusually successful, and he occupies a respected position among his neighbors and friends. He is a member of the United Friends, of Jersey City, and he was for years a member of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Warncke married, at Jersey City, Miss Annie B. Evans, a daughter of Henry E. and Martha (Miesner) Evans, the former of whom is a brewer of Dover, N. H. Mrs. Warncke was born at Dover, N. H., January 9, 1864, and there grew to womanhood, receiving her education in the common schools. To this marriage has come one child, George L., born January 6, 1889.

Claus H. Warncke, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Hanover, Germany, and received his early education in the schools of his native place. In England he learned the trade of sugar boiler, at which he worked in England for a few years, after which he returned to Germany, and there purchased a farm, following farming the remainder of his life. He married Miss Amelia Giese, of Germany, and by her had the following named children: August, born in England, who married Annie Stevens, and has had children as follows, all born in New York—Harry, Etta, August, William, Emily, and Lydia (Mr. Warncke is engaged in the wooden and willow ware business in New York City); Ernest, a salesman for a paper warehouse in Brooklyn, N. Y., who married Rebecca Schumaker, and had three children, two of whom died in infancy; Henry, also a salesman in Brooklyn, N. Y., now deceased, who married Louisa Gerker, and had four children; Louis H., our subject; Elizabeth; Annie, who married Captain Sunburgh, and Emily, who is unmarried.

John Litchen, great-grandfather of Mrs. Louis H. Warncke, was born in Germany, educated in the public schools of that country, and always carried on farming. He was the father of two children, viz.: Matier and John. Matier Litchen, grandmother of Mrs. Warncke, was born in Germany and married Chris Miesner, a farmer of that country, the following children

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being born to this union: John, who married Annie Finkledis; Jacob, who married Katie Litchen; Christ; Mary, who married Henry Schumacher; Annie, who married Charles Kerner; Katie, who married Charles Tipke; and Martha.

Martha Misner, was born in Hanover, Germany, April 28, 1835. She came to the United States when in her nineteenth year, in 1854, and located in Boston, Mass., where she met and married, for her first husband, Henry E. Evans, a native of Holstein, Germany, who had come to this country a few years before. At the time of their marriage he was engaged in a cooper shop in Boston, but later he purchased a brewery, which he ran for a few years, and then sold, removing to Dover, N. H. Here he purchased a brewery, which he conducted until his death, in the year 1869. He and his wife had the following children: Martha, who married Frederick Gieseler; Annie B., who married Louis Warncke; Henry, who married Maggie Biner; and John, who married Minnie Wagner. After her husband's death Mrs. Evans married Louis Erlacher, mate of a sailing vessel, who followed the sea most of his life. At the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion he enlisted in the United States navy, where he served as ordinary seaman for a time, later being promoted to paymaster's department. He was engaged at Fredericksburg and other places, was wounded in the capture of a vessel, and is now drawing a pension. After the close of the war he was for some time employed in a cotton mill in New Hampshire, but he is now living in retirement.

SAM. A. STEMBERG, merchant tailor, has an interesting history which illustrates the fact that the road to success lies open to the one who wills to make the most of such opportunities as fate allots to him.

Mr. Stemberg was born September 20, 1858, in the city of Hasenpoth, Courland, Russia, and is of Jewish ancestry. His grandfather, David Stemberg, was a resident of Hasenpoth, and his father, Abraham Stemberg, was a native of that city. The latter followed the shoemaker's trade from boyhood until a few years ago, and having passed the Scriptural limit of three-score years and ten he is now living in retirement, in Brooklyn, N. Y. His wife, Amelia (Goldberg), was born at Grobin, near Libau, Russia, the daughter of Seleg and Sara Goldberg, who lived to advanced years, the former dying at the age of eighty-six, and the latter when ninety-eight. Our subject was one of a family of seven children, of whom the youngest son was killed by accident when a year and a half old; the survivors are Silas, John, Sam. A., Hugo, Nicholi, and Jennie.

Sam. A. Stemberg attended school in his native place for some years, but from the age of seven his instruction was limited to the evening sessions, as the days were spent in learning the tailor's trade. By the time he was thirteen he had secured a knowledge of all branches of the business, and he then began to work as a journeyman. Young as he was he desired a better opening than his native land afforded, and a few months after the completion of his apprenticeship he came to America, landing in New York City in 1870. There he immediately found employment in the merchant-tailoring establishment of Underhill, Sloat & Muchmore, on Broadway, remaining with them over three years, and subsequently rented a shop and took in work until 1877, when he removed to Danbury and entered the employ of William A. Braun. Five years later he embarked in business on his own account, and so successful did he become that he frequently employed two cutters and fourteen workmen at one time.

Mr. Stemberg married Miss Fannie Rosenthal, a daughter of Ferdinand and ——— (Miller) Rosenthal. Three children have blessed their union: Silas Abraham, Alphonso F., and Davis David. Mr. and Mrs. Stemberg are members of the Hebrew Congregation at Danbury, and are leaders in their social circle. Mr. Stemberg belongs to the Hebrew Cemetery Association of Danbury, and to various fraternal orders, holding membership with Reform Lodge No. 361, I. O. O. F., of the City of New York; Devotional Encampment at Danbury; Danbury Lodge No. 120, B. P. O. E.; the Connecticut Indemnity Association, of Waterbury, an insurance order; and with Paugussett Tribe No. 3, Improved Order of Red Men, he and his wife belonging to Pocahontas Tribe of the same order. He takes an ardent interest in public movements and in all that concerns the welfare of his adopted country, while in politics he is a Republican.

JAMES FRY, a venerable and highly-esteemed citizen of Danbury, was born in that town April 16, 1822, and after a life of unusual eventfulness and change is passing the quiet afternoon of his existence amid the scenes of his childhood. His ancestors were early residents of the locality, his father, James Fry, having been a son of Rome and Rachel Fry. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Sturgis, was born in Danbury, and was also a member of

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an old family. Of four children, James, who was the youngest, is now the only survivor; the others were William H., Jane and Henry.

Danbury has always kept well abreast of the times in educational affairs, and the schools which Mr. Fry attended in boyhood were as good as could then be found in a town of the size. His common-school course was supplemented by study in the academy. When but fifteen years old he left school to go to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., as an apprentice to a carpenter, with whom he remained three years. At that time he thought of "a life on the ocean wave" as the summit of happiness, and when eighteen he shipped on board of the whaler "Elbe," of Poughkeepsie. They sailed for the Pacific ocean, going around Cape Horn, and then turned north, touching at the Sandwich Islands on their way to the Arctic regions, where they spent the season, securing 1,800 barrels of oil as a result of their labors. Hoping to increase their cargo they set sail for New Zealand, expecting to spend a season there, but they encountered a storm and were wrecked, both vessel and oil being lost. The crew were all saved, however, and Mr. Fry, who was taken on board the ship "Arab," from Bristol, England, as a carpenter, was taken to London, the vessel touching at Java, Singapore, Madras, Calcutta, Pondicherry (then a French port), and Canton, and then after rounding the Cape of Good Hope, stopping at St. Helena, Portsmouth, and the Isle of Wight, before reaching their destination. During this long trip Mr. Fry had studied the science of navigation as fully as he could, and on being discharged at London he went to Greenwich and completed the course offered on that subject. He then returned to New York City, thus completing a journey around the earth. His desire for a seafaring life had disappeared, and coming back to his native place he established himself in business as a carpenter and millwright, and later became interested in contracting and building. Many of the dwelling houses in Danbury and vicinity were built by him, and he superintended the erection of the new city hall. He has also done a large amount of work in the West, especially in Janesville, Wis., where he built the "Ford House," an elegant structure, destroyed some years ago by fire.

Mr. Fry married Miss Catherine A. Keech, daughter of Benjamin and Maria (Demorest) Keech, of Poughkeepsie, and eleven children were born to this union: Martha S., Kittie G., Andrew W., Josephine A., Fredrick D., Edward J., William H., Lillie, Adeline, Charles M., and George R. Of this large family all are living except Lillie, Kittie G., and Martha S., who was the wife of Thomas A. Lounsbury, chief engineer of the Danbury fire department. As a good citizen Mr. Fry has always taken much interest in local affairs, and he is one of the prominent Democrats of his town. Before Danbury was incorporated as a city he served as warden for five years and burgess for one year, and he has also held several minor offices; for nine years he was water commissioner.

DAVID A. WAKELEY, who has passed man's allotted time of three-score years and ten, and is still hale and hearty and in full possession of all his faculties, was born August 7, 1825, at Chestnut Hill, town of Trumbull, this county, the son of Abijah Wakeley.

Our subject attended the district schools near his home and then learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for eight years, afterward engaging in the manufacture of boots and shoes for the New York and Southern trade, employing a force of about thirty men. He did not find this work congenial to his tastes, and began farming, paying particular attention to the dairy business, in which he has now been engaged for a quarter of a century. It has proven a financial success, and Mr. Wakeley is enabled to enjoy all the comforts and luxuries he may desire.

Mr. Wakeley married Miss Melinda Mallett, a daughter of Daniel Mallett, and three children bless their union: (1) Melvin A., who married Miss Abigail Williams, daughter of Bradley Williams, and has had four children—Miles B., Irene, Lewis A. (who died in May, 1899, at the age of twenty-two years), and Eva; (2) Estelle; and (3) Annie, wife of John Treadwell. In political faith Mr. Wakeley is a believer in the principles of the Democratic party; and in religious belief he is a member of the Congregational Church, as are also his children and grandchildren. For many years he belonged to the Good Templars. His is a grand example—well worthy of emulation—of temperate habits and right living, and he stands among the present generation like some sturdy oak.

Abijah Wakeley, father of our subject, was born in the town of Trumbull, a son of David Wakeley, a farmer of that town. His education was all obtained in the public schools of his native place, and on leaving school he began learning the blacksmith's trade, which he followed all his days. He married Miss Sally Peet, and six children were born to them, four of whom have since joined the silent majority—Stiles, Polly Ann, Harriet and Miles; Eliza is

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the wife of Alvah Jennings, of Fairfield; and David A. is our subject. The entire family belonged to the Congregational Church and contributed liberally toward its support, as well as to all movements that were apt to bring good to their fellow men.

CHARLES WATERBURY, who owns and occupies "Willow Lane Farm," in Greenwich township, Fairfield county, has been a resident of that section for comparatively few years, but he is regarded as a valuable citizen, and certainly deserves to be classed among the progressive agriculturists.

Mr. Waterbury comes from an old and highly respected New York family. His father, John Waterbury, was a native of Westchester county, N. Y., as was also his father, John, Sr., who was born in King Street. The latter was a carpenter and followed his trade during the earlier years of his manhood, later taking up farming pursuits. He removed to Whippoorwill, where he passed away when over eighty years of age. Of his eight children John was the third in order of birth. He grew to manhood in Westchester county, where he was married to Rebecca Brundage, who was born at North Castle, Westchester county, the daughter of Allen Brundage. Soon afterward the young couple removed to New York City, where Mr. Waterbury engaged in trucking, and in 1857 they migrated west, locating on a new farm in an undeveloped region of Illinois. He erected the first buildings on this land. Having been trained to farm work from boyhood, the labor of cultivation was not new to him, and he improved the farm materially during the fifteen years of his residence there. His next move was to De Kalb county, Ill., where he followed farming until 1892, in which year he returned to New York State, and he has since lived retired in Pleasantville. By industry and good management he made agriculture more profitable than the ordinary farmer finds it, and acquired a competence which enables him to spend his later years in comfort and ease. Mr. and Mrs. Waterbury reared a family of five children: George I., who is a resident of De Kalb county, Ill.; Charles; Harvey C., who is a clerk in the post office department at Washington, D. C.; Mary F., Mrs. Charles Lawyer, of Pleasantville, N. Y.; and John A., also of Pleasantville. The parents hold membership with the Methodist Church, in which Mr. Waterbury has held office; he is a Republican in political sentiment.

Charles Waterbury was born October 27, 1861, in Pierceville, Ill., and received his education in his native State. He lived at home, assisting his father on the farm, until his marriage, in March, 1888, to Miss Anna Palmer, of Pleasantville, Westchester Co., N. Y. She was born October 9, 1861, daughter of John W. and Sarah A. (Husted) Palmer, attended the Yonkers school, and taught school for two years prior to her marriage. Shortly after that event Mr. and Mrs. Waterbury went to Colorado Springs, Colo., for the benefit of his health, but they returned in a few months to Pleasantville, and in 1890 located on the farm in Greenwich township, Fairfield County, Conn., which has since been their home, Mr. Waterbury purchasing the place from Charles E. Fitch. "Willow Lane Farm" comprises sixty acres of excellent land, on which the present owner has made numerous improvements, and in addition to ordinary crops he has given considerable attention to fruit growing, at this writing having a number of fine trees on the place. The income his farm yields well repays him for the care and labor he bestows upon it, and he has shown himself up-to-date and enterprising in adopting new methods wherever practicable. Mr. Waterbury is the only one of his family living in Fairfield county, though there are others of the same name. Mrs. Waterbury is the only one of her father's family here. They are the parents of two children, namely: Ada P., born September 14, 1889, and John A., born June 3, 1896. Mrs. Waterbury is a member of the Methodist Church, with which she united before her marriage. Mr. Waterbury is a stanch Republican, but he takes no active interest in party affairs aside from voting.

MICHAEL FITZGERALD, for the past twenty-eight years a resident of Bridgeport, where he has been engaged at various occupations, is a native of Ireland, born March 17, 1852, in County Limerick.

John Fitzgerald, father of our subject, was a farmer in Ireland, as were his immediate ancestors, and he and his wife Elizabeth (Michael) both died there. They had a family of nine children, all of whom are now deceased except two: Michael (our subject), and John, who is in the trucking business in Bridgeport.

Our subject received his education at the schools of his native parish, and assisted his father on the farm until he was seventeen years old, at which time he came to the United States, where he found employment in New York, Brooklyn, and Ansonia, Conn., respectively, until 1871, in that year coming to Bridgeport. Here he

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first worked for J. D. Albert, as a machinist, remaining five years, after which he was in the employ of the city corporation, paving and flagging the streets, some eighteen or nineteen years. In the meantime in May, 1886, he embarked in his present liquor business at No. 79 Lexington avenue.

Mr. Fitzgerald married Miss Alice Hayes, who was born in Limerick, Ireland, and is now deceased. For his second wife our subject wedded Miss Kate Rowe, a native of Bridgeport, Conn., and a daughter of Michael Rowe, who came from Ireland some years ago. Two children blessed this union: Lizzie, and one that died in infancy. In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald are members of the Roman Catholic Church; socially he has been affiliated with the Ancient Order of Hibernians for many years; in politics he is a stanch Democrat, and he takes an active interest in all that pertains to the welfare of his adopted city and county.

FREDERICK B. BANKS, a well-known farmer of the town of Weston, was born February 22, 1855, in the town of Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., and received his education in the district schools of the locality. Learning the trade of carpenter he has for many years worked at same in connection with agricultural pursuits, which he follows on the farm his wife inherited from her father.

On June 16, 1887, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Coley, who was born June 16, 1862, daughter of Burr B. and Elizabeth B. (Tompkins) Coley, prosperous and highly respectable farming people of Weston. Three children were born of this union, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Anna L., December 25, 1888; Willis B., August 6, 1892; and Florence C., February 9, 1895. Mr. Banks is not a member of any religious denomination, but he regularly attends the services of the Norfield Congregational Church. In politics he is a Democrat, but he has never aspired to public office.

Noah Banks, grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Fairfield, and followed farming throughout life. He married Miss Sallie Gould, and by her had five children: Benjamin, married to Betsey Smith; Abram, married to Sarah Goodsell; Seymour, who married Sarah Banks; Simeon (twin of Seymour,) a sketch of whom follows; and Mary A., wife of Hezekiah Meeker.

Simeon Banks, father of our subject, was also a native of the town of Fairfield, born December 25, 1821, received his education at the district schools, and learned the trade of shoemaker, following same for a time. His chief occupation, however, was agriculture, in which he engaged extensively. Simeon Banks was thrice married, first to Mrs. Sarah Banks, widow of his twin brother, Seymour, and one child, Sarah (Mrs. Wilson), came of this union. After the death of his wife, Mr. Banks married Miss Sarah Burr, daughter of Alfred and Julia (Raymond) Burr, and there was also one child by that union, Frederick B., our subject. For his third wife Simeon Banks wedded her sister Harriet Burr, and the children born to this union were: Georgiana; Mamie, wife of Allen Jennings; Arthur, and Charles. The father of this family was an ardent Democrat in his political preferences, and in religious faith was a member of the Congregational Church.

Eliphalet Coley, grandfather of Mrs. Frederick B. Banks, was born in Weston, Fairfield county, August 15, 1746, and died November 12, 1812. Farming was his life vocation, but for many years he kept a general store near the present home of our subject. He married Eunice ——, who was born July 22, 1752, and children as follows were born to them: Demmon, who married (first) Henry Nichols, and (second) Harry Finch; Burr B., mention of whom follows; Bradley, unmarried; and Wakeman, married to Anna A. Sanford.

Burr B. Coley, father of Mrs. Frederick B. Banks, was born in the town of Weston, Fairfield county, in 1816, and was a lifelong farmer. In his political predilections he was a loyal Democrat, and in religion he was a regular attendant of the Congregational Church. He married Elizabeth B. Tompkins, who was born February 16, 1827, a daughter of John Tompkins, and their only child, Mary E., is the wife of our subject.

John Tompkins was born October 23, 1776, and died June 3, 1842. On April 16, 1806, he married Miss Hannah Dean, who was born October 31, 1784, and died October 20, 1839, and children as follows were born to them. Margaret M., born November 23, 1806, never married; Elijah D., born October 21, 1808, married Ann Miller; Sally A., born October 4, 1810, married Thomas Miller; Katherine M., born January 28, 1813, married Uriah Perry; John, born August 28, 1815, married Ann Miller; James, born October 3, 1817, died unmarried; Nancy, born November 1, 1820, died unmarried; Deborah, born November 11, 1823, died February 27, 1832; Elizabeth B., married Burr B. Coley and died in December, 1888.

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JOHN McDEVIT, the popular proprietor of the "Waverly Hotel," at Shippan Point, Fairfield Co., Conn., is a native of England, born October 31, 1859, at Hexham, in the County of Northumberland.

William McDevit, his father, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, came to this country, and passed his later days at Stamford, Conn., where he died in 1892. He was engaged in the liquor business.

Our subject was brought up in Glasgow, where at the age of sixteen years he entered the employ of the Anchor Line of Steamers, running from that city to New York. After four years of this work he located in New York City, engaging in the barber business, which he continued for ten years, part of the time in Stamford, Conn., whither he removed in 1884. For some time he conducted a saloon there, in Pacific avenue, and then for a period of four and one-half years owned and conducted the "Grand Union Hotel," at the end of that time erecting the "Waverly Hotel," at Shippan Point, which he still carries on. He has also been the proprietor for a number of years of a liquor business located at the corner of Canal street and Pacific avenue, and he enjoys a comfortable income from these sources, judicious management and careful oversight of the details of his business affairs working together for his prosperity.

Mr. McDevit was married in New York City, to Miss McLachlan, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and they have two children: William, and Marguerite Norma. Fraternally, our subject is a member of Lodge No. 999, Royal Arcanum.

PATRICK BEE, a well-known citizen of Bridgeport, is a native of that city, born January 8, 1854, a son of John and Mary (Neid) Bee.

John Bee was born in County Roscommon, Ireland, and on coming to this country settled in Bridgeport. His family consisted of five children, as follows: John (deceased) was in the grocery business for many years in Bridgeport; Michael also died in that city; Margaret was married (first) to Patrick Calahan, and (second) to Peter Dority, of Bridgeport; Patrick, our subject, is the next in order of birth; Delia married Patrick Clancy, of Bridgeport.

Patrick Bee, whose name opens this sketch, after leaving school commenced learning the trade of brass molder, which he followed in his native city about twenty years. In 1890 he commenced the liquor business which he is still conducting at No. 983 Main street, and has always enjoyed a good trade. On June 12, 1877, Mr. Bee was married to Miss Mary Keenan, of Bridgeport, whose father was killed while serving in the Civil war. To this union were born five children: Anna, Amanda, Alice, Kittie (1) (deceased), and Kittie (2). The mother died January 6, 1890, and in October, 1893, our subject wedded Ellen Kelley, by whom he has one child.

In his political preferences Mr. Bee is a Democrat; socially, he is a member of the Knights of Columbus; in religious faith he is a Roman Catholic. Possessed of a jovial, genial disposition, he makes friends wherever he goes, and in both business and social circles occupies an enviable position.

WILLIAM B. SMITH was born in South Salem, Westchester Co., N. Y., December 4, 1822, and received his early education in Wilton, Georgetown, and other places. After leaving school he learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, which he has followed the greater part of his life in Connecticut, and a great many buildings in the vicinity of his home are the work of his hand and his genius. However, he did not wholly depend on his trade for a living, for he purchased a farm which he conducted some thirty years. At the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion he enlisted in Company E, Twenty-third Conn. Vol. Inf., in which he served his country faithfully for a period of nine months. During the early part of his life he was a Whig in politics, but upon the organization of the Republican party in 1854 he became a Republican, and has since for the greater part of the time adhered to that party, though at the present time he is an ardent supporter of the principles of the Prohibitionists. He was elected by the Democratic party as selectman of the town of Weston, serving one term in that office to the satisfaction of all concerned. Socially he is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Ridgefield, and in religious connection he is a member of the Methodist Church of Wilton, Conn., of which he has served as steward and trustee.

Mr. Smith married Miss Jane A. Sturges, daughter of John R. and Fannie (Hull) Sturges, prosperous farmers of Weston, and to this marriage came three children, all now deceased, viz.: Sarah A., born June 27, 1854, married Wilbur Sturges; Fannie B., born July 15, 1859, married Lloyd Godfrey; and Theron, born December 22, 1861, died in infancy. After the death of his first wife Mr. Smith married again, and by this union had one child, deceased in infancy.

Samuel Smith, the grandfather of the subject

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of this sketch, was born in the town of New Canaan, Conn., and was there educated in the common schools. Throughout life he was a farmer, except during the time he served as a soldier in the Revolutionary army. He married a Miss Blatsley, by whom he had children as follows: Blatsley, who married Clara Stebbins; Alfred, who married Chloe St. John; Samuel, who married a Miss Sanford; Ezra; Cyrus, who married a Miss Blatsley; Mercy, a Mrs. Ferris; Sallie, Mrs. Osborne; Abbie, Mrs. Curtis; Matilda, Mrs. Blatsley; and Mary, who remained single.

Blatsley Smith, eldest son of Samuel Smith, and father of our subject, was born in the town of New Canaan, Conn., and was educated there in the common schools. In the early part of his life he was engaged in farming, but later he carried on business as a general storekeeper in South Salem, N. Y., where he died at the age of forty-two years. He married Miss Clara Stebbins, and became the father of the following named children: Mary E., who married Peter Osborne; William B., the subject of this sketch; and Clarissa, who married Orin Adams.

Robert Sturges, grandfather of Mrs. Jane A. (Sturges) Smith, was born in the town of Weston, Conn., April 10, 1774, the eleventh child in a family of twelve children, as follows: Isaac, born February 25, 1754; Lyda, October 24, 1755; Abigail, September 24, 1757; Ezekiel, November 24, 1759; Elias, April 17, 1762; Hannah, May 15, 1764; Edward, April 14, 1766; Jabel, April 19, 1768; Daniel, April 7, 1770; Joel, March 7, 1772; Robert, April 10, 1774; and Eleazer, June 7, 1776. Robert Sturges was a manufacturer of axes and ran a sawmill, besides owning a large farm in the town of Weston. He was a most active, industrious and successful man, accumulated considerable property, and was highly esteemed by all his neighbors and friends.

He and his wife had the following children: Eliphalet, who married twice, first, Eunice Andrews, and, second, Sallie A. Davis; Abbie, who married a Mr. Morehouse; Rachel, who married Isaac Lockwood; and John, who married Fannie Hull. John Sturges, father of Mrs. Jane A. Smith, was born June 8, 1798, and died May 31, 1874. Having received his education in the common schools of his native town, he engaged in farming for the rest of his life. Politically, he was a strong Democrat, and he was honored with successive elections to the Legislature of his State, also served as selectman many terms, and was justice of the peace. His character was eminently respectable, and he was highly esteemed by his neighbors and friends throughout his life. Religiously, he was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, of which he was one of the leading men. On February 11, 1823, Mr. Sturges married Miss Fannie Hull, daughter of Aaron and Betsey (Fanton) Hull, the former of whom was a farmer of Weston. Fannie Hull, was born December 10, 1804, and died August 8, 1876. The children born to this marriage were as follows: Louisa, who married William B. Smith; Jane A., who also married William B. Smith; Mary E., who married John B. Coley; and Frederick, Lydia, Adele, Elizabeth and Electa A., all of whom died young.

HON. MICHAEL KENEALY, a prominent member of the Fairfield County Bar, ex-member of the General Assembly, and one of the leading citizens of Stamford, was born in that city July 8, 1855.

John Kenealy, his father, a native of Ireland, born at Waterford, came to the United States when a young man, and in about 1845 located in Stamford, where he engaged in the grocery trade, and became actively identified with the business interests of the place. Here he married Johannah Fitzgerald, a native of Ireland, and to their union were born children as follows: James, who is in the Signal Service at Duluth, Minn.; Michael, our subject; and Mrs. Mary O'Brien, a widow. The father died at Stamford in 1893. The mother still survives.

Michael Kenealy received the basis of his education in the public schools of Stamford. He clerked in his father's store in boyhood, and while thus employed learned business methods, gained information by general reading, and at the same time began the study of law. Later he continued his law studies in the office of Olmstead & Scofield, and in 1876 was admitted to the Bar at Bridgeport. He at once began the practice of law in his native city and county, and has here continued ever since. In his professional career he has never had a law partner, but has been alone from the very outset; however, from 1880 to 1893, he and the Hon. E. L. Scofield occupied an office jointly. Ambitious, of studious habits, and full of vim and energy, young Kenealy soon rose in his profession. His ability was recognized in his election to the office of prosecuting attorney for the city, which he creditably and very acceptably filled for several years. In the fall of 1896 he was honored by an election to the General Assembly of the State, and while a member of this body served on a number of important committees, acting as chairman on Judicial Nominations and as a member of the

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Judiciary committee. Mr. Kenealy is not only a lawyer of ability, but he is a man of rare judgment in business affairs, rendering opinions sound and of weight. Socially, he stands high in the community and wherever he is known. He is a member of the Knickerbocker Club of New York City; of the Connecticut Bar Association; of the Suburban Club; of the Business Men's Club, and of the Corinthian Yacht Club. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum and of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Kenealy married Miss Lizzie A. Fagan, and four children have blessed their home, namely: Edward, Matthew, James and Elizabeth. The family are members of St. John's Parish Roman Catholic Church, of Stamford.

DR. WILLIAM J. RIDER, the oldest dentist in Danbury, and one of the leaders in his profession in this section, has an interesting genealogical record, his lineage being traced back to one of the devoted band of pilgrims that landed at Plymouth Rock.

John Rider, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born near Chatham Four Corners, N. Y., and his son John, the Doctor's grandfather, was a native of Putnam county, N. Y.; he settled at Danbury, where he cultivated a farm and was also engaged in contracting and building. He married Miss Mary Jarvis, a native of Danbury, and a niece of Bishop Jarvis of New York State, and nine children were born to them: John, Ralph, Stephen, Charles, George, William H., Hannah, Rachel and Mary.

William H. Rider, the Doctor's father, was born in 1798 in Danbury, where he made his home throughout life, dying there in 1854. He was a prosperous carpenter and builder, a man of intelligence and standing, and in politics affiliated with the Whig party. His wife, Adelia (Howes), was a descendant of an old English family, and was born in the town of Southeast, Putnam Co., N. Y., the daughter of Moody Howes. Our subject was the youngest of the four children born to this union, the others being Frances, and Lewis and Henry, both deceased.

Doctor Rider was born at Danbury in March, 1827, and there his life has been spent. The schools of that place have always been noted for their efficiency, and he availed himself of the opportunity which they afforded, completing a course in the academy, from which he graduated. He then entered the office of William B. Hurd, a successful dentist, with whom he spent some years, learning all the details of the work, and in 1848 he established an independent practice which he has ever since continued with undiminished success. He has won a wide reputation for skill and ability, and is now one of the dental commissioners for the State of Connecticut, and a leading member of the Connecticut State Dental Society, of which he has been president for three terms. He is interested in several business enterprises at Danbury, is vice-president of the Union Savings Bank, and was one of the incorporators of the Danbury Savings Bank. In politics he is a Republican.

In 1852 Doctor Rider married Miss Elibia F. Fry, a daughter of Deacon John Fry, and a member of one of the old families of Danbury. Six children have blessed this union: Ella, William H., Katie B., Charles, Sarah and Mary, all of whom are living. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Congregational Church, and have always been prominent in its various lines of work. He is also identified with many philanthropic movements, and is now acting as the president of the Children's Home.

MICHAEL J. ROWE, M. D., one of the able young physicians of Bridgeport, has found that, for him, the best field of effort is among the people who have known him from childhood, and whose confidence is based on the intimate knowledge of his sterling qualities of mind and heart.

Doctor Rowe was born in Bridgeport, September 10, 1866, son of Michael Rowe, a native of County Westmeath, Ireland. His father was a carriage blacksmith by occupation, came to America in early manhood, and was married here to Miss Catherine Gill, also a native of Westmeath. He died in 1893; the mother yet survives him, and of their eight children six are still living: Annie married (first) Thomas Keegan, and after his decease wedded James Payden, formerly of Wallingford, now of Bridgeport; John is in the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company; Catherine married Michael Fitzgerald; Michael J., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Edward is a member of the Second Light Artillery, N. Y. Regulars, and went to Santiago during the late war with Spain; William is at home; James is deceased; and the youngest child died in infancy, unnamed.

Our subject was reared in Bridgeport, where he attended the Washington street school, and the city high school. In September, 1884, he entered St. Charles College, in Baltimore, Md., where he remained four years, and on leaving that institution he spent a year as clerk in a

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drug store in Bridgeport, owned by L. F. Curtis. He then received a diploma as an efficient pharmacist, and, going to Hartford, he was employed by M. Greenbaum and, later, by another druggist. He then entered the Medical Department of the University of New York, remaining two years, and in 1896 he was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, with the degree of M. D. For one year he practiced in Hartford, and then located in Bridgeport, where his talents and skill have found a promising opening. He is a valued member of the Bridgeport Medical Society and the Fairfield County Medical Society, and of the Hartford Pharmaceutical Society, while he is also identified with numerous social organizations, including the Foresters of America.

On January 11, 1893, Doctor Rowe married Miss Mary E. Twigg, a native of New York, and a daughter of John Twigg, who was born in this country. The Doctor and his wife are leading members of the Catholic Church in Bridgeport, and are much esteemed by a large circle of acquaintances. While he does not take an active part in political affairs, he is keenly interested in public questions, and is an ardent Democrat.

GILBERT SPAULDING is a prominent real-estate dealer of Stamford, where he has made his home for almost forty years, honored as one of the best citizens of that thriving little city. He is a native of Connecticut, having been born July 3, 1821, at Eastford, Windham county, and is a descendant of one of the oldest families of New England, being a grandson of Ephraim Spaulding, who was a lifelong resident of Windham county, and a son of Dua Spaulding, also a native of Eastford, who passed the eighty-seven years of his life in the house where he was born. Dua Spaulding married Marcy Warren. He was a farmer by occupation.

Gilbert Spaulding commenced school at Eastford, where he received his rudimentary education, and later was a pupil at different institutions of recognized standing, attending the school at Hollister, Conn., conducted by Gardiner Rice (who was the father of Dr. Watson E. Rice, of Stamford), and the academy in the town of Ashford, Conn., taught by Rev. E. B. Huntington, who subsequently came to Stamford and was the author of the history of that place. During his early manhood Mr. Spaulding taught music, for which he possesses considerable talent, giving lessons on the violin and in singing until 1843, when he went to Worcester, Mass., and embarked on a commercial career. He carried on a grocery business in that town for seven years, and for another seven years acted as agent for the five roads at Worcester Junction, after which, for one year, he was employed in a bank at Providence, R. I. Following this he was engaged two years in New York City as agent for the Atlantic Glass Company, and on August 15, 1860, he came to Stamford to live, making his home on Prospect avenue, where he has ever since resided. For the past thirty years he has dealt in real estate, handling Stamford and New York City property, and he has made a number of important transactions during this time.

Mr. Spaulding was married, at Eastford, Conn., to Mary Rose Ripley, whose father was a Congregational clergyman, and they have had one daughter, Rosalie B. Miss Spaulding is a talented musician, and she is an active Church worker, having served for seventeen years as superintendent of the primary department of the Sunday-school of the Stamford Congregational Church, to which she and her parents belong. Mr. Spaulding is a Republican in political preference.

TURNEY HALL, one of the venerable residents of Bridgeport, was born July 14, 1815, at Greenfield, Conn., a son of George Washington and Lois (Buckley) Hall.

William Hall, grandfather of our subject, was of Scottish ancestry, and was a Methodist minister in Greenfield. He served in the Continental army as a trooper during the war of the Revolution, being an expert rider. He married a Miss Williams, and they were the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters: Charity, Annie, Lyman, Legrande, Willis and George W.

George W. Hall removed, in 1819, to Kent, Litchfield Co., Conn., and there was connected with the iron furnace until his death, which occurred about 1827. He married Lois Buckley, a daughter of Turney Buckley, of Greenfield, and she died about 1855. Six children were born to this union: Emeline, George B., Jonathan W. and Catharine, all now deceased; Turney, our subject; and Derenzil, of Long Hill.

Turney Hall attended school in Kent, and after his father's death he went to live with a friend of the family. He learned the tailor's trade with his brother in Kent, with whom he worked for two years, then going to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he bound himself out to Mrs. Ackert, a tailoress, for one year, at $8.00 per month and board. By working overtime he had saved, by the end of the year, $138.00, and re-

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turning to Kent he became a member of the firm of G. B. & T. Hall, where he remained for many years. Too close application to business brought the usual result—ill health—and he was compelled to retire for a time, residing in the interim in Bridgeport. On regaining his health he clerked for a year in a dry-goods store at Litchfield, and then opened a grocery and clothing store at Washington, Litchfield county, which he conducted for two years. His next venture was in Stratford, Conn., where he was in partnership with his brother-in-law in the milk business, and later with his brother in the milk and vegetable business, and after two years at this he accepted a position with Dunham, Oviatt & Skidmore, in their dry-goods store. Here he remained four years, after which for one year he clerked for Henry Shelton, in Bridgeport. For twenty years he was the successful proprietor of a fancy and variety store on Main street, in Bridgeport, in all his enterprises meeting with uniform success. Now in his declining years he is a well-preserved man, and aside from poor eyesight is in the full possession of all his faculties.

Mr. Hall was married, at Kent, Conn., to Miss Sarah Eliza Gibbs, and they became the parents of three children: Kate F., who married F. Victor Cole and has three children—Kittie, Lois Minerva and Sherman Turney H.; Grace, who married Jesse B. Cornwell, a well-known manufacturer in Bridgeport, by whom she has three children—Natalie, Maude and Lawrence W.; and Bertha, who married Frank Hopson, of Lordship Park, Stratford, and has two children—Grace and William. The father finds a pleasant home with his daughter, Mrs. Cornwell. He is an earnest member of the First Congregational Church.

HORACE HORTON JACKSON is one of the young and enterprising business men of Bridgeport, and his success in mercantile life demonstrates his sound judgment and thorough command of business methods.

The Jackson family is of English origin, and our subject's ancestors crossed the ocean in the same ship that carried the ancestors of Gen. U. S. Grant. Our subject's great-grandfather Jackson was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and made his home in Vermont, where our subject's grandfather and father, Edward Pierus Jackson, were also born. Edward P. Jackson married Miss Sarah F. Blake, a native of New Hampshire.

Horace H. Jackson was born November 16, 1863, in Yonkers, N. Y., but his boyhood was spent in different places, his parents removing from Yonkers to Norfolk, Conn., where they spent one year, and later they resided two years in Binghamton, N. Y., one year in Bridgeport, this county, and in Middleport, Ohio. In October, 1875, they returned to Bridgeport, where our subject attended the Barnum school for a time, and in 1879 he entered upon his business career there as clerk in a drug store. In August, 1880, he was employed by the Howe Sewing Machine Company, with which he remained until September, 1882, when he became a clerk in James Young's book and stationery store, holding this position for about six years, and on November 10, 1888, he was taken into the firm, succeeding E. W. Fairchild. On June 10, 1894, the firm was dissolved, and Mr. Jackson has since conducted the business alone. He is also connected with the Board of Trade.

Politically Mr. Jackson is a Republican, but he has never taken an active share in party work, although he is a member of the local Republican club. In religious faith he is a Methodist, and he is a leading member of the Washington Park Church at Bridgeport, having served about ten years as secretary of the Sunday-school. He is prominent in social life and is connected with numerous organizations, including the Sea Side Club, of Brooklawn; the Bridgeport Yacht Club; the Contemporary Club; the Masonic Fraternity; the I. O. O. F.; the Improved Order of Red Men, Quenibog Tribe No. 27, in which he holds the rank of past sachem; and the X. A. E. O., Nebo Senate. He is especially active in the I. O. O. F., and has passed all the chairs in Pequonnock Lodge No. 4 (one of the oldest lodges in the State and now the second in membership), ranking as past grand and past chief patriarch in that body. He belongs to the Grand Lodge of the State, is a member of Stratfield Encampment No. 23, and a charter member of Charity Lodge No. 4, Rebekah degree.

GEORGE BRADLEY TREADWELL, a prominent resident of the town of Redding, is related to several of the leading families of his section and represents a worthy type of citizenship.

On the paternal side Mr. Treadwell is a great-grandson of Joseph Treadwell, who was born May 28, 1761, and died April 20, 1819. He married Eunice Nichols, who was born March 3, 1763, and died September 4, 1825, and their union was blessed with eight children, whose names with dates of birth are as follows: Olive,

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November 18, 1782; Hannah, March 24, 1785; Amelia, May 12, 1787; Thomas, July 11, 1789; Sarah, May 17, 1791; Ebenezer, June 21, 1793; Walter, October 14, 1797; and Sybil, September 9, 1804.

Ebenezer Treadwell, our subject's grandfather, married, for his first wife, Selina Bradley. His second wife, Bethiah Osborne, was born April 24, ——, and died July 7, 1874. There were two children by the first union and four by the second, and we have the following record of this family: (1) Bradley, the father of our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (2) Selina T. married Daniel A. Nichols and had two children—Daniel A., Jr., and Elsie Beardsley. (3) Aaron, born March 7, 1828, died July 8, 1896. He married Lois Rebecca Mead, who was born September 16, 1830, and died October 16, 1888, and their children were—(a) Selina Elida, (b) Alvin Mead, (c) Aaron Louis, and (d) Frank Beach. (a) Selina Elida, born November 14, 1852, married George Henry Gould, born September 4, 1849, and had seven children, whose names with dates of birth are here given: Nellie Julia, July 11, 1874; Elsie, March 17, 1877; George Henry, June 18, 1880; Amen Treadwell, July 17, 1883; John Howard, March 15, 1886; Russell Lowell, November 8, 1890; and Marjorie, September 30, 1893. (b) Alvin Mead, born August 6, 1854, married Sarah Elizabeth McMillan, and they had five children, born as follows: Nellie, April 20, 1881; a daughter, December 31, 1882 (died January 5, 1883); Mary Lois, January 16, 1884; Marguerite, February 25, 1888 (died February 27, 1889); and Alvin Mead, Jr., June 21, 1890. (c) Aaron Louis, born December 23, 1866, married Sarah Maria Still, who was born September 26, 1865, and they have had two children: Lois, born July 13, 1893; and Merlin Mead, born July 30, 1895, who died October 7, 1895. (d) Frank Beach, born July 8, 1872, died January 3, 1874. (4) Joseph, the third son and fourth child of Ebenezer Treadwell, was born in October, 1832. (5) Edmund was born May 3, 1837. (6) Isaac Knapp, born March 8, 1842, married Annabel Beers, who was born December 1, 1862, and they have had two children—Alfred Sprague, born March 8, 1892, and Fanny Amelia, born September 24, 1893.

The late Bradley Treadwell, father of our subject, was born September 10, 1817, in the town of Weston, this county, and was educated in the common schools of that locality. For some years he made a specialty of carriage trimming, but later he engaged in farming, in which he continued until his death, on December 24, 1888. He was held in high esteem among his associates, and was actively interested in religious work as a member of the Methodist Church at Redding, holding different official positions therein, including that of steward. In politics he was a strong Republican, but he never aspired to party honors. On October 14, 1844, he married Miss Fannie Meeker, by whom he had four children: George Bradley, born October 13, 1845; Alfred Meeker, born June 21, 1849, died November 24, 1891; Carrie Jackson, born July 16, 1854; and Isaac Nichols, born December 1, 1860. The mother is deceased.

Mrs. Fannie (Meeker) Treadwell was born in November, 1819, the only child of Alfred Meeker and his first wife, Clarissa (Jackson). She was a granddaughter of Azariah and Eunice Meeker, the former of whom was a native of the town of Redding; after receiving a common-school education there he engaged extensively in farming, in addition carrying on a blacksmith shop and running a sawmill and cider mill. He and his wife reared a family of four children: Alfred; Burr; Daniel, who married Eunice Merwin; and Harry, who married Ellen Goodier. Alfred Meeker was born in the town of Redding and obtained a district-school education. He always followed farming as an occupation and was considered an excellent citizen. His first wife, Clarissa (Jackson), was a daughter of Ezekiel and Hannah (Gray) Jackson, of Redding, her father being a well-known farmer. After her death he married Roxey Bennett, by whom he had one son, Ezra, now a farmer in the town of Monroe, Fairfield county, who is married and has several children.

George B. Treadwell has passed all his life in the town of his birth, and he has taken up farming as his life work. During his early manhood he clerked in a store for three years. In 1895 he was honored with election to the position of selectman, in which he served faithfully for one term. His political preferences are for the Republican party. In religious connection he is a member of the M. E. Church.

W. J. SOULE, a resident of the town of Sherman, is prominently identified with educational work in this section, and is also known as a successful agriculturist. He was born December 29, 1851, in the town of New Milford, Litchfield county, this State, but his youth was spent mainly in Fairfield county, his education being acquired in the common schools of the town of Sherman, the city of Danbury, and the town of New Fairfield. His attention has

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for some years been devoted to teaching, in which calling he has won an excellent reputation, and his spare time has been given to agriculture. For six years he served as a member of the school board of the town of Sherman. Mr. Soule is not married.

Ebenezer Soule, our subject's father, was born July 26, 1810, in Dover Plains, N. Y., where he received a good common-school education. Graduating later from Columbia College, he entered upon a successful career as a teacher, many young men having been prepared for their collegiate course by him. At the opening of the Civil war he enlisted in the 28th Conn. V. I., but owing to exposure and hardships he contracted consumption, and his death occurred from that disease on July 20, 1862. His first wife, Caroline A. Hoag, of Dover, N. Y., died October 8, 1848, at the age of thirty-nine years. On May 3, 1849, he married Miss Phœbe A. Curtis, who was born December 5, 1809, in Bridgewater, Conn. Two children were born of this union. Cornelia J., born December 29, 1851, married Edward Quien, of Danbury, and has had four children—Edward W. (deceased), Ernest L., Clifford J. and Fannie C.

The ramifications of our subject's genealogical record lead to a number of our well-known families, including the Spencer, Curtis, Crane, Paddock, Baxter, and other lines.

Nathan Spencer, a native of New Fairfield, purchased a large farm in that township and followed agricultural pursuits until his death. At the time of the war of 1812 he served as a musician throughout the struggle. He married Polly White, by whom he had five children: Nathan, Ferdinand, Betsey, Esther (Mrs. Tripp), and Sarah (Mrs. Cleaver). Ferdinand Spencer was born in the town of Sherman, which was at that time a part of New Fairfield. After receiving a common-school education he learned the mason's trade, which he followed during his active life. He took much interest in politics, and in his later years was a strong Republican, but he never aspired to office. His death occurred July 26, 1876. In 1834 he married Miss Hannah Curtis, who survives him, and is still hale and hearty, although in her eighty-sixth year. She was born February 28, 1811, the daughter of Stiles B. and Fannie (Paddock) Curtis. Ferdinand and Hannah Spencer had two children: Jane, born April 3, 1836, who married (first) Abel Stuart, and (second) George Barnum; and Charles F., born April 8, 1839, who was first married to Susan Knapp, and afterward to Maggie ———.

The Curtis family is identified with Newtown, Reuben Curtis, Mrs. Phœbe Soule's great-grandfather, having been born and reared there. He married a Miss Bishop, and of their children Hannah married William Monroe; Abner died at the age of twelve years, and Stiles B. was Mrs. Soule's father. Stiles B. Curtis was born in Newtown and became a successful farmer there. He married Miss Fannie Paddock, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Crane) Paddock, and they had seven children: Abner, who married a Miss Hawley; Stiles, who married Amelia Monroe; Phœbe, wife of Ebenezer Soule; Hannah, Mrs. Spencer; David, who married Charry Monroe; Ross, who married Esther Curtis; and Mary, wife of Amariah Mallett.

HORACE R. NASH, a prominent business man of South Norwalk, Fairfield county, is a member of the well-known firm of Nash & Van-Scoy, successors to F. H. Nash & Brother.

The Nash family has for several generations been regarded as thoroughly representative, and of a high type of citizenship. Jacob Nash, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a sailor by occupation, as was also Hon. Daniel K. Nash, the grandfather, who was born and reared in Ridgefield, Fairfield county, but made his home during the greater portion of his life in Norwalk. He was a man of much influence in the community, taking an active part in politics as a member of the Whig organization, and at one time he served as a representative in the State Legislature. His wife was a Miss Raymond, and six children were born to their union, as follows: Sarah, widow of William C. Sammis, of Norwalk; Minerva E., who married William E. Raymond, of Detroit; Francis H., our subject's father; Theodorus B., a retired resident of Norwalk; Clarence W., a resident of Daytona, Fla., where he is a dealer in stoves, crockery and similar commodities; and Mary H. (deceased), who was the wife of the late Dr. Samuel H. Orton, formerly connected with the United States army.

Francis H. Nash was born in South Norwalk in 1825, and during his youth spent a short time in Troy, N. Y., learning the art of making mathematical instruments. In 1848 he established the business now conducted by Nash & Van Scoy, continuing same successfully until his death, which occurred February 12, 1887. As a citizen he was held in high esteem, and for many years he was a leading member of the Congregational Church. In politics he was a Republican, and he always took a great interest in local affairs, serving in various offices, including that of water commissioner. He married Miss Sarah Hallock,

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a native of New York City, where her father, Dr. Lewis H. Hallock, was a well-known physician. The Hallock family is of English origin, but the ancestors of Mrs. Nash settled at an early date on Long Island. Of the seven children born to this marriage, the eldest, Lewis H., is a mechanical engineer in New York City; Emma and Fannie died in infancy; Frank is a hatter in South Norwalk; Horace R. is the subject proper of this sketch; Clarence C. is in business in New York City; and Miss Willimetta O. is a successful teacher.

Our subject was born March 24, 1860, in South Norwalk, and his education was obtained in the schools of that city. At an early age he entered the office of the Norwalk Lock Company, where he spent two years as a clerk, and he then took a similar position in the office of a firm of machinists in Brooklyn, N. Y. After two years there he went to Florida, and for seven years was engaged in growing oranges. Since the death of his father he has been in business in South Norwalk, and the firm has a large patronage in the plumbing, steam and gas fitting line. Their store, at the corner of West and North Main streets, contains an extensive and well-selected stock of crockery, china, glassware, heaters, stoves, and tin, sheet iron and copper goods.

TUDOR HAVILAND, a well-known agriculturist and miller of the town of Sherman, has been successfully engaged in those lines of business for more than twenty-eight years, and is regarded as one of the substantial men of the locality.

Our subject's ancestors settled in the town many years ago, and his father, Israel Haviland, was born there, April 26, 1820, and after receiving a common-school education became a leading farmer, continuing in that occupation until his death, which occurred October 10, 1854. He was always fond of hunting and fishing, and was quite an expert as a marksman. In religious faith he was a Quaker. His wife, Abbie J. (Ferris), was born in 1819, the daughter of Zachariah Ferris, and they had two children: Eunice S. and our subject. After the death of the father, the mother married Richard P. Brady, a farmer of Dover Plains, N. Y., by whom she had one son, John C. She died in 1870. Eunice S. Haviland was born September 29, 1848, and was educated in the public schools of the town of Sherman. She married George A. Barnes, a prosperous farmer of the same town, and they have one daughter—Edna.

Tudor Haviland was born April 26, 1850, at the old homestead, in the town of Sherman. His education was begun in the district schools of the neighborhood, and he afterward attended school in Oswego, where he was graduated at the age of eighteen years. He then purchased a farm and mill in his native town which he has ever since conducted with marked success. Mr. Haviland married Miss Florence Briggs, daughter of Henry and Almira (Hawes) Briggs, the former a prominent farmer of the same town. Mrs. Haviland died January 10, 1895, deeply mourned by a large circle of friends. Of the two children born to this union, the eldest, Nettie, born August 31, 1873, was married, May 10, 1893, to Charles C. Akin, of Patterson, N. Y. Carrie, born May 9, 1878, died December 3, 1894, in her seventeenth year.

PETER BECKERLE. Danbury's leading industry has attracted a number of shrewd and energetic young business men, among whom the subject of this biography holds a prominent place. His hat factory, located in Stevens' Lane, Danbury, though not one of the largest establishments, has a promising custom, which its able and active owner is steadily developing. His family has been identified with this industry for many years, and our subject is a cousin of William Beckerle, a leading hatter.

Mr. Beckerle was born in Danbury, January 31, 1860, and is of German ancestry. Lewis Beckerle, his father, was born in the Fatherland, in the region of the Rhine, and in about 1848 came to America, being then a young man. For a time he was employed in farm work in the vicinity of Danbury, and he then engaged in the hatter's trade, which he followed until his death. He was a Democrat in politics, and in religious faith was a devout Catholic. His wife, Margaret (Frickle), was born in Germany, and her father, who was a carpenter, died in that country. Our subject was the youngest in a family of four children, of whom the first died in infancy; Anna, who died October 2, 1892, married Eugene Perrett, a well-known resident of Danbury, formerly clerk of the city; Lizzie is now the wife of Charles M. Horch, a hat manufacturer in Danbury. The father of our subject died September 17, 1877.

Mr. Beckerle has always made his home in Danbury, and his education was obtained in the public schools, which he attended until he reached the age of fifteen years. Having decided to learn the details of hat manufacturing, he worked in various shops until he became proficient, and in 1881 he formed a partnership with

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C. M. Horch in that business, under the firm name of C. M. Horch & Co. Mr. Horch withdrawing, Mr. Beckerle has for some time past conducted the business in his own name.

In 1881 our subject married Miss Carrie E. Schleyer, of Danbury, a native of New York City, who is of German descent, and her father, Charles H. Schleyer, was a resident of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Beckerle have had four children: Clara M. and Clarence M., twins, and Julia, who are all at home; and Louis, who died July 4, 1893. Mr. Beckerle is an excellent citizen, and follows in his father's footsteps both in religion and politics. He takes keen interest in all practical measures for local improvement, and at present is serving as assistant chief of the Danbury fire department.

CHARLES S. LOCKWOOD, a prominent farmer of the town of Wilton, was born in the town of Lewisboro, N. Y., September 4, 1867, and received his early education in the common schools of the town of Wilton, Conn. From the time he left school to his twenty-fifth year he engaged in farming, and at this time he became a grocer, carrying on that business for three years. Then, desiring to return to farm life, he purchased his present place, upon which he has lived and labored ever since. He has been very successful in his calling, and is a highly-respected citizen. He is a member and a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilton, and in politics is a Democrat, but cares nothing for public office. He married Miss Carrie B. Olmstead, who was born October 3, 1868, daughter of Sylvester and Sarah M. Olmstead, of Wilton. They have no children.

Rufus Lockwood, grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Lewisboro, N. Y., was there educated in the common schools, and ever afterward engaged in farming. Samuel G. Lockwood, father of our subject, was born in the town of Lewisboro, N. Y., in 1845, was educated in the common schools of his native place, and following the example of his ancestors devoted his life to farming. Politically he has always been a strong Democrat, and has served in various town offices. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilton, in which he is steward and class-leader, and has held other offices. He married Miss Juliana Crawford, daughter of Thaddeus Crawford, of New Canaan, Conn., and they became the parents of two children: Charles S., and Mary, born December 31, 1877, who is unmarried.

Thaddeus Crawford, maternal grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of New Canaan, Conn., and was educated there in the common schools. In politics he was a strong Democrat. Having learned shoemaking he followed that trade the earlier part of his life, but afterward engaged in farming. He married Miss Juliett Lockwood, daughter of Nehemiah and Polly (Warring) Lockwood, farming people of the town of New Canaan, and children were born to this union as follows: Mary E., who married John E. Selleck; Joseph, who married Hattie Wakeman; John L., who did not marry; Juliana, wife of Samuel G. Lockwood; and Henry, who died young. Juliana Crawford, mother of our subject, was born August 24, 1844, in New Canaan, Conn., and was educated there in the common schools.

Alfred Olmstead, grandfather of Mrs. Charles S. Lockwood, was born in the town of Wilton, Conn., and was educated there in the common schools. From his early life he engaged in farming. He (first) married a Miss Whitlock, and (second) Matilda Richards, and by his first marriage had the following children: Sylvester, father of Mrs. Lockwood; Aaron, who married Caroline Sherwood; William, who married Salina Sturgess; Hawley, who married Mary Sturgess; Minerva, who married William Sturgess; and Mary, who married James Davenport.

Sylvester Olmstead was born in the town of Wilton, Conn., July 28, 1825, received his early education in the common schools of the town, and later engaged in farming, as had his ancestors. Politically he was a strong Republican, but he never took an active part in public affairs. He was a member of the Methodist Church. For his first wife he married Miss Caroline Gilbert, by whom he had the following named children: Theodore, who married Mary Hoyt, and Wilbur, who married Hattie Roscoe. The mother of these dying, he married Miss Sarah M. Olmstead, who was born December 2, 1849, in the town of Redding, daughter of Aaron and Eurama (Williams) Olmstead, of Wilton, Conn., and by her marriage to Mr. Olmstead had the following children: Eva M., born April 3, 1873, now deceased, and Carrie B., born October 3, 1868. Sylvester Olmstead died April 5, 1890.

JULIUS PFAU. This well-known resident of Bridgeport is one of the leading German-born citizens of the county, and in his successful business career he has shown the characteristic thrift and enterprise of his race.

Born January 25, 1835, in the village of Eslingen, in the Province of Wittenberg, Ger-

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many, Mr. Pfau is a son of Abraham and Clara (Seller) Pfau. The father, who was a brewer by occupation, possessed considerable means, and the family lived comfortably. In 1848 they came to America, the voyage, made in a sailing vessel, between Havre and New York City, occupying some thirty-nine days. The father (now deceased) at once engaged in the liquor business in New York City, and at one time he owned five saloons, which he managed with rare ability and judgment for many years. Our subject's mother died at the age of eighty-two. This worthy couple had the following children: Frederick, a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah; Julius, our subject; Henry, who died in early manhood in Savannah, Ga., from yellow fever; Adolph, a butcher in New York City; Matilda, who married Ludwig Laux, of Port Jervis, N. Y.; Emily (deceased), who married Philip Burg, for thirty-five years superintendent of Stratton & Storm's Cigar Company, and Miss Clara, who resides in New York City.

Our subject attended school in his native land, and, as he was thirteen years old when he came to New York City, he was apprenticed soon afterward to a brewer, with whom he learned all the details of the trade. Later he worked for a time in New York City, Staten Island and Philadelphia, and in 1863 he located in Bridgeport, taking the place of foreman in a brewery belonging to John Benz. In 1864 he purchased his present liquor store at No. 574 Main street, which he has conducted ever since, and in all these years his methods have been thoroughly straightforward, his establishment being conducted in a most creditable manner. His word is considered as good as his bond, and, notwithstanding his unassuming manner, he is a shrewd and accurate observer of men and affairs. He has accumulated a handsome competence, and now owns a valuable residence and business property in Bridgeport. Few men of his age show such vigor of mind and body, and, while he is averse to notoriety in any form, he takes an intelligent interest in local affairs. While he is not a Church member, he is inclined to the Lutheran faith and the Church of that that denomination. Politically he is independent, voting on all occasions for the best men irrespective of party lines.

Mr. Pfau attributes his success largely to the help of his estimable wife, formerly Miss Margaretta Huber, to whom he was married in Staten Island. She was born July 26, 1842, in Nuremburg, Germany, and came to America alone at the age of fourteen, supporting herself after her arrival by working as a domestic. The following children have blessed this union: Henry, who died when fourteen years old; Fritz, the proprietor of the American Café on Canon street, Bridgeport, one of the finest establishments of the kind in the city; William, who is engaged in the bottling business on Middle street, Bridgeport; Julius, Jr., a cigarmaker; Edward, who died in childhood; and Miss Louisa, who is at home. The sons are successful business men, and any parents might well take satisfaction in their ability and enterprise. Beginning with no capital except that acquired by his own industry, our subject has built up a large trade as a dealer in choice liquors, and his establishment is one of the oldest and most prosperous in the city of Bridgeport.

GEORGE A. ROGERS has for a number of years been known as one of the busiest contractors and builders in and around Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he has resided since 1881. He came to Stamford from Spring Glen, Ulster Co., N. Y., where he was born June 25, 1856, son of George Rogers, who was a native of Sullivan county, N. Y., born January 27, 1827.

William Rogers, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a resident of Sullivan county, N. Y., and his son Andrew was born in Westchester county, that State. The latter worked in a sawmill in Sullivan county. He married Susan Sarles, and they had a family of twelve children, of whom, George grew to manhood in Sullivan county, and when fourteen years of age commenced the carpenter's trade, which he continued to follow all his life. He made his home in Ulster county, N. Y. In Sullivan county he was married to Ann Thornton, and by her had five children, namely: Clarissa (Mrs. John F. Winslow, of Ellenville, N. Y.), George A., Joseph, Christopher, and Hattie (Mrs. J. Darling, of Stamford).

George A. Rogers acquired a practical knowledge of the common branches in the public schools of Sullivan county, N. Y., and at the age of fifteen years began to work for his father, learning the carpenter's trade under his tuition. He worked around his native place until his removal to Stamford in 1881, since which time he has built up a handsome and profitable trade in his line, having probably erected more houses and other buildings during this period than any other contractor in the vicinity. The neighborhood abounds with these substantial evidences of his skill and industry, which has brought him prosperity in the course of years, and placed him

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in the front rank in his line of honest, deserving men, who have risen in life by their own efforts. He gives employment to about twenty-two men, and is looked upon as one of the most substantial citizens of Stamford, where he is highly esteemed by all who know him, either personally or in a business way.

Mr. Rogers was married, at Spring Glen, Ulster Co., N. Y., to Miss Nellie Tullins, by whom he has had three children: Lillie, Edna and George A., Jr. Socially, our subject is a member of the Royal Arcanum lodge at Stamford.

FRED. L. TURNEY, a well-known justice of the peace and registrar of voters in the town of Trumbull, was born at Long Hill, December 3, 1838.

Robert Turney, grandfather of our subject, was a resident of Trumbull, and there wedded Ruth Treadwell, by whom he had children as follows: Ephraim, Agur, Robert, Jr., Eunice, Patty, Thirza and Rebecca. Robert Turney, Jr., passed his early days in Trumbull, and after obtaining the rudiments of an education was sent to Easton to learn the shoemaker's trade. After completing his apprenticeship, he worked at his trade, and later began farming, but he did not entirely abandon shoemaking, engaging in it to some extent as long as he lived. He was a Royal Arch Mason, holding membership in the chapter at Monroe, and politically he affiliated with the Democratic party. He married Miss Betsey Sherwood, by whom he had children as follows: Theodore, Alanson and Emma, all deceased; Fred. L., and Jennie.

Fred. L. Turney passed his boyhood in a manner no way different from that of other farmers' sons at that time. He was educated in the public schools and a private school, where he distinguished himself by his quickness of intellect and his ability to reason in a strictly logical way. After he had laid aside his school books and was ready to take up the business of life, he learned the coachmaking trade with the widely-known Brewsters, at Bridgeport. For thirty-three years he engaged in the butcher business and also in the wholesale cattle trade, in which he was successful in no small degree, and by his wise investments and careful management was enabled to secure a comfortable competence. In 1892 he retired to the old home farm in Trumbull, to the cultivation and improvement of which he has since devoted his time. The most casual observer can readily see that the proprietor of that beautiful estate is a progressive, up-to-date man, as well as a most systematic and practical farmer.

Mr. Turney was married, at Grace Episcopal church, Trumbull, to Miss Martha French, a daughter of George French, and two children have graced this union: Edith M., who married George A. Clark, and has one child—Beatrice Maud; and Robert Bruce. In all his work Mr. Turney has been ably seconded by his devoted wife, whose careful attention to detail and hearty co-operation have given life and energy to his enterprises. Politically, he takes an active interest in the workings of the Democratic party, and has held a number of town offices, at present serving as registrar of voters and as justice of the peace. He so carefully bases his decisions on the merits of a case that his judgment cannot be questioned, and his disinterested advice is freely sought by his neighbors and friends.

JOHN VOORHIS, one of the prominent and wealthy citizens of Fairfield county, residing in Greenwich, has been conspicuously before the people of this section in a business way for many years.

The family name, originally Van Vorhis, is Dutch. The founder of the family in America came from Holland, and on arriving in this country settled at Flatlands, L. I. One of his descendants settled near Belleville, N. J. From this latter branch of the family descended the father of our subject, Jacob Vorhis, who was born at Red Mills, near Paterson, N. J., a son of Peter Vorhis, an agriculturist of that locality. Jacob was reared to agricultural pursuits, but at the age of twenty years began his mercantile career in New York City, where he was in business for some seven years, thence moving to Nyack, N. Y., where his wife's parents resided. There he embarked in business, and spent the remainder of a most useful career, becoming eminent and successful, and accumulating a vast estate. He was an upright, honorable, Christian gentleman, one whose influence was ever for good, and he gave liberally of his means to every cause that had for its object the elevation of mankind. He possessed rare judgment and business ability, and his advice was often sought. He and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist Church, in which he was for forty years a class-leader and active in all Church work. Politically, he was a Republican. Mr. Vorhis married Miss Hannah Palmer, who was born in Nyack, N. Y., and to this marriage were born: William and Peter, who died at Nyack; John, subject of this sketch; Jacob, who died in New York City; Catherine, who married James M. Weston, and died in Greenwich, Conn.; Ger-

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trude, who married Allen H. Close, and died at Greenwich, Conn.; and Hannah, who married John Stewart, of Nyack, New York.

John Voorhis was born January 24, 1823, at Nyack, N. Y., a beautiful point on the Hudson river. He was reared and schooled there, making his home in his birthplace until twenty-three years of age. When eighteen he began as cook on a vessel running between New York and Albany, and then was "conductor" of a sloop that plied on the river. He was fond of the water, and before he had reached his nineteenth year was master of the sloop "Marietta," one of the principal boats plying between the points above named. When twenty-four years of age he left the river and went into the business of stone quarrying, the location of his quarry being between Thirty-seventh and Forty-second streets, New York, on East river; here he employed from 100 to 300 men, continuing in the business for years. At the same time he operated a quarry at Greenwich, Conn. Subsequently he purchased from the heirs of John R. Grigg their holdings in the business, which he has since conducted alone. Mr. Voorhis' experience in this line here covers a period of nearly a third of a century, and he is most widely and favorably known throughout this portion of the country, where his product has found a ready market. He is a man of rare business tact and ability, qualities which, coupled with energy and industry, have enabled him to make a success of life and acquire large means. He early learned to live within his income, and was economical at the very threshold of his career, keeping before him the motto of "studying to learn what he could do without," and practicing its principles until the time came when his income justified a liberal supply of the comforts and luxuries of life. He has been consistent in his manner of life, and has proved himself a useful man and good citizen among the people with whom he has so long mingled.

Mr. Voorhis has never been an active politician, never aspired to office, or adhered strongly to party ties, believing in supporting the men, and not the party. He voted for Abraham Lincoln for President. From a sense of duty, while he has never sought office, he has never shrunk from it when he believed he could do his community a service by accepting, and for ten years he held the position of warden of Greenwich. He has ever shown considerable public spirit, and the "Lenox House" of Greenwich is a monument to his enterprise. Throughout the Civil war he was one of a committee to look after filling the quota of Fairfield county. For twenty-nine years he was trustee of the Port Chester (N. Y.) Savings Bank, only retiring therefrom on account of the passage of a law barring non-residents of the State from holding office therein. He has declined official recognition by banks in which he is or has been a stockholder. He owns a fine farm in the town of Greenwich, on which at one time he made his home, moving to his present comfortable residence in the borough in 1868. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church.

On July 25, 1845, at Pompton Plains, N. J., Mr. Voorhis was married to Miss Jane Alyea, a native of that place, born June 10, 1826, daughter of Adam and Susan Bertholf, farming people. She was the younger of their two daughters, the elder being Mary E., who married John A. Hopper, and died at Fairlawn, N. J., in 1881. To the marriage of our subject and wife have been born children as follows: (1) Jacob is now the manager of his father's business. (2) Ella married Charles E. Lydecker and died in New York, leaving three children—Lee K., Kenneth and Nathalie. (3) Frances is the widow of James M. Sanford, of New York, and has one child—Harold M. (4) Catherine is Mrs. Henry Reighley, of Greenwich, and has two children—Marion and Lester. (5) William is a resident of Mamaroneck, N. Y., engaged in business with his father. He is married and has three children—Alyea, Gordon and Ethel. (6) Jennie and (7) Bertha are at home.

DOMINIKUS KUNKEL, a well-known resident of Bridgeport, Conn., is a native of Germany, born October 2, 1856.

George Kunkel, father of our subject, followed farming in the Fatherland, and is still living there at the advanced age of over eighty years. He married Theresa Rice, of the same nativity, who is deceased, and four children were born to them, viz.: John, Dominikus, Caroline and Leopoldina, all living in Germany except Dominikus.

Our subject received his education at the schools of the neighborhood of his boyhood home, then served in the army three years, after which he was engaged in the liquor business some nine years. At the age of twenty-five, in 1882, he came to the United States, arriving in Bridgeport, Conn., in February of that year, and here found employment in Keefer's furniture factory, in the finishing department, where he remained seven years. In 1889 he commenced his present business, first opening out on Wait street, thence after about eighteen months moving to No. 506 North avenue.

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In March, 1882, Mr. Kunkel was married to Miss Bertha Hallmann, who was also born in Germany, and eight children came to brighten their home, two of whom are deceased; the names of those living are: George, Frank, Joseph, William, Charles and Oscar. Mr. and Mrs. Kunkel are members of the German Catholic Church, and he is affiliated with the St. Joseph Benevolent Society, of Bridgeport. In politics he is a Democrat, and at one time he was elected selectman of the Sixth district, serving two years. An upright, honorable business man, Mr. Kunkel has gained the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact, and has made a host of warm friends in his adopted city, where he is proprietor of a popular grocery, liquor and bottling establishment at No. 506 North avenue.

DAVID SMITH, a prominent agriculturist residing near Georgetown, is a man whose character and career command the respect of all classes in the community. In addition to the management of his farm he has been engaged for many years at the hatter's trade, industry being in his opinion the key to success. During the war of the Rebellion he won an honorable record as a soldier, and he has served with credit in various public offices, including that of representative in the State Legislature.

Mr. Smith was born July 3, 1834, in the town of Ridgefield, this county, where his father, Samuel B. Smith, was a well-known farmer. Samuel B. Smith was also a native of Ridgefield, and his wife, whose maiden name was Mercy Pulling, was born and reared in the same locality. They had five children, of whom the two first, (1) Timothy E. and (2) David, were twins. Timothy E. received a common-school education in his native town and has been connected with railroad work for a number of years, being now a conductor on the Consolidated railroad. He married Miss Ann E. Burr, of Redding, and they have had one child, Minnie B., who is now the wife of Doctor Frazier, a dentist in Danbury. (3) Eliza married Abram Pulling. (4) Maria married Albert Johnson. (5) M. Jane married Frank Fields.

David Smith secured a good practical education in the district schools near his father's farm, and, possessing an intelligent mind, he has kept well-informed on the topics of the day. His influence among his associates is marked, and in 1886 he was elected to represent his town in the Legislature. In 1896 he was chosen justice of the peace. Fraternally, he is an active member of the Masonic order, belonging to Arch Lodge, F. & A. M., at Georgetown. In consequence of injuries received during his faithful service in the army, as a private in Company E, Twenty-third Conn. V. I., he has been granted a pension by the government.

Mr. Smith married Miss Mary E. Gregory, who was born February 12, 1841, in the town of Redding, and was educated in the common schools of that locality. Her father, Matthew Gregory, was born in the same town and was a prosperous farmer there. For many years he was a leading member of the Congregational Church at Georgetown, and although he lived to the advanced age of ninety years, he bore the weight of age lightly, retaining his health and strength almost to the last. He married (first) Miss Mabel Morgan, and (second) Miss Mary Godfrey, daughter of Ephraim and Mary Wakeman Godfrey. By the first union he had one son, Minot, who married Miss Hannah M. More and had one child, Charles. By the second marriage there were two children, of whom Mrs. Smith was the younger; Charles C., who is now engaged in the machine business at Bridgeport, this county, married Miss Cornelia A. Main, and has had seven children—Mary (who married Frank Haskell), Rebecca (wife of Arthur Beers), Nellie (wife of Stoddard Goodsell), Howard (who is not married), and Reuben, Mabel and Samuel, all three deceased in childhood.

ELI DEWHURST. When one attempts the study of the peculiar customs of a place or community, whether it consists of a few homes or of many, there are certain persons in that community with characteristics so strongly marked that their individuality seems to have permeated the lives of all, and these few become the prototypes for the whole. So it is with Eli Dewhurst, whose beautiful home, facing Washington Park, in Bridgeport, is one of the charming spots in that well-known New England city.

Mr. Dewhurst was born July 24, 1824, in Manchester, England, son of James Dewhurst, a native of the same place, who was a farmer and woolen manufacturer. About 1827 the family left England and came to the New World, settling in Pawtucket, R. I., where the father continued to work at the woolen business the rest of his life. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Mellon, had a family of seven children, two of whom died young; the others were: Eli, our subject; James, deceased, who was with the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company for a number of years; Elizabeth; Mary, of Trum-

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bull, Fairfield Co., Conn.; and George, a mechanic, who is deceased.

Eli Dewhurst grew to manhood in Pawtucket (R. I.) and Andover, and received his education in the town of Oxford, Conn. His school days over, he proceeded to follow in the footsteps of his father, learning the woolen trade, at which he worked for a number of years in the woolen mills at Oxford and Woodbury, Conn. In 1856 he came to Bridgeport, where he connected himself with the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company, continuing there until May, 1880, when he retired from active business.

Mr. Dewhurst married Miss Elizabeth Simpson, who was born in Leeds, England, a daughter of Robert and Mary Simpson. She passed to her last rest in March, 1895. In his political affiliations our subject is a Democrat, and he has always taken a prominent part in all local affairs. For sixteen years he served as fire commissioner, and for one year he was member of the Common Council from the Fifth district. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and a charter member of Corinthian Lodge, of Bridgeport. In his religious belief he is an Episcopalian, attending St. Paul's Church, on the East Side. Mr. Dewhurst has been a familiar figure in the social life of Bridgeport, where his keen intellect and well-stored mind make him a welcome addition to any assembly. He passes the colder part of the year in the "sunny South," coming home with the warmer season, and finds hearty greetings awaiting him from his old-time friends and neighbors.

OSCAR L. BURDICK has been the able principal of the Henry Street School, in Stamford, Conn., since September, 1892. The teacher's calling has always been given a foremost place among the professions in New England, and Mr. Burdick has, during his administration, endeavored to keep his vocation up to the standard, and his work as effective, in the schoolroom and out of it, as an educator's work should be.

Mr. Burdick comes from good Colonial stock. One of the original settlers of Newport, R. I., was a Burdick, and our subject's great-grandfather, Alpheus Burdick, his grandfather, Gardner Burdick, and his father, Leander C. Burdick, were all natives of that State. The last named is still living, engaged in farming at Hopkinton, R. I. He married Mary C. Davis, and they had a family of six children, namely: Lottie J., Oscar L., Walter L., Mary E., Elisha C. and A. De Wayne.

Oscar L. Burdick was born October 14, 1866, in Hopkinton, R. I., and was brought up in his native State. His early schooling he received at Rockville, R.I., and when fourteen years old he entered the East Greenwich (R. I.) Academy, from which institution he graduated, following this with a classical course at Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., where he graduated with the class of '87. During the period between his academical and college courses he taught district school for one term of four months, and in the winter of 1887 he resumed teaching, remaining in the school at Rockville, R. I., until June, 1888. In September of that year he went to Westerly, R. I., where he had accepted the position of principal of the Pleasant Street Grammar School, which incumbency he held two years. He then became a high-school teacher at Westerly, retaining that position for one year, and in September, 1891, coming to Mystic, Conn., as principal of the high school and the graded school in the town of Groton. Here he also continued for one year, since which time he has held his present position in Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn. In the Henry street school nine grades are taught, and ten teachers, including the principal, are needed. The fact that he has been continuously retained in this position for so long a time is sufficient evidence of Mr. Burdick's efficiency, and his zeal in promoting the interests of his school, and educational work generally, is noted by all who know him in this connection. He is an active member of the Fairfield County Teachers Association, of the School Masters Round Table of Western Connecticut, and of the Rhode Island State Teachers Association.

In November, 1888, Mr. Burdick was married, at Rockville, R. I., to Miss Myrtie T. Buffington, by whom he has one child, Maida C.

VANDERBILT GODFREY is a prominent resident of the town of Weston, Fairfield county, in whose career as a successful educator in earlier life, and no less successful agriculturist in more recent years, we find one of the best examples of good, useful citizenship.

Mr. Godfrey was born December 29, 1853, in the town of Weston, Fairfield county, receiving his early education at the neighboring schools of the locality of his birth, and, later, attending Staples Institute, Easton. For two years after leaving school he was engaged in mercantile business, and then for twenty years taught school successfully, since when he has devoted his time to farming pursuits. In his political preferences he is a strong Republican, and he has served in various offices of honor and trust, as assessor,

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justice of the peace, member of the board of relief and of the school board, and others. Socially, he is a member and secretary of the Grange at Weston, and in religious faith he is identified with the Norfield Congregational Church of Weston, of which he is clerk, assistant superintendent of the Sabbath-school, and member of the choir.

In 1885 Mr. Godfrey wedded Miss Mary E. Hoyt, who was born at Ridgefield, Conn., October 10, 1856, a daughter of Edwin Smith and Mary G. (Keeler) Hoyt. They have no children.

Samuel Coley, one of the earliest ancestors of our subject on his mother's side, was born and reared in England, and thence emigrated to the United States, locating at first, in 1631, in the Massachusetts Bay Colony; from there he removed, in 1637, to Milford, Conn., along with Jehu and John Burr, Lieut. Robert Seeley, and others. Some finally settled in Fairfield, Conn., and there the descendants of Samuel Coley the emigrant are to be found. In 1640 he married Ann Prudden, daughter of James Prudden, brother to Rev. Peter Prudden, who came to Connecticut from Herefordshire, England. The children of this union were: Peter, who married Sarah H. Hyde; Abilene, wife of Japhet Chapin; Samuel; Sarah (Mrs. Baldwin); and Mary, who married (first) Peter Simpson and (second) John Stream.

Samuel Coley, Jr., son of Samuel the emigrant, was baptized in February, 1646, married Mary Carter in 1669, and had issue: Daniel, Esther, Samuel and Mary (twins), John, Abigail and Annie.

John Coley, son of Samuel, Jr., married, January 22, 1728, Mercy Gregory, daughter of Benjamin Gregory, and their children were: Mary, born August 13, 1732, married John Dikeman; Lois, born June 17, 1736, married Jonathan Taylor, of Norwalk; John, Jr., born December 31, 1738, married Anna Ogden; Hezekiah, born April 23, 1742, married Sarah Morehouse; and Eliphalet, born August 3, 1746, married Eunice Bradley, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Bradley, of Deerfield Hill. The children of Eliphalet and Eunice Coley were: Ruhamah, born October 8, 1770, married Samuel Coley; Eliphalet, born December 9, 1773, married Priscilla Bradley; and Mary, born September 20, 1777, married Silliman Fanton (she was the maternal grandmother of Vanderbilt Godfrey, our subject).

Silliman Fanton, mentioned above, was born June 24, 1777, in the town of Weston, Fairfield county, and from early life followed agricultural pursuits. By his marriage with Mary Coley he had children as follows: Eunice, born October 21, 1799, married William Coley; Paulina, born August 4, 1801, died young; Eliphalet C., born August 1, 1806, married Hannah Silliman; Horace, born February 14, 1808, married Katie Diamon; Pauline S., born August 3, 1817, married George Godfrey.

Levi Godfrey, grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Weston, Fairfield county, and was a lifelong farmer. He married a Miss St. John, and their children were: George, a sketch of whom follows; and Eliza, who married D. S. Bartram. Grandfather Godfrey died in 1821, and his widow afterward married Stephen Partrick, by whom she had one child, Mary E., who married Charles B. Sutton, a grocer of Wilton, Fairfield county.

George Godfrey, father of our subject, was born in the town of Weston, in 1795, and learned the trade of shoemaker, which he followed for a few years, the latter part of his life being devoted to farming. He died in 1884, a lifelong Democrat, and a member of the M. E. Church of Easton. He married Miss Pauline S. Fanton, who was born in Weston, August 3, 1817, a daughter of Silliman and Mary (Coley) Fanton, and children as follows graced this union: Mary E., born August 2, 1847, married Charles B. Sutton, who was born November 17, 1846; David, mention of whom follows; Vanderbilt, our subject; and Henry H., born June 20, 1856, died young.

David Godfrey (deceased), above mentioned, was born and educated in the town of Weston, Fairfield county, and engaged in the grocery business at Wilton. He married Mary Read, and they had three children: Eva F., George R. and Annie M. David's widow married Wilbur Blakeman, of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Ebenezer Hoyt, grandfather of Mrs. Vanderbilt Godfrey, was born in the town of Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., Conn., and was a lifelong farmer. In the old-time "training days" he was a captain in the militia. He was a member of the Congregational Church of Ridgefield, and in politics was a stanch Whig. He married Miss Theodosia Keeler, and they had children as follows: Edwin S. is spoken of farther on; David married Eliza Andrews; Katie married Ambrose Goodsell; Sallie married Rufus Fillow; and Almira married Isaac Pardee.

Edwin Smith Hoyt, father of Mrs. Vanderbilt Godfrey, was born in the town of Ridgefield, Fairfield county, July 30, 1818, and, like his father, followed agricultural pursuits all his days, and also served as captain in the militia during the "training days." A Republican in politics, he held some minor town offices; he was a member of the Congregational Church of Ridgefield,

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and served on the committee of same. He was twice married, first time to Mary G. Keeler, born in 1826-27, daughter of John and Eliza (Benedict) Keeler, farming people of Wilton, Fairfield county, and two children were born to them: Elizabeth K., who married Lewis Thomas, and has two children—Arthur Thomas and Frederick; and Mary E., Mrs. V. Godfrey. The mother dying in 1856, the father subsequently married Miss Frances J. Fanton, daughter of Horace and Keter (Diamond) Fanton, and the children of this union were: William F. and Jennie F. William F. Hoyt was born in Ridgefield, and learned the carpenter's trade, at which he has worked the greater part of his life. He is an ardent Republican, but has never aspired to public office of any kind. He married Edith Jennings, and they have had two children—Florence, living, and Eva, who died in infancy.

EDMUND H. SMITH, a prosperous carpenter and contractor of Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., is one of the well-known and respected citizens of that town, where he has made his home since 1889. Mr. Smith is a native of Connecticut, born April 14, 1850, in Bridgeport, a son of John B. and Sarah A. (Shaw) Smith, both of whom were born in England, where they were reared and married.

John B. Smith was a baker by trade, and besides following that vocation he engaged in the grocery business until his removal, in 1859, to Greenfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he commenced the milk business, which he carried on up to the time of his death. From Greenfield he removed to Holland Hill District, where he lived during the remainder of his life, dying at the age of forty-seven years. His widow still survives. They were the parents of eight children, viz.: Sarah A. (Mrs. John E. Osborn), Edmund H., Grace (Mrs. Frank Corning), Eva (Mrs. John L. Thomas), Ida (Mrs. Charles Perkins), Frederick W. (who is a farmer at Holland Hill), Minnie (deceased in infancy), and Etta (Mrs. Oliver Piatt). Mr. Smith was a Republican in political sentiment, but he took no active part in public affairs. Religiously, he was a devout member of and earnest worker in the Methodist Church, in which he held various offices, serving as class-leader, leader of the choir, etc., and he took a deep interest in all matters pertaining to the Church.

Edmund H. Smith lived in the city of his birth, Bridgeport, until he was nine years old, attending the public schools there, and he received the balance of his literary training in the district schools of Fairfield county, where in the country he grew to manhood. He lived at home until about eighteen years of age, at which time he returned to Bridgeport to learn his trade, that of carpenter, under S. Squires, who gave him fifty dollars and his board for his first year's services. Before his apprenticeship was completed, however, he was called home by the death of his father, so he took up the latter's business and conducted it for several years, until his younger brother was able to handle it successfully; when he returned to his trade, entering the employ of Beers Bros., of Bridgeport. Later he worked with Gould Bros., and finally, after five or six years, commenced contracting on his own account, which he has continued ever since, meeting with most encouraging success. Mr. Smith has, by honest and reliable work and honorable dealing with his patrons, built up a profitable business, which is increasing yearly, and he has, by his upright life, gained the good will and esteem of all who know him, being regarded as one of the good substantial residents of the town where he makes his home.

Mr. Smith was first married to Miss Harriet A. Winton, of Easton, Conn., by whom he had one child, Walter W., who lives at home. His second wife was Miss Edith M. Judd, and to this union was also born one child, Grace E., who died in infancy. His present wife was Mrs. Charlotte (Underwood) Clemmens, widow of William Clemmens. Mr. Smith settled in Fairfield in 1889, and he now has a very pleasant home in the village. He is a Republican politically, and he has taken an active interest in local affairs, serving as assessor and member of the board of relief, and at present acting as foreman of the Fairfield fire department—in all these incumbencies discharging his duties with a faithfulness and ability which won for him the favorable opinion of all concerned. Socially, he unites with Pequonnock Lodge, I. O. O. F., and with the United Friends, both of Bridgeport. In religious connection Mrs. Smith is a member of the Episcopal Church.

JAMES HANLEY, one of the ablest of the younger business men of Danbury, has the entire management of the business of the well-known firm of H. A. Hanley, manufacturers of stiff hats. The factory is located in Taylor's Lane, Danbury, and was formerly owned by W. H. Burns.

Mr. Hanley is a native of Danbury, born June 22, 1863. His father, John Hanley, was born in County Longford, Ireland, and, coming to America in 1849, settled on a farm in the town of

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Danbury, where he spent his remaining years, his death occurring July 8, 1873. He was a stanch Democrat, politically, and, like all of his family, was a devout Roman Catholic. His wife, whose maiden name was Shannon, was born in the town of Tipperary, Ireland, and is still living. They had seven children: John, a traveling salesman in the Western States for a St. Louis firm; Thomas, who was killed in Danbury in October, 1875, by an explosion; William, a hatter by trade, residing in Newark; James, our subject, mentioned more fully below; Anna, married to William Deacon, a hatter of Danbury; Kate, and Maggie, unmarried.

The first seven years of our subject's life were spent upon the farm, but in 1870 he went to Danbury, where he has ever since made his home. He attended the city schools up to the age of fourteen, when he entered the fur-cutting factory of P. Robinson & Co., with whom he spent three and one-half years. He then began to learn the hatter's trade with the Tweedy Manufacturing Company, with whom he spent ten years, in 1890 entering the employ of W. H. Burns, in the factory now conducted by the firm of H. A. Hanley. The change of ownership occurred June 24, 1896, and our subject's mother has the leading interest in the firm. They do an extensive business, turning out about forty dozen hats per day, and Mr. Hanley's able management entitles him to a place among the rising young manufacturers of the city.

On February 5, 1885, Mr. Hanley was married to Miss Margaret Feehan, a native of Brewsters, Putnam Co., N. Y., and a daughter of Timothy and Ann Feehan, who are both of Irish descent. Five children have blessed this union, viz.: Anna, Stella, Timothy, Thomas and Leonard. Mr. Hanley and his wife are leading members of the Roman Catholic Church at Danbury, and take an interest in all the lines of work connected with that organization. In politics he is a Democrat.

OTIS B. CURTIS, farmer and dealer in milk, town of Stratford, is a native of the locality, born February 2, 1842, a son of Enoch Curtis.

Judson Curtis, grandfather of our subject, was of the same nativity, and followed farming all his life. He had a family of seven children: Ashbel, Judson, Ager, Roswell, Enoch, Mary, and another daughter, whose name is not given. Of these, Ashbel, who was a shoemaker, died in the town of Stratford; Judson is a tanner in Stratford; Ager, who was also a tanner, is now deceased; Roswell, who was a merchant for many years in Stratford, is now also deceased; Mary married Thadeus Peck, of Stratford; and the youngest daughter wedded Lewis Curtis, of the town of Stratford.

Enoch, the father of our subject, was born in the town of Stratford, and there learned the trade of shoemaker, at which he worked some twenty-eight years for S. J. Patterson, of Bridgeport, proprietor of a patent-leather shoe factory. Enoch Curtis died in 1876, his wife in 1896. In religious faith they were Methodists, while in politics he was a Republican.

Otis B. Curtis was educated in part at the public schools of the locality where he was born, in part at Stratford Academy, after which he took up farming. In 1877 he added the milk business, and he at present has a well-paying milk route in the borough of Stratford. Mr. Curtis married Miss Harriet Clark, who was born in the town of Trumbull, a daughter of Andrew Clark, a carriage maker, and three children have been born to them: Walter S., who is station agent at Stratford for the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.; Clara M.; and Clifford, who at this writing has just completed his schooling.

The family are all identified with the Methodist Church. In politics Mr. Curtis is a Republican; socially, he is a member of the O. U. A. M. of Stratford, Pequonnock Council, No. 67. For twenty years he was connected with Company K, Connecticut National Guard, of which he was a charter member. He is a progressive, enterprising citizen, one who does all in his power to promote the public welfare, and he is also one of the leading and representative business men of Stratford.

ALEXANDER SEMPLE. The "land of the mountain and the flood" has given to America some of her best citizens—men of energy, perseverance, probity and courage; men who are ever loyal to their adopted country, supporting on all occasions whatever is just and right, and whatever may conduce to the benefit of the community at large. Such an one is the gentleman whose name here appears.

Mr. Semple is a native of Renfrewshire, Scotland, born May 8, 1835, a son of Alexander Semple, who first saw the light April 29, 1805, in England, while his parents were visiting in that country. The father was a weaver by trade in Scotland, whence in May, 1848, he came with his family to the United States, first locating for a short time at Utica, N. Y., thence removing to Warehouse Point, Hartford Co., Conn, where he was "warper" in a woolen-mill. He married

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Janet Buchanan, born February 11, 1806, at Kilborchan, Renfrewshire, Scotland, a daughter of James Buchanan (of the same place), and granddaughter of James Buchanan, who was an intimate friend of Robert Tannahill, the poet. To this union were born children as follows: Jean married William Brown in Scotland, and died there. Alexander is the subject of this sketch. James is a mechanic in Torrington, Conn. Annie married Charles Cooper, a manufacturer of knit underwear at Bennington, Vt. Janet died in infancy. John enlisted, during the Civil war, in Company D, First Connecticut Squadron of Cavalry; was captured in Maryland, near Hagerstown, July 10, 1863; was confined in Belle Isle prison, whence he escaped by swimming the James river, but was run down by bloodhounds, recaptured and taken to Libby prison; thence transferred to Castle Thunder, from which dungeon he escaped by tunneling; he served three years in all, and was honorably discharged in August, 1864; on his return home he followed the manufacturing business at Utica, N. Y., later becoming a commercial traveler; he died unmarried, January 3, 1880. The mother of this family is yet living. The father died at Whitehouse Point, Conn., July 5, 1875. In religious faith he was an Old-school Presbyterian, and in politics he was first a Whig, later a Republican. For seven years in his early manhood he served in the British army, stationed chiefly in Canada and the West Indies.

Alexander Semple, whose name introduces this sketch, attended school in his native country until he was thirteen years of age, at which time he came with his father to the United States, and in Utica, N. Y., worked in a woolen-mill, in his evenings, for a time, improving his mind at a night school. Early in life he had to commence learning the trade of weaver, his parents being in comparatively humble circumstances, so he had not the advantages of education he so ardently wished. However, he made up for such shortcomings by considerable reading and observation, and became a well-informed man. At Warehouse Point, Conn., he was a "loom fixer," or "tuner," in woolen-mills, and when he moved to Windsor, Conn., he had charge of the weaving department in a mill. From there he went to Lee, Mass., and was overseer of the weaving department of a mill; thence returned to Utica, N. Y., and was "designer" in the Globe Mills some seven years. Removing then to Broadbrook, Hartford Co., Conn., he became general manager for the Broadbrook Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of fine cassimeres, with whom he remained in that capacity twenty-one years, at the end of which time, on account of impaired health, he traveled abroad; also attended the World's Fair at Chicago. In 1893 he came to Norwalk, Conn., to take charge of the Union Mills, but shortly afterward the mills closed, since when he has been living retired, taking a well-earned repose after forty-three years' active connection with the woolen industry.

Mr. Semple was married to Elizabeth Wilson, of Dracut, Mass., a native of Scotland, and they have one son, William A., now superintendent of a woolen-mill at Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Semple are members of the First Congregational Church of Norwalk; socially, he has been affiliated with the F. & A. M. thirty-five years, and is now a member of Washington Commandery, at Hartford; in politics he is a Republican.

ELMER E. BENNETT, one of the energetic young mechanics for which the thriving village of Georgetown, Fairfield county, is famed, and who is at present engaged with the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company, is a native of New Hampshire, born June 3, 1861.

Mr. Bennett received his education at the common schools of Norwich, Conn., after which he was employed as a cork cutter for some time. He then entered the service of the Consolidated Railroad Company of Connecticut, as brakeman, from which position he was promoted to conductor, filling same until he severed his connection with that corporation. In 1892 he entered the employ of the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company, in the wire-drawing department, and there he has remained ever since. For five years he served in the United States Battery of Artillery, stationed on Long Island. In politics Mr. Bennett is a pronounced Republican.

Our subject married Miss Grace S. Paulmier, who was born March 5, 1865, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Prentice) Paulmier, the former of whom was a painter of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., N. Y., and two children were born to them: Georgie E., on September 10, 1887, and Dorothy, on October 28, 1893.

George A. Bennett, father of our subject, was born July 25, 1823, commenced his business life as a clerk in a store, and was connected with mercantile pursuits up to his death, July 12, 1893. In politics he was an ardent Democrat, but neither sought nor accepted office. He married Miss Susan Jane (Fernside) Partridge, who was born July 27, 1834, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hill) Fernside, the former a foreman in

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the finishing department of a cotton mill; Mrs. Bennett was adopted by Reuben and Ruth Partridge, and took their surname. Two children were born to George A. and Susan Jane Bennett, as follows: George S., born January 10, 1858, in Brattleboro, Vt., died at the early age of five years; Elmer E. is the subject proper of these lines.

Jacob Bennett, grandfather of our subject, was born April 21, 1798, in Preston, Conn., and married Miss Esther Lawrence, who was born September 26, 1798, in the town of Plainfield, Conn., and their four children are as follows: George A. was the father of our subject. Dwight W. was born August 27, 1825, in Griswold, Conn., and was a lifelong farmer; he had ten children, of whom five are named—Mary E., Charles, Kate, Laura, and Louisa. Laura E., born August 14, 1827, married Charles Hurlburt, and had four children—Charles, Ella, Fred, and George. Mary L., born September 18, 1830, married Dwight Roy, a farmer of Plainfield, Conn., and had four children—Frank, Eunice, and two who died in infancy.

Samuel Hill, maternal great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of England. His daughter Elizabeth married John Fernside, an Englishman, who has been employed in cotton mills, both in England and in the United States, and three children were born to them, all of whom are married.

JAMES H. EVANS, a prominent agriculturist of the town of Sherman, is an honored military veteran, having been among the first to enlist in the service of the Union during the Civil war.

Mr. Evans belongs to a well-known family of Sherman, and his grandfather, Jonathan Evans, was born and reared there, and became a successful farmer of the locality. He married a resident of the same town, and they had seven children: Harvey P., our subject's father; William, who married Miss Charlotte Gaylord; Lydia, who died unmarried; Oliver, who married Miss Harriet Hopkins; Neilson, who married Miss Fannie Kellogg; Lucy, wife of Charles Mallory; and Charles, who married Miss Eliza Radford.

Harvey P. Evans was born in the town of Sherman, where he received a common-school education. In early manhood he engaged in the manufacture of fire brick, and for a number of years ran a brickyard at New Milford, Conn., but during the latter part of his life he gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was a man of much independence of thought, following his own judgment in politics as well as in other matters, and was accordingly held in great respect by his fellow-citizens, being honored with election to various town offices. He married Miss Esther A. Gilbert, daughter of Elijah Gilbert, of Sandy Hook, this county, and they had three children, of whom our subject was the youngest; Jane is unmarried, and Emily is the wife of Eli T. Potter.

Mr. Evans, our subject, was born January 6, 1838, at the old homestead in the town of Sherman, and there his education was begun. Later he attended school in New Milford, Conn., and the town of Warren, this State, and at Millerton, Dutchess Co., N. Y. When a young man he worked for about two years and a half at the carpenter's trade, but this occupation was interrupted during the first year of the war by his enlistment. On October 30, 1861, he was sworn in as a member of Company C, 13th Conn. V. I., which was assigned to the Department of the Gulf, and sent to New Orleans to join the forces under Gen. B. F. Butler. Mr. Evans took part in many important engagements in the Gulf region, and was present at the siege of Port Hudson, remaining in the service until April 25, 1866, when he was discharged at Fort Pulaski, Ga. On coming home he engaged in farming, which he has ever since continued successfully. For more than ten years he has been a member of Post No. 14, G. A. R., at New Milford. Mr. Evans is in sympathy with any movement which tends to progress. In politics he is a stanch Republican, but he has never aspired to office.

In November, 1866, Mr. Evans married Miss Jane Spaulding, who was born in May, 1836, and was one of the fourteen children of John Spaulding, of Pawling, Dutchess Co., N. Y. Three children have blessed this union: Cora B., born in 1870, who has taught successfully for nine years, and is now engaged in that profession in the town of Kent, Conn.; Lewis, born in 1873, who is a farmer at East Canaan, Conn.; and Lottie, born in 1875, who lives at home.

JAMES B. BEDIENT, general merchant and grocer of the town of Wilton, was born there May 10, 1865, and obtained his education in the common schools. Having completed his schooling he engaged in farming up to his twenty-second year, when he established himself in the grocery and general mercantile business, which he has since conducted. He has been unusually successful from a commercial standpoint, having from the beginning enjoyed the

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confidence of the public. From his early manhood until within recent years he was a Democrat, but he is now a Republican; he has never aspired to public office, though he was appointed postmaster of Wilton in 1891. In religious connection he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Bedient married Miss Charlotte N. Hard, daughter of William G. and Sarah (Erwin) Hard, the former a prosperous farmer of Newtown, Conn., and one child has come to this marriage, Florence W., born December 30, 1887, who died February 3, 1896.

David Bedient, grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Wilton, was there educated, and in early life became a farmer, following that calling all his life. He married Mrs. Polly Stuwart, a widow, by whom he had two children, viz.: Harvey, born March 31, 1816, and Harriet, who married Andrew Partrick.

Harvey Bedient, father of our subject, was born in the town of Wilton, was educated there in the common schools, and, like his ancestors, became a farmer, in which occupation he was very successful. Politically he was a Democrat, served as selectman of his town for a number of years, and for a few years before his death was acting school visitor. He was a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was steward and trustee of the Church at Wilton for a number of years. He was twice married, the second time to Miss Martha E. Sterling, who was born in 1829, daughter of Hawley and Maria Sterling, the former of whom was a prosperous farmer of the town of Wilton. They became the parents of the following children: Katie, who died young; Nellie, who married Frank Green; Lucy, who married R. B. Disbrow; Fred H., who married Electa Gregory; David F., who married Carrie James; James B., our subject; Charles H., who married Lucy Chapman, and Carrie M., unmarried.

THOMAS C. LOUDEN, a leading butcher of Mianus, is a man whose successful struggle with adverse circumstances shows what can be done by industry and economy. Born of poor parents, he was obliged to make his way in life without any of the aids which are usually considered essential to success.

Mr. Louden was born in North Greenwich, Fairfield county, November 20, 1842, a son of Obediah and Jane (Rancheart) Louden, and is one of a family of twelve children, of whom ten reached maturity. As the family were in limited circumstances, his educational advantages were very meager, and, though he attended the district school at North Greenwich, his school days were over before he had reached his tenth year. At the age of eleven he was hired out to Abram Watersburg, of North Castle township, Westchester county, New York, but after four or five days he ran away and returned home, as he could not stand working in the sun. His father insisted on his return, and he complied, but remained only a short time. He then took a position under his brother Theodore, sewing shoes intended for trade in the South and West; it was the custom for jobbers to let out contracts to local men, of which his brother was one. Our subject soon became quite proficient at sewing, and was able to command $6 per month and board. Later he worked for Clark Brundage, in the same line, and continued to follow that occupation until 1862, when he joined the Tenth Legion, from Middletown, Orange Co., N. Y., under Colonel Van Wyck, but was rejected on account of his age.

Prior to this time Mr. Louden had become able to make a shoe, and to do knife work on twelve pairs per day. He has made women's shoes for fifteen cents per pair, manufacturing six pairs per day, and later could hold a "seat of work" and make shoes on his own account. During the panic of 1858, when times were very hard, he left Mr. Brundage, with all his earthly possessions in an old grip, and, although it was January, he was clothed in a linen suit. In this way he went to Middletown, N.Y., then a booming place, as the Erie railroad had just been constructed through it. On reaching New York City seventy-five cents of his last dollar had been expended for his fare, and he was forced to borrow two dollars from his brother Samuel to take him to his destination. He became quite homesick *en route*, as this was his first trip from home, but his spirits rose when he reached Middletown and secured a position with Charles E. Noyes in the shoe business. During the four years he spent there he prospered, and on leaving the place had a building lot paid for, and was entirely free from debt. After a visit home, he opened a shop in connection with his brother Theodore, and peddled shoes through the country, but this venture was not as successful as had been anticipated. Later they established a custom shop, and on selling out our subject accepted a position as traveling salesman with the Rochester Nursery Company, remaining with them for four years.

During that period Mr. Louden came to Fairfield county, and was married, in the Episcopal church at Greenwich, to Miss Susan E. Ferris, a daughter of Joseph and Hannah M. (Warring) Ferris. They located at the home where he still

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lives, but the wife died six months and ten days afterward, and was buried at Sound Beach. Subsequently he married her sister, Margaret A., by whom he has seven children: Susan E., now the wife of Willis E. Olmstead, of Mianus; Maria J., wife of J. Stanley Lockwood, who is engaged in the insurance business in New York; Henry A., telegraph operator at Sound Beach; and Ella L., Thomas O., S. Garfield and W. Eldon, all at home.

Mr. Louden has spent all his married life upon his farm in Greenwich township, and since the fall of 1877 he has engaged successfully in the butcher business at Mianus. He is also a dealer in both cattle and horses. In his market he has a patent meat rack, which he is manufacturing in New Jersey, and which is proving a great success. In 1871 he built his present comfortable residence upon his farm, and besides this property he owns land in Stamford township, Fairfield county. He has not only achieved success financially, but, by his straightforward, honorable course, he has attained a high position in the estimation of his fellow citizens.

Since casting his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, in 1864, Mr. Louden has always supported the Republican party, and he has been called upon to serve as selectman in Greenwich township for two terms, and is at present justice of the peace. He is a charter member of Empire Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Greenwich, of which he has been treasurer since its organization. His wife holds membership in the Episcopal Church.

JAMES H. ROWLAND, JR., late proprietor of the Home Livery at New Canaan, Conn., was born January 19, 1857, in New Haven, this State, of which city his father, James H. Rowland, Sr., is also a native.

Samuel Rowland, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., and for some years was engaged in the real-estate business in New Haven. Later he took a grocery business in North Carolina which he carried on for a short time, finally returning to New Haven, where he became bookkeeper and a director of the New York & New Haven Steamboat Company. He afterward returned to the real-estate business. Samuel Rowland married Martha Mansfield, by whom he had six children: James H., George M. (now deceased, who was engaged in the music business in Bridgeport, Conn.), and four others who died in infancy. The father was a member of the Masonic lodge at New Haven.

James H. Rowland, Sr., was brought up in the city of New Haven, attending the Lancastrian school. He commenced active life as bookkeeper for English & Ives, wholesale liquor dealers, later clerking on board the steamers of the New York & New Haven Steamboat Company, and on the Southern steamers running from Washington to Richmond. For fifteen years he was bookkeeper for the New Haven Clock Company. Removing to New York City, he was there employed by various firms, the Equitable Life Insurance Company, the Commonwealth Life Insurance Company, Mitchell Banks & Co. (chandeliers, bronzes, clocks, etc.), and the American Clock Company. Mr. Rowland now makes his home in Brooklyn, N. Y. He was married at New Haven to Harriet Silliman, who became the mother of three children—Lillie, now a resident of Brooklyn; James H., Jr.; and William, who died in infancy. Mr. Rowland holds membership with the Episcopal Church at New Haven. He was in his prime a member of the New Haven Grays.

James H. Rowland, Jr., was during his early boyhood a pupil in the same school his father attended, the Lancastrian school, and at the age of twelve years he entered the Adelphi Academy, where he pursued his studies for three years. He began work with Merriam & Duck, to learn the printer's trade, and remained with them four years, when he left the trade to enter the employ of Louis M. Celestine, wholesale dealer in paper and printer's stock. After working for him for one year he embarked in the printing business, in partnership with F. M. Jackson, the firm doing business at the corner of Broadway and Eighth streets, New York City, for two years, at the end of which time our subject sold out to Mr. Jackson and went to Brooklyn, where he engaged in the business on his own account, and continued same successfully until 1888, the year of his removal to New Canaan. There in 1890 he commenced the livery business, in that year purchasing the Stevens stable, which he conducted for three years. In 1893 he erected his late place of business, in East avenue. He has a thriving trade, the fifteen rigs with which his stable is provided being in constant demand.

Mr. Rowland was first married, in New Haven, Conn., to Maria K. Lines, daughter of Augustus Lines. In 1888, her health being very poor, Mr. Rowland took her to Florida, but the change failed to benefit her, and she died the same year, in New Canaan. She was the mother of four children, namely: Stewart, Mabel, Marion, and Edith, who died in infancy. The eldest son is at present studying medicine in Hart-

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ford, Conn. For his second wife, Mr. Rowland wedded, in Brooklyn, N. Y., Miss Emily F. Comstock, who was born in New Canaan, daughter of Chester Comstock, and they have had four children: Ruth, Jessie, Dorothy, and one who died in infancy. The family attend the Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Rowland is a member. In social connection he belongs to Harmony Lodge No. 67, F. & A. M. (of which he is organist); and the Golden Cross, in which he is past master.

WILLIAM EDWARDS WALLER, who is engaged in market gardening and the raising of small fruits, was born at New Bedford, Mass., December 17, 1861, the son of William G. Waller. The father was born in Schenectady, N. Y., and his father was a native of the island of St. Christopher, West Indies.

William G. Waller was engaged in civil engineering in Louisiana. He was married, at Bridgeport, to Harriet S. Edwards, a daughter of Dr. D. S. Edwards, of the United States navy, and to this union were born: William Edwards; Mary G., who married Lieutenant Starkweather, of the Revenue service (both are now deceased); and Harriet H. Mrs. Waller died in 1881, and Mr. Waller passed away at Baton Rouge, La., in 1890.

William Edwards Waller spent his early school days in Bridgeport and in Washington, D. C., but since leaving school he has always made his home in Trumbull. He was married in Pompton, N. J., to Susan E. Ludlam. Socially, he is a member of the Sea Side Club.

Dr. D. S. Edwards, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a direct descendant of John Edwards, who came to America from England and settled in Trumbull in 1692. He was born in Connecticut, June 22, 1794, and in 1814 graduated from Yale. On July 30, 1818, he entered the United States navy, and thus began a career that was to carry him to all parts of the globe and make him a participator in some of the most stirring incidents in the history of the New World. He was assigned for duty as assistant surgeon on the frigate "Congress," bound for the China sea; in 1820 the ship was visited at Manila by Asiatic cholera, then a comparatively unknown disease. In 1821 he returned to Washington, and the following year was on duty on the schooner "Grampus." With the aid of boats they destroyed five pirate sailboats near Cuba, and Doctor Edwards was severely wounded. He recovered, and in 1823 was assigned to the "Erie," which was sent to protect government interests in the Mediterranean. On May 6, 1825, he was promoted to surgeon, and in 1826 he was ordered to the "Boston," on which he remained four years in Brazilian waters, returning to New York in 1830. For two years following he was in the cholera hospital in New York, and for a like term saw service in the navy yard at Pensacola. He was then sent, in the good ship "St. Louis," to the West Indies, and in 1837 was appointed fleet surgeon of the West India squadron. The year 1839 found him on duty in the navy yard at Washington; 1841 on board the steamer "Fulton," and 1843 on the frigate "North Carolina." In 1846 he awaited orders, and in 1847 was assigned to the marine battalion, to join the army in Mexico. At Vera Cruz he was medical director of General Pierce's brigade, and participated in the engagements at Santa Fe, National Bridge, Tres Rios, Cerra Gordo and Molino del Rey. In August, 1847, he was at Pueblo as medical director of General Quitman's division, and was at the engagements at Contreras, Chapultepec and City of Mexico, after which he was transferred to the hospital at St. Augustine. For a time he served as inspector of the sick and wounded. He again became fleet surgeon of the West India squadron between 1848 and 1850, after which he was in the navy yard at Washington for some time. In 1857-60 he was fleet surgeon of the Pacific squadron on the "Merrimac." From 1861 to 1864 he was at the navy rendezvous at New Bedford, and in 1865 was on the steamer "Rhode Island," in Mobile Bay. In 1868 he was given special duty on the retiring board, and so remained until his death, in 1874. After so varied an experience, amid seas and scenes so often stormy, he passed quietly away, in Trumbull, at the ripe old age of full four-score years. In his long service for his country he made a record that may well be emulated. Nights of faithful watching, days of toil, he bravely accepted all, and when his great soul, stripped of all earthly rank and care, rose to its last home, he could truly sing:

Joy, joy forever!
My task is done;
The gates are past,
And heaven is won.

JOHN O'SULLIVAN, prominent in the Irish society of Norwalk, was born in Queenstown, Ireland, October 8, 1836, one of the four sons of Daniel O'Sullivan and his wife, Elizabeth (Tattan), both natives of "Old Erin," where they passed their entire lives, the former following farming as an occupation until his death, in 1869. Elizabeth (Tattan) O'Sullivan

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died in 1873. The other sons in the family were: James went to sea, and our subject knows not what became of him; Daniel, who had a gold mine, died in Norwalk, in 1891; and William is now engaged in the mining business in New Zealand.

John O'Sullivan passed the first sixteen years of his life in Ireland. On June 2, 1852, he bade farewell to the greener fields and the bluer skies of his childhood, and came to America. He first landed at New York, but remained there only for a short time, going to Boston, where he learned the shoemaking trade. In 1853 he came to Norwalk, and worked at his trade for about ten years. During the following twelve years he gave eminent satisfaction by his service as policeman, to which position he was appointed under the Democratic party. He gave careful attention to his duties, and citizens, of whatever political faith, soon learned he was faithfully and conscientiously guarding the law to the best of his ability, and all expressed regret when he decided to lay aside the star he had worn so long to enter commercial life. In 1882 he entered the liquor business, in which line of trade he has since remained.

In 1859 Mr. O'Sullivan was married to Miss Mary Ryan, who was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, a daughter of Edward Ryan, and to them a family of twelve children were born, seven of whom are living: Elizabeth, at home; John E., in charge of the Dorland Summer Resort (near Norwalk); Mary Ann, wife of Michael Ariorder; Jane, wife of Hugh Donnelly (sketch of whom appears elsewhere); Catherine and Julia, at home; and Daniel, employed by his father. The entire family are members of the Roman Catholic Church, and are liberal in their views, believing that each man should worship as he thinks best. Mr. O'Sullivan is one of those men who, having adopted this country for their own, are loyal and patriotic. With the natural wit of his countrymen, his generosity and integrity, he occupies a prominent place, and is in great demand socially.

CHARLES B. DYCKMAN, engineer for the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company, Georgetown, Fairfield county, was born April 25, 1849, in New York City, and received his education at Peekskill Academy and other schools in that vicinity.

In 1861, Mr. Dyckman's father having to proceed with his regiment to the South, our subject left school and accompanied him, and while at Newport News witnessed the engagement between the "Monitor" and the "Merrimac." After a sojourn in the South of about one year he returned home and resumed his studies. After leaving school he followed clerking for some time and also worked on a farm, and he finally settled in Georgetown, Fairfield county, having accepted the position of engineer for the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company, at that place.

On November 24, 1880, Mr. Dyckman was married to Miss Eliza Jane St. John, who was born at Vista, N. Y., December 23, 1847, daughter of Samuel Noah and Roxana (Fancher) St. John, the former of whom was a Methodist Protestant and Congregational minister. Children as follows have blessed this union: Garrett St. John, born October 27, 1883; Alice Emma, born October 30, 1884; Mabel Elizabeth, born Jan. 25, 1887, died in infancy; William Edwin, born March 10, 1888, died in infancy; and Mildred E., born September 17, 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Dyckman are members of the Congregational Church of Georgetown, and in politics he is a Democrat. He was introduced to, and frequently met, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Abraham Lincoln.

John Dyckman, grandfather of our subject, was born February 17, 1785, in New York City, and during the greater part of his life was a farmer, in his younger days following the trucking business for a time in his native city. He served in the war of 1812. By his wife, Leah (Goetchus), who was born September 17, 1786, he had children as follows: Garrett, sketch of whom follows; Martha M. and Betsey Mary (twins), born March 3, 1817; and Peter B., born May 27, 1821.

Garrett Dyckman, father of our subject, was born May 18, 1814, in the town of Cortlandt, Westchester Co., N. Y., and for some time was a clerk in New York. At one time he engaged in the manufacture of soda water. He first enlisted in the First N. Y. V. I., of which he was commissioned captain, and he was wounded several times during the Mexican war—in the battles of Contreras, Cherubusco, and other engagements. A large part of his life was passed in military service, and when the Civil war broke out he went to the front as a lieutenant-colonel, and later was commissioned colonel of the First N. Y. V. I. As a leader in the Democratic party he was recognized as a great politician, and was awarded the gold snuff-box bequeathed by Gen. Andrew Jackson. He was elected to the State Assembly from New York. Socially, he was a member of the F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F. He died in New York City, May 22, 1868, and was buried with Masonic honors. On February 11, 1848, he married Martha E. Tucker, who

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was born April 4, 1826, in Brooklyn, N. Y., and children as follows were born to them: Charles B., our subject, the only survivor; Garrett, born July 8, 1850; Henry A., born December 1, 1851; and George G., born December 7, 1853.

Mrs. Eliza Jane (St. John) Dyckman comes of English ancestry, and is descended from the eldest of three brothers—Mathias (1), Mark and Samuel St. John—who came from England. The line direct from Mathias (1) is as follows: Mathias (2), Samuel (1), Noah (1), Samuel (2), and Noah (2) (grandfather of Mrs. Dyckman). Of these,

Noah St. John (2) was born May 12, 1782, in the town of Wilton, Fairfield Co., Conn., on the place that has been in the possession of the family some 200 years. By trade he was a stone mason. Socially, he was prominent in Masonic circles. He married Miss Polly Osborn, who was born February 29, 1788, on Long Island, and their children were as follows: Roswell died young; John O. married Phebe J. Jones; Hiram married Mary A. Hull; Rev. Samuel Noah was Mrs. Dyckman's father; Abigail died young; Amy is deceased.

Rev. Samuel Noah St. John was born October 2, 1824, in Georgetown, Fairfield Co., Conn., received a liberal education, and qualified himself for the work of the ministry to some extent by private study. In his younger days he worked on farms, and later he taught in various localities, his first school being in Diamond Hill District, town of Redding, Fairfield county, his last, in 1879, in Georgetown. On February 28, 1846, he was licensed to preach under the auspices of the Methodist Protestant Church, and was admitted into the itinerancy by the New York Conference of that Church during its sixteenth annual session, April 1-9, 1846. He was first stationed at Tompkins Cove, on the west side of the Hudson, and preached his initial sermon there April 12, 1846. In the spring of 1848 he was ordained a deacon minister at Tarrytown, N. Y.; during 1849 and part of 1850 he worked in his brother's shop at Georgetown, Conn., and on March 24, that year, he was ordained an elder. He was subsequently stationed as follows: At Matteawan, Dutchess Co., N. Y.; Andover, Sussex Co., N. Y.; Sheburne, Chittenden Co., Vt.; Haverstraw and Warren, N. Y.; and in the spring of 1858 he commenced to supply the pulpit of the Dutch Reformed Church at Montrose, N. Y. While there, he left the M. P. Church, and on October 23, 1860, united with the Fairfield West Congregational Association, by personal application, supplying the pulpit of that Society from 1865 till 1875. He died in Georgetown, Fairfield county, January 4, 1892, aged sixty-seven years, three months, two days. On October 15, 1846, in the town of New Canaan, Fairfield county, Rev. Samuel N. St. John married Miss Roxana Fancher, and children as follows were born to them: Eliza Jane, Mrs. Dyckman; Samuel W., born in 1850; Margaret; Emma A., born September 14, 1853; and Henry L., born August 23, 1856. The mother was called from earth September 29, 1895, aged seventy years.

JOHN LOCKWOOD, a prominent farmer of the town of Wilton, Conn., was born in Lewisboro, N. Y., June 10, 1839, and received his early intellectual training in the public schools of his time. For some years after leaving school he was engaged in farming with his father, and he then removed to New Canaan, Conn., where he came into possession of a farm which he conducted ten years. Then, in about 1870, he returned to Wilton, where with his brother Samuel he purchased a farm, which they conducted for six years, or until 1876, when he purchased his present place, to the cultivation of which he has since given his attention. Mr. Lockwood has devoted his time to his chosen calling to the exclusion of everything else, and for this reason has made farming a success. Politically he is a Democrat, and has held several of the minor offices. Mr. Lockwood married Miss Sarah I. Tuttle, who was born October 21, 1842, daughter of Anson and Almira (Abbott) Tuttle, the former of New Canaan, Conn., and the latter of Wilton, Conn. Children as follows have blessed this union: George R., born June 28, 1865; and Minnie F., born March 9, 1869, who married Charles H. Hawkshurst.

Gershom Lockwood, grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Lewisboro, N. Y., where he was educated. He always followed farming for a livelihood. He was a member of the Baptist Church. He married (first) a Miss Seymour, by whom he had the following children: Rufus, who married Sallie M. Raymond; and Bettie, who married Samuel Canfield. For his second wife Mr. Lockwood married Bettie Staples.

Rufus Lockwood, father of our subject, was born in the town of Lewisboro, N. Y., where he was educated, and, like his ancestors, engaged in farming all his life. During training days he was a captain in the militia, and hence was called "Captain" Lockwood by those who knew him. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence and ability, and had the esteem of his neighbors

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and friends to an unusual degree. He married Sallie M. Raymond, who was born July 12, 1819, a daughter of Asa and Debbie (Canfield) Raymond, and children as follows were born to this union: John is our subject; Debora F., born January 25, 1842, married Stephen Seymour, and has had the following children: Urban G., born February 21, 1865, and Ada F., born December 20, 1873; Samuel G., born October 11, 1845, married Annie Crawford, and Joseph W., born October 13, 1850, married Alice Olmstead.

John Tuttle, grandfather of the wife of our subject, was born in the town of New Canaan, and was there educated in the common schools. From his early manhood days he was engaged in farming, and he was an unusually successful man. Politically he was a Whig, and he was elected to several of the minor offices within the gift of his fellow citizens. He married Miss Isabelle Gardner, by whom he had the following children: Anson, who married Almira Abbott, Sallie, who married Samuel Judson, and Esther, who married Wilsey Burtis.

Anson Tuttle, father of Mrs. Sarah J. Lockwood, was born in 1803 in the town of New Canaan, Conn., and was there educated in the common schools. After leaving school he learned shoemaking, but he never worked at the trade, devoting his life exclusively to farming. During the training days he was a member of the State militia, and in politics he was a Democrat, holding several of the minor offices at different times. He married Miss Almira Abbott, who was born in 1808, daughter of Michael and Ammie (Taylor) Abbott, the former a prominent farmer of the town of Wilton, and to this marriage was born one child, Sarah J., wife of the subject of this sketch. Anson Tuttle died in 1847, and his wife in 1862.

MRS. CHARLOTTE MALLORY, widow of Charles Mallory, of the town of Sherman, Fairfield county, is a representative of one of the most highly-esteemed families of the section, the Stuarts, her ancestors, having settled there many years ago.

Henry L. Stuart, her father, was born in that town in 1800, and after receiving a good common-school education located upon a farm, where he continued to follow agricultural pursuits throughout his life. He took much interest in politics as a member of the Whig party, and was prominent in local affairs, holding various town offices. His wife, Caroline (Ferris), was a daughter of Geradus and Polly Ferris, well-known residents of the town of New Milford. Mrs. Mallory was the youngest in a family of four children, the others being: Jane, wife of Birdsey Curtis, Abel W., who married Jane Spencer; and Charles H., who is not married.

Mrs. Charlotte Mallory was born in the town of Sherman and was educated in the common schools, the wholesome surroundings of farm life serving to develop a strong womanly character. She married the late Charles Mallory, son of George Mallory, a prosperous agriculturist of the town of Sherman, where the family had been located for several generations. Charles E. Mallory was born and reared there, attending the public schools in early life and later engaging in business as a carpenter. He was an excellent citizen, taking great interest in all that would tend to benefit the community, and he was also active in political matters, being an ardent Democrat. At different times he was chosen to fill local offices, and for a number of years served as selectman and assessor. His life came to a close in 1892, when he was fifty-seven years of age, the event causing sincere grief among a large circle of friends. One daughter, Carrie, born in the town of Sherman in 1868, survives him, and resides with her widowed mother.

RAYMOND KELLOGG, for many years a highly-esteemed resident of the town of Sherman, was a leading agriculturist of that locality. He was born June 28, 1818, and his entire life was spent in this section.

Mr. Kellogg's ancestors came to this country at an early period, and his grandfather, Thomas Kellogg, was born and reared in the southern part of Connecticut, receiving such education as the schools of that day and neighborhood afforded. He became a weaver by occupation, and followed the trade during the greater part of his life. He married Mercy Raymond, and they had four children: Jesse, our subject's father; Thomas, who married Laura ———; Mercy, who never married; and Thankful, Mrs. Brown.

Jesse Kellogg was born in the town of Sherman, this county, and after receiving a common-school education learned the carpenter's trade, in which he was engaged for a number of years, but in later life his attention was given to farming. During the war of 1812 he was drafted into the service of the government, and with the remainder of his company started for the seat of hostilities, but on reaching Newtown they were discharged. Although he never held office he took much interest in political questions, and was a strong supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He married Miss Amanda Hun-

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gerford, daughter of Thomas Hungerford, a prosperous farmer of the town of Sherman, and they had the following-named children: Maria, who married Silas Babcock; Raymond, our subject; Sabria, wife of Allen Gilbert; Neilson, who married (first) Sarah Hinman and (second) Rhoda Scutt; Wealthy, wife of Levi Stone; Eliza, wife of Louis Spooner; Stanley, who married Frances Wilcox; and Polly E. and Alonzo, both of whom died in infancy.

Mr. Kellogg attended the common schools of his locality in his boyhood, and later engaged at the carpenter's trade, which he followed for more than twenty years. He then purchased the farm on which he passed the remainder of his life, devoting his time to agriculture. Though he took keen interest in all that pertained to progress, he was not especially active in local affairs, and he neither sought nor held office. In politics he was a stanch Republican from the organization of the party. In 1844 he married Miss Jane E. Stuart, daughter of Nehemiah Stuart, a well-to-do farmer of the same town; they had no children. Few couples see the golden anniversary of their wedding, but Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg were happily spared to cheer each other on their way down the western slope of life.

Mrs. Kellogg was born in 1812 in the town of Sherman, where she received her early education. Her family has been identified with that locality from pioneer times, and her great-grandfather, Alexander Stuart, was born and reared there, and engaged in farming in the neighborhood. He married Nancy Hawley, and they had several children. Sylvanus Stuart, Mrs. Kellogg's grandfather, was also born and educated in the town of Sherman, and like his father became a farmer by occupation. He married (first) Miss Mabel Wright, and (second) Miss Nancy Hubble. By the first marriage he had two children: Nehemiah, Mrs. Kellogg's father; and Abel, who married Miss Eurania Merwin. By the second union there were six children: Hubble, who married Miss Eliza Orton; Mabel, wife of Amos Northrop; Harriet, wife of William Pickett; Levi, who married (first) Eliza Northrop, (second) Nancy Hagenbeck, and (third) Susan Stuart; Nancy, wife of Ephraim Hatch; and Laura, who married Willis Sherwood.

Nehemiah Stuart, the father of Mrs. Kellogg, was born in 1777 in the town of Sherman, and after receiving a common-school education engaged in agriculture there. Politically he was a Whig, and he was always prominent in local affairs, holding various town offices. He married Miss Susan Hungerford, daughter of Josiah Hungerford (a well-known farmer of the same town) and his wife, Susan (Hammerton). Of the eight children born to this union, the eldest, Chauncey, born in 1802, married Miss Catherine Bird; Ophelia, born in 1805, married Knapp Bird; Morgan, born in 1807, married Miss Mary Adams; Sylvanus, born in 1810, married Miss Caroline Whittlesey; Sylvester, twin of Sylvanus, married Miss Susan Marsh; Jane E. was sixth in the order of birth; Nancy, born in 1820, married Stephen Briggs; and Caroline, born in 1823, married William Adams.

MRS. CAROLINE P. GEROW, a highly-respected resident of the town of New Fairfield, is a lady of more than ordinary ability and culture, and for some time was engaged in educational work. Although she has now passed the allotted limit of three-score years and ten, time has dealt gently with her, and has bestowed the dignity and charm of age without the enfeebled energies which so often make added years a trial.

Mrs. Gerow was born in 1826 in the town of Patterson, Putnam Co., N. Y., a daughter of Benjamin and Polly (Crosby) Pugsley. After receiving an excellent education in the schools of that locality she became a teacher, and for five years continued that work successfully. On January 7, 1861, she married Uriah Terrell, a native of Connecticut, who was a well-to-do agriculturist of the town of New Fairfield. The only child of this union, Helen, was born November 20, 1861, in New Fairfield, and was named in honor of Mr. Terrell's first wife, Helen (Chase). In July, 1863, Mr. Terrell passed away, and the following year his widow married Isaac Gerow, a prosperous farmer, who was at one time a merchant in New York City. He died October 16, 1894, leaving no children. Mrs. Gerow now occupies the Terrell homestead in New Fairfield, and her daughter resides with her. Miss Terrell seems to have inherited her mother's talents, and having received a liberal education has taught school successfully for some time.

Mrs. Gerow's ancestors on the paternal side were early settlers in Westchester county, N. Y., and her grandfather, Samuel Pugsley, a native of that county, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary army. Nor was he the only member of the family to take part in that memorable conflict, for one of his daughters was wounded in a battle. Benjamin Pugsley, our subject's father, was born in North Salem, N. Y., and was educated in the common schools of that town. Intending to engage in business as a tanner and

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currier, he learned the details of the trade, but afterward changed his mind and followed farming. He was also profitably engaged as a butcher. During the war of 1812 he showed a patriotism worthy of his ancestry, and served as a soldier, being captain of a company. He was active in local affairs, holding various offices in his town, and he was an efficient worker in the Masonic order. He and his wife, Polly (Crosby), had a large family of children, whose names, with dates of birth, are as follows: Alfred, died in infancy; Alfred (2), March 6, 1808; Alonzo, February 7, 1810; David, October 3, 1811; James, February 1, 1814; Abigail J., April 12, 1816; Benjamin, March 1, 1818; Charles B., December 6, 1819; Mary E., November 25, 1822; Catherine, April 15, 1824; Caroline, August 31, 1826; Julia A., March 8, 1828; and William C., August 2, 1831.

Mrs. Polly (Crosby) Pugsley, Mrs. Gerow's mother, was born in Putnam county, N. Y., in the town of Southeast, where her father, Moses Crosby, owned a fine farm. The Crosby family is of Massachusetts stock, and Moses Crosby was born and reared on Cape Cod. After his removal to Putnam county, N. Y., he became a successful agriculturist, his entire life being devoted to farming pursuits. He was much esteemed as a citizen, and was a leading member of the Presbyterian Church of the town of Southeast, holding the office of deacon for many years. He first married a Miss Young, who died leaving one daughter, Bethiah, who married a Mr. Baker. By his second wife, Mary (Foster), he had nine children, as follows: Polly, wife of Benjamin Pugsley; Delilah, Mrs. Yale; Ebenezer, who married first Cornelia Hoyt and (second) Margaret Walsh; Salina, wife of Dickenson Hazen; Thankful, wife of Harry Hoyt; Sophia, Mrs. Howes; James, who did not marry; David, who married a Miss Benjamin; and Harvey, who married Miss Frazier. The mother of this family died, and the father formed a third matrimonial union, with Polly Pugsley, by whom he had three children: Elizabeth, wife of John Lawrence; Samuel, who remained single; and David, who married a Miss Schofield.

MATTHIAS ZUERN. The true German spirit of enterprise and thrift is displayed in the career of this successful young business man of Danbury, late the head of the firm of M. Zuern & Co., manufacturers of stiff hats.

Mr. Zuern was born May 31, 1861, at Lombach, Wittenberg, Germany, son of John and Marie (Stein) Zuern, both natives of that place. The father, who was a hotel-keeper by occupation, was born April 18, 1824, and died November 15, 1894. The paternal grandparents of our subject were John and Dorothea Zuern, and the grandfather, who served five years in the Napoleonic wars, from 1809 to 1813, died in 1828, after a long illness caused by the hardships and exposures of his military life. Our subject's mother was born March 14, 1836, and is still living in Germany. Her father, Matthias Stein, was born at Lombach, in 1797, and died in 1878, and her mother, Barbara (Moench), is also deceased. Thirteen children were born to John and Marie (Stein) Zuern, of whom the following lived to adult age: Christina, born in 1849, died in 1887; Marie, born in 1851, married Frederick Doebler, of Germany, and they have one child, John; John, born in 1853, died in 1876; Barbara, born in 1859, married John G. Woessner, also of Germany, and died in March, 1896, leaving four children; Matthias, our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Frederick, born in 1869, died at Danbury, August 30, 1896 (he married Miss Fannie Fuchs, who survives him with one child—Dorothea); William, born in 1873, and Carl, born in 1877, are unmarried and reside in Germany.

Mr. Zuern, our subject, attended the public schools of his native land until he reached the age of fourteen, when he was apprenticed to a baker, with whom he spent five years. In the meantime he formed a determination to come to America, and in 1880 he crossed the ocean in the steamer "Fatherland," landing in New York on Saturday, July 3. On the following Monday he enjoyed the Independence Day celebration, an auspicious beginning for his new citizenship. Arriving in Danbury on Tuesday, July 6, he immediately began to learn the hatter's trade in the factory of D. E. Loewe & Co., but three months later he went to Wisconsin to work on a branch of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, running from Monroe to Shrewsbury. After the completion of this enterprise he spent about three years working as a farm hand in Wisconsin and Illinois, in December, 1883, returning to Danbury, where he resumed his work for D. E. Loewe & Co. He remained with them until 1889, when he entered the factory of C. M. Horch & Co., in Maiden Lane, Danbury. In March, 1891, he established his late business, starting in a small way with one man and two girls, and, notwithstanding the financial depression which has afflicted the country, he steadily increased his trade until he employed eight men and six girls.

Mr. Zuern is well-liked socially, and he belongs to the Knights of Honor and the Concordia, a German society. In politics, he is an In-

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dependent, voting in both local and National elections for the men and measures that he considers most likely to benefit the people at large. He is unmarried.

SAMUEL C. BULL, pharmacist, formerly of Sandy Hook, Connecticut, now a resident of Jonesville, Michigan.

CHARLES L. BERGE, who, since March, 1897, has occupied the property known as the Horton farm, in Cos Cob District, Greenwich township, is, as will be seen, a comparatively new resident of this community, but he has taken a most commendable interest in its affairs, public and social, and has shown himself to be a progressive and valuable citizen in every respect.

Mr. Berge is a native of New York City, born June 25, 1869, and his parents, Louis and Martha A. (Nunnenkamp) Berge, were of French and German extraction, respectively. He was the second youngest in their family, of whom four grew to adult age. The mother was the daughter of Christian L. Nunnenkamp, who was for some years very successfully engaged in the grocery business, and at his death left a large estate. During his youth Charles L. Berge lived in New York City and in New Jersey, and he received a good practical education, attending the public schools in both places. A large part of his early manhood was spent in the Southern States, where he was interested in mining, and he finally located at City Island, N. Y., where he followed boat building to a considerable extent, remaining there until his removal to Cos Cob, in March, 1897. Here he purchased the Horton farm, an improved and valuable tract of 213½ acres, to the cultivation of which he has since devoted himself, both for pleasure and profit, growing small fruits, raising chickens, dairying, gardening, etc. Although his present vocation is a new one to him he has taken to it readily, and he bids fair to gain an enviable place among the thoroughly enterprising and up-to-date farmers of this locality. During his brief residence here he has already made various changes and improvements on the land, which is not likely to decline in either value or productiveness under his careful management.

At City Island, N. Y., Mr. Berge was united in marriage with Miss Phœbe A. Leviness, daughter of Capt. Joshua and Phœbe (Pell) Leviness, the former of whom was for years an extensive oysterman at City Island, where his widow still resides. She is a descendant of the old and prominent Pell family after whom Pellhamville and Pellham Manor were named. Mr. and Mrs. Berge are the parents of three children—Martha Totten, born October 11, 1891; Charles E., born January 28, 1894; and Walter C., who died when nineteen months old.

Mr. Berge's social connections are numerous. He is a member of Pellham Lodge No. 712, F. &A. M., City Island; Clermont Council No. 1655, Royal Arcanum, West Farms, N. Y.; the Cob Web Gun Club, of Harlem, N. Y.; the West Chester Firemen's Association, Annex-District West Chester, N. Y.; the City Island Hook & Ladder Company, City Island; Home Rule Association of Annex-District; and the Manhassett Democratic Club, of Annex-District Williamsburg. As may be inferred, his political sympathies are with the Democratic party, to which he gives an enthusiastic support.

WALTER HENRY GLOVER. This progressive and successful agriculturist is the owner of a fine farm near the village of Newtown, which under his thorough management has become a model homestead. His skill is not to be wondered at, as he belongs to a family which has been more or less identified with agricultural work from early Colonial times. The first of the line came from England in 1636, and an interesting account of this worthy pioneer, Henry Glover, appears elsewhere.

Benjamin N. Glover, the father of our subject, was born in 1812, and followed farming throughout his life, owning at one time more than five hundred acres of land in Hanover District, Newtown township, where the family has long been well known. At his death, which occurred in 1860, the value of his property was estimated at about $40,000, and, besides being influential in business circles, his sterling qualities of character won for him a high standing as a citizen. Politically, he was first a Whig and later a Republican, but he never sought or held office. He was a man of much intelligence, well-read upon the topics of his time, and while he was not a Church member he attended Trinity Episcopal Church at Newtown and gave liberally of his time and means to the support of the work of that Society. He married Miss Harriet A. Lake, by whom he had three sons: Birdsey, born April 30, 1846; Walter Henry, our subject, who is mentioned more fully below; and Lemuel P., born December 3, 1852, who is not married and resides in Hanover with his widowed mother. Birdsey married Miss Sarah E. Northrop, daughter of Walter Northrop, Jr.,

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and has had three children: Emma N., who died November 20, 1873, at the age of nineteen; and Bessie E., born November 1, 1876, and Florence A., born August 30, 1883, who are both at home.

The subject of our sketch was born October 17, 1848, and was educated in the district schools near his early home, and at Newtown Academy under the instruction of Prof. Beech Hill and Miss Mary Jane Morris. With these advantages, together with a generous course of private reading, he has become well-informed on the subjects that interest intelligent people. When about twenty-four years old he engaged in farming on his own account, in 1872 purchasing from Walter Northrop seventy-five acres of land, and this tract formed the nucleus for his present homestead, which, through subsequent additions, has been enlarged to one hundred acres. The buildings have all been erected by Mr. Glover, who has made many other improvements from time to time until there is not a more attractive farm to be found in the locality. In politics Mr. Glover has always been a stanch Republican and at times he has taken an active part in local affairs, serving as a constable, grand juror and member of the board of relief. Like all of his family he takes much interest in everything that concerns the welfare of the community. He is a regular attendant of Trinity Episcopal Church, and for some time past he has been an active member of the Grange.

On September 24, 1873, Mr. Glover married Miss Sarah Maria Northrop, daughter of Norman and Julia (Sanford) Northrop, and granddaughter of Walter Northrop. Two sons have blessed this union—William Benjamin, born February 25, 1876, and Norman Birdseye, born September 6, 1881.

R. H. COX stands foremost among the well-to-do citizens of his section in Greenwich township, and is considered the leading business man in the town of Mianus, where he makes his home. He conducts a coal and butcher business in that place, and is the owner of a good farm, mill and water power along the Mianus river, where his father was engaged in milling for many years.

Mr. Cox is of English descent. His grandfather, Richard Cox, was born in England, and came to the United States alone when a boy of fourteen, hoping to find better opportunities for advancement here than his own country held for him. He learned and followed the trades of millwright and miller, for many years owning and operating what was known as Cox's mill, in Stamford township, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he had settled. Richard Cox was large and well-built, an indefatigable worker, acquiring through his own efforts a comfortable competence which he was permitted to enjoy for many years, living to the advanced age of eighty-eight. His wife preceded him to the grave. They reared seven children, namely: Henry; Barzilla, who lived near San Diego, Cal.; Cyrus, who went to Australia years ago, and of whom all trace has been lost; Mary; Catherine; Elizabeth; and Eunice, widow of Judge Steele, who is the only survivor of the family, and lives in California.

Henry Cox learned his father's business, at which he worked from early boyhood, and, in connection with his father, followed it for forty years, finally running a mill of his own on the Mianus river. Like his father, he found the business a profitable one, and gave it all his attention during his active business life, becoming prosperous in the course of time. He was married in Greenwich to Margaret Swan, daughter of Walter Swan, and they became the parents of four children: Mary, who makes her home with her brother R. H.; Ann M., who resides in Washington, D. C., where she has been employed in the Treasury Department for about twenty years; R. H., our subject; and Henry, who died in Greenwich. The father passed away at the age of eighty-four years, the mother when seventy, and they sleep their last sleep in the Sound Beach cemetery. Mr. Cox was originally an ardent Whig in politics, and later in life became a member of the Republican party.

R. H. Cox is a native of Greenwich township, born May 27, 1852, above Mianus, and in his youth received the educational advantages afforded by the North Mianus district school, which, in that day, was not so completely equipped as a school must be now. His teachers were Miss Kate Quintard and a Mr. Lyon. Until nineteen years old he worked with his father in the mill, and in 1872 he commenced the butcher business at Mianus, in which he has ever since been engaged. The enterprise proved a success from the start, and a few years later Mr. Cox felt encouraged to commence in another line, and accordingly entered the coal business. Others had tried this and abandoned it, but he persevered until he had a profitable trade and established himself permanently in that line, which has added materially to his income. Mr. Cox has displayed much ability and skill in the management of his commercial interests, which have thrived and broadened under his careful watching until they

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have gained a recognized place among the important industries of the locality. He is widely and favorably known in this region as a substantial, progressive citizen, one who has the welfare of the community at heart, and has done much to forward her best interests. In the fall of 1897 he was elected assessor of Greenwich township. He is a lifelong Republican in political faith.

Mr. Cox was united in marriage, when twenty-five years old, to Miss Elizabeth Hawes, a native of Greenwich township, daughter of David Hawes, and four children have been born to them, namely: Jennie, who is the wife of F. G. C. Mead, of Greenwich township; Bessie M. and Harold R., both of whom are at home; and Harry, who died at the age of four years. The family attend the First Congregational Church at Sound Beach, of which Mrs. Cox is a member.

EDWIN TARGETT, of Danbury, Fairfield county, is one of the proprietors of the City Steam Laundry, at No. 315 Main street, a successful enterprise, which reflects great credit upon its managers.

Mr. Targett was born March 10, 1848, in Hindon, Wiltshire, England, where his ancestors on both sides had resided for several generations. Charles Targett, his father, was a native of the same place, and in early life was a farmer. He married Elizabeth Marshment, a daughter of Richard Marshment, an agriculturist in the same vicinity, and on May 12, 1851, they embarked on a sailing vessel from Bristol, England, arriving at New York July 8, after a voyage of eight weeks. They located at Danbury, the journey from Hawleyville, Conn., being made by stage, as there were no railroads. At first Mr. Targett was employed at farm work by Col. E. Moss White, of Danbury, but later he engaged in the hatting business. While not specially active in local affairs, he was a stanch Republican politically. He and his wife were members of the Baptist Church. He died March 2, 1862, and Mrs. Targett survived him twenty-eight years, passing away March 2, 1890. Of their nine children the following are living: Miss Eliza, residing at Danbury; Charlotte, wife of Charles H. Sieman, of Danbury, whose ancestors were Hessian soldiers during the Revolutionary war; George H., living in retirement at Newark, N. J.; Alfred S., engaged in the laundry business at Cohoes, N. Y.; John, residing in Danbury; and Edwin, who is the youngest.

Edwin Targett was only two and one-half years of age when his parents came to Danbury, and in 1856 he accompanied the family thence to Wisconsin, but after eighteen months they returned to Danbury, where he has since resided. After attending the public schools for a time he began to work upon a farm, where he remained from his twelfth to his sixteenth year. He then learned the carpenter's trade, and to make a livelihood sure he also served an apprenticeship to the hatting business. As occasion offered he worked at both trades until 1879, when he formed a partnership with D. E. Loewe in the manufacture of hats, continuing in that firm, however, only a short time. For about nine years he followed the carpenter's trade, and during three years of this time he was president of the Carpenters Union.

On January 1, 1888, Mr. Targett re-engaged in the hatting business, and in 1892 he was elected president of the Hat Finishers Association, which position he held when, on November 27, 1893, the doors of nineteen hat factories were closed against four thousand employees, the lockout lasting ten weeks. During this time law and order prevailed to a remarkable degree, making this labor struggle one of the most memorable on record. Our subject's energy and influence were used to the utmost to prevent any violence between the opposing interests. In 1895 Mr. Targett engaged in the laundry business in partnership with his nephew, H. M. Sieman, under the firm name of Targett & Sieman. Mr. Targett has always identified himself with public affairs. In politics he is an Independent, with Prohibition tendencies. At the age of sixteen he united with the Baptist Church, of which he is still a member, and he has held various official positions, and is highly respected among his associates for his many sterling qualities of character.

In September, 1868, Mr. Targett married Miss M. Frances Miller, daughter of Enos C. and Sarah Miller, of Ridgefield, and a member of an old English family which traces its lineage back to the fifteenth century. Several children were born of this union, two only surviving: Harry E. is a member of the firm of Keeler & Targett, custom tailors, haberdashers and hatters, of Amsterdam, N. Y.; he married Aurilla Doty, of Newark, N. J. Frederick C. is engaged in the same business with his father.

SMOREHOUSE (deceased), who in his lifetime was a prominent citizen of Wilton, Fairfield county, was born in that town November 13, 1818. His early education was secured in the common schools of his native place, and after leaving school he learned the shoemaker's

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trade, which he followed for about twenty years, part of the time in Norwalk and the balance of the time in Wilton. Owing to ill health he then took up farming, buying about 200 acres of land—a portion of his later farm—upon which he lived ever afterward. During training days he was a member of the militia, and in politics he was always a strong Democrat, on which ticket he was elected to represent the town of Wilton in the Legislature of the State, serving in that body six years. For seven years he was selectman of the town, and for eight years he was a justice of the peace. He also served as a member of the board of relief and, for two years, as tax collector. In religious matters he was unusually active and efficient, serving as a member of the Quarterly Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for a number of years, and for more than fifty years was a member of the Church, in which he was also a class leader and an exhorter. He died June 2, 1898.

Mr. Morehouse married Miss Julia A. Gregory, who was born in Norwalk, Conn., April 21, 1822, daughter of Giles and Althea Scribner) Gregory, the former a prominent manufacturer. To this union came the following children: Sherman, who is mentioned below; Jeanette, born March 25, 1845, who died in infancy; and Nettie F., born in January, 1850, who married O. L. Bassett.

Sherman Morehouse, Jr., was born April 28, 1851, and was educated in the common schools of Wilton, his native town. Afterward he attended and graduated from Professor Olmstead's school, and he has since devoted his time almost exclusively to farming. Politically he is a strong Democrat, and has held several of the minor local offices, but he has never cared for honors of this kind. For his first wife he married Maria F. Mead, of Brewsters, and they had two children: Wilton, born August 9, 1873, and May, born December 27, 1879. The mother of these children died August 26, 1880, and he subsequently married Miss Lizzie Gregory, of Norwalk, by whom he also has two children, viz.: Robert, born June 28, 1890, and Florence, born June 28, 1892.

Michael Morehouse, great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of Scotland, where he was educated, and came to America when yet a young man. The greater part of his life was spent in farming. He married a Miss Oysterbanks, by whom he had numerous children. His son Michael, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Wilton, Conn., was educated there, and afterward for the greater part of his life was engaged in farming. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and was in many ways a prominent and influential man, taking special interest in the affairs of his town. His children were as follows: Nathan, Andrew, Michael, Esther, Julia, Caroline, and Sallie.

Nathan Morehouse, father of subject, was born in Wilton, Conn., and after completing his education learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for a livelihood nearly all his life. He served as a musician in the war of 1812. Politically, he was a strong Democrat, but he never aspired to public office. He married Miss Betsey Mills, of the town of Wilton, where she was born, a daughter of Joseph Mills, who served his country in the war of the Revolution. Nathan and Betsey Morehouse had the following children: Aaron and Abbie, both of whom remained single; Sherman, who married Julia A. Gregory; Michael, who lived single; Jane, who married Lewis Barnes; Ann and Caroline, who remained single; and Louisa, who married Louis Hanford. None of these are now (1899) living.

Benjamin Scribner, maternal grandfather of Mrs. Julia A. Morehouse, was born in the town of Norwalk, and was educated in the common schools of that town. With the exception of the time he served in the war of 1812 he followed farming for a livelihood. He married Miss Phebe Fillow, by whom he had the following children: Althea; Cynthia, who married (first) Henry Betts and (second) Roswell Betts; and Priscilla, who married Samuel Wyman. Althea Scribner was born in the town of Norwalk, Conn., was educated there, and married Giles Gregory, who was born and educated in the town of Wilton, and after leaving school learned the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked for the most part throughout his life, though he also gave some attention to farming. As a Democrat he was several times elected to public office, and he was a man of eminent respectability and highly esteemed. He and his wife became the parents of the following named children: Cynthia, who married Robert Green; Giles, who married Nancy Tuttle; Charles, who married Ella Finch; and Julia A., who married Sherman Morehouse.

J. F. SMITH, M. D. The progress of medical science is so rapid that thorough knowledge of any one branch can be gained only by the specialist, who, prepared by a broad general training, proceeds to painstaking research in his chosen field. In devoting his attention to diseases of the eye, ear, nose, and throat, Doctor Smith, of Danbury, whose history is here

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outlined, has not restricted his usefulness, but has rather given his ability more direct and efficient application.

Doctor Smith was born January 4, 1865, at New Marlboro, Mass., son of John T. and Mary (Thompson) Smith. The father is a native of Norfolk, Conn., and now resides at Winsted, this State, where he is employed as "boss" tanner; the mother was born in Barkhamstead, Conn., and died in February, 1865, leaving three children: James W., Jessie E., and Junius F. The father subsequently formed a second union, with Mrs. Harriet Matilda Webster, a widow, and three children were born of this marriage: Beatrice S., Nellie L., and Walter W. (who died December 1, 1889).

During our subject's youth his father made several changes of residence, and thus it came about that he attended school in Norfolk, Conn., in Kansas, where the family resided five years, and in Batavia, N. Y., spending three years in the latter place. In his fourteenth year he left school and entered the employ of the Seth Thomas Clock Company, at Thomaston, Conn., remaining there two years, when he went to Meriden to work two years for the Park & Whipple Clock Company. A less keen intellect would have found study impossible under these circumstances, but the ambitious boy devoted his nights to his books, and in September, 1885, he entered Lewiston Seminary, at East Hampton, Mass., taking a place in an advanced class. After two years of hard study there his health failed, and he returned home for a few months, but on recovering he went to Danbury to begin his medical studies under the direction of Dr. Wilbur S. Watson. In the fall of 1887 he began a course in the Long Island Hospital College, at Brooklyn, N. Y., and three years later, on March 13, 1890, he received his degree from that institution. On May 1, of the same year, he opened an office at Brookfield, Conn., for general practice, and continued same successfully until January, 1895, when he went to New York for a course in the Post Graduate School of Medicine, his object being to make a special study of the eye and ear in that institution and in the various dispensaries and clinics in the city. In the fall of 1895 he accepted a position on the staff of the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital at the corner of Forty-first street and Park avenue, New York City, which he still holds, paying regular visits on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays of each week. Since February, 1898, he has had an office at Danbury, at No. 19 West street, where he is to be found from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. except on the days when he goes to New York, when his hours at Danbury are limited to the morning, from 9 to 11 A. M. He still resides at Brookfield, and since June, 1896, he has been deputy coroner at that place. For five years he was health officer there, and for one year he held the same position for the town of New Fairfield, under appointment of the State board of health, but the pressure of other duties compelled him to relinquish that work. He is a member of the State Medical Society, the Fairfield County Medical Society, and the Danbury Medical Society, of which he was vice-president in 1893.

Doctor Smith is also active and influential in non-professional lines, and, although he has refused to become a candidate for political office, he is a stanch Republican and takes much interest in town and county affairs. For five years he served as a member of the Brookfield school board, and for two years was acting school visitor, but he resigned both offices. He is connected with numerous savings and loan associations, and holds office in several of them, and he also belongs to various fraternal orders, including Union Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M., Eureka Chapter No. 26, Brookfield Grange No. 141, and Pomona Grange No. 6, P. of H.

On November 29, 1888, Doctor Smith married Miss Emma J. Jennings, daughter of Edward and Lavina (Barnes) Jennings, and two children, Elroy Willis and Miriam Leona, brighten their home. Doctor and Mrs. Smith are both members of the First Congregational Church of Brookfield, and they take a leading part in the social and philanthropic movements connected with its work.

JOHN SANDFORD DAVENPORT, proprietor of hardware business in Stamford, Fairfield county, Connecticut.

HERMON TAYLOR. That often-quoted phrase, "the dignity of labor," has seemed sometimes in danger of degenerating into empty verbiage, but the lives of such men as the subject of this biography exemplify its true significance and teach the world the possibilities that lie before the American workingman.

Mr. Taylor is a native of Fairfield county, having been born in the town of Newtown, February 15, 1829. William B. Taylor, his father, was born in Litchfield county, Conn., August 6, 1802, but the greater part of his life was spent in this county, in Palestine District, town of Newtown. For many years he followed his trade, later engaging in farming. He was married in Newtown to Miss Lucy Shepard, daughter

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of Joseph Shepard, and children were born of the union as follows: Hermon, our subject; Joseph, a resident of Birmingham, Conn.; Sylvia, now Mrs. Seth A. Downs, of Danbury; George, deceased; Emma, Mrs. Edgar Weed, of Bethel; and Louise, wife of Harlowe S. Benedict, of Bethel. The father died August 6, 1883, and the mother did not long survive him, passing away in February, 1888.

The district schools of his native town furnished Mr. Taylor his only opportunity for obtaining an education, and at an early age he was apprenticed to Peter Morgan, of Great Plain District, town of Danbury, to learn the hatter's trade. Before his term was completed, however, he went to work with Charles Benedict, of Starrs Plain, in the same town, under whose instruction he finished his apprenticeship. From 1853 until April, 1894, he was almost continuously employed as a journeyman hatter in Bethel, spending twenty years with Cole & Ambler. At present he is living in retirement, the afternoon of his long life being made comfortable by the well-earned rewards of his past toil.

Mr. Taylor was married, November 6, 1850, in Danbury, for his first wife, to Miss Mary A. Mills, daughter of Edwin Mills. Two children blessed this union, Cornelia and Mary, and they and their mother died of diphtheria in 1862, within thirteen days of each other. Mr. Taylor married later, in the town of Monroe, Miss Jennie E. Judson, daughter of Levi Judson. Their only son, Edgar Judson Taylor, is now in the employ of Judd & Dunning, of Bethel. In 1871 Mr. Taylor built the home which he has ever since occupied.

Although Mr. Taylor was denied the benefits of a collegiate course, his reading and his habits of observation have kept him well informed upon general topics. Political affairs have always received close attention from him, and he has been a strong supporter of the principles of the Republican party ever since its organization. In 1889 he was elected to the State Legislature, where he served one term with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. Socially he is identified with the Masonic Fraternity as a member of Eureka Lodge No. 83, F. & A. M.

JAMES GOLDEN, the proprietor of the South Norwalk *Sentinel*, published at South Norwalk, Conn., is a native of the State of New York.

The early life of James Golden was spent in his native town, Glen Cove, Long Island, N. Y., his education being obtained in the local schools. At the age of fourteen he entered the office of the Glen Cove *Gazette*, to learn the printer's trade, and for four years and six months he continued to work there. In 1864 he enlisted in Company F, 142nd N. Y. V. I., but his term of service was cut short on October 27, 1864, during an engagement at Chapin's Falls, Va., by a severe wound, a shot passing through his body. In the spring of 1865 he was discharged from the hospital, and in 1868 he returned to New York City. One year he spent in the employ of the Brooklyn *Union*. In 1865 he went to Birmingham, Conn., and became associated with Rev. William T. Bacon, as publisher of the *Transcript*, remaining with him one year. He then returned to New York, and was foreman of the job printing department of the New York Printing Company. In February, 1873, he removed to Norwalk and associated himself with E. A. Horton as joint proprietor of the *Sentinel*, which newspaper had been established in 1871. Not long after Mr. Golden became interested in the paper Mr. Horton retired, and our subject continued the business in partnership with his brother, Richard H. Golden, who remained until 1887 in that connection. Since that date Mr. Golden has been the sole proprietor of the *Sentinel*. In 1887 he established the *Daily Sentinel*.

EDWARD TAYLOR, the popular hotel landlord and liveryman of Sandy Hook, Newtown, is a native of the town, born February 5, 1839.

Mr. Taylor's ancestors for several generations were natives of Newtown. Stephen Taylor, his grandfather, was a farmer, and lived at Bare Hills, or Cold Spring, in the lower part of Newtown. He married Betsey Hull, August 20, 1786, and they had eleven children, namely: David, born March 25, 1787, lived in Middle Gate District; Jabez, born March 13, 1796, settled near Rochester, N. Y.; Alonzo, born August 28, 1803, is referred to below; Sherman, born June 29, 1790, a farmer, lived in Middle Gate District; Thomas B., born April 29, 1805, settled in Bridgeport as a woodworker and mover of buildings; Hannah, born January 2, 1791, married Eliza Hayes, a prominent man of Warren, Conn.; Aurilla, born June 16, 1792, married E. Granniss, of Warren; Philo, born February 5, 1794; Sally, born November 30, 1797, married William Taylor, of another family of Taylors; Polly, born August 11, 1799, married Wate Plumb, of Monroe; and Rebecca, born February 21, 1802.

Alonzo Taylor, the father of Edward, was

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born August 28, 1803, and in his early manhood was for a number of years a successful school teacher. He then engaged in farming in Middle District, but continued teaching through the winters until sixty years of age. He was a well-informed man and a successful teacher, probably one of the best and most favorably known of all the local teachers of his time. He was quite successful, too, in his business affairs, and was an active Democrat. Along in the early 'fifties he was a representative from Newtown in the Legislature, and he also served as a justice of the peace, assessor and in other official relations. In religious faith he was a member of the Universalist Church. He married Louisa Peck, daughter of Philo Peck, and a granddaughter of Isaac Peck. To this marriage came children as follows: Lucy, born May 3, 1832, married Birdseye McEwan, a blacksmith, of Monroe. Francis, born January 20, 1837, was a dry-goods merchant and lived in Bridgeport, where he died in October, 1894; he married Nellie R. Perry, of Bridgeport, daughter of Bennett and Amelia (Williams) Perry, of Litchfield, Conn. Edward is referred to farther on; and Martha L., born in December, 1843, is unmarried. The father of these died in October, 1883, and the mother in July, 1896. On September 6, 1880, this worthy couple celebrated their golden wedding.

Edward Taylor until seventeen years old attended the schools of Newtown, and for a time a select school in Stepney. He then worked during the summers of 1857 and 1859 in the rubber factory. He next began farming and engaged in the horse and cattle business, which he followed until 1868, residing the greater part of the time on his farm a mile and a half above Sandy Hook, although for two years of that period he resided in Monroe. When the New England railroad was constructed he sold his property and business to the company owning that road, and located in the borough of Sandy Hook, where he dealt exclusively in horses until 1871, then bought the hotel stand there, and has since kept that hostelry, at the same time conducting a livery stable, and dealing in horses. He has taken quite an active part in politics, and has held various town offices. In 1873 he was representative from Newtown in the Legislature, and he is a director in the Newtown Agricultural Fair Company.

On July 13, 1859, Mr. Taylor was married to Miss Susan S. Botsford, who was born November 7, 1841, a daughter of George Botsford, and granddaughter of Chauncey Botsford, of Newtown. To the marriage has been born, November 3, 1863, one son, George F. This son is now one of the active and progressive business men of Sandy Hook, for years a member of the firm of Warner, Taylor & Curtis, now Taylor, Curtis & Co. In 1890 he was representative from Newtown in the Legislature. In 1895 he married Miss Lorena, daughter of Hon. Smith P. Glover, of Sandy Hook.

Chauncey Botsford, referred to in the foregoing, was a large and thrifty farmer, whose wife was formerly Mary Peck, daughter of Daniel Peck. They had three children: David, George, and Narcissa, who married Philo Beers.

George Botsford was born October, 1809, and died aged fifty-nine. On his father's death he succeeded to the homestead, where he farmed largely, and was an influential and prominent citizen of the town. He was first a Whig, then a Republican, and ever took an active interest in public and party affairs. He married Harriet Jennings, a daughter of Lemuel Jennings, and they had the following children: Maryette married John R. Tomlinson, of Bridgeport, formerly of Oxford, Conn.; Israel is a resident of Muncie, Ind.; Lemuel died in Newtown (both Israel and Lemuel were soldiers in the Civil war); Charles is deceased; Susan is the wife of Edward Taylor; Anna E. married Edson W. Wilson, of Omaha, Neb.; Stanley resides in Wellingford, Conn.; Hattie married Noyes Thompson, of Windham, Conn.; Edward lives in Monroe, Fred in Newtown; and Phebe died when young. The father of this family died in 1868, and the mother September 9, 1876, aged sixty-seven.

ABRAHAM SHEPARD, whose death occurred June 13, 1832, in Newtown, was born in 1744.

Mr. Shepard was of the sixth generation from Edward Shepard, of Cambridge, Mass., the line of his descent being through John, John, John, John. [See Shepard genealogy.] On September 9, 1769, he was married to Rhoda Ferris, who was born February 12, 1752, and died October 5, 1828. Their children were: Betty, born September 15, 1770; Truman, September 11, 1772; Lazarus, October 5, 1774; Nathan, May 5, 1777; Samuel, July 10, 1779; Sueton, October 5, 1781; Mabel, April 14, 1784; Abraham Ferris, March 12, 1789; and Rufus, April 30, 1792.

John Shepard, the father of Abraham, was a large landowner, and at one time, it was said, that he could walk on his own land to Bethel. He resided on what is known as the Philo Clarke farm; later his son Abraham resided there. The

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latter came with his bride, in 1769, to what is now the summer home of his granddaughter, Miss Elizabeth Shepherd, on the hill just opposite the home of ex-Senator William N. Northrop. This is a most commanding point, from which can be seen the beautiful New England village of Newtown, and the picturesque hills and valleys of the surrounding country for many miles. Miss Shepherd, who spends her winters in New York, having within the last few years come into possession of the home of her ancestors, has endeavored, in repairing the property, to keep it much in the manner of its olden-time appearance, a simplicity characteristic of a New England country homestead, which is so much admired.

After Abraham Shepard left the home just referred to, his son Sueton became an occupant of it, and there passed his life, dying April 12, 1863. He married, in 1806, Dymah Ann, daughter of Oliver C. Hurd, who died April 14, 1850. Their children were: Harriet, Mary, Elizabeth, Delia, Lazarus C., Juliet, Maria, Samuel F. and Grant. Abraham Shepard, like his ancestors, was occupied chiefly in farming, as were also his sons generally. Sueton was a farmer. All were coopers, a trade at which they worked through the winter season, making measures.

Rufus Shepard, son of Abraham, became a merchant of Bridgeport, Conn., then of New York State. , On June 19, 1822, he was married to Lucy Ann, daughter of Major Oliver and Lucy (Sickles) Peck, and their children were: Frances Sophia (deceased), Anne Elizabeth, Caroline Wadsworth Carson, and George Washington (deceased). Rufus Shepard died April 30, 1874.

BEARDSLEY. The Beardsleys of Newtown, Fairfield county, are descendants of Asa B. and Israel Beardsley, brothers, who came from Monroe, Fairfield county, to Newtown, Asa B. arriving in 1824 and Israel A. a few years later.

These brothers were direct descendants of the fifth generation from William Beardsley, the pioneer, who came over with his family from England in the ship "Planter" in 1635, and was one of the earliest settlers in Stratford, Conn. The Colonial records state him to be a man highly esteemed. He held many important offices, was a deputy to the General Court held at Hartford in 1645, and subsequently for seven annual sessions from 1649. He was familiarly known as "Goodman Beardsley," a title frequently applied in the earlier records to citizens of solid worth and respectability. He and his brother Thomas, who came over soon after, were the progenitors of all the Beardsley families.

Asa B. and Israel A. Beardsley settled on farms in Flat Swamp District, Newtown, and there resided, occupied in farming, throughout life, respected and esteemed citizens. In 1829–30 Asa B. served as selectman of the town, and Israel A. as such in 1836–37–38. Several of their children are residents of Newtown, some at the old homesteads, among them being John M., Julius, and Mrs. Mary E., widow of the late William J. Dick (all of the family of Asa B.), and Mrs. Flora Jane (daughter of Israel A.), wife of Aaron Sanford, residing in the borough of Newtown. The men are substantial farmers and citizens, John M. having represented the town in the Legislature in 1864 and 1867.

ISRAEL A. BEARDSLEY, born in 1780, in Monroe, Fairfield Co., Conn., married Esther (daughter of Philo Toucey), and died January 22, 1846. Children: Philo S. married Harriet Beach, of Trumbull, and died January 31, 1846; Flora Jane married Aaron Sanford, of Redding.

ASA B. BEARDSLEY, born in Monroe, in 1786, married Flora (daughter of Philo Toucey, and sister to Israel's wife), September 6, 1824, and died in 1850. Children: Emily E. T.; Mary E., who married William J. Dick; Philo T., who died in 1862; Julius T.; John M.; Frances J.; and Henrietta, who died in 1850.

SHERMAN FAMILY. In New England are found two distinct families bearing the name of Sherman. One of them descended from William Sherman, who came to Plymouth, Mass., with the Pilgrims, in 1620, and settled in Marshfield, where his descendants still remain. Of his place of birth, or English antecedents, we have no knowledge. The other is the Dedham stock, the branch of which emigrated to New England, and settled in the vicinity of Boston. The first of that name of whom we have any knowledge is Henry Sherman, of Dedham, County of Essex, England, who probably removed from Suffolk, England, as he bore a Suffolk coat of arms. Few dates are given, as the early records of the family are scanty, but, commencing with Henry Sherman, are given as follows, data being obtained, as far back as 1560, from the Parish Records of Dedham, England:

I. Henry Sherman m. Agnes Butler, and d. 1589. She d. 1580. Their children were: Edmond, Henry, Judith, John and Robert (bapt. Feb. 6, 1560). Edmond Sherman, son of Henry,

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m. Ann Pellett April 30, 1560, and had a son Edmond. Edmond Sherman m. Ann Clark Sept. 11, 1584, and they had Edmond (III), and Richard, who m. Elizabeth, and had Anna, b. Nov., 1613, and Priscilla, b. 1618.

II. Henry was a clothier in Dedham, England. He married Susan Hills, and died in 1610. His children were: Henry, born 1571, died 1645; Samuel, born 1573, died 1615; Susan, born 1573; EDMOND; Nathaniel, died 1580; Nathaniel, born 1582, died 1615; John, born Aug. 17, 1585; Elizabeth; Ezekiel, born July 25, 1589; Mary, born July 27, 1592; Daniel, died 1634.

III. EDMOND SHERMAN, mentioned above, came over from England in 1634, with his sons, Edmond, Samuel and John. He was a clothworker, and a man of means. He came from Dedham, County of Essex, England, where Rev. H. B. Sherman, of Belleville, N. J., found one of the church windows of stained glass bearing his (Edmond's) initials, as having been his gift, and the record showed that one of the buttresses of the church was erected at his expense. This church, which for the most part is of Tudor style of architecture, was built during the reign of Henry VII (1485–1509), and the grave and monument, or tombstone, of Edmond Sherman are still to be seen in the churchyard, on the north side of the church, near the tower. In 1599 he founded, and gave to the village of Dedham, a free school, for many years known as "Sherman Free School" (now called "Sharman's Hall"), and also donated a house for the head master of said school. The line of Edmond Sherman is continued below: Edmond Sherman m. Judith Angier May 26, 1611, and came to America about 1634. His children were as follows: John, b. Dec. 26, 1613, bapt. Jan. 4, 1614; Edmond, bapt. June 18, 1618; and Samuel, bapt. July 12, 1618.

IV. Edmond (or Edmund, as all of like name spelled it then) returned with his father to England in 1636 or '37, and their descendants still live in Dedham.

Rev. John Sherman, above, came to America in April, 1634, in the "Elizabeth," arriving in Boston in June. He preached his first sermon at Watertown, Mass., under a tree, soon after his arrival in this country. He resided at Watertown nearly a year, and was dismissed May 29, 1635, to form with others a new Church on the Connecticut river. In 1640 he removed to Milford, and was representative in 1643. In 1647 he returned to Watertown, Mass. His first wife was Mary ———; second wife being Mary Launce, who died March 9, 1709. He died August 8, 1685. Fourteen children (by both marriages) are all that have been discovered on record, and the mention of one more is supposed to have been lost by the wear of the record. Children by the first marriage: (1) Mary, b. probably in 1639, m. Daniel Allen about 1658. (2) Bezaleel, bapt. at Milford Nov. 15, 1640 (graduate at Harvard 1661), d. before 1685. (3) Daniel, March 22, 1642. (4) Samuel, April 14, 1644, d. Sept., 1644. Children by second wife: (5) Abigail, b. Dec. 3, 1647, m. 1661, Rev. Samuel Willard. (6) Mercy Allen, m. April 4, 1700, Samuel Barnard, of Watertown, Mass. (7) James, who was minister at Sudbury (John Sherman, Esq., of Brimfield, was his son). (8) Mary, b. March 5, 1656, m. May 27, 1679, Ellis Barron, Jr.; d. before 1685. (9) Grace, b. March 10, 1658. (10) John, b. March 17, 1659. (11) Elizabeth. (12) Abiah. (13) Esther, who died Aug. 25, 1688. (14) Barron.

Line of Lewis Sherman, of Newtown.—Samuel Sherman, son of Edmond (III), b. July, 1618, bapt. July 12, 1618, in England, came to this country in 1634 in company with his brother, Rev. John, and their cousin, Capt. John Sherman (ancestor of Hon. Roger Sherman, "one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence," and from him descended Hon. William F. Evarts, and Hon. George F. Hoar). According to one authority he settled first in Watertown, Mass., but about 1636 he located at Wethersfield, Conn., and in 1640-41 in Stamford, where he was one of the original proprietors, his name appearing first on Stratford records in 1650. Although but a young man at the time of his removal to Wethersfield, he seems to have quickly taken a prominent place in public affairs, as he was one of the committee in that town which declared war in May, 1637, against the Pequot Indians, the General Court not having been organized. After going to Stratford, he was no less active in public movements, filling many honorable positions, and the title of the "Worshipful Mr. Sherman," borne by him in later years, indicates the esteem in which he was held. He was also interested in founding a settlement in the Pomperaug Valley. His death occurred April 5, 1700, either in Stratford or Fairfield. He was married, probably at Wethersfield, to Sarah Mitchell, b. Oct. 14, 1621, in England, dau. of Matthew Mitchell, who came from Halifax, Yorkshire, England. Her brother, Rev. Jonathan Mitchell, resided in Cambridge, Mass. The record of his children's births, however, is complete in Stratford Records from 1641: (1) SAMUEL, b. June 19, 1641. [See farther on—"Fifth Genera-

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tion."] (2) Theophilus, b. Oct. 28, 1643, remained at Stratford; his children were: Mary, married to a Mr. Crain, and Comfort, married to a Mr. Nichols. (3) Matthew, b. Oct. 21, 1645, died in 1698; he m. Hannah ———, settled at Stratfield, and had children: David (says Cothren in 1872), Sarah, Pononah, and Naomi. (4) Edmond, b. December 4, 1647, m. Susannah, dau. of Richard Hardy, of Stamford, and had children: Matthew and Bezaleel (also Sarah, Samuel and Edmond, says Cothren). (5) John, b. Feb. 8, 1650, went to Woodbury, Conn. His sons were: Samuel, John and Ichabod. From this ancestor was descended Gen. William T. Sherman, Hon. John Sherman and others, the line of their descent being through John (born in 1687), Daniel (born in 1721), Taylor (born in 1758), and Charles R. Taylor Sherman lived and died (May 4, 1815,) a lawyer and judge in Norwalk, Conn. His widow went to Ohio and died in Mansfield, August 1, 1848. Charles R. Sherman m. in Norwalk, Conn., Mary Hoyt, May 8, 1810. Soon after he removed to Lancaster, Ohio, where he became distinguished as a lawyer, and especially as an advocate. He held several important offices, and in 1823 became judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio, in which position he acted until on the 24th day of June, 1829, when, while on the Bench at Lebanon, Ohio, he became ill and died. (6) Sarah, b. Feb. 8, 1653–54, m. 1675, Josiah Rossiter, of Guilford, Conn., and had seventeen children in twenty-two years. (7) Nathaniel, b. March 21, 1656, m. June 3, 1680, Mary, dau. of Benjamin Phippeny, of Boston. In 1707, he m. a second wife, Mrs. Abigail Hanford, of Fairfield. By first marriage he had one child, Comfort; by second marriage he had Sarah Peninah and Naomi. (8) Benjamin, b. March 29, 1662, m. in June, 1683, Rebecca, dau. of Benjamin Phippeny, and d. in 1741. Their chil. were: Abigail, b. Apl. 10, 1684; Wilmitt, b. Jan. 21, 1688; Job. b. Apl. 7, 1690; Martha, b. Dec. 20, 1695; Mary, b. Feb. 24, 1696–97; Enos, b. Apl. 15, 1699; Benjamin, b. Apl., 1703; Samuel; Timothy; and James, b. March, 1706–07. [For descendants of Job, Enos, Benjamin, Samuel and James, of above family, see farther on in this genealogy.] (9) David, b. Apl. 15, 1665; was deacon in Litchfield Church, and d. in 1753. He m. Mercy ———, and had Tamar, bapt. 1695–96; Abigail, bapt. 1697; Eunice, bapt. 1699–1700; Esther, bapt. 1702; Mercy, bapt. 1704; Prudence, bapt. 1706; Elnathan, bapt. 1709; Mehitabel, bapt. 1711; Dorothy, bapt. 1714; and Jerusha.

V. SAMUEL SHERMAN, above, b. June 19, 1641, mason by trade, m. (first) June 19, 1665, Mary, dau. of Daniel Titherton, of Stratford; m. (second) Aug., 1695, Abigail, dau. of John Thompson, and widow of (first) Jonathan Curtis, and (second) of Nicholas Huse; he d. Feb. 20, 1718–19. Children were all by first wife: (1) Mary, b. May 8, 1666, probably d. young; (2) DANIEL, b. Mch. 23, 1668; (3) Susanna, b. July 22, 1670, m. Daniel Mitchel, of Stratford; (4) Sarah, b. Jan. 26, 1673, d. young; (5) Grace, b. July 8, 1676, m. Daniel Sention (St. John), of Norwalk, Conn.; (6) Elizabeth, b. Jan. 20, 1678, m. Nov. 4, 1702, Isaac Clark, of Stratford; (7) Sarah, b. Dec. 16, 1681, m. Jan., 1706, Samuel Beers, of Newtown; (8) Abigail, b. Aug. 4, 1688, m. Dec. 22, 1708, James Beebe, of Danbury, Connecticut.

VI. DANIEL SHERMAN, above, b. Mch. 23, 1668, in Stratford, m. Dec. 19, 1694, Rebecca Wheeler, of Stratford, who d. Sept. 12, 1751. He d. Feb. 15, 1740, their deaths being recorded in Newtown. Children born in Stratford: (1) Ebenezer, b. Oct. 20, 1695, m. Jan. 12, 1716, Martha Bostwick, of Stratford; d. 1763. (2) Anne, b. Dec. 3, 1697, m. Jan. 24, 1716, David Beach, of Stratford. (3) Benoni, b. Feb. 11, 1699, d. Mch. 6, 1765, in Newtown; Sarah, second wife of Benoni, d. Dec. 8, 1765, ae. 62. (4) Rebecca, m. Mch. 28, 1723, Gideon Hollister, who was drowned May 10, 1725. (5) SAMUEL, b. Dec. 6, 1709. (6) Daniel, m. Aug. 21, 1743, Mary, dau. of Lieut. John Northrop, of Newtown; settled in Woodbury; children: Abigail, b. Mch. 1, 1747; Ann, b. Nov. 20, 1749; Ebenezer, b. Nov. 5, 1752; Philo, b. July 29, 1760; and Mary, b. April 27, 1763.

VII. SAMUEL SHERMAN, above, b. Dec. 6, 1709, settled in Newtown; died Jan. 10, 1747; his first wife, Elizabeth, d. Dec. 10, 1736, and he then married Mary Sherman, who died April 30, 1804. By his first wife he had four children: (1) Justin, b. Feb. 28, 1729, probably died young. (2) Vashti, b. May 30, 1732. (3) JOTHAM, b. Feb. 27, 1734. (4) Sabra, b. April 4, 1736, m. Richard Smith. By his second wife he had the following children: (5) Eve, b. April 24, 1738, m. June 22, 1758, Phineas Lee; (6) Asenah, b. July 3, 1739, d. July 8, 1739; (7) Zilpha, b. Nov. 1, 1740, m. May 20, 1760, Nathan Dickerson; and (8) Adah, b. Feb. 6, 1742, m. Job Bristol.

VIII. JOTHAM SHERMAN, above, b. Feb. 27, 1734, m. (first) Grace Peck, b. Nov. 28, 1738, dau. of Joseph Peck, of Newtown; she d. Feb. 19, 1770; he m. (second) Amy Beers, b. Aug. 13, 1739, dau. of John Beers, of Newtown; she d. Jan. 15, 1793; m. (third) Cynthia Beers, b. May 15, 1736, eldest dau. of John Beers, and widow of Thomas Skidmore; she d. Mch. 16, 1804, and

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he m. (fourth) Rhoda ———, who d. Dec. 7, 1826, ae. 88; he died Mch. 12, 1817. Children by first wife: (1) LEWIS, b. May 5, 1758; (2) Samuel, b. Aug. 29, 1760, settled in Brookfield; d. Apl. 19, 1825; m. Betty (who d. Jan. 22, 1825, ae. 64); dau. Vashti, b. Aug. 23, 1783, d. Feb. 4, 1832; Jotham, son of Samuel, d. Oct. 20, 1795, ae. 16 mos.; Sally, d. 1795, ae. 4; (3) Rufus, b. Sept. 9, 1764, m. (first) Amy Hurd, who d. April 20, 1798, ae. 31; second wife, Ruth ——, d. Jan. 9, 1855, ae. 78; he d. Mch. 22, 1822; his children: Lewis, d. Mch. 7, 1798, ae. 5; Julia A., scalded to death Aug. 24, 1704, ae. 3½; Sophia, d. May 6, 1809, ae. 4; (4) Sabra, b. May 6, 1768; and (5) Ebenezer, b. Feb. 17, 1770, d. February 17, 1770. Children by second wife: (6) Grace, b. June 5, 1771, m. Nathaniel Nichols, of Newtown; (7) Jotham Beers, b. June 12, 1774, settled in Sandy Hook, and d. Feb. 5, 1818; and (8) CYRUS, b. May 18, 1778.

IX. LEWIS SHERMAN, above, born May 5, 1758, m. March 21, 1780, Sarah Glover, b. Nov. 6, 1763, dau. of Henry and Ann (Sanford) Glover, of Newtown; he d. April 6, 1794; she m. (second) Stephen Crofut, of Newtown, and had dau., Sarah Ann, b. April, 1800; Mrs. Crofut d. Feb. 22, 1847. Children of Lewis Sherman: Esther, born Oct. 17, 1780, married Eben Tyrrell; Sabra, born Nov. 26, 1781, married Daniel Booth; Anna, born March 28, 1783, married Isaac Briscoe; Justin, born July 20, 1785, married Senea Sherman; Philo, born June 16, 1787, married Phebe Masters; Marcia, born Jan. 21, 1789, married Sherman Beers; Sylvester, born April 27, 1791, married Mercy Peck; Ornan, born Dec. 10, 1792, married Clara Lake. [A fuller record of some of these children will be given farther on in this genealogy, in connection with the history of their descendants.]

CYRUS SHERMAN, above (son of Jotham by second wife), b. May 18, 1778, m. Huldah, dau. of Daniel Booth, of Bridgewater, Conn.; she d. Dec. 27, 1840, ae. 57; he d. Oct. 28, 1825. Children: (1) Jotham, b. Aug., 1805, d. 1874; m. Mary Ann Bostwick, of Monroe, Conn., and had—Mary Jane, who m. Franklin Fairman (son of Charles, of Newtown), of Chicago, and their chil. are—Matilda Louise, Frank Sherman and Marion; Cyrus L., who d. Apr. 8, 1862, ae. 20 years, 5 mos.; and Frances A., who d. Dec. 14, 1848, ae. 21 days. Jotham Sherman d. Oct. 3, 1874, in Newtown, his wife Sept. 26, 1887, ae. 76, in Chicago, Ill. (2) Cyrus, b. Feb. 24, 1819, m. Feb. 10, 1847, Caroline, dau. of Lemuel and Eliza (Shepard) Beers, of Newtown; no children. (3) Mary, b. 1821, m. E. Benedict Price, of Norwalk, Conn., who d. Aug. 2, 1889. Their children—Mrs. Dr. Geo. B. Hickok; Mrs. W. A. Hawkins, of New York; and Dr. Sherman B. Price, a dentist.

Children of Lewis and Sarah (Glover) Sherman (above).—(I) Esther Sherman, b. Oct. 17, 1780, m. 1804, Eben Tyrrell, of Newtown, who d. Feb. 21, 1825, ae. 42; she d. Jan. 10, 1835; children: (1) Sally, b. Aug. 9, 1805, m. Jan. 4, 1831, Andrew Shelton, of Newtown, who d. Feb. 15, 1881, ae. 79; she d. June 3, 1872; no children. (2) Abbie, b. Nov. 10, 1808. (3) Isaac Hubbell, b. Jan. 5, 1812.

(II) Sabra Sherman, b. Nov. 26, 1781, m. Jan. 10, 1805, Daniel Booth, Jr., of Bridgewater, Conn., who d. April 16, 1862, ae. 86; settled on his farm inherited from his father, in Bridgewater, where he lived all his life; she d. Dec. 20, 1855. Children: (1) Julia Ann, b. April 7, 1806, m. Nov. 18, 1856, Cyrenius Beecher, of Wakeman, Ohio, who d. July 17, 1885; she d. Jan. 8, 1894. (2) Daniel Lewis, b. April 1, 1810, m. May 10, 1835, Amelia E. Randall, of Bridgewater, Conn., d. Oct. 29 (or 31), 1877. (3) Sarah Irena, b. Dec. 30, 1817, d. May 30, 1853. (4) Mary Charlotte, b. Sept. 21, 1820, m. Dec. 14, 1851, George Smith, of Bridgewater, who d. May 14, 1883, ae. 68; she d. Oct. 19, 1889; had one dau. who m. ——— Terrill, and one who m. Cassen Mead, of Bridgewater. (5) Walter Sherman, b. Sept. 28, 1827, m. Jan. 17, 1848, Catharine E. Peters; reside in Minnesota.

(III) Anna Sherman, b. Mch. 28, 1783, m. Feb., 1801, Isaac Briscoe, of Newtown, Conn. [see Briscoe family record], who d. June 26, 1812, ae. 31; she d. Jan. 28, 1848. Children: (1) Amy, b. June 6, 1802; (2) Lewis, b. Aug. 23, 1803; (3) Charles, b. Feb. 7, 1805; (4) Harriet, b. Nov. 16, 1806; (5) Polly, b. April 9, 1808; (6) Sally, b. April 2, 1810; (7) Caroline, b. Nov. 16, 1811.

(IV) Justin Sherman, b. July 20, 1785, m. (first) Aug. 20, 1806, Senea, dau. of John and Molly (Castle) Sherman, of New Milford, Conn.; m. (second) Sept. 4, 1825, Betsey Redding; m. (third) Dec. 9, 1858, Betsey Johnson. He went to Wakeman, Ohio, in 1822, and was among the first settlers of that town, where he died Aug. 10, 1865. Children by first wife: (1) Lewis Justin, b. Oct. 3, 1808, m. Jan. 8, 1829, Sabra Sherman (dau. of Philo), d. Apr. 2, 1832. (2) Nathan Gould, b. Aug. 28, 1810. (3) Cyrus Jotham, b. April 8, 1812, m. Elisabeth Prone, d. April 22, 1843. (4) Charles Starr, b. Feb. 19, 1814, m. Feb. 20, 1834, Hannah Arnett, d. June 25, 1844. (5) Mary Eliza, b. June 16, 1816, d. Oct.

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26, 1819. (6) Walter Rowe, b. June 29, 1818, d. Oct. 1, 1819. (7) Walter Rowe (physician), b. Mch. 19, 1820, m. July 6, 1843, Almira T. Carnahan, d. Dec. 22, 1860. (8) Mary Eliza, b. Nov. 24, 1821, d. Dec. 3, 1844. Children by second wife: (9) Harriet L., b. Sept. 11, 1826, m. Gideon Waugh; two dau.; d. 1844 or '45. (10) George B., b. May 18, 1828, m. Sarah R. Buckman, Nov. 16, 1858; had Georgia F., m. to Oswen, had two ch., and Anne B., m. to Beers, had two ch. (11) John G., b. Nov. 14, 1830, m. (first) Julia E. Beecher; children: John M., Julia A. and Mary B., he m. (second) Elisabeth Miller, and had Florence, m. to Geo. Canfield; one dau.

(V) Philo Sherman, b. June 16, 1787, m. (first) Oct. 23, 1808, Phebe Masters; m. (second) Dec. 30, 1835, ———Daniels; went to Wakeman, Ohio; d. April 20, 1875. Children: (1) Sabra, b. July 24, 1809, m. Lewis J. Sherman; d. Aug. 17, 1880. (2) James L., b. Mch. 2, 1812, d. Aug. 23, 1884. (3) Isaac G., b. Nov. 10, 1815, m. Oct. 7, 1835, Currence C. Masters; d. May 5, 1889. (4) Currence, b. April 14, 1817, m. Oct. 7, 1835, Leonard Batterson. (5) Justin, b. Jan. 9, 1821, m. Aug. 10, 1848, Almira Youngs. (6) Sylvester, b. Jan. 8, 1823, m. June 20, 1847, Irene M. Peet; all married and had children, and mostly settled in Iowa.

(VI) Marcia Sherman, b. Jan. 21, 1789, m. Dec. 22, 1811, Nathaniel Sherman Beers, who d. Apl. 19, 1843; settled in Bridgewater; she d. Dec. 5, 1890, in Cheshire, Conn. Children: (1) Sylvia, b. Sept. 3, 1812, and (2) Philo Sherman, b. Jan., 1823.

(VII) Sylvester Sherman, b. April 28, 1791, in Newtown, m. 1812, Mercy (dau. of Andrew Peck), who d. Mch. 21, 1877; he d. Oct. 5, 1867, in Bridgewater, Conn., where he settled. Children: (1) Lewis G., b. April 14, 1813. (2) Flora, b. April 5, 1815, m. Jan. 10, 1833, Nelson D. Trowbridge, of Bridgewater, Conn., had five children, d. Mch. 30, 1893, at the home of her son in Norwalk, Conn. (3) George M., b. April, 1822, m. 1845, Julia Glover, of Bridgewater, no children; settled in New York State; d. July 13, 1866. (4) Emily C., b. Sept. 9, 1827, m. Oct. 27, 1846, David Wooster, of Bridgewater; had three children; settled in Bridgeport, Conn., d. Apr., 1875.

(VIII) Ornan Sherman, b. Dec. 10, 1792, m. Clara Lake, of Newtown, b. March 22, 1796; settled in Danbury, Conn. (Stony Hill District); d. Dec. 5, 1864; she d. Feb. 28, 1861. Children: (1) Charles Lake, b. March 20, 1814; (2) Fanny, b. Aug. 21, 1817; (3) Harriet, b. Feb. 3, 1822, d. March 17, 1829; (4) Jane, b. May 31, 1824; (5) Sarah Ann, b. Feb. 10, 1827; (6) Phebe, b. Dec. 1, 1829; (7) Clara, b. Nov. 4, 1834, m. William Hoy, of Newtown, d. Sept. 12, 1853; (8–9) the twins, b. Nov. 16, 1836, d. Nov. 18, 1836; (10) Samuel Justin, b. April 22, 1838; (11) Esther Ann, b. Sept. 20, 1842, d. July 31, 1846.

Sarah Ann Crofut, b. April, 1800, dau. of Stephen and Sarah (Sherman) Crofut (above), m. Dillizon Peck, of Newtown, Conn.; both deceased. Children: (1) Edson, who m. Eliza Damaris, and resides at Naugatuck, Conn.; (2) Henry Augustus, b. Jan. 1, 1834, m. Louisa Gillette, res. Newtown; (3) Eliza Jane, b. 1835, m. George H. Botsford, who d. in Newtown.

Abbie Tyrrell (dau. of Eben and Esther (Sherman) Tyrrell), b. Nov. 10, 1808, m. Dec. 24, 1826, Burton E. Clark, of Newtown, Conn., who d. Jan. 1, 1879, ae. 76; she d. June 30, 1876; children: (1) Edward Tyrrell, b. Oct. 20, 1827; and (2) Juliette, b. April 13, 1834.

Isaac H. Tyrrell (son of Eben and Esther (Sherman) Tyrrell), b. June 5, 1812 (carpenter), in Newtown, m. Dec. 5, 1830, Harriet Sophia Blake, b. April 6, 1811, d. June 1, 1874; he was thrown from a wagon and killed, Dec. 27, 1849. Children: (1) Elmore Sylvester, b. Mch. 17, 1835; (2) Alfred Dwight, b. Dec. 10, 1837.

Nathan Gould Sherman (son of Justin), b. Aug. 28, 1810, went to Ohio with his father in 1822; m. (first) June 15, 1843, Elizabeth Otis; m. (second) Sept. 28, 1882, Hattie Phillips; residence, Norwalk, Ohio; d. Nov. 8, 1896. Children: (1) Joseph Otis, b. Aug. 19, 1848; (2) Emma Medora, b. June 12, 1851; (3) Walter Justin, b. Oct. 16, 1854; (4) Mary Nancy, b. May 15, 1859, m. Dec. 30, 1886, Birchard Austin Hayes, a lawyer, of Toledo, Ohio.

Sylvia Beers, b. Sept. 3, 1812 (dau. of Nathaniel S. and Marcia Sherman Beers), m. Lewis K. Frost, of Bridgewater, Conn., who d. Feb. 10, 1879, ae. 66. Children: (1) Beers, b. —, m. Helen Morton, and went to Brooklyn, N. Y., his children: Edith; Frederick H., d. ae. 3 yrs. (2) Elmer, b. Mch. 4, 1842, m. Oct. 10, 1867, Emily, dau. of Harrison Merwin, of Bridgewater. Children: Frank M., b. 1870; George S., b. 1873; Willis E., b. 1882. (3) Flora J., b.—, m. Dec. 25, 1866, Amos Northrop, of Bridgewater. Children: Lewis G. and Charles A. (4) Henry S., b. Jan. 22, 1849, m. — Boland, of Bridgewater; res. Cheshire. Children: Ida S., Herbert H. and Howard L. (5) Susan E., b. in Ohio, m. Penfield Giddings, of Brookfield, Conn.; res. Danbury, Conn. Children: Harry P. and Ernest T.

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Philo S. Beers (nurseryman, son of Nathaniel S. and Marcia S. Beers), b. Jan., 1823, m. Jan. 10, 1844, Susan M., dau. of William and Amy Tomlinson, of Newtown; lived in Bridgewater until 1864, when he moved to Cheshire, and died Feb., 1875. Children: (1) Estella J., b. Oct. 8, 1848, m. Oct. 8, 1868, Norman Platt, of Milford, Conn., and had one dau., Edith, who d. at ae. 10 yrs.; and (2) Carrie A., b. July 24, 1853, m. Dec. 1, 1875, Dr. M. N. Chamberlin, of Cheshire, Conn.; no children.

Lewis G. Sherman (son of Sylvester and Mercy (Peck) Sherman), b. Apl. 14, 1813, in Bridgewater, m. Oct. 6, 1835, Jeanette E., dau. of Lauren Judson, of Woodbury; settled in Bethlehem, Conn.; died Oct. 27, 1890. Children: (1) Margaret A., b. Apl. 4, 1837, m. Oct. 3, 1866, George Wooten, of Woodbury; d. Jan. 17, 1892; he d. Jan. 18, 1892, ae. 60. (2) Sylvester J., b. Oct. 30, 1839, m. Annie Roberts, and settled in Norwalk, Conn., where he d. Nov. 15, 1886; one child, Frank F. (3) Emily Cornelia, b. 1847, d. Aug. 5, 1851. (4) George Lewis, b. July 26, 1850, d. July 26, 1851. (5) Julia, b. Jan. 18, 1853, m. Oct. 14, 1874, Arthur D. Warner, a lawyer of Woodbury.

The line of Ornan Sherman, youngest child of Lewis and Sarah (Glover) Sherman, is continued below. Ornan Sherman (Dec. 15, 1792–Dec. 5, 1864) was married in 1813 to Clara Lake (Mch. 22, 1796–Feb. 28, 1861), dau. of John Lake, of Newtown. They had ten children.

Charles Lake Sherman, deceased, b. Mch. 20, 1814, married Eliza Blackman. [A sketch appears elsewhere.]

Fanny Sherman (dau. of Ornan and Clara (Lake) Sherman), b. Aug. 21, 1817, m. William Platt, of (Stony Hill) Bethel, Conn.; settled in Newtown, Conn.; he d. Apl. 27, 1894, at Middletown. Children: (1) Frances W., b. April 18, 1840, m. Oct. 18, 1861, Annie E., dau. of Heman and Fanny Northrop, of Newtown, d. Nov. 11, 1877, ae. 37. (2) Emily J., b. 1842, m. William Blackman, d. June 22, 1876. (3) Charles S., b. ———, m. Ella Ingraham, of Adams, Mass.; their children—Leroy, Arthur and Agnes. (4) Fanny E., b. Sept., 1850, d. June 11, 1853. (5) Roger S., b. 1854, d. Dec. 21, 1872.

Jane Sherman (dau. of Ornan and Clara (Lake) Sherman), b. May 31, 1824, m. Lorin Platt, of Bethel, Conn.; came first to Newtown; then moved to New Brunswick, N. J., where he lived several years; then to Hamilton; afterward to Springfield, Mass., where he d. in 1873; she d. April 8, 1885, in Waterbury, Conn. Children: (1) Joseph, m. Belle Reade, of New York State; live in Waterbury, Conn. (2) Nettie, m. James Patten, of Hamilton, New Jersey.

Sarah A. Sherman (dau. of Ornan and Clara (Lake) Sherman), born Feb. 10, 1827, m. Alfred Platt, of Waterbury, Conn., who d. Aug. 10, 1896. Children: (1) Sarah Jane, b. 1848, m. Jared P. King, of Waterbury; and (2) Alfred S., b. ———, m. Eugenia Nettleton, of Naugatuck.

Phebe Sherman (dau. of Ornan and Clara (Lake) Sherman), b. Dec. 21, 1829, m. Oct. 14, 1849, Winters Day Somers, of Newtown; went to Leominster, Mass., where he was killed June 30, 1883; had two daughters.

Clara Sherman, b. Nov. 4, 1834, m. William Hoy.

The Twins, b. Nov. 16, 1836, d. Nov. 18, 1836.

Samuel J. Sherman (son of Ornan and Clara (Lake) Sherman), b. April 22, 1838, m. (first) Nov., 1861, Caroline (dau. of James Benedict, of Bethel), who d. Sept. 5, 1873, ae. 31 yrs., 2 mos., 10 ds.; m. (second) Sarah E. Wildman, of Brookfield, who d. Feb. 7, 1877, ae. 34 yrs. 3 ds.; m. Jane Lockwood, of Stony Hill. Children by first wife: (1) Philo B., b. Jan. 29, 1864, m. ——— Jennings, res. (Great Plain) Danbury; and (2) Arthur, m. Nov. 13, 1889, Belle, dau. of George McArthur, of Danbury; d. Aug. 5, 1896.

Edward T. Clark (son of Burton E. and Abbie T. (Sherman) Clark), b. Oct. 20, 1827, m. Nov. 5, 1848, Sylvia M., dau. of Hermon and Maria Peck, of Newtown; she d. May 4, 1889, ae. 60. They had Francis Herbert, b. Mch. 3, 1855, d. Mch. 9, 1859.

Juliette Clark (dau. of Burton E. and Abbie T. (Sherman) Clark), b. Apl. 13, 1834, m. Oct. 12, 1858, George A. Northrop, of Roxbury, Conn.; res. Bridgeport, Conn. Children: (1) Mary Estelle, b. Dec. 26, 1859, m. Nov. 14, 1882, Frank C. Allen, of Bridgeport, and had George Robert, b. Nov. 25, 1883, d. Dec. 28, 1887; and (2) Grace Clark, b. Apl. 8, 1874, d. Mch. 25, 1882.

Elmore S. Tyrrell (son of Isaac H. and Harriet S. (Blake) Tyrrell), born Mch. 17, 1835, m. April 15, 1855, Letitia Clingham, b. Mch. 4, 1836, dau. of Thos. Clingham. Children: (1) Arsina Augusta, b. Feb. 8, 1856, m. April 15, 1880, John B. Post; (2) Francis Hubbell, b. Aug. 13, 1859, d. Aug. 27, 1864; and (3) Jennie, b. May 14, 1864, m. Oct. 7, 1885, Richard E. Nichols; one child, Hazel Irma, b. Sept. 6, 1887.

To return now to Benjamin Sherman (b. March 29, 1662), son of Samuel (b. July, 1618), we trace yet another line of Newtown Shermans, to wit:

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Job Sherman (sixth generation, son of Benjamin), born April 7, 1690, married May 28, 1713, Sarah Seeley, and had Ann, born in 1814, John, Joel, Nathan, and Ephraim. John Sherman (seventh generation, son of Job), married and had sons: Daniel, John, Elijah, Ezra and Jabez. Daniel Sherman (eighth generation, son of John), married and had sons: Daniel and Linus. Of these, Daniel married and had a son, Roswell, whose children were: Fanny, who married a Dewey; and Nellie, who married Austin Moody.

Linus Sherman (ninth generation, son of Daniel) married Artemisia, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Devine) Curtis, and had children: Flora died in young girlhood; Daniel, married and settled in the West; Hannah married Nathan Prince; Sarah and Mary both died in young childhood; Aurelia married William S. Whiting, of Redding; Phebe, born in 1815, married Hermon Beers.

Nathan Sherman (seventh generation, son of Job) married and had children: Truman, Philo, Lyman and Joseph, all of Newtown. Joel Sherman (seventh generation, son of Job) married and had Abel, George, Job and Timothy. Ephraim Sherman (seventh generation, son of Job) married and had Amos and Peter. Amos was the father of Homer B. Sherman, of Roxbury. Elijah Sherman (eighth generation, son of John) married and had John and Ira. Ezra Sherman (eighth generation, son of John) married and had John, Elijah and Eli.

Enos Sherman (sixth generation, son of Benjamin) married and had Josiah and Samuel. Benjamin Sherman (sixth generation, son of Benjamin) married and had Timothy and James. Samuel Sherman (sixth generation, son of Benjamin) married and had Lemuel, Elijah and Isaac. James Sherman (sixth generation, son of Benjamin) married and had Adonijah, William and Edmund. Nathaniel Sherman (sixth generation, son of Benjamin) married and had Nathan, Phineas and Nathaniel. Nathan Sherman (seventh generation, son of Nathaniel) married and had Nathan and Wheeler. Nathaniel Sherman (seventh generation, son of Nathaniel) married and had David and Nathaniel. Phineas Sherman (seventh generation, son of Nathaniel) married and had Philo.

Philo Sherman (fifth generation, son of Phineas) married and had Anna, Fanny, Clark, Polly, Lue L., Carlos, Warren, Hannah, Truman, Esther, Hittie M., and Hiram. Clark Sherman (ninth generation, son of Philo) married and had Lewis and Ira. Lue L. Sherman (sixth generation, son of Philo) married and had Philo and Bennett. Carlos Sherman (sixth generation, son of Philo) married and had Minerva, Susan, Mary, Harriet, Eliza and Burton. Burton Sherman (seventh generation, son of Carlos) married and had Sophronia (Mrs. Eli B. Beers, of Newtown). Eliza Sherman (tenth generation, daughter of Carlos) married Samuel Curtis Warner, and had children: Carlos S. and Lucius C.

ROGER SHERMAN LINE.—John Sherman, of Dedham, clothier, son of Edmond Sherman and Anne Cleave, is supposed to have married a Sparhawk. He was the father of Captain John Sherman or Shearman (as he spelt his name), who was born in 1613, and came to New England about 1634, settling in Watertown, Mass. He was captain, surveyor, representative in the General Court, and town clerk. He was steward of Harvard College, in 1660, and probably for years after. He was with Governor Winthrop when the northern boundary of Massachusetts was surveyed, and when the corner was established at Wier's Landing, Lake Winnepesaukee. He died January 25, 1690. His wife, Martha (Palmer), daughter of Roger and Grace Palmer, of Long Sutton, South Hampton, died February 7, 1701.

Joseph Sherman, son of Captain John, was born in Watertown, May 14, 1650, and was a blacksmith by trade. He married Elizabeth Winship, daughter of Lieut. Edward Winship, of Cambridge. He was a representative in the General Court in 1702-3-4-5, and often served as selectman and assessor. He had eleven children, of whom, the ninth child and seventh son, William, born June 23, 1692, was the father of Roger Sherman. This William was a cordwainer, and appears to have been a farmer as well as a shoemaker. His first wife was Rebecca Cutler, of Watertown, by whom he had one son, William, who died in infancy. For his second wife he married, September 3, 1715, Mehetabel Wellington, of Watertown, daughter of Benjamin, son of Roger Wellington, who came from England, and his children by this marriage were: William, Mehetabel, Roger, Elizabeth, Nathaniel, Josiah and Rebecca. Of this family, Roger Sherman was born in Newtown, Mass., April 19, 1721.

From Hon. John Sherman's "Forty Years in the House, Senate and Cabinet," we glean that the family name of Sherman is, no doubt, of Saxon origin, is very common along the Rhine, and in different parts of the German Empire, where it is written Shearmann or Schurmann. The English Shermans lived chiefly in Essex and Suffolk counties, near the east coast, and in Lon-

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don, and the name appe ars frequently in local records. Nearly every fa mily of the name furnished a preacher, while a few members of it attained the dignity of knighthood. A greater number became landed property holders, and more were engaged in trade in London.

The principal family of the name in the 16th century were the Sherm ans of Yaxley, in the County of Suffolk. Edmond Sherman, ancestor of John Sherman, was a member of this family. He was born in 1585, and was married to Judith Angier, May 26, 1611. He resided in Dedham, Essex County, England, was a manufacturer of cloth, and a man of me ans and high standing. Accompanied by his nephew, "Captain John," he left England for Boston, Mass., as already intimated in this record.

"Capt. John Sherman," continues Mr. Sherman in his narrative, "soon after his arrival in Boston settled in Watertown, Mass., where he married and had a large family of children. Among his descendants was Roger Sherman, of the Revolution, by far the most distinguished man of the name. He had the good fortune to contribute to and sign the three most important papers of American History, the 'Address to the King,' the 'Declaration of Independence,' and the 'Constitution of the United States.' Among other descendants of Capt. John Sherman were Hon. Roger Minot Sherman, of New Haven, a nephew of Roger Sherman, a distinguished lawyer and a leading participant in the Hartford Convention. William M. Evarts, George F. Hoar and Chauncey M. Depew are descendants of Roger Sherman or his brother.

"Rev. John Sherman, the eldest son of Edmond Sherman, was born on the 26th of December, 1613, at Dedham, England. He graduated at Immanuel College, Cambridge, left college a Puritan, and came over to America in 1634, as already stated. He had a large family of children, and his numerous descendants are well distributed throughout the United States, but most of them in the State of New York.

"Samuel Sherman, the youngest son of Edmond Sherman, is the ancestor of the family to which I belong. At the age of sixteen years he came with his brother, Rev. John, and his cousin, 'Captain John,' in April, 1634, in the ship 'Elizabeth,' from Ipswich, and arrived in Boston in June, and for a time settled in Watertown, Mass. He afterward moved to Wethersfield, Conn., thence to Stamford and thence to Stratford.

"In Cothren's 'History of Ancient Woodbury' there are found full details of the life of Samuel Sherman and his numerous descendants to the present generation. Of Samuel Sherman Mr. Cothren says: 'He was from Dedham, Essex County, England, came to this country in 1634, and previous to the date of the new plantation, at Woodbury, had been a leading man in the colony of Connecticut. He had assisted in the settlement of several other towns in the colony, and now undertook the same for Woodbury. He had been a member of the Court of Assistants, or Upper House of the General Court, and Supreme Judicial Tribunal, for five or six years, from 1663, and held various offices and appointments of honor and trust. He is referred to in ancient deeds and documents as the "Worshipful Mr. Sherman." In 1676 he was one of the commission for Stratford and Woodbury.'

"The order of succession of the descendants of Samuel Sherman, the ancestor of the family to which I belong, is as follows: I. John Sherman, the fifth child of Samuel Sherman, was born at Stratford, Conn., February 8, 1650. He early moved to Woodbury. He died December 13, 1730. II. John Sherman (2), the fifth child of John, was baptized June, 1687. He married Hachaliah Preston, July 22, 1714. He died 1727. III. Daniel Sherman, the third child of John (2), was born August 14, 1721, and died July 2, 1799. IV. Taylor Sherman, the sixth child of Daniel, was born in 1758. He married Elizabeth Stoddard in 1787, and died in Connecticut, May 15, 1815. His widow died at Mansfield, Ohio, August 1, 1848. V. Charles Robert Sherman, eldest child of Taylor, was born September 26, 1788, married Mary Hoyt, of Norwalk, Conn., May 8, 1810. He died on the 24th of June, 1829. His widow died at Mansfield, Ohio, September 23, 1852. They had eleven children, six sons and five daughters, all of whom lived to maturity. I am the eighth child of this family. The names and dates of the birth of the children of my parents are as follows: Charles Taylor Sherman, February 3, 1811; Mary Elizabeth Sherman, April 21, 1812; James Sherman, December 10, 1814; Amelia Sherman, February 11, 1816; Julia Ann Sherman, July 24, 1818; William Tecumseh Sherman, February 8, 1820; Lampson Parker Sherman, October 31, 1821; John Sherman, May 10, 1823; Susan Denman Sherman, October 10, 1825; Hoyt Sherman, November 1, 1827; and Fanny Beecher Sherman, May 3, 1829."

THE TOUCEY FAMILY, which has held a prominent place in this section from early Colonial times, traces descent from Richard Toucey, a pioneer settler of Wethersfield, Conn.,

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who came from an English town called Towsland, Towsley, or Towsey, these varied methods of spelling appearing in different records. Richard Toucey had a son, Thomas, from whom the Fairfield county branch of the family is descended.

Thomas Toucey died at Wethersfield in 1712, leaving at least two children—Thomas, Jr., and Elizabeth, who married Josiah Churchill.

Thomas Toucey, Jr., who was born at Wethersfield in 1688, was graduated at Yale College in 1707, and in 1709 joined the little company of settlers at Newtown. His name appears among the residents of the town in 1712, and he seems to have been active and influential in local politics and in religious matters. According to the town records, the organization of a Church was first formally attempted at a meeting of the proprietors held September 24, 1711, and as their offer to Phineas Fisk to preach for them a year on trial was declined, a call was extended on or about May 21, 1713, to "Rev. Thomas Tousey, of Wethersfield," to preach for one year at a salary of thirty pounds, and the proceeds of some land which the Society agreed to break up, sow, and harvest. Mr. Toucey began his ministry soon afterward, and in October, 1715, when the Church was formally organized, he was ordained as pastor. At that time there were thirty families included in the membership, and although for a while harmony seemed to prevail, some signs of dissatisfaction became apparent about 1723, certain members declaring, as stated in the town records, that they could not "sit easy" under his preaching, while others averred that they "were of a different persuasion," meaning, doubtless, that they inclined to the Church of England. Naturally Mr. Toucey was disturbed by this unfortunate state of affairs, and the result was that he resigned his pastorate and went to England, where he received a commission as captain from the British Government. After his return to Newtown he began the practice of medicine, and throughout his life he continued to take a leading part in the affairs of that locality. In 1743 he was appointed to oppose the formation of a new ecclesiastical society in Newbury (now Brookfield), and he was selected to fix the boundaries between New Milford and Newtown. He died March 14, 1761, and among the heirlooms treasured by his descendants is an account book whose items, dating back as far as 1715, throw much light on the early history of Newtown. Rev. Thomas Toucey was married, November 12, 1717, to Hannah Clark, of Milford, by whom he had the following children: Hannah (Mrs. Josiah Hooker, of Norwalk), born September 25, 1718; Arminel (Mrs. Donald Grant), born April 14, 1720; Elizabeth, born November 27, 1723; Oliver, who is mentioned more fully below; Mehitabel, born March 17, 1727, who became the second wife of Agur Judson, of Huntington; Ann, born in 1728, who was married May 2, 1752, to Daniel Baldwin; John, who is mentioned below; Thomas, who settled in Woodbury, Conn.; and Zalmon, of whom a fuller account is given below. Ann and Daniel Baldwin had two sons: Clark, who married Phedima Prindle; and Daniel, who died in 1819.

Oliver Toucey, the eldest son of Rev. Thomas Toucey, was born in 1726 and died in 1799. He and his wife, Deborah, had a large family of children: (1) Philo, born September 1, 1750, was married, January 18, 1781, to Esther Shelton, and died June 21, 1824. He had three daughters—Lucretia, born December 11, 1783, and died May 13, 1841, married May 18, 1803, David Platt, grandfather of Prof. Johnson T. Platt, of New Haven, and Theron E. Platt, of Hopewell; Esther, born May 16, 1785, married Israel A. Beardsley, had a daughter, Flora Jane, now Mrs. Aaron Sanford; and Flora, born January 7, 1802, married Asa B. Beardsley, and had a family of several children, one son, J. M. Beardsley, being a well-known resident of Newtown. (2) Isaac, born January 22, 1755, died December 6, 1794. (3) Zalmon, born March 7, 1759. (4) Oliver, Jr., born April 8, 1770, died November 23, 1837. His children were Philo, born December 3, 1798, died December 24, 1837; Nabby, born December 12, 1800, died January 5, 1804; Harriet, born May 20, 1803, died September 26, 1833; Emily, who married a Mr. Chittenden, of Kent and Bridgeport; Isaac, of whom special mention is made farther on; Maria, wife of Amos Parks, of Buffalo, N. Y.; and Polly Ann, who married Preston Perry, of Kent. (5) Hannah, born April 19, 1775, married Zachariah Clarke, father of the late Philo Clarke.

John Toucey, the second son of Rev. Thomas Toucey, was born in 1730 and settled in Huntingtown. He married Rebecca Booth, who died September 19, 1803, and his own death occurred July 7, 1776, three days after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. They had a numerous family of children: (1) John, Jr., was born in 1751. (2) Abel, born in 1756, died June 7, 1825. He was twice married, and had the following children—John Glover, father of W. P. Toucey, of Long Hill; Sarah Ann, mother of J. B. Peck, Esq.; Grandison Curtis; Marcia, mother of Lewis Hubbell, of Stepney; Zerah; Philo; Minerva; Esther Ann; and (by his second marriage) Abel, Jr. (3) Ann, born in 1761, died

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in infancy. (4) David, born in 1764, died May 5, 1841, and his wife, Clarinda, died March 10, 1842, at the age of seventy-six. (5) Donald, born in 1766, died May 20, 1829, and his wife, Betty, died July 2, 1854, aged eighty-six. One of their sons, Samuel, was the father of John M. Toucey, superintendent of the New York Central & Hudson River railroad, and another, Sinclair, was formerly a member of the firm of St. John & Toucey, merchant tailors, at the corner of Broadway and Wall street, New York City. (6) Ann (2) was born in 1768. (7) Hannah was born in 1770, and (8) Rebecca in 1771.

Zalmon Toucey, the youngest son of Rev. Thomas Toucey, was born in 1738, and died June 23, 1816. He, also, had a large family of children: (1) Thomas, born May 7, 1765. (2) Lazarus, born July 2, 1767. (3) Donald Grant, born November 12, 1768. (4) Azariah, born December 4, 1770. (5) Zalmon, Jr., born March 6, 1772. (6) Phœbe, born June 6, 1773, was married October 29, 1796, to Ebenezer Turner, and died in 1841. Her children were Emma, William, Mary, David, Ebenezer and Jane. (7) Jerusha, born February 23, 1774. (8) Sarah, born June 28, 1777, married Judge Samuel Blackman, who lived at the site of the "Grand Central Hotel" at Newtown, and she died December 6, 1835. (9) Joseph, born March 5, 1780. (10) Polly, born January 18, 1784.

One of the most distinguished members of this family was HON. ISAAC TOUCEY, an able lawyer, who held many important offices, both State and National. He was born in Newtown November 5, 1796, son of Oliver Toucey, Jr. (above). He studied law with Asa Chapman, of Newtown, and in 1818 began his professional practice in Hartford, where he soon rose to prominence. From 1822 to 1835 he was State's attorney for Hartford county, and in the latter year he was elected to Congress, where he served four years. In 1846 he was elected governor of Connecticut, and during the last year of President Polk's administration he held the office of Attorney General. In 1850 he was chosen to the United States Senate, but after serving five years he resigned to take a place in President Buchanan's cabinet as Secretary of the Navy. At one time he was offered a place on the Bench of the United States Supreme Court, but declined the honor. His last years were spent in retirement at his pleasant home in Hartford, where he died July 30, 1869, at the advanced age of seventy-two. He was always a firm supporter of the principles of the Democratic party, and, as he was decided in his convictions and prompt to defend them, he met at times with much opposition, which, however, seldom disturbed his composure. In one instance only did he reply to a political accusation, and that was the charge of "dispersing the navy to foreign parts at the breaking out of the rebellion in 1861," and although he was fully exonerated by a committee of Congress, appointed at his own request, the accusation continued to annoy him when repeated. He had many friends who placed the most complete confidence in his integrity and uprightness, and his memory will ever be closely linked with the important events of his time. He married Catherine Burrill.

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DICK FAMILY. Joseph Dick & Sons were closely identified with the manufacturing interests of Newtown three-quarters of a century ago.

Joseph Dick was born in 1787, in Monroe, but was bound to John Sanford, after the manner of those days, when but four years old. He worked on the farm as soon as he was old enough, during the summers, and in the fall helped to full and dress the woolen cloth made by the neighboring farmers. The fulling and dressing of cloth was then quite a business, and those engaged in the work were called clothiers.

Later, Mr. Dick went into partnership with John Sanford in the cloth-dressing business, and finally put in two or three looms and began weaving broadcloth. But the young man was full of ambition, and was soon in business for himself, building a shop in what is now the upper rubber pond. Here he took Josiah Sanford into partnership, Mr. Sanford's knowledge of machinery as a wheelwright offsetting in some measure Mr. Dick's acquaintance with the knowledge of cassimeres, into the manufacture of which the firm embarked. They took up the making of satinet as soon as that cloth came in fashion, and thrived so that the buildings had to be enlarged twice, two sets of woolen machinery and from fifty to seventy-five hands being employed. The firm owned much land, and were in partnership with Samuel B. Peck in the store still standing in Sandy Hook. Through some disagreement this partnership was dissolved, and the business finally closed. Mr. Dick died in 1846, aged fifty-nine years.

Mr. Dick was twice married, first to Sarah Griffin, and they had the following children:

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Charles L. and John. The mother of these dying, Mr. Dick afterward married Electa Crittenden, who became the mother of the late William J. Dick; she survived her husband nine years, dying in 1855. Mrs. Dick was a New Jersey woman, though of Connecticut antecedents. She had a daughter, Clarissa, who married Joseph Wheeler, a tailor.

After the firm of Dick & Sanford separated, the shop, which was Mr. Dick's own property, was used for making screws and rivets. The three sons, Charles L., John and William J., carried on the business after the father's death, under the firm name of John Dick & Co. The firm turned into rivets one hundred tons of wire a year, and made the first gimlet-pointed screws. Lorenzo Bidwell assisted in their invention, and the machinery for the manufacture was made in the shop. The firm rented power to Isaac Beers and other comb makers, and also to Loren and LeGrand Platt, brothers and cousins to William Platt, for the manufacture of buttons. The business was finally wound up in 1856, and the shop was sold to the Rubber Company, who tore it down and flooded its site. In 1849 John Dick went to California, where he was first alcalde and then judge of court, member of the Legislature, and a prominent man generally. He was interested in mining ventures, and was sent as delegate to the Philadelphia Convention that nominated his friend, John C. Fremont, as a Presidential candidate, which was the only time he visited his boyhood home. John never married, and died at Oroville, Cal., in December, 1873, aged fifty-nine years. Mr. Dick's picture in his later years represents him as clean-shaven, like his father before him, though when he attended the Philadelphia Convention he wore a luxuriant beard.

Charles L. Dick went to the war in 1861, and died at Harper's Ferry, Va., December 22, 1862, aged forty-seven. He married Sarah Meigs, of Oxford.

WILLIAM J. DICK was born September 12, 1822, in Newtown. Joseph Dick, his father, was an active business man of the town sixty years ago, being connected with Josiah Sanford in the manufacture of broadcloths, cassimeres and satinets, at Sandy Hook. He was called from earth October 3, 1846, aged fifty-nine years. His first wife, Sarah, died September 24, 1820, and his second wife, Electa, passed away April 18, 1855, aged seventy years. Of his children we have record of the following deceased: Clarissa A. Wheeler died August 26, 1851, aged twenty-six years; Charles L. died at Harper's Ferry, Va., December 22, 1862, aged forty-seven; and John, at Oroville, Cal., in December, 1873, aged fifty-nine.

William J. Dick received a common-school and academic education, completing the course at Chilton Hill Seminary, Elizabeth, N. J. He was engaged in mechanical and manufacturing pursuits, traveled extensively, visiting nearly every State and Territory in the Union, and for twenty-six years was the proprietor and manager of the famous "Dick Hotel," at Newtown, said to have been one of the best country hotels in Connecticut. He was well-adapted for the business, and made a great success at it, being a typical landlord of the olden type, and was original in his ideas and methods of doing business. The hotel building, which so long bore his name, is said to have been built by Doctor Perry about 1790, and its successor is the beautiful and commodious "Newtown Inn." Mr. Dick retired from business some years before his death. He was twice married, (first) to Caroline Candee, who was born in 1826, and died in 1858, and (second) to Mary E. Beardsley. There were four children by the first marriage, all of whom are deceased. Mr. Dick held various local offices, was a justice of the peace, member of the burgess board of Newtown, and president of the cemetery association.

MOSES PARSONS (deceased) was a prominent citizen and business man of Newtown during the first half of the present century. Born May 9, 1794, at Warehouse Point, Conn., Mr. Parsons was a son of William Parsons.

Moses Parsons when a boy went to Danbury, where he learned the hatter's trade, and at the age of twenty-one he came to Sandy Hook, Fairfield county, where he began the manufacture of hats, continuing in this business until some years just before the Civil war. He farmed to some extent in connection therewith, and after abandoning the hatting business engaged in agriculture more extensively. In 1832 he was one of the representatives from Newtown in the State Legislature; in 1846 he served as selectman; in 1855, on the organization of the Newtown Savings Bank, he was one of the board of trustees, and at the time of his death, September 5, 1875, he was vice-president of that institution. Mr. Parsons was active in Church work, serving at one time as warden of Trinity Episcopal Church. In his political views, he was first a Whig and afterward a Republican.

For his first wife, our subject married Mary

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Stowe, who died June 19, 1822, in her twenty-eighth year, leaving no children. His second wife was Huldah Adams, whose death occurred September 16, 1839, when she was in her thirty-seventh year. Their children were: William A.; Mary E., who married Julius Sanford, formerly of Newtown; Edward A., who died in November, 1898, aged seventy-two years, at New Haven, Conn.; Charlotte S., who married John P. Beers, of New Haven (he is now deceased, as is also their only son, Charles H.); and John D. For his third wife, Moses Parsons married Mary Emily, a daughter of Andrew Andrews, of Bethel. She was born in 1816, and died November 7, 1890. Of the children by the last marriage: Catherine C. died in July, 1880, aged thirty-eight years; Charles M. is referred to farther on; Rev. Arthur T., an Episcopal clergyman, is the rector of a Church in Thomaston, Conn.; and James E. died at the age of forty-seven years, in September, 1897, at which time he was bookkeeper in the Yale National Bank, New Haven.

Charles M. Parsons is a farmer, residing at the Parsons homestead, at Sandy Hook. When a young man he entered the United States army during the Civil war, enlisting in Company F, Eighth Conn. V. I., in which he remained until honorably discharged. Some years later he was for several years engaged in surveying for Daniel G. Beers, in the map business. He taught school for some years, and finally settled down to farming. Mr. Parsons married Nellie E., daughter of C. Lawrence Mitchell, and the children born to this union are: Herbert A., L. Birdsey, Ethel G. and Pearl F. Mrs. Parsons died in June, 1892, aged thirty-two years. Mr. Parsons was the first senior warden at St. John's Episcopal Church, at Sandy Hook. For many years he served as a member of the school board of education of the town of Newtown.

ABEL B. PRINDLE, formerly of Newtown, was born July 24, 1814, on his late farm, whereon resided his father and grandfather before him.

Mr. Prindle was a son of Abel Prindle, and a grandson of Jonathan Prindle, who was a tailor by trade, and bought the farm mentioned, of Thomas Chambers, in 1760, soon after his marriage to Damarias Peck. Their children were: Sarah, who married Daniel Terrill and went to Wheeling, W. Va.; Jerusha, married to Abel Stilson; Lucy and Anna, who remained single; Abel, referred to farther on; Lemuel, deceased when young; Lemuel (2), who resided on the home farm; and Keziah, wife of Ezekial Johnson. The father of these was a pronounced Episcopalian, a member of Trinity Church. He died in 1813.

Abel Prindle, the father of our subject, was born in 1760. He learned the tailor's trade, which he followed the greater part of his life, also carrying on farming operations. He was an officer in the local militia, was a substantial citizen, held in high regard, and was a member of the Episcopal Church. He married Ruth, daughter of Abner Griffin, and their children were: Anna; and Abel B., our subject. The father died in April, 1818, and the mother on April 5, 1864, in her eighty-seventh year.

Abel B. Prindle in his youth attended the neighborhood schools. He served seven years as an apprentice to the trade of comb maker; then went into a store in Newtown village and was there employed from 1832 to 1835. His employer having failed, young Prindle then taught school in Flat Swamp District, receiving for his services nine dollars per month, following which he taught in Centre District, at twenty dollars per month. He taught in other districts, including eight or ten terms in his home district, and he was considered one of the best and most successful teachers in the locality. While teaching in his home school he had for one of his pupils John W. Toucey, who became a man of considerable note. Our subject taught from 1835 to 1848, then abandoned the profession for a decade, when he again went into "the harness," and taught a period at Sandy Hook. From 1860 to 1868 he followed civil engineering in the map-publishing business, with Silas N. and Fred. W. Beers, and was so employed from 1865 to 1868, for Beers, Ellis & Soule. He worked in the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut. From that time on up to about the time of his demise he was engaged in public and private work in his line. Politically, he was in his early life a Democrat, then a Whig after about 1837, and later a Republican. In 1872 and 1873 he served as first selectman, and in 1874 he represented the town in the Legislature; was school visitor twelve years or more, and, for probably the same length of time, assessor. In all of these trusts he proved himself a satisfactory officer, and was held in great esteem and respect by his fellow citizens. He had charge of the settling of many estates. At the time of his decease he was auditor of the Newtown Savings Bank, and had been a director of the same. In religious faith he was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. Mr. Prindle died December 16, 1898, aged eighty-four years, five months.

On December 31, 1843, our subject was

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married to Betsey A. Glover, a daughter of Silas Glover, and granddaughter of Capt. Solomon Glover. To the marriage have come two children: Julia M.; and Robert Morris (a civil engineer), who died in 1873, aged twenty-two years.

MARTIN K. OSBORN, whose death occurred on April 10, 1878, was one of the substantial citizens of Fairfield county. Born in 1818 in Brookfield, Mr. Osborn was a son of Ezra and Rachel (Kellogg) Osborn, whose other children were: Henry B., Ezra B., and Orrin H.

Martin K. Osborn married, January 15, 1840, Lois Vail, a daughter of Oliver Vail, of Stony Hill District, Bethel, and their children were: (1) Mary E., born December 19, 1842, died April 11, 1888; she married Lemuel Beach Clark, a sketch of whom follows. (2) Charles B., born November 8, 1840, was killed in battle at Sharpsburg, Md., September 19, 1862. The mother of these survives. The father was a farmer, and resided in Stony Hill District, of the town of Bethel; he dealt largely in cattle, and was an active, energetic man of affairs; in his political views, he was a Republican.

LEMUEL BEACH CLARK, mentioned above, is a son of Zachariah Clark, who was born August 27, 1808, and was married, May 4, 1831, to Sarah Ann Camp, who was born February 14, 1811, a daughter of Lemuel and Sarah Camp. Three children came of this union: Lemuel B. (1), born September 27, 1832, died July 14, 1834; Lemuel B. (2), born May 7, 1837; and Sherman Beers, born September 11, 1845, died March 10, 1887. The mother of these died June 23, 1854, and the father on December 24, 1854, wedded, for his second wife, Sarah Ann Gregory. He died February 27, 1875, his widow in November, 1890.

Lemuel B. Clark married, March 23, 1864, Mary E. Osborn, and two children were born to them, as follows: Jennie E., March 22, 1865; and Fred Beers, January 23, 1868. The last named was married, August 29, 1894, to Nellie Tompson, and two children were born to them: Bertha E. and Fred B., both living. The father was called from earth November 9, 1896.

HON. WILLIAM N. NORTHROP, who has long been a man of prominence, and a leading citizen of Newtown, Fairfield county, is a son of Walter Northrop, whose family history is set forth in the sketch of the Northrop family.

William N. Northrop was born July 15, 1829, and received his education in the schools of his home district, Head of Meadow, Newtown. He also attended the select school of Harry Peck, in Taunton District, having as schoolmates John M. Toucey, Robert T. and Sylvester Clarke, and Judge Charles A. Briscoe. He left school when about seventeen, and began keeping books in a store at Saugatuck. In 1855 he went on his father's farm, and soon afterward bought fifty acres of the place on which he now lives, to which he has since gradually added until he has now an excellent farm of upward of two hundred acres, and he has given his attention exclusively to the fattening of fine cattle. Mr. Northrop is a self-made man, and can take pride in the success he has attained. He has ever been an ardent Democrat, of the Jacksonian type, has taken quite an active interest in politics and public affairs, and it is safe to say that he is to-day, and has been for thirty years past, the foremost and most influential Democrat in Newtown. His ability in public lines has been recognized by his fellow-citizens, who have at various times placed him in official positions of honor and trust, and he has as often satisfactorily and ably filled the same. He has served the town as constable, assessor, justice of the peace, and in other minor offices. In 1875 he was elected first selectman, and for eight years he was annually chosen to the same office. In 1881 he was nominated and elected State senator for the Fifteenth District, and ably represented his constituents in that body for two years, serving, the first year, as chairman of the committee on Capitol Buildings, Furniture and Grounds. During the second year he was chairman of the committee on Roads and Bridges. Since 1883 Mr. Northrop has been town auditor. He is one of the directors of the Newtown Savings Bank, and a stockholder and director in the Newtown Agricultural Society.

On May 15, 1855, Mr. Northrop was married to Julia, daughter of Henry and Eveline Lamberton, of Westport, Conn. The marriage has been blessed with children as follows: Eliza, Charles Henry, John James, and Mary Hattie.

CHAMBERS. Thomas Chambers, the first of the name to settle in Newtown, removed from the State of New York about 1736, settling at the head of Newtown Street. He had twelve children, whose names, with dates of birth, are as follows: Mary, May 14, 1743; Asa, November 3, 1744; Abigail, March 12, 1746; Jesse, Dec. 1, 1747; Nathan, Aug. 20, 1750; Charles (or James), July 10, 1752; Thomas, July 7, 1754; Ann, April 29, 1756; Jemimah, December 31, 1757; Elladah,

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March 22, 1760; Amerillis, May 10, 1762; and Joseph, August 16, 1764. The elder children had grown to manhood and womanhood in the stirring times of the Revolution, and three of them died during the war—Jesse and Nathan in the British army, and James in the American service. Mary, the eldest child, married Dr. William Warner, and went to Waterbury. Hermon Warner, one of her sons, was for a long time deputy sheriff of Fairfield county, and proved a first-class officer. His son, Judge Charles C. Warner, was sacred to Newtown. Jemimah, the fourth daughter of Thomas Chambers, became the second wife of Dr. Benjamin Warner, who lived in New Milford, in what is now Bridgewater; and Joseph, the youngest son, located in Newtown, afterward removing to Redding. Elladah died there, but Joseph went on to central New York, the then "western wilderness."

Asa Chambers, father of the late Thomas O. Chambers, of Newtown, built the house in Zoar where Thomas O. lived, and died there when nearly ninety years of age. Asa Chambers married a Miss Adams, by whom he had three daughters—Chloe, Lucy and Polly. Lucy married a Mr. Gray, went to Vermont, and then to Salem, Washington Co., N. Y. Her son, Alonzo Gray, married a daughter of Joseph Hawley, who went there from Bridgeport, and his widow, a much-respected lady, is now living in Salem. Mrs. Chambers died of smallpox, and after remaining a widower three years Asa Chambers married, in 1793, Mrs. Elizabeth Clifford, a widow, whose maiden name was Osborn, her home being in Oxford, where she remained until after her first marriage, then removed to Stratfield (now Bridgeport), when there were but two houses in the place. The Cliffords had three children—Hannah, Daniel and Leverit. Hannah married Captain Allen, an old sea captain of sailing vessels, and had three sons who became shipmasters.

The late Thomas O. Chambers was born September 5, 1795, and died July 23, 1883, both events occurring in the old house at Zoar. He was the only child born to Doctor Asa and Elizabeth (Clifford) Chambers. He was educated in Zoar District school, also in Naugatuck (then Waterbury), and when about seventeen years old commenced teaching school. For eight or nine years he taught in Monroe, then in Southbury, in Lake George District two seasons, in Oxford, and was teaching in Zoar District when, on Thanksgiving Day, December 2, 1819, he married Sarah Curtis, who was born March 7, 1802. Her father lived where Charles Curtis has his home.

In 1833 Mr. Chambers went trafficking in the the South, and for some fifteen years he followed that business seven months in the year, going south in the fall of each year, and dealing in carriages, wagons, etc. He had yards and sheds in Newbern, N. C. His second son, Doctor Cornelius, a bright young man, died there. Thomas O. Chambers' modest ambition, however, was to be a farmer. He served in the Legislature in 1848 or '49. The children born to Thomas O. Chambers were as follows: Henry R., born November 3, 1820; (Doctor) Cornelius, September 2, 1822; Jane Elizabeth, February 6, 1825; and Frederick, August 27, 1833. Of these,

Henry R. Chambers went to Waterbury about the time his father went south. He was bound out for five years in the woolen-mill of De Forest & Co., but after the completion of his apprenticeship the building was burned, and he then, still quite a young man, worked at daguerreotyping seven years. He went into partnership with Doctor Blake, and has since so remained. On December 25, 1852, he was married to Emeline Munson. Their son, Cornelius Clifford, is now in the office of the firm of Chambers & Blake. Jane E. was married, September 7, 1850, to Eli J. Morris, of Newtown. Frederick is a resident of Zoar District, town of Newtown. Besides learning surveying, he taught school for seven years during his younger manhood. On October 23, 1862, he married Miss Betsie M. Burritt, daughter of Fairchild Burritt, a large Roxbury farmer, and their children are: Susie Sturges, born April 30, 1864; Jennie Morris, July 18, 1868; Sarah Burritt, December 15, 1869; and Elizabeth Burritt, January 6, 1876.

DAVID H. JOHNSON, who died in Newtown February 24, 1874, aged fifty-nine years, was a son of John and Clarissa (Peck) Johnson, who died March 8, 1845, aged sixty-three, and August 29, 1845, aged sixty-two, respectively.

Our subject was for many years a merchant in Newtown village, and the local press, at the time of his death, remarked, in substance: "In his death Newtown loses one of its best citizens, one who possessed the noble traits of manhood, as his acts and dealings with his fellow-men have fully shown. Mr. Johnson lived a little past the prime of life, and during most of this time was engaged in active business, and by all who knew him was considered an honorable, upright, and, to young business men, a model, merchant. In politics, he was always identified with the Democratic party. At different times he held positions of honor and trust. Among these it

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may be mentioned that he was representative to the Legislature (in 1855), and for many years was the town treasurer. Always generous, in a quiet way, his gifts to the Church were liberal." Mr. Johnson was twice wedded, both wives being daughters of Abel Beers. His first marriage was with Esther Beers, who died November 28, 1863, aged forty-nine years, and his second was with Rebecca Beers, who passed away June 3, 1890. There were no children by either marriage.

SALLU PELL BARNUM. Forty or fifty years ago the name of Barnum was well-known to this part of Connecticut, if not to the State generally.

Newtown has ever doted not a little on its commanding and beautiful town site. Its location and surroundings have made it an ideal summer resort, and its well-appointed hotels have not been the least attractive to summer visitors. Less than a decade ago the late William J. Dick, after a successful term of twenty-five years as the proprietor of the well-known and popular "Dick House," retired. His predecessor at the same stand for years was the gentleman whose name opens this sketch. Every one in that day knew "Pell" Barnum as the genial landlord in Newtown village.

Mr. Barnum was born September 2, 1808, and October 5, 1831, married Laura Fairchild, born November 24, 1811. Their children were: Catharine J., born January 8, 1834, in Danbury; David Beach, born February 21, 1837, in Newtown; and Sarah Frances, born May 14, 1845, in Newtown. It appears that in and about the year 1854 Mr. Barnum was town clerk. The son, David Beach Barnum, was reared in Newtown, where he clerked in the store of Henry Sanford. He became connected with the Adams Express Company, and "rose from the ranks" to be its treasurer, with headquarters in New York City, where his death occurred. Sallu P. Barnum died July 26, 1872, in his sixty-fourth year; his wife passed away April 15, 1861, aged forty-nine years.

LAMSON BIRCH LAKE, whose death occurred March 9, 1897, was one of Newtown's respected citizens. He was born December 23, 1834, a son of Philo Lake and Polly (Birch) Lake.

Lamson B. Lake descended from Newtown's early settlers. At the death of his parents four children were left orphans: Hannah (Mrs. John Hubbard), now of Meriden, Conn.; Catherine, second wife of the late Amos Hard; Ezra; and Lamson B. The latter, who was the youngest, was taken in charge by his grandfather, Lamson Birch. For years our subject was one of a surveying corps, then was a teacher. On April 22, 1860, he married Sarah Maria Beers, who was born February 4, 1836, a daughter of John and Roxy A. Beers, of Coldspring, Newtown. Soon afterward Mr. Lake bought the place where about half of his life was spent. This wife died May 27, 1870, leaving three children: Carrie Louisa, born May 28, 1861; Frederick Beers, born August 11, 1864; and Catherine Augusta, born January 29, 1866. The mother of these died of pneumonia, May 27, 1870, and April 19, 1871, Mr. Lake, for his second wife, married Sylvia Maria Beers, who was born March 6, 1842, a daughter of Norman and Betsey Beers, of Palestine, Newtown. By this union were born two daughters: Grace Elizabeth, March 8, 1873, and Florence Amelia, January 2, 1880. The eldest daughter, Carrie Louisa, was married, February 21, 1884, to Frank Augustus Mallette, of Monroe, who was born in Trumbull, October 27, 1856; they have no children. Frederick, the son, died July 8, 1885, of consumption. The second daughter, Catherine Augusta, was married October 10, 1889, to William Camp Johnson, who was born June 16, 1862, in Newtown; they have no children. The third daughter, Grace Elizabeth, as were also her sisters Carrie and Catherine before marriage, is a popular school teacher, and is to teach in Greenwich Academy, Greenwich, Conn., the coming year. The fourth daughter, Florence Amelia, is attending school.

Mr. Lake was a progressive farmer, and enjoyed the life that grew out of his occupation. Exemplary in his daily life, upright in his dealings between man and man, of strong Christian principles, he left behind a memory sweet with the fragrance that flows from the strong purpose to do that which commends itself to God rather than to man.

DAVID G. PENFIELD, who in his lifetime was a wholesale grocer and one of the leading business men of the city of Danbury, was born in the town of New Fairfield, Conn., August 8, 1842.

The Penfield family are of English origin, but for generations have resided in Fairfield county. Thaddeus Penfield, the grandfather of David G., was a native of Fairfield, whence on reaching manhood he removed to the town of New Fairfield, where he was engaged in farming. His

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wife was Hannah Beardsley, and their children were Levi and Lydia. The former was born in the town of New Fairfield, September 1, 1807, was brought up on a farm, and December 24, 1835, was married to Eunice Giddings, who was born June 3, 1807, at Sherman, daughter of James A. and Eunice (Penfield) Giddings. To this marriage were born the following children: Thaddeus, who died in childhood; David G., our subject; and Sophia, who is a physician at Danbury. Levi Penfield, the father of these, was a farmer throughout life. He was a substantial man of the community in which he lived, and possessed of considerable ability. In politics he was a Democrat, and represented the county in the State Legislature, making an efficient and able legislator. His death occurred June 9, 1851, from an injury received on the farm.

David G. Penfield passed his youth until sixteen years of age on the farm, attending in season the district schools. At that age he was sent to school at Danbury and later to the schools at Fulton, Oswego Co., N. Y., remaining in school until twenty-one. He learned civil engineering, which profession he commenced to follow on leaving school, and was so engaged for sixteen years. He did work on the Boston, Hartford & Erie railroad, on the New England road, and on various other roads in New York and Pennsylvania. In 1882 he established his present business at Danbury, being the pioneer wholesale grocer of the city. He was an energetic and progressive man, by push and energy built up a large business, and enjoyed a good trade. He was one of the solid men of Fairfield county, where he was extensively known as a most reputable business man and one of the best citizens. Mr. Penfield was an advocate of temperance, and in his political views was a Republican. He held various local offices at different times.

On February 21, 1868, Mr. Penfield was married to Helen Morse, who was born October 10, 1848, at Danbury, Conn., a daughter of Ira Morse. Two children were born to this marriage: Percy and Allan, born in 1880 and 1885, respectively. On May 20, 1897, Mr. Penfield died suddenly.

JUDGE BENEZET A. HOUGH comes of old New England stock, his father, Alanson H. Hough, grandfather and great-grandfather (both named Jabez) having all been born at Bozrah, New London Co., Conn., the two latter serving in the Revolutionary war.

Dr. Alanson H. Hough, father of our subject, studied medicine at New Haven under Doctor Knight, and practiced his profession at Essex, Conn., where he died in 1886. He married Susan E. Williams, who was born in Essex, daughter of William Williams, a sea captain. Samuel Williams was the maternal great-grandfather of our subject, and the maternal grandfather of our subject's mother was Asa Pratt, an influential man in the Revolutionary war; so that Judge Hough comes under the head of "Sons of the Revolution." The Williams family are of old English stock. Dr. Alanson H. Hough and his wife reared a family of seven children, named respectively: William C., Abbie P., Adelle, Benezet A., Niles P., Grace S., and Charles S. William C. was a manufacturer of woolen goods at Essex, but is now retired; Abbie P. married Joseph C. Wrightman, a Baptist minister at Taunton, Mass., where he died; Adelle married J. E. Redfield (now deceased), a prominent business man of Essex in his day, and president of the bank; Niles P. was teller of the Phœnix Bank at Hartford, and is now a broker in that city; Grace S. is single; Charles S., who was a banker in Essex, died at the age of thirty-six. The mother of these passed away in 1876, a member of the Baptist Church, as was also the father; in politics, he was a Republican, and at one time he served in the State Legislature, a member of the Senate.

Benezet A. Hough, the subject proper of this memoir, was born May 20, 1842, in Essex, Middlesex Co., Conn., the local schools of which town he attended, subsequently preparing himself for college at Suffield. For about three winters he taught country school, and then entered Brown University, class of '65, was there one year, but did not then graduate. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the 24th Conn. Regt., Company B, and accompanied Banks' expedition to New Orleans. Being prostrated with typhoid fever, he was confined to the hospital some seven months; was discharged September 30, 1863, at Middletown, Conn., and returned home. He then went back to Brown University, and graduated with the class of '66, after which he taught school two years, during which experience he was first assistant at the Suffield school. In 1868 he entered Albany Law School, graduating with the class of '69, after which he came to Danbury and became a student in the law office of Nelson L. White, with whom he remained until the spring of 1870, at which time he was elected assistant clerk of the House of Representatives, and served through the term; next year he was clerk of the House, and following year was clerk of the Senate. Returning to Danbury, he was admitted to the Superior Court in 1872; he had

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been admitted to the New York Supreme Court in 1869. In 1872 he formed a partnership with David Booth, which lasted two years, since when he has practiced alone.

Our subject is a Republican in politics, and he was elected judge of the Probate Court, serving two years. He also served as police judge of the borough court; also as city court judge until May, 1896. In religious faith, he and his family are Baptists, and it goes without saying that he is one of the most prominent and popular citizens of Danbury. During his business life in Danbury he has been and is a director in various local corporations: The National Pahquioque Bank; the Gas Company; the Street Railroad Company; and the Electric Light Company. He has also served on the board of the high school committee. For a long period he served his political party as chairman of the Republican town committee.

On October 31, 1877, Judge B. A. Hough was married to Maria S. Starr, daughter of Charles F. Starr, a farmer and miller by occupation, and children as follows have been born to them: Mariette, Susan and Julia.

ALVIN E. BARBER, M. D., of Bethel, is one of those men who may be said to have chosen well. Possessed of a kind and sympathetic nature, a keen sense of discrimination, a natural taste for the various branches of the medical profession, he has by years of study and practice risen in the world.

Doctor Barber was born in the town of Litchfield, Litchfield Co., Conn., April 7, 1831, and received his literary education at the schools of Torrington, after which he taught for a time at Harwinton and Winsted. He then entered the medical college at Woodstock, Vt., for a lecture term, subsequently taking two courses at Berkshire Medical College, in Pittsfield, Mass., where he graduated in 1854. After practicing in Litchfield county one year, he removed to the northern part of Long Island, and remained there some ten years in the practice of his profession; but on account of ill health, he had to relinquish it for a time. During this rest he did not remain idle, for he took a course of lectures and matriculated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. Returning to active practice, he resided at Bridgeport, Conn., one year, removing in 1871 to Bethel, where he has since remained, enjoying a lucrative clientele, and the distinction of being the oldest physician in the borough. In 1889 he took a post-graduate course at the Polyclinic in New York City.

Doctor Barber is a member of the State Medical Society; of the Fairfield County Medical Society, and of the Danbury Local Society. He is a member of and examining physician for Bethel Lodge, Knights of Honor, and deputy coroner and health officer of the town and borough of Bethel.

In November, 1854, at Torrington, Conn., Doctor Barber was married to Julia A. Birge, daughter of Allen Birge, of Harwinton, Conn., and two children have been born to them: Lizzie M.; and Minnie B., married to Theodore Smith, by whom she has two children—Pauline B. and Clinton Seeley. The family are all members of the Congregational Church at Bethel.

Elizur Barber, father of Dr. Alvin E. Barber, was born in the town of Harwinton, Litchfield Co., Conn., and was reared a farmer boy. For many years prior to the war of the Rebellion he was in business in the Southern States, carrying extensive and varied lines of goods. At Torrington, Conn., he married Polly Phelps, daughter of Evans Phelps, and four children were born to them: Adeline (deceased); Alvin E., our subject; Mary E., wife of Rev. Sidney G. Law, chaplain for the Tombs, New York City; and Myron E., proprietor of a handle factory at Piqua, Ohio. The father passed his later years at Torrington, of the Congregational Church at which place he was a consistent member. The Barber family come of English ancestry, and in early days removed from Windsor, Conn., to Litchfield county, where numerous members are now living.

WILLIAM S. WORTMAN, the Republican representative of the Bethel District in the Connecticut Legislature, and a prominent manufacturer of Bethel, was born at Cleveland, Ohio, September 8, 1857. His father, Benjamin F. Wortman, married Julia A. Butterfield, and had but one child, William S. The father dying, the mother subsequently married James S. Hosmer, the inventor of the Hosmer hat-sweat. John Wortman, grandfather of our subject, was a Pennsylvania-Dutchman, standing six feet three inches in height, was "cut off with a shilling" by his father, in other words was disinherited, "because he married a Yankee girl."

William S. Wortman, the subject proper of these lines, received his elementary education in the common schools of his native place, subsequently attending Hiram College, part of the time boarding with "Grandma Garfield." In February, 1876, he moved to Gloversville, N. Y., and there learned the trade of steam-fitter and plumber, at which he continued until the

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spring of 1885, when he came to Bethel and engaged in the hat-sweat manufacturing industry, which he has since successfully carried on.

On October 26, 1888, Mr. Wortman was married to Cora Veeder, and two children, Julia A. and Ruth V., have been born to them. Our subject is a member of the American Mechanics, also of the F. & A. M., Eureka Lodge, at Bethel, and of Eureka Chapter and Crusader Commandery, at Danbury. In civic affairs he is a member of the fire department. For four years he has been a member of the school board of Bethel, acting school visitor, and of the Putnam Memorial Camp Commission, of which he is superintendent, and took a prominent leadership in the fight for good school houses. In the fall of 1896 he was elected by a majority of 357 to represent the Bethel District in the Connecticut Legislature, and he is a member of the executive committee of the State League Republican Clubs. He is affiliated with various other societies, and is held in high esteem by a host of friends and acquaintances. A recent local paper says of him.

William S. Wortman, the Republican representative-elect in Bethel, is a well-known gentleman of that place. Among the young Republican workers of the Fifteenth District, and in fact the whole State, there are few more popular than Mr. Wortman. * * * For several years past he has devoted a good share of his time to politics, and has done much for the Republican party. In different portions of the State, State officials have recognized his ability as a strong Republican worker, one not afraid to take off his coat and get right into the work where Democratic opposition bullets were flying the thickest.

JOHN C. LYNCH, M. D., physician and surgeon, Bridgeport, Fairfield county, Connecticut.

ORRIN BENEDICT, of Bethel, a citizen of whom any State might be proud, a man whose presence would benefit any community, and whose name would reflect honor upon any office or station, is a native of Connecticut, born in Danbury, December 29, 1817.

Mr. Benedict attended the public schools of the town of Danbury, and at the age of seventeen was apprenticed to learn the trade of hat-making with Starr Hoyt, at Danbury, remaining with him some four years. At the age of twenty-four years he engaged in the manufacture of hats, commencing in a small way, and continuing in business in Bethel and New York City until 1885, employing a large force of men, and he is remembered as one of the pioneer hat manufacturers of Bethel.

On October 10, 1840, Mr. Benedict was married, in Danbury, to Julia Maria Starr, a daughter of Hugh and Anna (Hoyt) Starr, and six children were born to them, four of whom are now living. Mr. Benedict is a member and vestryman of the Episcopal Church in Bethel, always an earnest worker, and for fifty-five years giving his services in the choir. He also for a great number of years represented the parish in Diocesan conventions. In politics, he was originally a Whig, and, since the formation of the party, has been a stanch Republican; was a selectman of Danbury; in 1868 was a member of the Legislature from Danbury, and in 1890-91 represented Bethel in the Legislature. Socially, he is a member of the F. & A. M., Eureka Lodge, at Bethel, and of the I. O. O. F. When a young man he served as captain in the State militia.

Orrin Benedict traces his descent as follows: (I) Thomas Benedict, an only son, was born in Nottinghamshire, England, in 1617; came to New England in 1638; married Mary Brigham, and lived in Massachusetts Bay Colony for a time, later removing to Southold, L. I. Their children were: Thomas, John, Samuel, James, Daniel, Elizabeth, Mary, Samuel and Rebecca. (II) James Benedict, born at Southold, L. I., removed with his parents to Norwalk, Conn. He was one of the eight who purchased and settled Danbury, and died in 1717. On May 10, 1676, he married Sarah, daughter of John and Sarah Gregory. Issue: Sarah, Rebecca, Phœbe, James (first white child born in Danbury), John (1), Thomas, Elizabeth, Hezekiah, John (2), David, James, Obediah, and Dorcas. (III) James Benedict, born in 1685, married Mary, daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Porter) Andrews. He was a deacon in the Congregational Church at Danbury. Children: James, Benjamin, John, Hezekiah, Thomas, Comfort, Mary, Phœbe, and Abigail. (IV) Hezekiah Benedict married Hannah Judd. He was a Royalist in the Revolutionary war, and died in Schoharie county, N. Y. Issue: Jemima, Hannah and Asahel. (V) Asahel Benedict, grandfather of our subject, born in 1749, married, November 25, 1773, Lydia (Dibble) Taylor, widow of Timothy Taylor, and lived and died at Danbury. Children: Irene, married to Daniel Taylor, and Ira. (VI) Ira Benedict, father of our subject, was born in the town of Danbury, April 5, 1782; married, December 31, 1801, Olive, daughter of Joshua Hoyt. Issue: Asahel, born in 1805; Abel Hoyt, Lydia Ann, Ira and Russell, all three deceased; and Orrin. Ira was a lifelong farmer; was a Whig in politics, and at one time was a member of the Connecticut Legislature. He died December 2, 1876.

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STILLSON FAMILY. The Stillsons are of Scotch-English descent, and the first of whom we have an account, Vincent Stillson, came to America, making his New-World home at Milford, Conn., being one of the early settlers of that old town.

Abel, Vincent Stillson, Jr., with other families, left Milford and came to Newtown early in the settlement of the latter place, prior to 1731. He had allotted to him land on which his great-grandaughter, Mary B. Stillson, now lives, adjacent to the village, and on which at that time stood a part of the property in which she now lives--the oldest house in the town. The original house comprised the part now the dining-room and hall of her present residence, her grandfather, Abel Stillson, making the additions to it in 1812.

Vincent Stillson, Jr., owned several large tracts of land, being one of the rich men of the town. He was a member of the Congregational Church until the separation of Rev. John Beach from that Church, when he became an Episcopalian, and remained such the rest of his lifetime. He married Abigail Peck, and their children were: Abel, Elnathan, Jean, Parthenia, John and Sarah Ann. Vincent Stillson, Jr., died January 2, 1797, aged seventy-three years.

The next generation through Abel Stillson (who married Jerusha Prindle in 1780) were: Dothy J., David, Abel, Elnathan, Sarah, Anan, Jotham, Isaac and Asa. Abel Stillson was a soldier, and served in the Revolutionary war. He died September 13, 1828, and the mother on July 10, 1820. Of the children, 1 Dothy J. died when a young lady. 2) David married Betsey St. John, and settled in Hattertown (they were the parents of nine children--Mary Ann, who became the wife of David Hawley, of Long Hill; Phebe Ann, who married Philo B. Sherwood, of Easton; Abby, wife of Perkins French, of Easton; John, a sketch of whom immediately follows; Jerusha, who married Philo B. Sherwood, and after her death wedded her sister, Phebe A.; Betsey, wife of Henry Wakeman, of Bridgeport, and Horace, Sidney, and Alfred, unmarried. Of these nine children only two--Jerusha and Alfred--are now living). 3) Abel married Sarah Wetmore, and in 1812, soon after his marriage, moved into the old homestead, and lived there the rest of his lifetime. The children of the union were--Lilia, Joseph, Polly Ann, Dothy, Abel, Mary B. and Anan. Abel, Polly Ann and Mary B. never married, but lived at the old homestead, Mary B. being the only one of the family at present living. Abel was a farmer and a man of good natural ability. He was a Christian gentleman, and a man highly esteemed by the community for his upright and honorable life. He was a man of large charity and gave liberally for such purposes. He was one of the best-read men of the town, and it was chiefly through his means and influence that the Newtown Library was established. Both he and his sister Polly left their property, after a life interest, to the Bridgeport Orphan Asylum. He died June 16, 1887, and Polly on August 11, 1887.

Elnathan, the fourth child of Abel and Jerusha Stillson, married Polly Wetmore, a sister of his brother Abel's wife. They made their home in Newtown. Five children were the result this union. The next son, Anan, died young. Jotham married Ellen Wells, and settled in Bridgewater; six children were born to them. Sarah died in middle life, and Isaac and Asa lived bachelors near the old homestead.

The descendants of the persons above mentioned are now widely separated, and are to be found in nearly every State of the Union, and it gives pleasure to record that most of them have grown up to be useful men and women, living worthy, helpful lives, an honor to themselves, their ancestors and their Maker.

JOHN STILLSON, the eldest son and fifth child of David and Betsey (St. John) Stillson, was born in Hattertown, December 16, 1820, and died January 8, 1897, being one of the oldest citizens of the place. He was in direct descent from Vincent Stillson, the only person of that name who came to Connecticut from England and settled at Milford about the year 1700. His grandfather, Abel Stillson, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, being a member of Elias Dunning's 5th Company, 13th Regiment, of Connecticut Militia, and was in the campaign around New York.

The subject of our sketch grew up a farmer and stock dealer, and to the latter business he devoted much time and followed it for many years, making frequent trips into Northern New York, Vermont and Canada for cattle, sheep and horses, which he sold in this and adjoining towns.

On October 10, 1849, Mr. Stillson was united in marriage to Mary E. Sherman, of Monroe, and soon after built the home where he spent his lifetime, and where his widow and only son, Carlos D. (and wife), now reside. On May 13, 1886, Carlos D. was married to Bertha E. Peck, daughter of H. Augustus Peck, of Berkshire; they have no children. John Stillson held various town offices, and was a justice of the peace for many years. He was very fond of reading, and had a retentive memory. This was his chief di-

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version during his latter years, and it was his proud boast that he never owned or had any occasion to use a pair of glasses. He inherited the natural vigor of the hardy New England constitution, and enjoyed almost perfect health throughout his entire lifetime. He was naturally an indulgent and kind-hearted man, a great friend to children, a good neighbor and an honest citizen.

EBENEZER G. BLACKMAN, late a respected and esteemed citizen of Middle Gate District, town of Newtown, where his death occurred October 28, 1892, was born September 3, 1814, in Newtown. He is descended on both sides from old families in this section. His parents were David S. and Fanny (Peck) Blackman, the mother born January 22, 1784, a daughter of Isaac and Lucy (Ferris) Peck.

David S. Blackman, son of John Blackman, was born November 12, 1782. He was appointed ensign-bearer of the Ninth Regiment of Connecticut State Militia, February 18, 1806, and for his bravery, etc., was promoted to lieutenant in said regiment, September 1, 1806, by Johnathan Trumbull, commander-in-chief. He was a member of Hiram Lodge No. 18, and was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Hiram Chapter No. 1, October 7, 1808; was married, November 17, 1802, to Fanny Peck, who was born January 22, 1784, a daughter of Isaac and Lucy (Ferris) Peck, and their family consisted of three children, as follows: Isaac and Sally Blackman (twins), born August 27–28, 1805; Sally died March 10, 1807, aged one year, six months and fourteen days; Isaac died March 25, 1875, when in the seventieth year of his age. He was a tailor by trade, and followed the business through life, farming on a small scale in connection with same. In his political views, he was a Democrat. He married Lucy, daughter of Jacob Johnson, of Huntington District, but had no children. She is buried at Bridgeport, where the latter part of her life was passed.

Ebenezer G. Blackman, the third child born to David S. and Fanny (Peck) Blackman, was born September 3, 1814. He was a carpenter and joiner by trade, which in main he made his life occupation. He farmed in connection with working at his trade, and lived his lifetime in the same locality. In his political views, he was a Democrat. On January 15, 1836, he married Sally B. Bennett, daughter of Gideon and Electra Bennett, and the marriage was blessed with three children, as follows:

(1) James M. Blackman, born November 12, 1837, when a young man (in 1859) entered the employ of the New York Belting & Packing Company in Sandy Hook, and for a little less than forty years has continued in their employ. Since 1866 he has served the company in the capacity of cashier, and it may be added that seldom is it the case where so long a term of service is given to one establishment; such is an evidence of his high standing and of the company's appreciation of the man. In his political views Mr. Blackman is a Democrat. On May 27, 1863, he was married to Sarah F. Wilkins, of Salem, Mass., and their children are—Lucy F. (stenographer in the office of her father), and Maude H. Mr. Blackman's Masonic career is no less worthy of notice. He was made a Master Mason in Hiram Lodge No. 18, September 4, 1867; was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in Eureka Chapter No. 23, of Danbury; affiliated with Hiram Chapter No. 1, when the old charter was renewed; was greeted as Royal and Select Master in Wooster Council No. 28, May 2, 1884; was created a Knight Templar in Crusader Commandery No. 10, May 25, 1883; was W. Master of Hiram Lodge No. 18, two years, and secretary for twelve years; also High Priest of Hiram Chapter No. 1, for nine years, and has held several other offices in Lodge and Chapter since his connection with them.

(2) Fanny E. Blackman married Charles Hurlbutt, and had the following children—Adela E., Carrie B., Jennie, George O., Grace and Bertha.

(3) Isaac P. Blackman, born April 13, 1853, has, like his brother, been for many years a trusted employe of the New York Belting & Packing Company. While yet a young man, Mr. Blackman has rounded out twenty-eight years of service with the Rubber Company, of which he is now assistant superintendent. In politics, he is a Democrat. On December 23, 1884, he married Jessie P., daughter of C. Lawrence Mitchell, and their children are—Pauline F. and Olive M.

COL. REUBEN BLACKMAN, whose death occurred at Newtown, January 29, 1870, when he was aged eighty-seven years and five months, was a lifelong resident of his native town, Newtown, Connecticut.

Reuben Blackman, his father, was a descendant of Rev. Adam Blackman, of the Stratford family, and was one of several brothers who located in Woodbury, Conn. He was twice married, his first wife being Hannah Botsford, who died January 22, 1816, aged sixty-two years. His second wife was a Fairchild. The follow-

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ing-named children were born to the first marriage Reuben, Thomas, Annis, Judah, Sarah, all of whom are now dead, and their children, with the exception of the daughter of Reuben. There were none born to the second marriage. Reuben Blackman, the father of these children, died on April 29, 1834, aged eighty-one years, two months and fifteen days

Col. Reuben Blackman in early life learned the trade of a silversmith at Woodbury, Conn., with a cousin, a Mr Botsford He located on Mt. Pleasant, in Newtown, where he passed his life occupied in the pursuit of his trade as silversmith and jeweler. In the training days he was a member of the State militia, being active in its affairs, and it was in the militia that he acquired the title of colonel He was a genial, whole-souled gentleman of the old type, esteemed and respected by all In his political views, he was a Democrat Colonel Blackman was married first) to Charity, daughter of Joseph Clark, a sea captain who was lost at sea. She died September 22, 1838, aged fifty years, and Colonel Blackman subsequently wedded Florilla Leavenworth, who died January 17, 1873, aged sixty-eight Colonel Blackman's children, all by the first wife, were (1) Walter, who always lived on the home place, and died unmarried, October 17, 1882, aged seventy-five years (2) Caroline, married to Bryant Smith, a lawyer of Brookfield, she died December 26, 1872, aged sixty-seven years, ten months (3) Sheldon, married to Julia Noble, of New Milford, he learned the trade of silversmith and jeweler in the same shop as did his father, with Mr. Botsford, at Woodbury, and located in the business at New Milford, Conn., which he followed throughout life. He died November 18, 1879, aged sixty-nine years (4) Judge Daniel Blackman was born December 31, 1822, in Newtown, Conn., where his elementary education was received For a time he taught in the Newtown Academy, then went to Southbury, were he also taught school and studied law under Joel Hinman. He was admitted to the Bar in Fairfield when quite young, and located in the practice in Danbury, Conn., where he remained seven years. From Danbury he went to Cassopolis, Mich., and for two years edited the Cassopolis *Democrat*. He was elected circuit judge, which position he held a number of years, but the duties becoming too arduous for the state of his health he resigned the office. He then went to Chicago, Ill., and practiced law until his death, which occurred January 11, 1896. Judge Blackman was highly esteemed as a citizen and in the profession. He married Abby Maginnes, a native of Boston, daughter of a Baptist minister, and they had one daughter, Elizabeth, who married Rev. C. R. Hager, M. D., of the South China Mission, and died within a year after going to that country. (5) Emily Blackman married Wheeler Beers (now deceased), a son of Burton Beers, of Easton, Conn., and resides in Bridgeport, Conn., with her only son, Frank W. Beers. She is the only grandchild of Reuben Blackman, Sr., now living out of nineteen grandchildren.

JUDGE SAMUEL C. BLACKMAN, who was born March 22, 1768, and died November 17, 1858, was one of Newtown's prominent citizens, his late home being on the present site of the "Central Hotel." A lawyer by profession, he, for seventeen years—from 1820 to 1837—held the office of Probate judge, and altogether he was a useful man in the community. For years he was school visitor. He was an upright Christian man, a leader in the Presbyterian Church. The following is taken from the tombstone marking his grave in the Newtown Cemetery:

> A graduate of Yale College, and many years an upright judge. Purity of character adorned his life, immortal hopes inspired his death.

Judge Blackman was married to Sarah Toucey, who was born in Newtown April 23, 1777, and died December 6, 1835. Their children were: Caroline, Sarah, George, Alfred, William and Samuel.

NICHOLS. There lived in Stratford, Conn., in 1639, one Sergt. Francis Nicolls (for so he spelled his name), with four children—three sons and a daughter. Isaac Nicols, one of his sons, married and had a son Isaac, born in 1654. Isaac (2) had a son Richard, who was born in 1678, in Stratford; Richard was married in 1702 to Comfort Sherman, daughter of Theophilus Sherman, of Wethersfield. Comfort (Sherman) Nichols died in 1726, and Richard again married, his second wife's Christian name being Elizabeth.

Nathaniel Nichols, son of Richard and Comfort Nichols, born in 1707, settled in Newtown, Conn., and in 1730 he was married to Ann Booth. Their children were: (1) Esther, born September 25, 1731. (2) Peter, born in Newtown, March 1, 1733, married Rebecca Camp, and died in 1799; she died in 1793. Their daughter, Phedima, born in 1775, married Simeon Beers. Nathaniel Nichols (a son of Peter),

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born in 1769, married Grace Sherman, daughter of Jotham Sherman. (3) Philo, born February 27, 1734. (4) Phedima, born February 9, 1736. (5) Richard, born May 15, 1739, married Abigail Gold, and had children—Ann, born in 1763; Austin, in 1766; Huldah, in 1769; Daniel, in 1773, and Hannah, in 1775. (6) Austin, born July 2, 1741. (7) Elijah, born August 12, 1743. (8) Ann, born September 1, 1745. (9) Theophilus, born in 1748, married Sarah Meeker. (10) Joseph, born July 22, 1750. Nathaniel Nichols died May 10, 1785, aged seventy-eight years; his wife passed away January 5, 1780, aged seventy years.

CAPT. JAMES NICHOLS (deceased) was born September 9, 1775, in Newtown, and died there November 4, 1852.

The line of his descent for several generations, from an early New England ancestry, is from Isaac, of Stratford, through Isaac (2), Richard, Nathaniel and Theophilus.

Isaac was several times deputy to the General Court from Stratford. He was the son of Francis, who appeared in Stratford in 1639. Of these ancestors, Richard, born in 1678, in Stratford, married, in 1702, Comfort Sherman, daughter of Theophilus Sherman, of Wethersfield. Richard died in 1756, and Comfort in 1726. Nathaniel, their son, born April 8, 1707, settled in Newtown. He married Ann Booth, and one of their sons, Theophilus, born May 13, 1748, married Sarah Meeker, and became the father of our subject.

Capt. James Nichols married Lucy Beach, eldest daughter of John Beach (3) and Mabel (Beers) Beach. Their children were: Theophilus B., born 1800, died 1840; Isaac, born April 19, 1802; William, born November 6, 1803, died December 24, 1824; Drusus, born March 2, 1805; Rev. Abel, born May 25, 1807, died December 16, 1859; Thaddeus H., born June 1, 1809, died February 5, 1856; James A. F., born June 10, 1812; John, born October 28, 1814; Philo, born November 5, 1815; and Susan, born December 24, 1818.

Captain Nichols was a large landowner and a good farmer. He dealt largely in cattle. He was one of the most prominent farmers of his time in Newtown. A man of good judgment, he served as selectman, though he was not an office seeker. He was a Whig in his political views, and, religiously, a member of the Episcopal Church. He was often called on in the settlement of estates.

ISAAC NICHOLS, son of Capt. James and Lucy Beach Nichols, was born April 19, 1802, in Newtown, and died there September 17, 1853. He was married (first) in 1827 to Betsey Platt, daughter of Moses and Anna (Judson) Platt. She was born in 1798, and died October 6, 1835. Their children were: Henry, born May 8, 1829; James, born December 24, 1830; William, born February 11, 1833; and Mary B., born October 3, 1835.

Isaac Nichols for his second wife married, March 20, 1838, Louisa Bartlett, daughter of John and Sarah (Bennett) Bartlett. She was born April 4, 1812, and died October 21, 1894. Their children were: Augusta, born February 22, 1839; Sarah, born May 29, 1840; Margaret, born March 20, 1842; Beach Nichols, born February 8, 1844; Louisa B., born September 7, 1845; William, born August 18, 1847; Arthur, born April 2, 1849; and Grace, born November 26, 1851.

Isaac Nichols was reared at the old Nichols homestead, which was just south of the Beers Sherman place. In his early life for some years he was engaged in business at Bridgeport, having associated with Gideon Thompson. Along in the latter part of the 'thirties he returned to the homestead, and there farmed the rest of his life. He was a good substantial farmer and citizen. He did not care for official position, and was not active in public affairs. In politics, he was a Whig, and, in his religious views, an Episcopalian.

CHARLES BLACKMAN NICHOLS, whose death occurred in January, 1895, was one of Newtown's old citizens.

Born in 1817, in the house where he died, Mr. Nichols was the son of Peter and Polly (Blackman) Nichols, the latter of whom was a daughter of Eli Blackman, of Huntington. Peter Nichols, the father, who was a manufacturer of satinet, died when our subject was fourteen years of age. The business was carried on for some fifteen years after the father's death, and our subject then for a time engaged in the manufacture of stocking yarn, and also carded wool. The factory and mill were sold to the late William Platt, and for some years thereafter our subject carried on the manufacture of buttons in a small factory not far from his residence, continuing in such some seven years. He finally closed out the business, and gave his time to the improvement of his place at Cold Spring, a typical New England homestead.

In 1848 Mr. Nichols was married to Mary E. Botsford, who died January 13, 1886. Mr. Nichols was pre-eminently a religious man, a Christian of the noblest type. He was a mem-

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ber of the Congregational Church, and was of a type of citizenship that is an honor to our New England towns. His upright business life, his singularly pure and inspiring spirit of domestic happiness as seen in his home, his large-hearted generosity toward the Church of Christ, and the cheerfulness which went out from his sunny nature to all who needed his help, are factors to be considered as we measure a life like his.

JOSEPH NICHOLS (deceased) once stood first and foremost as a merchant and a man of fortune in Newtown. His residence was on the corner by the old Episcopal church, which house he sold on his removal from the town to David V. B. Baldwin, upon whose death it passed into the hands of Philo Skidmore, the present owner. The store in which Mr. Nichols acquired his fortune occupied the site covered later by the store of Henry Sanford, and he vacated same to embark in the dry-goods business in Pearl street, New York City, associating with himself his younger brother, Charles, who afterward held a consulship abroad. However, a revolution in commercial affairs occurring not long after, the firm, along with hosts of others, met with disaster from which it was unable to extricate itself. Mr. Nichols retired to Greenfield Hill, Conn., where he passed the remainder of his life in straitened circumstances, yet retaining all that family pride which he exhibited in his most palmy days.

Mr. Nichols was truly a gentleman of the old school, and no man in the State stood higher than he for unblemished integrity and sound judgment; hence it was the custom among his fellow-citizens, in matters of dispute between them, to choose him as referee or umpire, thus avoiding expensive litigation. It is hardly necessary to say that his decisions were uniformly so just that an appeal from them was seldom, if ever, attempted. In the cemetery near Newtown village there is the grave of a Joseph Nichols, who died March 12, 1855, aged 81 years, and whose wife Sarah died August 10, 1848, aged 67 years. By members of the present generation it is thought that in this grave lie the remains of the subject of this sketch and his wife.

THEOPHILUS NICHOLS, who died in the village of Newtown, November 18, 1870, aged seventy-five years, was a native of the town.

Peter Nichols, father of our subject, was a farmer, and resided in the southern part of the town. His children other than our subject were: Peter, married to Polly Blackman; Hester, wife of William Edwards; Margary, married to David Griffin; Sally, who never married; John; and Simeon.

Theophilus Nichols was a farmer residing in the vicinity of Cold Spring, Newtown, until he entered public life, when he moved to Newtowd village, and there resided the rest of his lifetime. He was a merchant tailor. On the incorporation of Newtown borough in 1824 he was made its first bailiff; was elected to the office of judge of probate, and served as such from 1838 to 1842 and from 1844 to 1846. He was a good officer, and held the esteem of the community. He was a vestryman in the Episcopal Church. Judge Nichols married Lucinda Noble, and had children: (1) Charlotte, who never married, lives on Mount Pleasant, Newtown. (2) William N. Nichols. (3) Frances (deceased) married Rev. George Rumney. (4) Ann. (5) Henry T. was educated at the Newtown Academy. On the death of Henry Beers Glover, in 1870, Henry T. Nichols succeeded him in the position of secretary and treasurer of the Newtown Savings Bank, which relations he sustained to the bank until his death, which occurred August 1, 1887, when he was aged forty-eight years. He was town clerk in 1882. Mr. Nichols was identified with Trinity Episcopal Church, in which for years he was the organist. He was a useful man in the community, and his death was keenly felt. He married Abigail, daughter of Philo H. Skidmore, of Newtown, and they had children as follows: Stella married Frederick W. Hall, of Bridgeport, and they have two children—Pauline N. and Ruth S.; Henry S., a dentist in New Haven, Conn., married Harriett G. Nichols, of Newtown, and they have one child—Jessie L.; Walter M. married Eva Birdsall, of Bridgeport, and they have one child—Hazel; Philo H. is unmarried; Jessie A. died in 1881, in her seventh year; and Arthur T. died in 1886, in his sixth year. The mother of these children passed away December 29, 1889, aged forty years.

(2) William N. Nichols was born, reared and educated in Newtown. When a young man he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, which he ever afterward made his home, and was in the fur business, firm of Lockwood, Nichols & Tice, of that city. He was twice married, first to Belle, daughter of Dr. George Blackman, of Cincinnati, Ohio; and second to Fanny, daughter of Doctor Dodge, of the same city. There were two sons, William T. and Henry D., born to the first marriage, and a daughter, Florence (now deceased), born to the

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second marriage. William T. Nichols was educated at Yale, class of '84, and is now managing editor of the *Manchester Union*, Manchester, N. H. He married Helen Hull, and they have one child, Florence. Henry D. Nichols is unmarried.

JOSEPH HAWLEY was born in Derbyshire, England, in 1603, and in 1629 came to America, locating first in Boston, and later in Stratford, this county, where he died in 1690. He had five sons, as follows: Ebenezer; Joseph; Samuel, who is mentioned more fully in the next paragraph; Ephraim, born in 1659, who had four sons—Jehiel, Abiah, Gideon and Daniel; and Capt. John, born in 1661, who had six children, among whom were Nathan, John, Jr., and Henry.

II. Samuel Hawley was born in 1652, and reared a family of eight sons: Benjamin, Nathan, Ephraim, Joseph, Matthew, Thomas (the father of Ezra, Thomas, Ebenezer and Samuel), Ebenezer and Samuel, Jr.

III. Samuel Hawley, Jr., who was born in 1674, had the following-named children: Richard, Stephen (the father of Nehemiah, Hezekiah and Benjamin), Jonathan, Francis, Ephraim, Nathaniel, Obadiah, Matthew, Nathan and Benjamin [Francis ?]. Of these Nathan had sons as follows: Ephraim, Samuel, Nehemiah, Abraham, Andrew and Nathan.

IV. Benjamin Hawley, son of Samuel, Jr., was born in 1694, and had four sons: Ebenezer, William, Abel and Benjamin, Jr. Of these, Abel had three children—Lemuel, Jotham and Betsey.

V. Benjamin, Jr., the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in 1730, and his children were Sallie, Phœbe, Jerusha and Jabez.

VI. Jabez Hawley was born in 1767, and became a prosperous farmer, owning a large tract of land at Hawleyville. He married Parthena Booth, who was born in 1773 and died in 1851, and they had seven children, all but one of whom married: (1) Sallie, born December 7, 1798, married Philo Beers, and moved to Michigan. (2) Anna, born May 29, 1800, died unmarried. (3) Mary, born March 15, 1802, married Granville S. Glover, and had two children—Ann Elizabeth, wife of Henry I. Gilbert, and Jabez Hawley, who married Mary Elizabeth Peck. (4) Benjamin, born October 23, 1803, married Emeline Glover, and had eight children—Mary, Frederick, Susan, Juliette, William, Margaret, Anna and Sarah. (5) Daniel B., born May 15, 1805, married Olive Hawley, and had three children—Esther, Elmer and Henry S. (6) Isaac N., our subject's father, is mentioned more fully below. (7) Robert N., born in December, 1811, married Harriet Blackman, and had three children—Angeline, Robert S. (deceased, father of Asa H.) and Harriet S.

VII. Isaac N. Hawley was born February 15, 1807, and inherited part of his father's estate, owning a farm of about two hundred acres, where he followed agricultural pursuits throughout his life. He was a thrifty man, quite successful in his enterprises, and was highly esteemed as a citizen. In politics he was a Republican, though he never took any prominent place as a party worker, and for many years he was a leading member of Trinity Episcopal Church, of Newtown. He married Avis Jane Shepard, who was born November 23, 1812, a daughter of Abraham Ferris Shepard, and died October 23, 1885; his death occurred August 1, 1894. They had four sons: Edson N., Homer A., Edgar F. and Arthur. Edson married Margaret Nichols, and had children—Clara, Arthur, Julia, Clarence and John Beach. Homer married Grace Nichols, and had three children—Willis N. (deceased), born August 9, 1875; Sarah L., born June 21, 1879; and James S., born January 6, 1881. Edgar F. Hawley was born July 26, 1847, at Hawleyville. On November 29, 1879, he married Miss Sarah McMahon, daughter of George McMahon, of New Milford, and their home has been brightened by three children—Jessie McMahon, George Shepard and Florence Avis.

GLOVER HAWLEY died at Hawleyville, town of Newtown, September 22, 1881, at the age of seventy-seven years and eleven months. He was a grand character, and his genial smile and kindly words will long be remembered.

Mr. Hawley was a native of Hawleyville, and descended from Joseph Hawley, of Stratford, the line of his descent being through Samuel, Samuel, Jr., Benjamin, William and Joseph.

Benjamin Hawley, it is said, gave the name to the Lands End District, town of Newtown. As the story goes, he got mired there at the end of a day's exploration on horseback from Stratford, and, camping for the night, was so well pleased with the prospect next morning that he returned to Stratford and informed his neighbors that he had reached the end of the land.

Glover Hawley had remarkable inventive faculty, being able to do almost anything with wood and iron, and, after the customary education in the common schools, he exercised his taste in mechanical lines, though he still lived at home and worked on the farm (his father being

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quite an extensive farmer) He built fanning-mills, corn-shellers and ploughs, and sometimes went about the country himself, disposing of the products of his industry He and his brother William invented the principle of the corn-sheller still in use, and Glover made the first cast-iron plough in Newtown He was laughed at a good deal for his venture, the expectation being that cast iron would break in the stony soil of Connecticut, but Mr. Hawley was not a man to give up a settled purpose for popular disfavor, and, going to Poughkeepsie, he prepared the castings and put them together. Simeon B Peck's father was one of the first to buy one of these ploughs, and did so with some hesitation He came out swinging his hat, however, when Mr. Hawley was passing soon after, and gleefully informed him that the plough had been run through some of the worst kind of ground, and was still sound Mr Hawley was of quite an adventuresome disposition for those quiet times, and early went to Carthage, Ill., where his brother William had settled, to see if that country suited his taste also S B Peck accompanied him, and the twain went across Michigan on horseback, stopping *en route* at Chicago, then a small hamlet of a few houses The prospect did not enchant the young men, and in consequence Newtown retained two worthy citizens

The gold fever in 1849 enticed Mr. Hawley to California. Leaving his wife and two children at home, he started for the New Eldorado by the way of Cape Horn, on a tedious passage of 203 days He built a store in Sacramento, afterward seeking his fortune in the "diggings" farther up the Sacramento river. He was gone two years, and came home, unlike many, in good health and somewhat better in fortune, via the Nicaragua route across the Isthmus. During his absence his mother had died, at the age of eighty-six years.

He was a pioneer in railroad affairs, and when the Housatonic railroad was built, along in the "thirties," he was one of its warmest supporters. He piloted the surveyors through this part of the town, and gave the right of way over a quarter of a mile through his farm, also land for the necessary depot buildings—in fact he did all in his power to further the interest of the road He was a warm friend of every public enterprise having for its object the good of the community. When he and Hart Shepard were selectmen of the town he projected and pushed to completion, through much opposition, the brick building now occupied for the records and offices. He was a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church. In politics, in youth and middle age he was a Jacksonian Democrat, but at the time of the Kansas trouble he became a strong Republican; and when the Civil war broke out he gave consent for his only son, then about twenty-one, to assist in putting down the Rebellion. The death of his son in 1863, from exposure and disease in the service, was one of the greatest afflictions of his life.

At the age of thirty-eight Mr. Hawley was married to Mariette Fairchild, and their children were: William G., Martha E., and Mariette H. Of these, Martha E. married Minot A Blakeman, of Stratford, Conn.; and Mariette H. married Martin L. Lum, of Newark, N. J., by whom she has children—William D., Mabel A. and Mariette H. In the family circle Mr. Hawley was an affectionate husband and loving father Mrs. Hawley, who was born February 10, 1820, died February 11, 1892.

CHARLES LAKE SHERMAN, eldest child of Orman and Clara Lake Sherman [see Sherman sketch], was born in Hawleyville, in the town of Newtown, March 20, 1814, and two or three years later the family settled in Danbury, buying a farm in the eastern portion of the township, known as Long Bridge District. The ten children were all born in this home, which has remained in the family, the property of Samuel, the youngest son. Built a century ago, its hospitable roof has sheltered not only the merry family of young people reared under it, but guests galore, who made merry in the large old-fashioned ball-room and enjoyed the music of the host's ancient violin.

Charles Lake Sherman, unlike many of his ancestors and kin, was in no sense a public man, nor was he widely known outside his own county; he preferred the more quiet walks of life, notwithstanding rare qualities of mind and heart which placed him pre-eminent a man of influence, and he was greatly beloved by his fellow men.

He received the education the district school afforded, after which he was apprenticed for four years to learn the carpenter's trade, which business he followed until about 1875. Many substantial residences built about the middle of the present century are evidences of his work, the original owners having mostly passed away. Buying about fifty acres of valuable land, situated on an eminence a quarter of a mile northeast of the family homestead, Charles Sherman built a comfortable home in 1843, and on January 21, 1844, he married Miss Eliza Blackman, born April 6, 1819, the daughter of Simeon Seeley and Lucy Northrop Blackman, of Hawleyville. She sur-

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vives him and resides at their old homestead. They had no children, but brought up from infancy Julia Clarke, the daughter of Robert Adams and Emeline Blackman Clarke (Mrs. Sherman's youngest sister), who married Chester Howard Brush, of Danbury, and Washington, D. C.

Mr. Sherman devoted the later years of his life to improving his property. He became quite deaf, and was subject at intervals to illness causing the most acute suffering, but never a murmur passed his lips in sickness or health. Whether the skies were dark or bright, he ever looked on the bright side and made happy those about him. Fond of music, a great reader, and having a fine sense of the humorous, he was companionable for young and old alike, with ever an anecdote or witty retort ready. A consistent Churchman, a man of firmness and excellent judgment, his counsel and help were sought by many and never in vain.

Mr. Sherman was a life long communicant of St. James Episcopal Church, to which his widow also belongs. Mr. Sherman entered into rest July 13, 1890, and was buried from the home which he built and in which he had passed forty-six years of his life, the family plot being in the Hawleyville cemetery. He died as he lived—without an enemy, none could recall ought of unkindness or injustice—having nobly done his duty toward God and man. His was the steadfast light of a noble life, far-reaching and elevating, encircling a vast number who loved him and reverence his memory.

JACOB RECK, farmer, town of Redding, Post Office Redding, Fairfield county, Connecticut.

CHESTER HOWARD BRUSH was born in Danbury, February 20, 1859, educated in the public schools of his native town, and subsequently graduated from the National University Law School, Washington, D. C. While attending school he was connected for two or three years with the office of the Danbury *News*, with the intention of following the profession of journalism. In April, 1876, Mr. Brush was appointed a clerk in the Danbury Post Office, where he remained until appointed mail route agent for the Danbury and Norwalk and Connecticut Western railroads. Various changes and promotions followed until June, 1890, when he received the appointment of Post Office Inspector. In this branch of the service he was located for a time in Missouri, Kansas and Indian Territory, but was subsequently transferred to New England, where he continued until a change of administration. In April, 1894, he acquired a half-interest in the long-established wholesale and retail tobacco business of Bernd Bros., and the business was continued under the firm name of Bernd & Brush. In March, 1897, Mr. Brush was appointed, by President McKinley, recorder of the General Land Office at Washington, D. C., to succeed L. Q. C. Lamar, which position he is filling most ably at the present time.

Mr. Brush is what his record shows him to be—an able man, brilliant, sound of intellect, and worthy of the trust to which he has been appointed. He is an Episcopalian, being a member of St. James Episcopal Church, Danbury, a Knight Templar, in politics an earnest Republican, and a thorough American.

On June 1, 1881, Mr. Brush married Miss Julia E. Clarke, daughter of Robert Adams and Emeline (Blackman) Clarke, of Newtown. During the protracted illness of Mrs. Clarke, this daughter, when an infant, came to live with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Sherman, of Danbury, at whose home she was married. Educated by her uncle and aunt, she was known to many as Julia Sherman during the four years spent at Mrs. Burke's School for Young Ladies, in Danbury, and while at the Poughkeepsie Female Academy, from which she graduated in 1879. A student of history, Mrs. Brush became one of the early members of Mary Wooster Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, which she has since served as secretary and historian, and from her ready pen some excellent sketches have been published. She is also one of the board of directors of the Danbury Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Brush are well-known socially in Washington, and in their native State. They have one child, Elise Sherman Brush, born at their Danbury home, January 2, 1887.

GENEALOGY OF THE BRUSH FAMILY.

I. Thomas Brush, b. abt. 1610, m. Rebecca, daughter of John and Mary Conkling. He settled in Southold, Long Island, prior to 1653, and thence moved to Huntington about 1657 or '58, where he d. in 1675. His wife d. April 9, 1670. As the Conklings came from England to Salem, Mass., and from there to Southold, Thomas Brush is supposed to have come from Salem with them, and possibly from England. Children: Thomas, b. abt. 1640, d. April 16, 1698; Richard, b. abt. 1643, d. abt. 1710; John, b. abt. 1650, d. after May 1, 1740; Rebecca, m. Feb. 8, 1683, to Rev. Jeremiah Hubbard, who d. at Haddam, Connecticut.

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II Thomas Brush, son of Thomas and Rebecca Conklin Brush, m Sarah Wickes. Children: Rebecca, b April 3, 1681; Thomas, b Jan. 10, 1683; Jacob, b abt 1685; Timothy, Sarah, Mary, Susanna, Elizabeth and Martha.

II Richard Brush, son of Thomas and Rebecca, b abt 1643, d abt 1710, m Johanna or Hannah, prob Balch, a daughter of John Coeyn. Children: Hester, b April 2, 1671; Richard, b Sept 28, 1673; Thomas, b Jan. 13, 1675; Mary, b March 31, 1677; Benjamin, b Oct 20, 1682; Robert, b June 3, 1685; and John, b abt 1687.

III Jacob Brush, son of Thomas and Sarah Wickes Brush, b abt 1677, d April 30, 1728, m Mary, daughter of Jonathan Rogers. Issue: Jacob, b 1698, d Oct 17, 1731.

III Robert Brush, son of Richard and Johanna, b June 30, 1688, died abt 1748, m ——— Children: Robert, b ——— m Feb 6, 1734, Widow Mary Brush; Jonathan, b 1715, d m 1787; Daniel, m Dec 28, 1735, Amy Hart; Reuben, m Feb 11, 1739, Ruth Wood.

IV Jacob Brush, son of Jacob and Mary Rogers Brush, b. in 1688 or 1689, d Oct 17, 1731, m Mary ———, who was b 1694, d Nov 1, 1761. Children: Ananias, m Feb 14, 1741, to Keziah Rogers. Issue: Jacob, b Sept 5, 1727, d April 6, 1813, at South East, New York.

IV. Jonathan, son of Robert, b. 1715, d. in 1787, m Aug 26, 1736, Elizabeth, daughter of Josiah Smith, b Sept 27, 1718. Children: Jonathan, b. Nov 10, 1736; Smith, b Feb. 3, 1741, m. Sarah Smith; Elizabeth, b. Nov. 27, 1738; Joshua, b Sept 13, 1742, d 1781; Daniel, b Oct 5, 1744, m Hannah Philips; Josiah, b Oct 4, 1746; Robert, b Oct 14, 1751, m. Mary Starr; Theodosia, b March, 1750, m. John Nedham; Susanna, b March 23, 1749, m Daniel Nostrand; Amy, b Feb 6, 1754, m Stephen Burtis; and Hepzibah, b Jan. 17, 1764.

V. Jacob, son of Jacob and Mary Brush, b Sept. 5, 1727, d April 6, 1813; m. Sarah Platt, b in 1732, d. Dec 23, 1797. Children: Zophar, b Aug 4, 1751, d in infancy; Hezekiah, b. April 26, 1753, d March 24, 1820; Mary, b. March 26, 1755, d Jan 26, 1829; Jacob, b. April 4, 1757, d March 17, 1803; Zophar, b Aug. 18, 1759, d. May 1, 1814; John, b. Sept 23, 1761, d July 10, 1837; Sarah, b. Sept. 24, 1763; and Ruth, b Feb 24, 1766, d Jan. 5, 1826.

V Joshua, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth Smith Brush, b. Sept 13, 1742, d. 1781; was a captain in the Continental army, m. July 23, 1764, Margaret, daughter of Joseph Ireland, she m. second Robert Jarvis. Children: Abel, b Jan. 10, 1765, d. May 6, 1841, m. Almeda Conklin; Philip, b. March 9, 1767, d. Oct. 4, 1849; Jonathan; and Susanna.

VI Philip Brush, son of Joshua and Margaret Ireland Brush, b. March 9, 1767, d. Oct. 4 1849, m in Huntington, L. I., Aug. 13, 1786, Ruth, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Platt Brush, who was b Feb 24, 1766, and d. Jan. 5, 1829. The same year, or early in 1787, they settled in Mill Plain, Conn. Children: Nathaniel, b. Nov. 10, 1787; Phletus, b. Feb. 7, 1789, d Oct. 9, 1827; Mary, b May 20, 1791, d March 6, 1861; Conklin, b March 8, 1794, d. July 4, 1870 (he was mayor of Brooklyn); Jarvis, b. Jan. 6, 1797, d April 16, 1883, in New Haven, at the home of his son, Prof. George Brush, of Yale; Amelia, b. March 20, 1799, d. Aug. 14, 1879, and Floyd, b. Feb 1, 1804, d June 21, 1887.

VII Floyd Brush, son of Philip and Ruth Brush, b Feb. 1, 1804, d. in Brooklyn, June 21, 1887, m May 26, 1827, Fanny Crosby, who was born March 6, 1808, died at Danbury, Conn., Feb 5, 1874, a daughter of Thomas Crosby (they settled at Milltown, in the town of South East, N. Y.). Children: William F., b. June 17, 1828, d Nov 29, 1856; Lydia J., b. Nov. 30, 1830, m. William Fisher; Sarah E., b. Oct. 4, 1833, d. June 29, 1835; Emma C., b. Nov. 20, 1835, m Morris Oakley; Chester Crosby, b. March 17, 1838, m. Emily Frances Keeler; Jarvis C., b. Aug. 24, 1841, m. Kate Pearl; Thomas C., b. Sept. 26, 1845, d. Feb. 19, 1867, m. Florence Briggs; Goold L., b. Jan. 27, 1850, d Aug 16, 1896, m. (first) Gertrude Gesner, and (second) Julia Van Wort.

VIII. Chester Crosby Brush, son of Floyd and Fanny Crosby Brush, b. March 17, 1838, m. April 29, 1858, Emily Frances, daughter of Deacon Rufus and Eliza Fowler Keeler, of Ridgefield, Conn. They settled in Danbury. Children: Chester Howard, b. Feb. 20, 1859; Ida Frances, b. Dec. 8, 1860, d. Sept. 1, 1869; Minnie Isabelle, b. April 4, 1863, m. H. Frank Harris; Nellie Virginia, b. Oct. 31, 1864, m. (first) George Baird, and (second) George Beebe; William Crosby, b. June 26, 1866, d. July 14, 1867; Carrie Elizabeth, b. Dec. 18, 1867, d. January 19, 1874; Frederick Crosby, b. Aug. 31, 1871; and Clifford Floyd, b. July 5, 1875, d. Aug. 29, 1875.

WARNER (line of Noahdiah). Noahdiah Warner, born in 1728, died in 1794; married Elizabeth De Forest, of French Huguenot origin. Their children were: Grizsel, born

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in 1762; Noahdiah is treated farther on; Loran, born in 1766; Beemon Peet, in 1767; Harvey De Forest, in 1769; Elizabeth Betsey, in 1772; Augustus and Abigail, in 1774; and Polly, a poet, in 1778.

II. Noahdiah Warner (2) (son of Noahdiah), born in 1764, died in 1839; married (first) Polly Curtiss in 1785, and (second) Harriett Miles in 1833. His children were: Curtiss, born in 1787, died unmarried in 1813; Agur is referred to farther on; Currence, born in 1794, died in 1796; and Harriett, born in 1798, married Charles Edmonds, and died in 1838.

III. Agur Warner (son of Noahdiah (2)), born in 1789, died in 1871; married Polly Bassett, of one-quarter Pequot Indian blood. Their children were: Jane married Treat Curtiss, of Stratford; Samuel Curtiss is referred to farther on; Mary married Theophilus Curtis, of Zoar District, Newtown, Conn.; and Noahdiah is referred to farther on.

IV. Samuel Curtiss Warner (son of Agur), born in 1813, died in 1872; married Eliza Sherman, daughter of Carlos Sherman. Their children are: (1) Carlos Sherman, born in 1841, married Ellen Seeley, and they had two children —Elma L. and Ethel J. (2) Lucius Curtiss, born in 1844, married Mary M. Kenney, of Lake county, Ind., and their children are—Bertrand, Elmer and Charles.

II. Augustus Warner (son of Noahdiah), born in 1774, died in 1829; married Maria Candee, in 1813; their daughter Clarinda Maria married John Curtiss, and had children: Warner Augustus, born in 1856; Clara May, in 1861; and Clarence J., in 1862.

III. DeLuzon Warner (son of ———), born in 1824, died in 1874; married Susan Sherman, daughter of Carlos Sherman. Their children are: Evana Augusta, born in 1855; Etta Viola, in 1862; Ella M., in 1864; and Augustus Sherman, in 1868.

III. DeForest Warner (son of ———), born in 1814, died in 1874; married Lucy Curtiss. Their children are: Theron Nettleton, born in 1841; Myron Curtiss, born in 1844, married Sophronia Sherman, granddaughter of Carlos Sherman; Anson Candee; and Thena Adell, born in 1859.

IV. Noahdiah Warner (son of Agur) married (first) Laura Smith, and (second) Alice Beardsley. His children by the first marriage were: Mary died when young; Harriett married Samuel Hall; Allen was killed by the cars, unmarried; Frank was killed by an ox-team; Ella; Lottie; and Donald. By the second marriage there were two children.

CARLOS SHERMAN WARNER, of the firm of Warner & Madigan, contractors, New York City, was born in 1841, in Zoar District, town of Newtown, Conn. He is of the fifth generation from Noahdiah Warner, the line of his descent being through Noahdiah (2), Agur, and Samuel Curtiss. [See Warner genealogy—line of Noahdiah.]

Carlos Sherman Warner was reared on a farm in Newtown, but in early manhood turned his attention in the line indicated above, since which time his name has been coupled with internal improvements of considerable magnitude and importance. His first connection with the construction of public works was in a civil engineer corps on the Boston, Hartford & Erie railway. Next he was occupied as paymaster, bookkeeper and superintendent of construction for Smith & Ripley, while building the Connecticut Western railway. Following this he served in the same capacity for the same firm while building the Holyoke branch of the New Haven and Northampton railway. He was next paymaster for Sidney Dillon on the tunnel under West Point, during the early part of its construction. The next important work with which his name is connected was the 4th avenue improvement in New York City, from 47th street to Harlem river, in which he served as paymaster and purchasing agent for Dillon, Clyde & Co., a work costing several millions of dollars, and covering a period of two years. After the completion of that work he was with Smith & Ripley, as superintendent of construction, for the extension of the railroad from Northampton, Mass., to Turner's Falls, another extension from South Deerfield, Mass., to Bardwell's Ferry, and the building of the Delaware & Lackawanna railroad from Wayland, N. Y., to Buffalo (being one hundred miles of new double track railroad, costing several millions of dollars). Since then (about 1878) Mr. Warner, as a member of the firm of Warner & Madigan, has been closely connected as contractor with the building of the Northern Adirondack, for John Hurd, of Bridgeport; the extension of the Wheeling & Lake Erie, in Ohio; with extensive grading and masonry at the Vanderbilt mausoleum grounds, on Staten Island; the Akron branch of the Baltimore & Ohio, in Ohio; the Pennsylvania, Poughkeepsie & Boston, from Slatington, Penn., to Middletown, N. Y.; two railroads near Scranton, Penn.; the Rumford Falls & Rangeley Lakes railway in Maine; and several small railroads in northern New Hampshire and Maine. His latest contracts have been in connection with water works, electric railroad construction, and heavy dams and mill construction on the Androscoggin and Hudson rivers.

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On June 26, 1866, Mr. Warner was married to Miss Ellen A. Seeley, born March 31, 1845, daughter of Nathan W. and Julia Taylor Seeley, and their children are Elma Luola, born October 1, 1873, and Ethel Julia, born November 5, 1886.

The following is a record of the CURTISS family, into which one of Mr. Warner's ancestors (Noahdiah Warner (2)) married, and this is copied from a Bible in his possession, the Bible being printed in London in 1772, and bought by Samuel Curtiss in 1783. Samuel Curtiss (1), born 1737, died 1813, married Currence [illegible]. Currence Curtiss (2), born 1740, Comfort Curtiss (1), born 1766, died 1771. Polly Curtiss (2), born 1762, died 1832, married Noahdiah Warner.

The following extracts are from same page [illegible]: Currence, born October 2, 1766, [illegible] in the afternoon. Mother Curtiss, deceased in fall of 1756. Father Curtiss, deceased May 26, 1773, seventy-one years old. Brother Abner, deceased December 18, 1779, forty-seven years old. Brother Aaron, deceased February 8, 1784, fifty-three years old. Mary, his wife, deceased June 28, 1783, forty-nine years old. Brother Ephrem, deceased April 30, 1794. Brother David's wife, Sarah, deceased March 6, 1801, sixty years old. Brother Josiah, deceased February 6, 1804, sixty-nine years old.

SEELEY FAMILY of Fairfield county, Conn. I. CAPT. NATHANIEL SEELEY was married in Fairfield in 1649 (or earlier) to Mary, daughter of Benjamin Turney, removed to Fairfield, and became a freeman in 1657. Children by this marriage: (II) Lieut.) NATHANIEL, Robert, Benjamin, Joseph, John, Mary, Sarah, Phœbe and Rebecca. Capt. Nathaniel married (second), in 1674, Elizabeth, widow of Obediah Gilbert, formerly widow of Nehemiah Olmstead, no children by this marriage. He served as lieutenant in King Philip's war in 1675, and was killed in that year at the head of his company, in the great "Swamp Fight," December 19, of that year.

II. LIEUT. NATHANIEL SEELEY, son of Capt. Nathaniel and Mary Turney Seeley, married Hannah Odell, and died in 1688, leaving a widow and three sons and one daughter, Nathaniel, (III) James, Ebenezer and Hannah Gray. The widow subsequently married Jacob Sterling, the first settler of that name.

(III) JOHN SEELEY, son of Lieut. Nathaniel, born April 19, 1681, died in 1720. He married Sarah Gregory January 21, 1702-03, and had children: Sarah, born January 29, 1703-04; James, born April 1, 1706, died June 7, 1766; Anna, born June 30, 1707; Seth, born May 15, 1710, died July 29, 1717; Hannah, born May 23, 1713, (IV) NATHAN, born March 27, 1715; Stephen, born May 16, 1721, died July 4, 1721; James, born July 29, 1722; Samuel, born 172-; and Abel, born September 7, 1725.

(IV) NATHAN SEELEY, son of James and Sarah (Gregory) Seeley, born March 27, 1715, died April 30, 1766. He married Eunice — —, and had children: Seth and (V) NATHAN (2). Eunice, the mother, died in 1745, aged twenty-eight years.

(V) NATHAN SEELEY (2), son of Nathan and Eunice Seeley, resided in Stratfield, in the house built by his grandfather, James, and which house was rebuilt by Abram Seeley. Nathan married and had children: James (of Ballston, N. Y.), (VI) ABNER (of Monroe, Conn.), Abel (of Western, N. Y.), Jesse (of Bridgeport, Conn.), and Alston (of Monroe, Conn.; died in 1850, unmarried).

(VI) ABNER SEELEY, son of Nathan (2), was twice married, first to Sabria Lyon, who died leaving one child, Rev. Monson (of Palmyra, N. Y.). He married (second) Lucy Osborne, and by her had: Sabria, Maria, (VII) NATHAN W., Alden, Alson (all five being of Monroe, Conn.), Mariette (of Trumbull, Conn.), and Eli (of La Crew, Iowa).

(VII) CAPT. NATHAN W. SEELEY, son of Abner and Lucy (Osborne) Seeley, was born in Monroe, Conn., March 16, 1807, and was supposed to have been murdered in his barn October 26, 1890. He married, March 17, 1833, Julia Taylor, of Newtown, who died April 22, 1888. Children: George, born November 6, 1835; Henry W., January 8, 1839; Ellen A., March 31, 1845; Mary Emily, June 8, 1848; Nathan A., February 9, 1851, died February 22, 1856; Lucy A., December 12, 1853; and Ida, March 22, 1857. Of these, Ellen A. married June 26, 1866, Carlos S. Warner, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and had children: Elma Luola, born October 1, 1873; and Ethel Julia, born November 5, 1886.

GEORGE F. DUNCOMBE, the efficient postmaster at Newtown, Fairfield county, was born April 1, 1857, in Redding.

Mr. Duncombe is descended on both sides from old New England families and early settlers in Fairfield county. His father, William Edgar Duncomb, a resident of Redding Centre, Conn., was there born February 17, 1830. He was twice married, (first) on November 24, 1852, to

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Sarah Fairchild, a daughter of Joseph B. and Phebe (Shepard) Fairchild, born April 4, 1828, in Redding; and (second) on November 9, 1858, to Sarah Sanford, born June 7, 1833 in Redding, second daughter of James and Eliza (French) Sanford. The children of the first marriage were: David S., born December 15, 1854, and George F., our subject. The mother of these children died May 7, 1857. One child was born to the second marriage—Emma E., born June 1, 1864, who was married, November 11, 1896, to George B. Beers, a son of Benjamin and Eliza (Wheeler) Beers.

George F. Duncombe remained in his native town until seventeen years of age. He then entered the store of L. B. Booth, in Newtown, continuing there until he was twenty-one, when he married and located on a farm in Toddy Hill District, Newtown. For ten years he was a farmer, or at least made the farm his place of abode, being otherwise occupied much of the time. He was a traveling salesman for two years, representing Minard Harder, of Cobleskill, N. Y., a dealer in engines, boilers, agricultural implements, etc., and during this period traveled extensively through nine States and Canada. Following this he became interested in the Newtown *Bee*, and was for eight years the secretary and general agent of the company, the publisher of that paper, and he is still a stockholder in that company. Since July 1, 1897, he has been the postmaster of the borough of Newtown, which position he is filling with efficiency. Mr. Duncombe is an esteemed citizen of the community and has the confidence of his fellow-citizens. He and his family are identified with the Congregational Church, of which he is the clerk. In his political views, he is a Republican.

On April 10, 1878, at Newtown, Mr. Duncombe was married to Lucy, daughter of David H. and Lucy (Fairchild) Beers. She was born August 10, 1854. One daughter, Julia B., born March 13, 1881, at Newtown, has blessed this union; she is assistant postmaster at Newtown.

JOSEPH BENNETT FAIRCHILD (deceased) was the son of Hon. Jonathan Sturgis Fairchild, a sketch of whose life appears elsewhere.

Our subject was born May 7, 1806, in Taunton District, Newtown, was reared on a farm, and followed agricultural pursuits for the most part throughout life. In his early manhood he was for a period engaged in mercantile business in Dodgingtown District. Later, he went to Redding, and in about 1852 or 1853 he bought the Abel Botsford farm, in Newtown, which comprised some two hundred acres, living on this place the latter years of his life. This farm was then one of the best in the town and its occupant one of the best and most successful farmers, and along with his farming operations he dealt quite largely in real estate. Mr. Fairchild had a fair common-school education and was a man of good business judgment. He was a self-made man. In his political views, he was a Republican. He was a good citizen, attended the Congregational Church, and was much esteemed in the community.

On January 25, 1827, Mr. Fairchild was married to Phebe Shepard, and their union was blessed with the following-named children: Sarah M., born March 30, 1828, married November 24, 1852, William E. Duncomb; George is referred to elsewhere; Jonathan S., born July 18, 1832, married October 28, 1868, Nellie Morse, of Illinois, and died July 10, 1874, in Denver, Colo. (Mrs. Fairchild is a noted Spiritualist, and is one of the great spiritualistic mediums of the United States, being known all over the country. Her husband, too, was a Spiritualist); Ambrose S., born May 18, 1834, died March 20, 1862, unmarried, at Austin, Texas (He was a carpenter by trade and a manufacturer, at one time carrying on a sash and blind factory at Knoxville, Tenn.); Elmer W. is referred to farther on; Esther B., born January 22, 1841, died February 2, 1890, in Chicago, Ill. (She married, May 30, 1861, Charles J. Merritt); Henry W., born March 21, 1845, died November 16, 1896, in Chicago, where he resided, being an employe of the Chicago Stamping Company (He served as a soldier in the United States army during the Civil war. On June 29, 1864, he was married to Anna Green, of Cincinnati, Ohio).

Joseph Bennett Fairchild died January 8, 1861, and his wife passed away March 4, 1889. She was born July 20, 1808, in the State of New York, daughter of Richard D. and Fanny (Foote) Shepard, and when she was three years of age her father came to Connecticut and soon settled in Dodgingtown District, Newtown, buying the place and building the house afterward occupied by James Barnum.

Elmer W. Fairchild, son of Joseph Bennett Fairchild, is a native of Newtown, born in Taunton District, September 16, 1838. Some time after his school days were over he went to Knoxville, Tenn., where for one winter (1858) he worked in his brother's factory, and in the following spring he moved to Texas, where he soon became engaged in buying and selling horses. After a time so spent, his father's health becom-

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prepared he returned to his home in Newtown. On his father's death, in 1861, he assumed the management of the farm and engaged in the cattle business, which, in connection with agriculture, he carried on successfully for many years, and he owns a farm of seventy-five hundred acres. In politics, he is a Republican.

BEACH. The family from which Rev. John Beach, whose name has been a household word in Newtown from the dawn of its existence to the present, traces its descent, was that of John Beach whose name is first found on the records of the New Haven Colony in January, 1643. He came to Stratford where he died, by the record, May 21, 1665, and he had been a widower and four children. His name appears as a land-owner on the list of 1668. In 1656 he married Mary [illegible] and by her had two children, of whom Isaac is the next ancestor in line of descent.

Isaac Beach, born June 27 or 29, 1660, was married in 1683, to Elizabeth Beardsley, born in February, 1671, and their children were: (1) William, born July 7, 1684, died July 29, 1751, buried November 30, 1752; Sarah Hull, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Nichols) Hull, of Stratford, born July 7, 1668, died August 16, 1732. He married (first) May 6, 1720, Abigail Uffoot, who was born in 1678, a daughter of Isaac Uffoot, Sr., and Elizabeth (Curtiss) Uffoot. She died December 2, 1738, and he married, second, February 8, 1742, Hannah Cook. (3) John, is referred to further on. (4) Mary, born December 16, 1703. (5) Hannah, born May 26, 1705, married Elizabeth Porter. (6) Dinah, born October 14, 1713, died in 1714.

Rev. John Beach, third son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Beardsley) Beach, was born October 6, 1706, and died March 12, 1782. He was twice married, first in 1729, in Stratford, Conn., to Sarah Beach, second daughter of Nathaniel Beach and Sarah Porter, born November 12, 1706, in Stratford, died August 1, 1750, and was buried at Redding Ridge. Mr. Beach was married second to Mrs. Abigail (Curtiss) Brooke, widow of John Brooke and daughter of Sergt. Asa Curtiss, of Derby, and Abigail Hawkins, she was born in 1707, in Derby, Conn., and died in 1783, in the same place. The children by the first marriage, all born in Newtown, were as follows, their names and dates of birth being given: Joseph Beach, September 20, 1727; Phebe, September 30, 1729; John, January 12, 1731, died December 31, 1733; John 2., September 5, 1734, married Rebecca Lazarus, September 20, 1736; Sarah, January 24, 1738; Hannah, January 24, 1741, died at Redding, January 7, 1759; and Lucy, born in 1743, married Rev. Epenetus Townsend.

John Beach, the second of the name in the family of Rev. John Beach, was married, August 3, 1780, to Phebe Curtiss, born February 20, 1737-38, died December 4, 1815. John Beach died in Newtown, May 15, 1791. He had a large family of children, of whom, two died in infancy, the others being: John, mentioned below; Phebe (Mrs. Zalmon Glover), born January 29, 1760, died November 16, 1835; Matthew, born February 22, 1763, died September 10, 1766; Hannah (Mrs. John Curtiss), born May 22, 1765, died May 11, 1810; Lucy, born July 17, 1768, died February 5, 1776; Sarah, born February 5, 1774, died July 6, 1850, married (first) Joel Booth, and (second) Zalmon Peck; Mary, born August 4, 1778, died October 19, 1846, married Abel Beers.

John Beach, born December 9, 1757, died June 10, 1830. He was married, in 1779, to Mabel Beers, third daughter of Daniel and Mabel (Booth) Beers, born December 12, 1750, died January 5, 1844. They had the following children: Lucy, born February 22, 1780, married Capt. James Nichols, and died March 31, 1850; Anne, born November 22, 1781, died June 9, 1783; Matthew, born November 5, 1782; Ann, born December 25, 1783, married Dr. Elisha Sheldon, and died January 21, 1844; Boyle, born March 12, 1786, died December 8, 1801; Phebe, born February 6, 1788, married Barent Houghtaling, and died December 25, 1880; John, born August 28, 1789, is mentioned more fully below; Charlotte, born November 9, 1790, married Epenetus Holmes Wead and died April 1, 1874; David, born December 13, 1793, died in 1808; Mabel, born July 22, 1795, died December 13, 1796.

JUDGE JOHN BEACH, born August 28, 1789, was the fourth John in line of descent from John Beach, the first of the name in this country. On May 10, 1818, he married Marcia Curtiss, daughter of Aliezah Birdsey and Anna (Glover) Curtiss. She was born July 18, 1796, in Newtown, and died August 6, 1861, at New Haven, Conn., and his death occurred April 12, 1869, in the same city. Their children were: John Sheldon, born July 23, 1819; Daniel Beers, born November 14, 1823; and Ann Eliza, born June 30, 1829, died March 18, 1862.

His father and family having removed from Newtown, Judge Beach remained in Newtown as the adopted son of his uncle and aunt, Daniel and Naomi (Glover) Beers, who had no children. They gave him a liberal education,

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his studies being completed in New Haven. He was admitted to the Bar in 1814, when just twenty-five years of age. In 1821 he was made city attorney, which position he held until 1824, when he became clerk of the superior court, and in that capacity served with honor for twenty years. A judgeship in the city court followed, but shortly after this he withdrew from active professional life. A man of great firmness of character, instinctive integrity, and high ideals, his career as a lawyer, clerk and judge for half a century in New Haven was marked by continued expression of regard and deference, both during and after his years of public service.

In Trinity Episcopal church, Newtown, Fairfield county, are four tablets, which are said to be the richest in the country, more elaborate in design and detail than any others in the United States. These are commemorative of the services of some of the earlier pastors of the Parish. The following inscription, in curious Colonial letters, is engraved on the tablet to the memory of REV. JOHN BEACH: "To the blessed memory of Rev. John Beach, A. M., Founder of this Parish. Born at Stratford, Conn., A. D. MDCC. Graduated at Yale College, MDCCXX. At great sacrifice, upon thorough investigation and deep conviction, conforming to the Church of England, he was admitted to Holy Orders in England, A. D. MDCCXXXII, and appointed Missionary at Newtown and Reading, of the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. He was a scholar thorough, a reasoner cogent, a controversalist able, a preacher persuasive, a pastor untiring, a Christian hero undaunted. He was of all most effective in laying deep and broad the foundation of the Church in the Colony of Connecticut. From the beginning of his ministry, assailed by bitter intolerance and pursued by malicious plottings, he patiently endured. In the added perils of a cruel war, remaining with the flock, he continued his ministrations at the constant risk of threatened violence and death. Full of years and labors, he entered into rest March XIX, A. D. MDCCLXXXII."

On the tablet of REV. PHILO PERRY is this inscription: "In memory of Rev. Philo Perry. Born in Woodbury, Conn., A. D. 1752. Graduated at Yale College, 1777. Admitted to Holy Orders June 3, 1787, from which time until he was called to the rest of Paradise, in 1798, he was the devoted and efficient minister of the Parish, and a clergyman of eminence in the councils of Church."

On the tablet of REV. DANIEL BURHANS is this inscription: "To perpetuate the blessed memory of the Rev. Daniel Burhans, D. D., for thirty-one years the zealous and efficient Rector of the Parish, adorning his life with the prints of the Spirit and his ministry with faithful diligence. He was the last survivor of those ordained by the first Bishop of Connecticut, having for more than half a century contended for the faith once delivered to the Saints, as this Church hath received the same. He was born at Sherman, Conn., July 7, 1762. Entered into rest December 30, 1853, in the ninety-second year of his age and the sixtieth of his ministry."

On the tablet of Rev. NEWTON E. MARBLE, D. D., is this inscription: "Sacred to the memory of the Rev. Newton E. Marble, D. D. For twenty-one years the faithful and devoted Rector of this Parish. This church erected during his rectorship stands as his monument, but a nobler and more enduring one will be found in the souls he won to Christ. Born September 1, 1808, he slept in Jesus September 28, 1881, having lived on earth seventy-three years."

HORACE BARNUM, late a resident of Dodgingtown, town of Newtown, died July 25, 1885. He was born at Catskill, N. Y., December 7, 1825, and was married, July 8, 1845, to Laura Ann Morgan, who survived him. He bought the Walter Clarke place some twenty-five years ago. The brother, James Barnum, survived him. Probably no man in that part of the town had a deeper hold on his neighbors than Mr. Barnum. His honor won for him general respect, but his kindness of heart made him not only respected, but made for him many friends.

WHEELER FAMILY OF NEWTOWN. John B. Wheeler, a substantial citizen and farmer of North Centre District, town of Newtown, is living on the original homestead of his ancestors. He has descended from Thomas Wheeler, of Milford, Conn., the line of his descent being through Obediah of the second generation, Joseph, Joseph Bennett, John Botsford and Russell.

Obediah Wheeler came to Newtown some time prior to 1739, for in that year he was commissioned, by the Governor of the Colony of Connecticut, first lieutenant of the second company of "trainband" in Newtown. John B. has a deed, dated May 21, 1750, to land Obediah Wheeler bought of one Mathew Curtis, which is witnessed by Joseph Bristoe and Ephraim Peck. This deed is evidently for a part of the present farm of John B. Wheeler.

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Joseph Wheeler was born November 2, 1734 (old style), married Keziah Botsford, March 25, 1755, and had children: John, Joseph B. and Eli. He was commissioned captain of the second company of [illegible], in Newtown, by William [illegible], captain general and commander, in 17[illegible]. He died in 1818, and his wife on September 9, 1821.

Joseph Bennett Wheeler was born June 26, 17[illegible], married Anna Botsford in 17[illegible], a daughter of Deacon Abel and Mary Bennett Botsford, and had children: John Botsford, Lucy, Mollie and Anna M. Joseph Bennett died October 27, 1837, and his wife on December 18, 1842. He and his son, John Botsford, [illegible] the present home on the homestead, in 18[illegible]. Joseph Bennett was one of the prominent men of the town. He served as justice of the peace, was first selectman for many years, and had the settling of many estates. He owned a farm of one hundred acres.

John Botsford Wheeler was born April 6, 178[illegible], married, in 18[illegible], Polly Blackman, who was born in 1788, a daughter of Truman and Phebe (Hawley) Blackman, and had children: Russell, Sally M., and [illegible]. The father of these was a good citizen, a Democrat in politics, but not active in public [illegible]. He attended the Congregational Church. He died February 20, 1862, and his wife passed away March 11, 1871.

Russell Wheeler, who is nearing his ninetieth birthday, is living on the homestead, well-preserved in mind and [illegible]. He was born November 7, 1809, on the farm which he has never left. He has been a very temperate man in all things throughout life, has been a great reader, and is able now to read without glasses. He has never been very active in politics, though in 1848-49 he represented his town in the State Legislature. Since 1856 he has been a Republican, and through life has been an attendant of the Congregational Church. On February 22, 1837, he married Lydia Ann Botsford, born November 29, 1813, daughter of Charles and Fanny (Mannington) Botsford. To them have come children, John B. and Ellen, the latter born December 30, 184[illegible], died August 6, 1843. The mother died March 15, 187[illegible].

John B. Wheeler was born November 29, 1838, attended the district school and then completed his studies in the Newtown Academy at the age of nineteen. He has since been occupied as a farmer, the [illegible] engaged in outside lines, and has been one of the prominent men of the town for years. For five terms he was selectman, representing the Republicans, who were in the minority. He is a stanch Republican, has been chairman of the town committee for fifteen years, and served as postmaster of Newtown through the President Harrison administration. He is a director of, and serves on the loaning committee in, the Savings Bank in Newtown village, and is an esteemed citizen and a successful man.

On April 26, 1867, Mr. Wheeler married Mary A. Wilcox, a daughter of Hervey and Lydia (Wright) Wilcox, of Killingworth, Conn. His only child, Hervey Wilcox, born September 13, 1868, is postal clerk on the consolidated train between Boston and New York. He married Nellie C. Hubbell and has a son, Russell Hubbell Wheeler.

BOTSFORD. In the memorial proceedings of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of Milford, Conn., held in 1889, it is stated that Henry Botsford died there in 1686. He had one son and five daughters. Elnathan, the son, was twice married, the name continuing from his second wife, Hannah, daughter of Timothy Baldwin. Elnathan witnessed a deed in 1667, one of the oldest signatures in Milford. The signer was born in 1641, and some of his grandchildren settled in Newtown.

The name of Botsford appears on the Newtown records soon after the first settlement was made. Among the residents of the name in 1812 we find John, Moses, Joseph, Henry and Henry, Jr. John Botsford and Annah Bennett were married May 21, 1733, and their children were: Abiel, born January 28, 1734; Lucy, December 20, 1735; Keziah, October 12, 1737; Annah, February 27, 1745-46; and John, January 28, 1750. Of these, Abiel Botsford had two sons, Moss K. and John. Of these, Moss K. married Lydia Bennett and had six children: Tarsus, Bennett, Abiel, Charles, Jabez K. (a sketch of whom follows), and Harriet; John married, and had one son and two daughters. The children of Moses Botsford by Sarah, his wife, were: Theophilus, born March 23, 1731; Jabez, September 26, 1735; Phebe, March 8, 1739; and Thomas, January 13, 1743. From these have descended many of the name who have resided in Newtown.

Jared Botsford died April 18, 1828, in his eighty-third year, and Ann, his wife, died September 28, 1827, in her seventy-eighth year. Among their children were: Henry, Philo, Jared (or Sherman) and Polly; there were other girls, whose names cannot now be recalled. Of these, Henry Botsford was the grandfather of Henry, who now resides near Botsford Station. Henry

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Botsford died October 16, 1823, aged fifty-one years, and Joanna Birch, his wife, died December 27, 1850, aged seventy-six years. To this couple were born twelve children, eleven of whom lived to the age of maturity. Among the sons were: Glover, Edwin and George. Of these, Edwin married Julia A. Summers, and of their seven children all died when young except Henry and Oliver. The father, Capt. Edwin Botsford, like his ancestors before him, was reared on a farm. He followed that occupation until after the building of the Housatonic railroad in the latter part of the "thirties." He was made the station agent at Botsford, and kept a store there the rest of his lifetime. He was a straightforward, honorable man, a Universalist in his religious belief, and a Democrat in his political views. He died December 16, 1848, when forty-five years of age; his wife lived until March 11, 1872, dying at the age of sixty-seven. Three of their children, referred to as having died young, were: Isaac Glover, who died December 25, 1848, at the age of thirteen; and Emily A. and George E., who died January 4, 1849, aged sixteen and eight years, respectively.

Oliver Botsford, son of Capt. Edwin, was born May 25, 1823, and died March 8, 1889. He was reared on the farm and followed farming. On the death of his father he succeeded him as station agent and in the store, and was so occupied until some years prior to his death. He was a well-known man, and an exemplary citizen. In politics he was a Republican. He married Elizabeth Bray, who survives, together with her three children: George, Nellie and Morris.

Henry Botsford, son of Capt. Edwin, was born on his father's farm in 1825. Farming has been chiefly his occupation through life, and he has lived where he now does, in the vicinity of Botsford Station, Newtown, for nearly half a century. Mr. Botsford is a respected citizen of the town. He has been twice married, (first) to Rebecca Johnson, who was born October 6, 1826, and died childless March 17, 1890; and (second) to Julia Hook. In his politics, Mr. Botsford is a Democrat.

JABEZ K. BOTSFORD, a distinguished citizen and pioneer merchant of Chicago, Ill., whose death occurred there June 8, 1887, was a native of Newtown, Conn., born in 1812, and was a son of Moss K. and Lydia (Bennett) Botsford.

In early manhood our subject spent some time in New York, engaged in the wholesale dry-goods business. The golden opportunities of the then undeveloped resources of the West lured him from the Eastern metropolis, and in 1833 he went to Chicago, making the journey to that city from Detroit, Mich., with Otis Hubbard, in a one-horse wagon—a trip of fifteen days. Here he entered the general merchandise business, and in 1836 he formed a partnership to engage in the hardware business with Cyrenius Beers, under the firm name of Botsford & Beers. This continued until 1846, from which time, and until the spring of 1862, Mr. Botsford conducted the business alone. He then formed a partnership with Mark Kimball, and the firm became J. K. Botsford & Co. In 1865 Mr. Kimball retired, and Mr. Botsford admitted his sons, John and Bennet Botsford, as partners, changing the name of the firm to J. K. Botsford & Sons, and it so remained until 1871. The senior member of the firm began business in Chicago with $1,800. His business talents and enterprise, combined with unswerving integrity and genial social qualities, were handsomely rewarded from a pecuniary point of view, while his reputation in the community was that of an upright, honorable and useful man. In 1860 and in 1861 he served as alderman. Mr. Botsford was a Methodist, and an original member and trustee of the old Clark Street Church as long as he lived. During his administration was built the Church block in Clark street, which was destroyed by the great fire in 1871, and afterward rebuilt. The entire cost of the Clark Street Church, $125,000, passed through his hands. He was also one of the projectors of the Evanston University, in many other ways proving himself the friend of education, and he was an earnest worker in the cause of temperance.

In 1835 Mr. Botsford married Minerva Kimball, a daughter of John Kimball, of Naperville, Ill., and their children were: John R., who died in 1880; Bennet, who married Myra C. Fisk, and died in 1898, leaving two daughters; and Adalaide, who married Caryl Young, and has two children, one son and one daughter.

DANIEL BOTSFORD, whose death occurred on April 7, 1870, when he was seventy-nine years of age, was the son of Moses and Huldah (Winton) Botsford, of Zoar District, Newtown, born March 31, 1750, and March 17, 1757, respectively. Moses Botsford died April 6, 1830, Huldah Botsford on July 1, 1821.

Daniel Botsford followed in the footsteps of his ancestors, engaging in agricultural pursuits. He was enterprising and public-spirited, and by the careful and able management of his business affairs became prosperous and influential. He lived on Botsford Hill, and was at one time probably the largest landowner in Newtown, owning a thousand acres. He was a man of

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excellent character, kind hearted, liberal and charitable to the poor, none of whom ever went away from his door hungry. His wife was a woman of worth and always to be depended upon in the trying times of sickness and death, with many friends by her kind and upright character. Mr. Botsford was for a long time esteemed for his upright and honorable dealings, and was many times elected with positions of trust, serving the town as selectman and as representative in the State Legislature, and he was frequently appointed guardian of children. In religious faith he was a Universalist, and politically a stanch Democrat.

Our subject married Lucy A. Comstock, and their union was blessed with three children: Hannah married Albert Darley, of Bristol, and had children: Oliver, Josephine and Elizabeth; Sarah married Wheeler Lacey, of Huntington, Conn., and had children: Daniel and Charles (both deceased), and Lucretia; Amanda died young. Lucy and Laura were twins, Lucy married Walter Nichols and had children: Carrie and Emmie (the twin sister of the latter died in infancy), Sarah L., Anna Belle, and Lucretia, who died after twentieth year. Laura, twin sister of Lucy, married James Crowell, of Middletown, N. Y., and had children: Lucretia, Emory and Josephine. Mrs. Botsford died in the fifties, and Mr. Botsford, after a brief illness, passed away in the seventies, and both are buried in the family lot.

Mr. Botsford was born and reared in Newtown. On the discovery of gold in California, when he was a young man, he went to that State, where he remained three years and was quite successful. Returning to Newtown, he built a house on Botsford Hill, near his father's, and there lived the rest of his life, engaged in farming. He was of a quiet and retiring nature and a most excellent man. Politically, he was a Democrat. He married Mary, daughter of Wesley Beers, of Hawleyville District, and their children were: Lester, Daniel, Lena, Wilson and Ives. The latter of these died April 4, 1877, aged thirty-eight.

Ives Botsford was born May 22, 1830, and before the latter he was quite a well-to-do man. When a young man, in 1852, he went to California and he remained some two years, then returning to Newtown, where for a time he was engaged in farming, his health failing, however, he gave his attention to other lines. He was for several years at the railroad depot in Newtown, and erected a coal and feed business at the same time. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and in his political views he differed from his father and brothers, being a Republican. He married Elizabeth Clarke, born in September, 1832, daughter of Royal Clarke, of Newtown, and there were born to the union children as follows: Wilbur, Helen, Elizabeth, Laura, Jabez, and Royal (who died at the age of five years). The father of these died June 7, 1878, and the mother passed away November 7, 1894.

George R. Botsford, whose death occurred March 24, 1850, was born August 24, 1820, the son of Jabez B. and Anner Botsford, who died June 5, 1862, aged seventy, and March 6, 1853, aged sixty years, respectively.

George R. Botsford was married to Sophia, daughter of Gideon B. Botsford and granddaughter of Richard Botsford, who died August 28, 1834, aged thirty-four, and January 7, 1837, aged sixty-four years, respectively. Our subject was a neat and tasteful farmer and lived on Mount Pleasant on the farm on which Marcus Camp now resides, Mr. Camp having married the widow. There were no children born to the first marriage.

Philo Botsford and descendants. A son of Jared Botsford whose ancestry is given under the head of Botsford, Philo resided on a farm in Palestine District, of the town of Newtown where for a long lifetime he was an esteemed citizen.

Philo Botsford departed this life July 10, 1850, in the eighty-first year of his age, and his wife, Hannah, whose maiden name was Nichols, died May 29, 1854. There were two children born to them, namely: Austin N., and Alosia, who married John Sherwood, of Easton, Conn. The father was quite a well-to-do farmer. He was a lieutenant in the militia in training days, and was a representative from Newtown in the Legislature in 1822. In his religious belief he was a Universalist, in politics a Democrat.

Austin N. Botsford, son of Philo, was born in 1798, and died in 1842. He was a substantial farmer and citizen of Palestine District throughout his lifetime. He held offices of trust and honor, represented Newtown in the Legislature in 1839, and served his constituents satisfactorily and with credit to himself. Like his father, he was a Universalist, and in politics a Democrat. He reared his children to become useful men and women. He was twice married, the first time to Minerva, daughter of Stephen Blakeman, of Stepney. She was born in 1801, and died in 1825. Their children died young. His second wife was Victoria B. Glover, daughter of James Glover. She was born in 1809, and died in 1893. Their children were: (1) Caroline, who married Edward Larsens (now deceased), and had children—Ella, Jennie and Caroline; they live in New Haven. (2) Philo G. Botsford was a farmer in

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Newtown throughout his life, residing in Palestine District. He was a respected citizen. He married Charlotte Hinman, and had children—Mary, Elizabeth and James, all now deceased excepting the mother, who is a resident of Palestine District, town of Newtown, Conn. The father died March 5, 1885, aged fifty-five years. (3) Richard N. Botsford was a native of Palestine District, taught school in his young life, and then went to St. Charles, Ill. He became a lawyer by profession, and served as judge of the county court. He is now one of the substantial citizens of Elgin, Ill., and there for years edited the Elgin *Democrat*. He married Ellen Bundy, in Illinois, and had children—Carl, and Alosia (now deceased). (4) Jerome H. Botsford was born May 3, 1833, and died January 20, 1879. He married Emily, daughter of Elizur Northrop. She was born January 5, 1834, and died January 8, 1879. Mr. Botsford was reared in Newtown, and lived there most of his lifetime, engaged in agricultural pursuits. In politics, he was a Democrat. His children were—Henry (deceased), Samuel, Homer (deceased), Adella, Charlotte and Emily. (5) Eugene M. is referred to below. (6) James Botsford in his early life taught school, went West and died in St. Louis. (7) Austin N. Botsford is now a resident of Fort Dodge, Iowa. He was reared on the old homestead, was graduated from Yale College, read law and settled in the West, when a young man. He was twice married, first to Mollie Scott, and they had three sons—Geis, Scott and Richard, Scott being deceased. The other daughters in the family of Austin N. and Volucia B. (Glover) Botsford were: Alosia, who married Reuben Johnson, and has one son, Reuben (they live in New Haven); Amelia (deceased) married Sidney Frost, and had one child that died in infancy.

EUGENE M. BOTSFORD is a prosperous farmer in Palestine District, town of Newtown, where he has lived the greater part of his life, having been born there November 21, 1834. The father died when the son was seven years of age, and the latter went to Easton, where he lived until he was fifteen. He next attended the Connecticut Baptist Literary Institution, Suffield, for two years; then was in school at Stepney for a year or two. Afterward he settled on a farm, and has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married Jane Blakeman, daughter of Charles Blakeman, and they have had children as follows: Ida J., N. Alosia, Charles B. (deceased), Eugene K., Cora A., Bertha M., Elsie P. and Austin N. Mr. Botsford, in his political views, is a Prohibitionist. He is a member of the Baptist Church of Stepney, in which he is a deacon.

HOLLY H. SEELY, merchant, New York City, with residence at Noroton Heights, town of Darien, Fairfield county, Connecticut.

TERRILL. Botsford Terrill, a son of Reuben Terrill, was a farmer in Hanover District, town of Newtown, where many members of his family have followed that ancient and honorable calling. Botsford Terrill was twice married, first to Julia Glover, by whom he had three children: Edwin now a resident of Brookfield, this county; Jane, who married Edson Sheppard; and Henry, who is mentioned more fully farther on. By his second wife (—— Glover) Botsford Terrill had three children: William L., a sketch of whom follows; Frederick (deceased); and Beach, who settled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Henry Terrill was born in Newtown in 1816, and for many years followed agricultural pursuits in Hanover District, town of Newtown, where he owned a fine farm. He was an industrious, thrifty man, and at his death, in 1871, was possessed of a valuable estate. While he was never active in politics, he was a firm believer in the principles of the Democratic party, and he took much interest in local progress as well as in religious work, being a leading member of Trinity Episcopal Church, of Newtown. His wife, whose maiden name was Delia Fairchild, died in 1865. They had three sons: Robert, born in 1849, a merchant in Winterset, Iowa; Levi, born in 1853, now a commercial traveler, having his home in Hastings, Neb.; and MORTIMER B., born December 23, 1855, in Hanover District, town of Newtown.

WILLIAM L. TERRILL (deceased), late of Newtown, where his death occurred on June 11, 1897, was born in Newtown, Conn., November 25, 1828. After his marriage, and until coming, in the middle 'sixties, to Newtown Centre, where his death occurred and where his family have since resided, he occupied the farm of his father-in-law in Hanover District, town of Newtown. The present home of the family was formerly that of the father of our subject, but it has been remodeled and modernized, and is now one of the substantial and attractive residences of Newtown. William L. Terrill filled a number of offices of honor and trust in a manner creditable to himself and to the satisfaction of his fellow townsmen. He was first selectman of the town for three terms, and also served for a time as second selectman. In 1874 he was one of the representatives of the town in the State Legislature, his colleague being Abel T. Prindle. At the time of his death, and for a number of years

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prior thereto, our subject was one of the directors in the Newtown Savings Bank. In his political views, he was a Democrat, not strong in the faith, but rather disposed to being an Independent.

On October 10, 1853, Mr. Terrill was married to Hannah Maria Terrill, and children as follows were born to them: Ella J., William B., Emily F., Frederick A., Reuben B. and Henry B. The family are members of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Hannah M. Terrill, widow of William L., was born May 27, 1828, in Newtown, a daughter of Abel Booth Terrill, a granddaughter of James Terrill, and a great-granddaughter of Roger Terrill. Roger Terrill was born in 1732 in Newtown, and was married to Patience Foote. Their children, six in number, were: Abigail, Amy, Annis, Naomi, James and Elijah. Of these, James, born February 5, 1764, married, February 16, 1794, Esther Booth, who was born March 11, 1771. He was a farmer in Hanover District, town of Newtown, and one of the leading men of the town; he died January 18, 1827, his wife on May 6, 1856. Their children were: Abel Booth, born March 29, 1797; and Lucy Ann, born March 22, 1795, died September 11, 1833.

Abel Booth Terrill was one of the large farmers in Hanover District, town of Newtown. In politics, he was a Whig, later a Republican, and was a man of strong character. He was baptized in the Episcopal Church. He was twice married, (first) on April 3, 1822, to Sophia Botsford, who was born November 24, 1799. Their children were: Mary Sophia, born January 8, 1823, married William Botsford; Emily, born June 21, 1824, married Horace Beers; Caroline, born January 31, 1826, married Daniel M. Beers; Hannah Maria is the widow of our subject; and James B., born February 6, 1833, died July 3, 1866. The mother of these children passed from earth November 1, 1834, and on February 8, 1848, the father was married to Minerva Bidwell.

HENRY B. DIKEMAN, who died March 18, 1891, when about sixty years old, was one of the most highly-esteemed men of his generation in Newtown, of which town he was a native and a lifelong resident.

Mr. Dikeman devoted his life to farming pursuits, met with success, and by energy and well-directed efforts acquired a moderate competence. He was a constant attendant and consistent member of Trinity Church, a man whose kindliness of heart and thorough integrity and uprightness of character were not only graven on his heart, but shown forth in his daily life. Not prominent in public affairs, he cared little for the plaudits of men. He was devoted to his home, his friends and associates, and his death was a crushing force upon the members of the household.

Besides a wife, who was formerly Emily Camp, daughter of Dibble Camp, and his daughters—Julia and Lillie—Mr. Dikeman left a brother, Oscar Dikeman, of New Haven, Conn., and three sisters—Sophia, Mrs. George E. Porter, of Daytona, Florida; Martha, Mrs. Alfred D. Tyrrill; and Miss Emma Dikeman, of New Haven.

LAMSON BIRCH (deceased), who in his lifetime was a resident of Newtown, figured conspicuously in town affairs in the early part of the present century.

Born October 15, 1771, and baptized October 27, same year, Mr. Birch was the son of William and Catherine (Hubbell) Birch, who, according to Newtown records, were married September 27, 1750, and had children: Ezra, born June 28, 1751; Nehemiah, February 11, 1753; Sarah, October 13, 1755; Delight, November 14, 1759; Catherine, August 11, 1762; William, October 16, 1766; and Lamson.

Lamson Birch was married several times. According to the Newtown records, he on June 15, 1797, married Polly Nichols (who died November 19, 1807, in her thirty-third year), daughter of Peter and Rebecca (Camp) Nichols, and they had the following children: David M., William N., Polly A., Sally M. and Philo M. Another wife, Betty ———, died May 28, 1823, in her thirty-second year. The last wife of Squire Birch was Mary Ann, widow of James Glover, and daughter of Solomon Glover. She was born November 19, 1776, and lived to the remarkable age of 102 years, dying in 1878. She was married to James Glover August 3, 1794, and their union was blessed with twelve children.

Our subject resided on a farm probably a half mile southwest of Newtown village. He was a justice of the peace for years. He had the reputation of never being in a hurry save when he heard a case, at which time it occurred to him that the sooner he got it off his hands the better, so he seldom deliberated long over it but passed judgment promptly. In politics he was a Democrat, in religious belief a Universalist. From 1813 to 1833 he was several times selectman, and in 1817 he was a representative from Newtown in the State Legislature. He died November 19, 1859, aged eighty-eight years.

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REV. HENRY L. WHEELER, who died February 22, 1894, aged seventy years, was an esteemed citizen of Sandy Hook. He was the son of Samuel and Betsey (Smith) Wheeler, farming people, and was a native of Monroe.

For a time Mr. Wheeler taught school in Southbury, and later at Sandy Hook, both private and public. For thirty-four years he was in the tin and stove business at Sandy Hook, selling out in 1886. In 1878 he was ordained a Methodist preacher in Brooklyn by Bishop Foster, and at different times he served as preacher in charge at Sandy Hook, Brookfield Iron Works, Southville, and at West Redding. In his sphere in that denomination he was a very useful man. His wife (formerly the widow of Harry Tucker), whom he married in 1849, was a lovely character. A consistent Christian, she was a leader in every good work, an active and faithful member of the Church for years. In her hospitable home, for nearly half a century, the Methodist preachers and presiding elders were entertained, and a large circle of warm friends ever made welcome. She was one of those quiet, unostentatious persons who, by their courtesy and good judgment, are such a power for good in the world.

EDWARD STARR, who was a well-known merchant in Newtown along in the "fifties" and "sixties," died November 27, 1879, when he was aged seventy-five years; his wife, Mary B. (Turner), died January 3, 1870, aged sixty-three years. Mr. Starr gave up business some years prior to his death, retiring with a competence. He was a successful business man and a moneymaker; was a man of light build, frail, and of a genial nature. He had no children.

GILBERT FAMILY. Stephen Gilbert, the ancestor of the families of that name, a sketch of whom is given in the following, married Mary Holmes, April 15, 1773, and resided in Huntingtown District, town of Newtown, until his death, December 17, 1823. He was born December 17, 1749; his wife Mary (Holmes) was born December 18, 1752, and died December 14, 1840.

Ezra Gilbert, son of Stephen Gilbert, was born August 28, 1782. He was a farmer and landowner in Huntingtown District. He served as captain of militia in the army at New London in the war of 1812. On November 22, 1807, he married Sarah Kimberly Smith, of Wallingford, who was born July 27, 1788, at New Haven, and died at Tottenville, Staten Island, December 29, 1873. To this marriage were born seven children, namely: (1) Henry, born September 25, 1808, died February 12, 1862, at Easton, Conn. He married Eliza Barlow, and had children—Charles H., Caroline E., Emily S., Sarah N., Stephen B., and Albert S. Ezra Gilbert died in Newtown, December 16, 1826.

(2) George Gilbert, born November 24, 1810, died April 9, 1881. On June 7, 1834, by Rev. C. C. Stratton, rector of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, of Newtown, Conn., he was married to Julia Ann Bennett, of Weston, who was born September 1, 1810, and died May 9, 1899. The names, with dates of birth, etc., of their eight children are as follows: Mary J., born November 20, 1835, died July 11, 1856; Elias, August 13, 1836; John, February 9, 1838; Emeline, June 20, 1840, died October 20, 1875; George, September 10, 1843, died May 15, 1853; Susan, March 20, 1847; Adeline, March 10, 1849, died May 22, 1881; and Isabel, December 9, 1851. The father of these was by trade a carpenter, also followed farming. He was a good citizen and an upright man, esteemed by his fellow citizens.

(3) Horace Gilbert, born June 8, 1812, died May 21, 1886. In early life he was engaged in the butcher business, in connection with farming. Later in life he became a merchant, in connection with his farming operations, and was such up to the time of his death, carrying on business in Huntingtown District, Newtown. He was a well-read man and one of influence in town affairs, a strong Democrat, but was not active in politics. Mr. Gilbert married, September 19, 1832, Amanda Morgan, of Redding, born May 19, 1812. She died September 4, 1851. Their ten children were: Ezra A., born December 3, 1833; Edward, April 20, 1835, died March, 1876; Mary F., March 23, 1837; Cornelia, August 28, 1839; Levi C. is referred to farther on; Horace L., April 13, 1843, died January 17, 1880; John L., May 24, 1845, died May 22, 1885; Charles E., November 5, 1846; Martha A., January 29, 1849, died May 26, 1849; and Albert, September 4, 1851. Horace Gilbert for his second wife married, October 15, 1854, Sarah Sanford, of Easton, by whom he had three children, namely: Florence, Ida M., and Fanny A. Three of the sons of Horace Gilbert served their country in the war of the Rebellion, Horace L. in Company I, 8th Conn. V. I., and Charles E. in Company M, 2nd Heavy Artillery.

(4) Caroline, born November 18, 1813, died March 27, 1887. (5) Smith, born October 29, 1815, died March 30, 1879.

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(6) Albert Gilbert, born June 8, 1817, married May 3, 1846, Rebecca Edmunds, and had children: William E., engaged in business in Paris, France; Albert; and Rebecca W., who died January 23, 1882. The father was graduated from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Penn., with the class of '38. In 1842 he was graduated from the University of New York, New York City, and was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the State of New York in 1845. He served in the State Legislature from New York in 1849-50; from 1851 to 1858 he was secretary of the board of education in New York City; and was then eight years secretary of the board of directors of the Free College and Free Library of that city. By virtue of his attainments he was honored to membership of the American Institute, American Geographical Society and the Mercantile Library Association of New York. He was a man of great intellectuality and broad acquaintance, courteous and affable. He resided in Paris several years, and was conversant with the language, books and literature of the French people. For the last fifteen years of his life he lived with his son, Capt. Albert Gilbert, Jr., at Jamestown, N. Y. His death occurred July 21, 1898. (7) Eliza, born March 31, 1820, died January 7, 1887.

LEVI C. GILBERT, son of Horace Gilbert, was born October 24, 1841, and received his educational training in the schools of Huntingtown District. In boyhood he assisted his father in his butchering business. When about twenty he went to Canada West (now Ontario), and was there engaged for some five years in the manufacture of woolen goods, but since 1868 he has resided on his present farm in Huntingtown District, where he has now about 130 acres of well-improved land. In connection with farming he has been engaged in the butchering business, having bought the business from his father, and has since conducted it. Politically, Mr. Gilbert is a Democrat. In November, 1864, he was married to Elizabeth Waltho, and they have had six children: William, Frances E., Levi C., Lillie M., John LeRoy, and Charles. The sons are in business with their father.

WALTER JOHNSON, who died in Huntingtown District, town of Newtown, March 20, 1889, in the eighty-eighth year of his age, was a son of Jacob Johnson, and one of the old type of Newtown farmers, most of whom preceded him to their rest. His long life was passed in the immediate vicinity of his birthplace. In politics, he was a Democrat of the old school, and was never known to break from party lines—once a Democrat, always a Democrat. His children's names are Juliette, Elizabeth, Orville and Jerusha. His wife died in 1875, and both are buried in the old graveyard in Huntingtown District.

DENNIS WRIGHT NASH, who died in Newtown, June 14, 1891, at the age of seventy-three, was the youngest member of a family of children, and was the last to pass away. His three brothers—David, John and Peter—as well as his two sisters—Mrs. Charles Peck and Mrs. Ammon Smith—have been dead a number of years.

Our subject married (first) Betsey Lawrence, and (second) Catherine Lawrence, who is the mother of his daughter—Betsey A.

Mr. Nash was a member of Trinity Church, and few in the community had a higher reputation for integrity, industry, and all that goes to make up a worthy citizen. By trade he was a carpenter, and, because of his conscientiousness, his industry, and good judgment, his services were always in good demand by his townspeople, among whom he worked for half a century.

PETER M. NASH, who died November 18, 1889, was one of Newtown's lifelong residents and excellent painters. Strictly upright and honorable in all his dealings, he was throughout life a hard and conscientious worker. He was a son of Micajah Nash, by his second wife, and was born in the Judge Warner corner house, where his father, who came here from Norwalk, Conn., and carried on the hatting business with his uncle Dennis, resided.

Peter M. Nash learned the comb-making business with Charles Peck, his uncle, when the business was so prosperous here that there were one hundred apprentices in the town. Later he went into the comb-making business with Hermon Peck. He was long station agent at Newtown depot, and finally devoted himself principally to painting. He was thrifty, owning a number of places in Newtown, and was a well-read man.

ELI GOULD BENNETT, who died October 24, 1883, was born in Newtown in 1829. In the fall of the year 1854 he, with his family (he having in 1850 married Minerva C. Sherman), settled in Coldwater, Mich., where he resided until 1857, then removed to Bronson, in the same State. Up to that time he had followed

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farming, and then commenced to enlarge his business operations, accumulating in course of time a large amount of property. During the financial crisis of 1867, however, he lost everything. In 1872 he moved with his family to Burr Oak, and commenced the work of retrieving his fortune; but again lost all, and the third time he began anew. He was in a fair way of once more making a fortune when he was prostrated by the fatal malady which had its origin about seven years before his death.

EZRA PATCH, who died at Sandy Hook, in the town of Newtown, July 31, 1883, aged seventy-six years, was one of the town's oldest citizens, having resided for fifty-four years in the house in which he died.

Mr. Patch was born July 5, 1807, at Danbury. When he was seven years old his father died, and the lad then went to live with Asher Starr, of Brookfield. He afterward learned the clothier's trade with Samuel Morris, of Beaverbrook, and then learned the hatting business with Joel Taylor, of Great Plain. On October 22, 1828, he married Betsey Adams, of Redding, and then came to Sandy Hook to work with Moses Parsons, his brother-in-law. He afterward went into the firm of Parsons & Patch, he being the New York house representative. He once represented the town in the Legislature, and for fourteen years was postmaster at Sandy Hook. For nearly fifty years he was an acceptable and useful member of the M. E. Church, in which he filled the offices of class-leader, steward and trustee.

PLATT. Ephraim Platt died May 11, 1834, aged sixty-four years, and Polly (Kimberly), his wife, died April 12, 1852, aged eighty years. Their remains rest in the old burying ground at Morgan Corners.

The children of this couple were: Harry and Bennett are both referred to farther on; Charlotte married Capt. Hart Shepard; Laura married William Scudder, and resides at Kalamazoo, Mich. Of these, Harry Platt died November 25, 1882, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. He was three times married, (first) to Tryphena Crofut, who was the mother of all his children, (second) to Hannah Barnum, and (third) to Julia Perkins. Tryphena Crofut was a daughter of Isaac and Tahpenes Crofut, the former of whom died March 8, 1851, aged eighty-four, and the latter on December 26, 1813, aged forty-four. Tryphena, their daughter, died August 12, 1846, in her forty-third year. Hannah (Barnum) Platt died March 4, 1872, in her seventy-second year. The children born to Harry and Tryphena Platt were: Jerome; Charles married a Miss Bassett, and is keeping "Platt's Inn" at Bethel, Conn.; Elizabeth married Bennett Blackman, and lives in Newtown village; Isaac, James and Eliza died years ago, when in youth.

"Uncle" Harry, as Mr. Platt was known all over this region of the country, was in his time one of the foremost men in Newtown affairs, and he built many bridges for the town. He was a great cattleman, buying oxen in the eastern part of the State to sell in Newtown. He was generous and hospitable, was very favorably known, and his place was a rendezvous of all cattlemen coming this way.

Jerome Platt, son of Harry, now occupies a part of the old home farm. In his early years he was an experienced hand with oxen, and not infrequently had five or seven yoke in hauling wood to the hatters in Bethel. He was born in April, 1836, and has passed his sixty-three years not far from the old home, occupied in farming. Until he was twenty-three he remained at home with his father. He has been married twice, (first) to Martha B. Joyce, who died May 10, 1866, in her twenty-ninth year, and (second) to Ida McLoughlin. His children, all by the first wife, consisted of two sons and three daughters. Mr. Platt is an Independent in local politics, voting for the man he deems best qualified for the office.

Bennett Platt, son of Ephraim, was born October 4, 1800, and died May 7, 1885. He married Augusta Shepherd, who was born February 27, 1817, and still survives. Three of their children died years ago, namely: Laura and Henry, in 1855; and Philo, in 1859, in his twentieth year. At the father's death two daughters survived, Mrs. George Hoyt and Mrs. Lake. Bennett Platt was a most excellent man and citizen, possessed a good mind, and had a most vivid recollection of the past.

WILLIAM PLATT (deceased). The genealogy and early ancestral history of the late William Platt is more fully spoken of in another article in this volume.

Nathan Platt, his grandfather, the eldest son of Josiah Platt and Sarah (Sanford) Platt, was born March 3, 1761, in Newtown. He married Ruby Smith, of the same town, and lived many years in Waterbury, Conn. He was a soldier of the Revolution. His second marriage was to Charlotte Dickerman. He died in Wallingford, in

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1845, in his eighty-fourth year, and was buried in Waterbury. His wife Ruby died in 1829. His children by his first marriage were: Levi Smith, Alfred, Ely, Almon, Anner, Leonard, Sarah and Martha.

Levi Smith Platt, father of William, was born in 1787. He married Patty Hawley, of Danbury, and spent his closing days on his farm there, dying at the age of fifty-eight. His children were: Emmon, Mary Ann, William, Lorin and Elizabeth. Of these, Emmon lived to be in his eighty-second year, dying October 16, 1890. For years he worked with his brother William in the button business.

William Platt was born in 1814 in Washington, Conn. He entered Yale College, but on account of poor health he was obliged to give up his studies there. He followed teaching successfully until he commenced manufacturing buttons in Danbury, in 1842. In 1844 he moved the business to Cold Spring, continuing the same there until 1869, when he moved to Newtown village. In 1839 he married Fannie Sherman, of Danbury, daughter of Ornan Sherman, and commenced housekeeping in the house where General Wooster died—the headquarters of General Lyon during the siege of Danbury in the days of the war of the Revolution. In 1854 Mr. Platt represented Newtown in the State Legislature. He was a prosperous and influential citizen. He built a beautiful home crowning one of the hills adjacent to and overlooking the village of Newtown, where his widow and son Charles and family reside. Mr. Platt's death occurred in 1894. His children were: Francis William, born 1840, married Annie Northrop, 1866, and died 1877; Emily Jane, born 1841, died 1876; Charles Smith, born 1846, married Ella Eoline Ingraham, of Adams, Mass., in 1879; Fannie E., born 1850, died 1853; and Roger Sherman, born 1854, died 1872. The children born to Charles Smith and Ella E. Platt are as follows: Charles Roy, born 1880; Arthur Ingraham, born 1882; and Agnes Electra, born 1883. Charles S. Platt has for years been the organist of Trinity Church. He is a music teacher of considerable note, having studied music abroad, and is one of Newtown's useful citizens.

RICHARD PLATT, the progenitor of many of the New England Platts, came to this country in 1638 and landed at New Haven. He owned land in and around New Haven. He was enrolled among the first settlers of Milford, November 20, 1639, having four in his family. "He had probably brought with him from England his children, Mary, John, Isaac and Sarah, for his first child baptized in Milford, by the record, was Epenetus, July 12, 1640. Subsequently were baptized Hannah, October 1, 1643; Josiah, 1645, and Joseph, in 1649."

In August, 1889, at the interesting and noteworthy commemoration of the settlement of Milford 250 years ago, the name of Richard Platt was mentioned with honor, and among the coping stones of the beautiful memorial bridge erected over the Wapawaug, to perpetuate the memory of the early settlers, was one placed with this inscription:

DEACON
RICHARD PLATT,
OBIT 1684.
MARY HIS WIFE.

This among the capstones in the bridge was placed there by the liberality and thoughtfulness of two of his descendants, the late Prof. Johnson T. Platt, of New Haven, and Theron E. Platt, of Newtown.

The sons and daughters of Richard, as nearly in the order of their precedence as we are able to determine, were Mary, John, Isaac and Sarah; then those who were baptized in Milford—Epenetus, Hannah, Josiah and Joseph. It should be stated that Richard and his sons John and Josiah are recorded among the original purchasers and proprietors of Newtown. But John finally went to Norwalk, Isaac and Epenetus to Huntington, L. I., only Josiah and Joseph remaining in Milford, the first home of the family.

Josiah Platt, son of Richard (1), was baptized in 1645, the probable year of his birth. The town records say that "Josiah Platt and Sarah Canfield, both of Milford, were married December 2, 1669." Their children were: Josiah, born June 29, 1671; Sarah, September 17, 1673; Mary, November 13, 1675; John (a favorite name in most of the branches), September 5, 1677; Josiah (2), August 9, 1682; Hannah, baptized November 29, 1685; Abigail, baptized March 4, 1688; and Joseph, January 15, 1693.

The Newtown town records show that Josiah Platt, of the town and county of New Haven, in consideration of love and affection to his son, Josiah Platt, of Newtown, willed him half his land on Gelding Hill, in Newtown, October 18, 1758. [Vol. VII, p. 157.] Josiah Platt, of Milford, Conn., "in consideration of love and good will which I have and do bear unto my grandson, Josiah Platt 3d, now of Newtown," October 18, 1788, willed him land in Newtown. [Large Vol. VII, p. 155.] Josiah Platt, Sr., of Milford, to his son, Josiah Platt, Jr., of New Haven,

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willed "108 acres on Gelding Hill, in Newtown." [Id., 1, 49.]

The will of Josiah Platt, dated October 26, 1758, is on record in the Probate court of New Haven. The testator mentions his wife, Sarah, and sons Josiah, Nathan, Isaac, Jonas, daughter Frances (Peck), and granddaughters Sarah, Abigail and Mary. He gave lands in Waterbury to his sons Nathan and Isaac. "Nathan Platt and Amos Platt conveyed to Mary Platt, wife of Isaac Platt, lands in Zoar, descended to them from their mother, Sarah Platt."

John Platt was an early settler in Newtown. On February 7, 1721-22, he conveyed to his brother, Josiah Platt, of Milford, the one-fourth part of a whole right of commonage in undivided land throughout the whole township. [Bk. 1, Vol. XXVI.] John Platt, of Newtown, conveyed land in that town to his sons, Ebenezer, John and Moses, in 1741. In Newtown it is recorded, March 11, 1766, that Josiah Platt was aged ninety-one; January 3, 1769, his widow was about ninety-one years of age.

In Newtown Records [Vol. VIII] the following is found: "Josiah Platt and Sarah Sanford were joined in marriage covenant November 13, 1758. Children: Hannah, born October 3, 1759; Nathan, born March 3, 1761; Isaac, born December 24, 1762; Louisa, born May 28, 1765; Amos, born January 12, 1768; and Jonas, born January, 11, 1770."

IVES GLOVER, who died June 16, 1883, in the eighty-second year of his age, was born March 12, 1802. He took great interest in passing events. He descended from Henry Glover, who came to this country from England in about 1660, being among the early proprietors of New Haven, and a large land owner in what is now that city.

John Glover, the great-great-grandfather of Ives Glover, was a large land owner in his day, a prominent man in town affairs; he was town clerk in 1712 and 1713. He died June 30, 1752, aged seventy-eight years.

Simeon Glover, Ives Glover's father, was born May 14, 1772. He married, for his first wife, Olive Booth, August 3, 1792; for his second wife, Rachel ———, March 22, 1795; and, for his third wife, Mary Gregory, August 2, 1801. There was one son born to him by the first marriage, Ebenezer Booth Glover, who died in the United States service at New London, Conn., June 8, 1815, aged twenty-one years. There were three children born to the second marriage: Harry, Charles and Olive; and four children born to the third marriage: Ives, Melora, Nancy, and Henry. Charles Glover (above), who died at Roxbury, Conn., March 22, 1884, in the eighty-sixth year of his age, was a native of Newtown, born February 14, 1798, and was the last surviving child of Simeon Glover, of Newtown. The earlier part of his life was passed in Newtown, working at his trade as a mechanic. The first one-horse wagon ever in Newtown was made by him, and in those days it was a novelty. After middle life he moved to Roxbury. Industry was his motto, and here, among the hills and dales, he lived until the time of his death, rearing a family of nine children. He was a great reader, and possessed of a very retentive memory.

Ives Glover at the age of fifteen learned the blacksmith's trade of Philo Whitney, and when twenty-five commenced business for himself. Ives went to Cold Spring, Newtown, in about 1836, when the Housatonic road was built, and worked at his trade. He bought the place, where he died, in 1842 or 1843. He was one of the town's foremost mechanics, and was of an inventive genius; he patented a pin for ox-bows which is considered one of the best pins for that use. For a half century or more he was sealer of weights and measures. At the age of twenty-three he married Julia Hull, daughter of Clark Hull, a prominent school teacher in Newtown, and their married life lasted fifty-eight years. Four of their six children were living in 1883, namely: (1) Mrs. Charles Smith, of Shelton, whose children are—Edith, Herbert, Leonard, and Mrs. Ida Treat, of Seymour. (2) Mary (Mrs. N. B. Lake), of Brookfield, whose children are—E. G. Lake, of Newtown; Mrs. Julia F. Cole, of Montana; Wilbur F.; Martin; Robert A.; Ada M. (Mrs. Norton); and Anne C. (Mrs. Booth). (3) Henry, an engineer on the New York elevated road, had children—John Henry, James C., Thomas I., and Elmer C. (5) David, the youngest son, lives at home. One son, Martin Van Buren, died in the United States service in 1863.

In politics, Mr. Glover was a Democrat, tried and true. He never missed a vote from 1822 to the time of his death. He was a great reader, was a keen observer, and a ready debater. He took an active interest in National politics, and was well versed in all the leading questions of the day.

GRANVILLE S. GLOVER, son of James and Ann Glover, was born April 17, 1797, in Newtown, and died there December 13, 1874. On January 16, 1826, he married Mary Hawley,

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who was born March 15, 1802, a daughter of Jabez and Parthena (Booth) Hawley, and died April 22, 1852.

The children born to this marriage were: Ann Elizabeth married Henry I. Gilbert. Charlotte died April 6, 1852, in her twenty-seventh year. Jabez H. died March 14, 1860, in his thirty-third year; he married Mary E. Peck, and had two children—Carrie and Effie; the widow and children now reside in Danbury, Conn ; Jabez was a farmer in Newtown, and held the esteem and respect of the community.

Granville S. Glover, for his second wife, married Betsey A. Peck, who died July 30, 1889, aged eighty-one years. Mr. Glover was identified with the agricultural interests of Newtown all through his long life, and was respected and esteemed by all.

BALDWIN. The family of Baldwin of Newtown, Conn., treated in the following, were descended from Nathaniel Baldwin, who was one of the first settlers of Milford, Conn., where he was a free planter, November 29, 1639. He was a cooper by trade and removed to Fairfield, Connecticut.

Caleb Baldwin, baptized in Milford, in 1702, and a descendant in the fourth generation from Nathaniel Baldwin through Daniel Baldwin and Daniel Baldwin (2), settled in Newtown, where he died March 9, 1772. He married (first) Mehitabel (who died September 5, 1758), and (second) February 8, 1759, Jerusha Daton, of Newtown. In his will, dated August 16, 1770, his children remembered were: Ann, Caleb, Daniel and Jerusha (last named being born of the second marriage). Caleb Baldwin was one of the leading citizens of the town. In 1740 he was made, by the General Court, ensign of the first company of Newtown. He was afterward several times a member of the General Court.

Col. Caleb Baldwin, son of Caleb Baldwin, born December 13, 1728, in Newtown, Conn., continued to reside there until his death, September 6, 1804. He married, (first) March 8, 1756, Naomi Hard, daughter of Joseph Hard, of Newtown. She died January 18, 1770, and he married (second) Betty Betts, who died June 28, 1781. He married, (third) September 11, 1787, Anna Febrique. At the time of his first marriage he was Lieutenant Caleb, but was frequently known as Colonel Caleb. His children (all by his first wife except Caleb, who was by his second wife) were: David, Isaac, Elijah, John, Philo, Lucinda and Caleb. Lieut. or Col. Caleb Baldwin was prominent in the affairs of the town; was representative to the General Court a number of times, and served as town clerk from 1765 to 1799, to which office he was succeeded by his son Caleb.

Caleb Baldwin (3), son of Col. Caleb Baldwin, born October 15, 1772, in Newtown, died there December 10, 1844. He married, (first) May 19, 1799, Betsey Beers. She died November 17, 1822, and he married, (second) March 24, 1824, Sarah (Prindle) Beardslee, who was born November 10, 1781, a daughter of Rev. Chauncey Prindle, an Episcopal clergyman of Oxford, Conn., and the widow of Josiah Beardslee. She died May 5, 1876, aged ninety-four years. The children of Caleb Baldwin (3), all by the first marriage, were: Anna, Daniel, Mary, Henry (born in 1807, married, in 1845, Alma Bryan), and Elizabeth (now Mrs. Booth, living in Huntington Centre, Conn.). Caleb Baldwin (3) was one of the prominent men of the town; was postmaster many years and kept a hotel for a long period in Newtown Street. He also farmed quite extensively. He began keeping the town records while yet in his 'teens, and succeeded his father as town clerk, serving from 1799 until 1843; his father, as stated in the foregoing, filled that office from 1765 to 1799—a period of service by father and son covering nearly eighty years.

Gen. David Baldwin, son of Caleb Baldwin (2), was born March 17, 1758, in Newtown, where he continued to reside throughout life, dying April 14, 1811. He married, February 12, 1778, Hannah Brooks, who died February 15, 1826. He was a merchant, a prominent and leading man, a militia general and popularly known as "General." His children were: Laura, Flora, Boyle Van Brooks and David Van Brooks.

David Van Brooks Baldwin, son of Gen. David Baldwin, born February 25, 1788, died August 12, 1865. His first wife Nancy died in 1840, in her fifty-second year, and for his second wife he married Mrs. Betsey B. Curtis, born in 1805, and died in 1890. For nearly fifty years David V. B. Baldwin was a prominent merchant and business man of the town, of the firm of Baldwin & Beers.

TURNER FAMILY. Although few of the members of this large family are now left in Newtown, it was among the first to settle there. They located in the northern part of the town, owning large farming interests, comprising much of modern Hawleyville, and extending east and west reaching down almost to Newtown village. In the town records it is stated that:

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"Jeremiah Turner, son of Jeremiah, by his wife Mary, was born May 27, 1709. A second son, Samuel Turner, was born May 22, 1713. Mary Turner, the mother, died June 13, 1714, and on September 15, of that year, the father was married to Wilmot Sherman, of Stratford." Following this record there appears the names and dates of birth of children as follows: Mary Turner, August 15, 1715; Hannah, March 19, 1717; Rebecca, June 15, 1719; Permiah, March 19, 1721; and Sarah, June 13, 1723. The father of these died August 23, 1724. A minute was made on the record by Isaac Beers, when clerk, that the first male child born in Newtown was Jeremiah Turner, born May 27, 1709. Again, there is a tombstone in the cemetery at Hawleyville, on which appears this inscription: "In memory of Jeremiah Turner, who departed this life December 8, A. D. 1778, in the 69th year of his age, being the first white child that was born in Newtown." By his side on another stone we read that "Abigail Turner, wife of Jeremiah Turner, died May 30, 1795, in her 77th year."

Jeremiah Turner and Abigail Lavenworth (born August 30, 1718), were married, August 17, 1738, and their children were: Jeremiah, born September 8 (old style), 1739; Miles, born October 12 (old style), 1741; Phebe, born March 26, 1744; John, born September 16, 1746; Nathan, born January 7, 1749; Abigail, born August 7 (old style), 1751; Mary, born March 21 (new style), 1754; Calvin, born September 19, (new style), 1756; Hannah, born December 13 (new style), 1758; and Frances, born June 20, 1761. Among those of the name buried in the cemetery at Hawleyville indicated by tombstones are the following: Ralph Turner died aged seventy-four years and four days. James Turner died March 23, 1894, aged 70 years. John Turner died April 10, 1865, aged 85 years, 2 months and 12 days; Anna, his wife, died September 22, 1867, aged 83 years and 8 months. Nathan Turner died March 19, 1820, aged 71 years; Sarah, his wife, died February 15, 1834, aged 75 years. Joseph B. Turner died July 16, 1867, aged 83 years and 5 months. Hannah, wife of Joseph B. Turner, died October 18, 1868, aged 78 years and 9 months.

CYRUS DIBBLE FAIRCHILD (deceased), son of Adoniram Fairchild, was for many years a respected farmer of Taunton District, Newtown, where his active life was passed.

Mr. Fairchild was born June 17, 1801, and died April 5, 1874, in Canada, while on a visit to his son Theodore. He married Polly Ann Blackman, daughter of Daniel and Lois Blackman, the former of whom died October 25, 1842, aged seventy-seven, the latter May 10, 1847, aged seventy-four. Polly Ann (Blackman) Fairchild was born August 21, 1802, and died April 29, 1893, at the advanced age of ninety, having passed her declining years with her son Theodore, with whom she had made her home from 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild had children as follows: Elizabeth died September 24, 1845, aged twenty-one years; Lilly D. died August 3, 1843, aged sixteen; Jane Ann (now deceased) married William Kellogg; and Theodore is a resident of Hamilton, Canada. The parents were plain, unassuming, good farming people. Mrs. Fairchild was a member of the Episcopal Church, and reared her children in that faith. In 1869 Mr. Fairchild was a representative from Newtown in the State Legislature.

FRANK L. SMITH, M. D., physician and surgeon, Bridgeport, Fairfield county, Connecticut.

SUMMERS. It appears in the town records of Newtown that the children of Samuel and Rebecca Summers were: Samuel, born at Litchfield, February 8, 1724; Robert, born at Stratford, March 10, 1725; Elnor, born at Newtown, July 22, 1726; Ebenezer, born August 25, 1727; Henry, born July 5, 1729; Gersham, born October 8, 1730; Benjamin, born January 8, 1734; Rebecca, born November 4, 1735; Luke, born February 1, 1737; and Jerusha, born August 11, 1739. It is not unlikely that from this source came the numerous families of the name that have resided in Newtown.

Oliver Summers, who died February 6, 1872, aged seventy-two years, was for a long time one of Newtown's prominent citizens. He was a son of Gershom and Hannah G. (Parmelee) Summers. Gershom Summers died October 18, 1826, aged fifty-three years, and his wife, Hannah G. Summers, died May 20, 1856, aged seventy-nine years. Oliver Summers in early life learned the carpenter's trade, and later was a farmer near Botsford Station, town of Newtown. He took quite an active part in public affairs along in the 'forties and 'fifties, serving a number of times in the latter decade as selectman, also in the 'sixties. In 1843, and again in 1852, he represented the town in the State Legislature.

Mr. Summers was three times married. His first wife, Emily, died in 1826, in her twenty-first year, and in September, 1827, he married

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[illegible] died in 1832, aged twenty-three. His third wife, Eliza, died May 13, 1874, aged seventy-six. George, a son of the first marriage, died in 1827. The first, a son of the second marriage, was married in Newtown October 13, 1847, at the age of twenty years, to Lucretia Stiles, and died April 13, 1852, aged twenty-two years. He had one daughter, Delia, who married David Lake, and is now deceased.

GRIFFIN FAMILY. For several of the facts in the following we are indebted to Newtown Records. Peter, son of David W. Griffin and his wife Margaret, was born in the Graveyard in Huntingtown District, and for a time followed the factory operated by his father in Long Green and Bruce N. David W. Griffin died October 30, 1832, aged sixty-five years, and Margary on May 13, 1864, aged seventy-eight years. She was formerly Margary Nichols, a daughter of Peter Nichols.

Peter George, son of David W., was born July 22, 1811, in Newtown, received a common-school education, and learned the trade of carpenter and joiner. For some years he and Winters Lake, brothers, were employed in the manufacture of buttons at Cold Springs, and after leaving partner Lake Mr. Griffin established himself in the button business at the homestead in Huntingtown District. He was a well-to-do citizen and highly respected. He was a man of ability, and took an active interest in politics, and in 1850 he served as representative from Newtown in the State Legislature. Politically he was a Democrat. On December 30, 1838, he married Julia Summers, who was born August 6, 1820, in Long Island, N. Y., a daughter of Webster and Anna (Treadle) Summers. Webster Summers was a native of Newtown, by trade was a carpenter and joiner, and lived in Long Hill District. To the marriage of John Griffin and Julia Summers were born children as follows: George, November 23, 1840; Bruce N., November 7, 1843; and Sarah, May 27, 1853. Of these, Sarah married Marshall H. Sears, of Monroe, who died February 22, 1893, and they had two children—Sarah (now deceased), and Clarence W. (born January 9, 1870).

George and Bruce N. Griffin were reared in Newtown, and there educated. Both attended the Newtown Academy for a time, and later Bruce N. attended a business college in New Haven. In 1861, at the age of twenty-one, George became associated with his father in the manufacture of buttons, under the firm name of J. & G. Griffin. Bruce N. learned civil engineering, for years was engaged in the publishing of maps, atlases, etc., and for a time was a partner of D. Jackson Lake, the firm being Griffin & Lake. He was also associated in the same business with others. The father some years before his death retired from business, and his son George and son-in-law Marshall H. Sears continued it for six years; then Mr. Sears withdrew, and the business was carried on for eight years by George Griffin, who in the meantime made valuable inventions (which he patented) that revolutionized the button industry. In 1880 he took Bruce N. Griffin into partnership, and in 1890 bought of the Ousatonic Water Company a factory, formerly occupied by the Shelton Brass Hardware Company, and they now have a business employing from 75 to 100 hands. They are active, industrious men and prosperous.

George Griffin was married in 1872 to Isabell Griffin, they have no children. Bruce N. Griffin was twice married, (first) in 1874 to Anna Hinman, who died in 1875; and (second) to Ida Dudley. There were two children born to the second marriage, Clarence and John C.

PARMELEE. The Parmelees now residing at and in the vicinity of Hattertown and Huntingtown District, town of Newtown, are in main the descendants of Nathaniel and Alathea Parmelee, whose remains now rest in the old burying ground in Huntingtown District. Nathaniel died May 7, 1834, in the seventy-fourth year of his age, and Alathea passed away November 28, 1837, aged seventy-six years. Their children were:

(1) Rufus, who married Diamy Bundy, was a wagon maker and farmer. He died December 28, 1878, aged eighty-five years. He and his wife had no children. (2) Hiram, born February 1, 1790, married Betsy Winton, and had children—John, born November 4, 1832, and now a resident of Hattertown, followed carpentry and farming; Alva; Laura A. died February 6, 1834; Susan H. died November 30, 1833. Hiram Parmelee, the father of these children, died March 10, 1878, and the mother on September 25, 1875. (3) Olive, born September 15, 1794, married Burr Turney, and had children—Hiram, John (deceased); Isaac (deceased); George, a resident of Hattertown, where he is engaged in wagon making and farming; Esther; Jane; and Polly A. (4) Hermon, who died May 7, 1885, in his eighty-second year, married (first) Polly Fairweather, who died March 5, 1831, and (second) Polly Peck, who passed away March

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11, 1890, at the age of eighty-one. One child, Peter, was born to the first marriage, and to the second were born Mariette, Sarah, Angeline and Emma. (5) Eloise, born in 1801, married Bradley Hull, and had children—Sally and Mary, both of whom are now residents of Hattertown. The mother of these died February 10, 1872, aged seventy-one years, the father on March 27, 1885, aged eighty-four years. (6) Polly Ann, born March 15, 1807, married David Corning, and had children—Edward, David, and two whose names are not now recalled. (7) Levi died April 17, 1867, in his seventy-first year, his wife on December 4, 1873, aged seventy-six years. He was a shoemaker by trade, and also was engaged in farming. His children were—Julia A. married Charles Short, of Woodbridge, Conn.; Grandison B., born April 13, 1823, and a resident of Hattertown, married Mrs. Phebe Latin, a widow, who died in September, 1898, aged eighty-four years. He is by trade a wagon maker, and has also been occupied in farming; George, born March 22, 1826, married (first) October 17, 1860, Rebecca J. Benedict, and (second) November 13, 1881, wedded Ada C. Summers, but had no children by either marriage (George is a carpenter by trade, but has engaged in farming chiefly since his first marriage; he is a Democrat in his political views, and in his religious faith is a Baptist, being identified with the Church at Stepney); Theodore S., who died in 1869, aged thirty-nine years, was twice married, (first) to Margaret Morehouse, who died in 1853, aged twenty-five years, and (second) to Lydia Patterson, daughter of Doctor Patterson, of Easton; Fanny E., born in 1832, married George French [see sketch]; Amanda J. died in youth.

GEORGE FRENCH, a farmer residing in Huntingtown District, was born August 9, 1829, in Newtown, and is a grandson of John and Sarah French, who died August 21, 1842, aged seventy-eight years, and April 26, 1847, aged seventy-six, respectively. Their children were William, Nabby, Turney (our subject's father), Abel, Abel (2), and David.

Turney French was born January 9, 1798, and died December 17, 1883. He married Betsey Bennett, who was born June 13, 1799, and died September 7, 1887. Their union was blessed with the following children: Wheeler married Euphena Judd; Louise is the wife of Horatio Northrop; George is our subject; Horace F. married Verona Johnson; Henry married Aurelia Taylor; and Harriet married Edwin Briscoe.

George French was reared and has passed his life, thus far, in Huntingtown District, engaged mainly in farming. In 1851 he was married to Miss Fanny E., daughter of Levi and Polly (Beers) Parmelee, and children as follows were born to them: Hobart S., Wilbur E. and Levi T.

ELIAS B. SANFORD, whose death occurred June 2, 1881, when he was ninety years of age, was one of Newtown's most worthy citizens.

Born in Newtown, February 16, 1791, our subject was a son of Isaac Sanford, a wheelwright and wood turner. Elias B. Sanford took up the trade of his father, and soon became proficient in the manufacturing of spinning wheels for wool flax. The spinning wheel was a leading industry in the town in those days, when the power loom and factory spinner were scarcely known. Mr. Sanford continued in that occupation until such things gave way to the march of progress and improved machinery. At the age of fifteen he became particularly interested in religion, and united with the M. E. Church, of which he was a consistent and exemplary member for the long term of seventy-five years. He held responsible positions in the Church during his long life and was an officer thereof when he died. Quiet and unobtrusive in his manners, Mr. Sanford was one who never put himself forward, but was always found ready to discharge to the best of his ability the various duties devolving upon him, as husband, father, Christian, friend, and neighbor. His true worth was best known and appreciated in the Church and family circle. He lived with his first wife, Sally (Lockwood), a little more than five years, she dying November 5, 1819. For his second wife he married Lucretia Fairweather, who survived him, being eighty-eight years of age in December following his death. She died January 18, 1890, and they had spent sixty-one years of married life together. Eight of their ten children were living at her death. Isaac, the eldest, then sixty-six years old, had been a member of the Eastern New York Methodist Conference about forty years. In 1881 he was living at Middlefield, Conn. Rev. Elias B. Sanford, then of Thomaston, Conn., is a grandson of the deceased, as was also the late Dr. Wilbur F. Sanford, of Brooklyn, N. Y. (2) Lockwood Sanford, the second son, who was sixty-four years old when the mother died, was an artist and designer and engraver in wood, living in New Haven. (3) Joseph B., at that time sixty years of age, was a well-to-do farmer of Preston, Penn. (4) Sarah died in Pennsylvania at the age of forty. (5) Frances died at Preston, Penn., aged forty-four. (6) Edson, who

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was fifty years old when the mother died was an artist and engraver of wood, and lived at Meriden, Conn. (7) Ann, born April 5, 1774, was a milliner, and lived at her father's place in Stratford. She was twice married, first to James Lawton, a Methodist preacher, and second to Lemuel Curtis, then of Stratford, but afterward of Bridgeport, a carpenter by trade. (8) Susanna, born February 16, 1776, lived at Frost's Bridge, Conn. (9) Elias, born February 3, 1778, was a graduate of the Connecticut State Normal School. He had been a teacher and civil engineer, and was then a manufacturer in a state established at Ore Hill, Sussex Co., Del. Three children were born to him. He served three years in the war of the Rebellion.

HARD FAMILY. The ancestors of the prominent pioneer families of Newtown and the surrounding towns were of the Puritan stock. The first of the name here was Cyrenius Hard, who served as second town clerk of Newtown, 1713-14.

The earliest ancestor of whom we have any record in this line was John Hard, and his wife, Elizabeth, had several children, says tradition, among whom were Increase, Ruth and Joseph, whose birth dates are not known, as also Asher and another James, who died in infancy. James (2) was born in 1735 and died in 1773. His wife's name is not known, but he had four children—Asher, Anne, Sarah and Abraham.

Asher Hard was married in 1784 to Hannah Beers, daughter of Samuel Beers of Stratford, and had the following children: Andrew Nyram, born December 18, 1784, married in 1804, Sarah, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Birdsey) Curtis, and had children. Mary married Alfred Divine Curtis, Mercy married a Mr. Weed, Hannah never married, lived in Bristol, Conn., Jerusha married Mr. Jemerson, and Cyrenius never married. (2) Cyrenius, born January 5, 1745, married Irene, daughter of Jeremiah and Alice (Curtis) Smith Camp, and had three children: Asher married Philo Booth, Rosa married Samuel Beers, and Ann married Enoch Tomlinson. (3) Asher, born September 25, 1744. (4) John, born June 2, 1746, married Mary Netterton and had seven children: Andrew Nyram, Jabez, Betsy Netterton, Abner, Asher, Clarence, Sarah, Hannah. (5) Mary, born January 7, 1748, married Josiah Wood, and had five children: Susanna, Laura, Betsy, Sally Ann and Asher. (6) Sarah, born February 6, 1751, married Alfred Divine Curtis, son of Benjamin and Mary Divine Curtis. (7) Ruth, born March 1, 1753, married a David Clarence, and had three children: Beers, Jabez and Clarence. (8) Ann, born May 9, 1755, married Ebenezer Beers and had seven children—Lucy married a Mr. Candee; Abinah married a Miss Burritt; Ebenezer married a Miss Botsford, Esther married a Mr. Glover; Currence married a Mr. Peck, Ehud married a Miss Hawley, and Betsey married a Miss Candee. (9) Zilpha, born in November, 1757, was married, September 12, 1781, to Zadmon Peck, and had two children—Smith and Ezekiel. (10) Abner, born September 6, 1759, married Lucena or Lavinia Nichols, daughter of Peter Nichols, and had two children—Chester and Philo. (11) Hannah, born May 14, 1761, died February 10, 1766. (12) Jabez, born September 9, 1763. (13) Mary married (first) Mr. Somers, and (second) Ebenezer Beers.

Cyrus or Cyrenius Hard, known as Cyrus of Pembroke, died October 18, 1838, aged sixty-five years. He was married, December 6, 1802, to Abigail, daughter of Gould Curtis. She died December 24, 1841, aged fifty-nine years. Their children were: Sophia (who married Brutus Botsford), William and Amos. Amos Hard married (first) Miss Mariette Camp, by whom he had two children, Elizabeth and William C., and by his second marriage, to Miss Catharine Lake, he had one son, Chester.

BURTON E. CLARK, who throughout his lifetime was a resident of the town, was born October 29, 1802, and died in Newtown, January 1, 1879. He was a son of David and Hannah (Somers) Clark, the former born in 1775, in Stratford, Conn., and the latter in 1782, in Bridgewater. They both passed away in 1851, Hannah on March 9, David on October 17. To their union were born the following children: Burton E. (our subject), Caroline, Baldwin S., and William.

Burton E. Clark in youth learned the trade of tanner and currier with Jeremiah Beers, and later he also learned the comb maker's trade, which business he carried on for some years until the panic of 1837. After that he followed the tanner and currier trade, carrying on business on the present site of the home of his son Edward T. Still later in life he worked occasionally at comb making in the factory in Berkshire. He attended the services of the Episcopal Church, while in his political views he was first a Whig, later a Republican, and as a citizen and neighbor he held the esteem and respect of all. On December 24, 1826, he married Abba Terrill, who was born November 10, 1808, a daughter of Eben and Esther Terrill, and their children

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were: Edward T., born October 22, 1827 (is referred to below), and Juliette, born April 13, 1834. The mother of these died June 30, 1876, aged sixty-seven years.

Edward T. Clarke (as he usually spells his name), when a boy, assisted his father in the tanning business, but not liking that as an occupation he learned the shoemaker's trade. Later he taught school, worked at different times on the railroad, and for a time at comb making. In 1854 he became employed at Berkshire, in the factory of Curtis & Warner, as foreman in the comb-making department of their works. In about a year thereafter he became superintendent in the button department, and for thirty-eight years sustained such relations with Mr. Curtis. This long term of years is an evidence of his ability and faithfulness. Mr. Clarke is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church at Sandy Hook, Conn.; in his political affiliations, he is a Republican. On November 5, 1848, he married Sylvia M., daughter of Hermon Peck. Their one child, Herbert C., died March 9, 1859, aged four years. The mother died May 4, 1889, in her sixtieth year. On May 12, 1896, Mr. Clarke was again married, this time to Susan J. Hyde, widow of Charles Hyde, of New Haven.

CHARLES SKIDMORE, late of Newtown, was born August 14, 1808, in Lake George District, a son of Abel and Bethiah Skidmore, the former of whom lived to be ninety-two years of age.

Our subject passed his boyhood in Lake George District, and on October 16, 1833, he was married to Mary Fairchild. The young couple began housekeeping with Mr. Skidmore's parents, but later our subject built what in after years was known as the Turner house. In those days, Lake George was quite a business center, and Mr. Skidmore was an active man there. He conducted a grist, cider and saw mill, later embarking in the comb business, in which he was successful, entering into partnership with Bennett Blackman (who had been in his employ for three years) and, later, with James Blackman, which enterprise was carried on under the firm name of Skidmore & Blackman.

Mr. Skidmore was the latest survivor of a large family—seven sons and four daughters—the others being: Daniel, who lived in Taunton, on what is known as the Edwin Camp place; Zera; Bennett; Mrs. Annis Jackson, who lived in Bethlehem; Booth, who lived in Newtown, and manufactured combs; Glover, who lived at Hawleyville, on the place now owned by James Coles; Mrs. Mary Ann Botsford, who resided in Roxbury; Maria Lake, who lived in Land's End; Mrs. Eunice Ann Blackman, who lived in the Racketts; and John. The mother of this family died December 28, 1893.

HENRY NICHOLS, whose remains now rest in the old cemetery in Huntingtown District, town of Newtown, beside those of his wife, was for years a blacksmith and farmer in that locality.

A son of Peter Nichols, and a grandson of Peter Nichols, he was born in Easton, Conn., lived some years in Redding, and in about 1845 or 1846 settled in Huntingtown District, where the remainder of his life was passed. He married Polly A. Dimon, and the marriage was blessed with four sons, namely: John B., who married Sarah E. Matson, resides in Hattertown, Conn.; Henry E. is a resident of Michigan, where he married; Frederick died August 5, 1860, when twenty-one years of age; and Jerome is referred to farther on. The father of these children died September 23, 1864, in his fifty-fourth year, and the mother on August 10, 1884, in her seventieth year. In religious faith, Henry Nichols was an Episcopalian; in politics, he was a Democrat.

Jerome Nichols occupies the old home place, and, like his father before him, is a blacksmith and farmer, and a Democrat. He was born in 1847, and has since lived in Huntingtown District. He has been twice married, (first) to Flora E. French, who died March 11, 1880, aged thirty-one years, and (second) he wedded Minnie E. Joyce. Five children were born to the first marriage, and two to the second.

DIMON FAMILY. The Dimons are of Scottish origin, and several generations of the family have lived and died in Newtown.

Gould Dimon, who was one of the early settlers in Fairfield county, came from Greenfield to Huntingtown district, where he settled on a farm and followed agricultural pursuits throughout life. He died March 14, 1842, aged eighty-five years. In 1776 he married Abigail Burr, and their children were: Patty, born August 10, 1776; Gould, July 3, 1778; B———, May 8, 1781; Betsey, August 29, 1783; Charity, September 9, 1785; Charlotte, January 13, 1788; Sarah, February 9, 1791; Gershom, December 10, 1792; and Hannah, June 11, 1796.

Gershom Dimon, son of Gould Dimon, was born December 10, 1792, in Newtown. He mar-

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red [illegible] Peck, who was born August 28, 1794, a daughter of Isaac and Lucy (Ferris) Peck, and they had eleven children, four of whom died in youth, the others being as follows: John B., Polly Ann, Fanny, Ferris (who went to California in 1849, and died there), Philo, Amelia and Harriet. The mother of these, who was a member of the Episcopal Church, was a good Christian woman, greatly esteemed by the community. She lived to be eighty-nine years of age, dying December 5, 188[illegible]. The father was a quiet, unassuming man, who followed farming throughout life. In his political views, he was a Democrat. His death occurred February 27, 184[illegible].

John B. Dimon, son of Gershom, was a farmer of Huntingtown District, where his life was passed. He lived to be seventy-three years of age, dying March 29, 1884. He was identified with the Episcopal Church, and politically, like all of the name before him, was a Democrat. He was twice married, first to Harriet Nichols (twin sister of Henry Nichols), who lived about six months, and (second) to Mrs. Fanny Toucey, widow of Abel Toucey, formerly Miss Lyon. She was born March 26, 1812, and died February 24, 188[illegible]. To the marriage of John B. and Fanny Toucey Dimon were born the following children: Arthur, who died in the Civil war, Isabelle, and John B., who died June 6, 1861.

Philo Dimon, another son of Gershom, was born June 19, 1827, and when a young man left Connecticut, going in 1850 to California, whither his brother Ferris had preceded him in 1849, and there died. Philo was a carpenter and joiner, which trade he followed in various States. He was absent from Newtown some forty years, then returned and cared for his mother in her last years. He never married.

ERASTUS ERWIN, M. D., deceased, was born in Roxbury, June 25, 18[illegible], and was graduated from Yale College in the class with Doctors Jewett and Knight, of New Haven. He went to New Jersey for a time, but finally settled in Sandy Hook, Newtown. In 1838 he married the widow of Dr. David Shepard, in her maidenhood Catherine Nichols, who was a direct descendant of Nathaniel Nichols, one of Newtown's first settlers, coming there from Stratford. Doctor and Mrs. Erwin had three children: Sarah L., married to William G. Hard; Catherine, married to George W. Stuart, and Emily, who died July 19, 187[illegible]. The mother passed away January 5, 186[illegible], the father on October 2, 187[illegible]. He removed from Sandy Hook to Newtown in 1841. For thirty-five years he had a large practice in Newtown and towns adjoining. He was well-read in his profession, kind, generous and sympathetic, an independent thinker, a ready debater, and loyal to the core to whatever cause he espoused. A man of strong convictions, he made some bitter enemies, but he also made hosts of warm and true friends, and when he died genuine sorrow reigned for a time in many a household, where for years he had ever been, in all kinds of trouble, a welcome adviser, counselor and friend.

WILLIAM B. TAYLOR, an aged and greatly-esteemed citizen of Newtown, passed away on August 6, 1883, his birthday, at the age of eighty-one years. He had been married fifty-five years.

Just a year prior to his death Mr. Taylor's children and grandchildren gathered at his Palestine home on a surprise visit, to celebrate the completion of his fourscore years of life. Our subject began his trade with Amos Parmelee, a wagonmaker, who lived at the place now occupied by Andrew Egan, and became a thorough millwright. He was born August 6, 1802, his parents being Baruch and Eunice (Gray) Taylor. He was married, January 1, 1828, to Lucy Shepard, a daughter of Joseph Shepard, who was born September 23, 1808, and died in February, 1888, aged seventy-nine years. In 1838 Mr. Taylor went to Virginia to build a mill, but returned the next spring. He built the machinery for the lower Rubber Shop, which was burned, and he helped to build the first water-wheel that was used in Ansonia. He also worked for a time with H. W. Tucker, the old-time Sandy Hook manufacturer, and was at one time in company with the late Sidney Middlebrooks, at the "Hook," in the lumber business. He bought his Palestine home of Thaddeus Staples, who had become bankrupt. Mr. Taylor was a steady, straightforward man, one whose word was to be depended on, and he was industrious to the last.

The children of our subject were: (1) Hermon Taylor, born February 15, 1829. (2) Joseph Taylor was born June 21, 1834, and was reared in Palestine District, Newtown, where he made his home until a few years after his marriage, thence removing to Birmingham, Conn., where he has since resided. He is a carpenter, and this trade has been his life occupation. On May 5, 1858, he was married to Mary Osborn, and their children are—Anna, Lucy and William. Joseph Taylor is a Republican in his political views. Like the family of his father in general, he attends the Episcopal Church. (3)

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Sylvia Taylor was born January 29, 1837, and on February 2, 1859, was married to Seth A. Downs, and their children are—Ernest, Sylvia and Charles. They reside in Danbury, Conn. (4) George Taylor was born April 23, 1839, and died August 13, 1841. (5) Emma Taylor was born July 14, 1841, and on December 31, 1862, was married to Edgar Weed, of Bethel. Their children are—Julia and Nettie. (6) Louise Taylor was born October 30, 1848, married Harlowe S. Benedict, of Bethel, and has had three children—Mary (now deceased), Gertrude and Starr. They reside on the old homestead.

R. B. PRINDLE, M. D., was born in Newtown, August 2, 1822, and about 1835 went with his father's family to Unadilla, N. Y. He read medicine in the office of Doctor Matteson, in Mt. Upton, and later graduated at the Geneva Medical College. He first practiced in Pharsalia, in 1849 moved to East Coventry, and soon after located in West Coventry, where he practiced until 1864, in which year he went to Norwich to assist in the management of the Chenango *Chronicle*, a paper established at that time by E. H. Prindle (his brother) and George C. Rice, which position he held one year. From that time up to his death he was not in active business, but gave his time to literary pursuits and to inventions, he having obtained several valuable patents. He was twice married. He had two brothers—Hon. Elizur H., of Chenango, and Samuel B., of Chicago. Doctor Prindle was a man of culture and pleasing address.

ABRAHAM K. FAIRCHILD, son of Truman Fairchild, and at the time of his death, February 18, 1871, a resident of the town of Monroe, in Fairchild county, was a good type of a New England farmer, though by trade he was a comb maker. He was born February 5, 1802, in Newtown, in which town his father was a substantial farmer, and where he himself resided the greater part of his life, being an esteemed and respected citizen. On November 22, 1823, our subject was married to Sylvia Dykeman, who was born October 6, 1803, in Newtown, and died April 7, 1889; both she and her husband are buried in Stepney. Their children were: (1) Harriet C., born November 16, 1824, married, September 12, 1847, John Nichols, who died April 26, 1882. (2) George S., born September 5, 1826, died, unmarried, January 9, 1849. (3) Nathaniel P., born August 5, 1829, married, June 13, 1851, Abby Bartram, and died June 22, 1878. (4) Sarah, born August 28, 1832, died July 15, 1858. (5) Henry H., born May 4, 1841, in Newtown, has been occupied principally in farming. For many years he kept the toll-gate near the Newtown and Monroe line. On November 26, 1862, he was married to Lydia, daughter of Orin Platt, of Stepney, she being born in 1842, in Patterson, N. Y. To this marriage were born children as follows: George (now deceased) married Florence Sirine; William H., a farmer, married Nettie Ward; Alice P. married Ernest Sherman; Hobert C. married Mary L. Botsford, and is a farmer residing in the southern part of Newtown; Sarah L. married Arthur L. Sirine; Edwin C., a brakeman on the Berkshire division, married Grace McDowell; and Perry E. was married, March 1, 1899, to M Belle Smith.

COLONEL ROBERT B. FAIRCHILD, who died some years ago in Bridgeport, was well and favorably known in Newtown.

Colonel Fairchild was a son of Burton Fairchild, who was killed by the blasting of a rock, when Bruce (as he was familiarly called) was quite young. The Colonel's grandfather was Kiah B. Fairchild, of Taunton District, town of Newtown. Our subject was a dutiful and affectionate son. His mother died when he was eleven years old, and he was then given a home in the family of Rufus Couch, of Bethel. After one year with them he began work in Bridgeport. He became a noble example of self-sacrifice. When grown to manhood he was a salesman in the house of Birdsey & Co. At the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in the 23d Conn. Vols., and went in the General Butler expedition to Louisiana, where he was taken prisoner same time that Capt. Julius Sanford and his company were captured. Later he was connected with the militia at Bridgeport. He had unusual executive ability, and was often sought to fill important positions of trust. At the time of his death he was colonel of the 4th Regiment, C. N. G., and was in a fair way to be promoted in due time to the highest military position in the State. For seventeen years he was superintendent of the Sabbath-school of the Bridgeport Washington Park M. E. Church, and exerted great influence for good.

MATTHEW FAIRCHILD, who died at Bridgeport, October 8, 1889, at the age of seventy-three years, and whose remains were buried in Taunton District, town of Newtown,

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was a well-known citizen in Newtown, his native place. At one time he was engaged in the comb-making business, then Newtown's leading industry, being associated with Isaac Beers. Later he was interested in the button business in Berkshire.

ALBERT W. FAIRCHILD, a farmer in Taunton District, town of Newtown, is living on the farm on which his father and grandfather before him resided. Born August 20, 1845, on that farm, he is a son of Peter Warren Fairchild and a grandson of Peter Fairchild, who descended from one of the pioneer families of Newtown and of the country.

Peter Fairchild was born in Taunton, March 12, 1756, on the farm now occupied by John S. Hewes. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, having served seven years; was a corporal, and, it is said, served for a time on General Washington's staff. He passed one winter in Putnam Park with General Putnam, and was in the Lansdown Brigade. In 1784 he purchased the property now the home of his grandson, Albert, was a farmer throughout life, and became one of the richest men of the town. He married Eunice Buckley, of New York State, who was a descendant of General Warren, of Bunker Hill fame, and their children were: Marcus, born December 5, 1784; Fanny, December 9, 1786; Rufus, May 10, 1790; William B., September 10, 1792; Nabby, June 30, 1795, a brief sketch of whom follows; Walter, September 13, 1797; Hermon, April 5, 1800; and Peter Warren, November 27, 1808. The sons were all comb makers. The father of these died September 20, 1833, and the mother passed away January 18, 1820.

Peter Warren Fairchild followed his trade until he was about thirty years of age, then engaged in farming on the homestead, which, with a small tract of land, fell to him in the division of the estate. Early in life he was a Jacksonian Democrat, but on the organization of the Republican party was one of the first of the town to espouse its principles. He was one of the building committee that erected the Universalist church in Newtown village, which building is now the town hall. On December 27, 1829, he was married to Caroline Briscoe, a daughter of Isaac and Anna (Sherman) Briscoe, of South Center District, and their children were: Emily, born May 1, 1831, married Charles Gray, and died August 6, 1861; Juliette, born August 5, 1832, married Hosea Northrop; Robert, born January 20, 1837, married Frances Smith, of Stamford; Margaret C., born April 28, 1838, married, June 4, 1872, Benjamin Lewis, of New York; Jerome B., born January 19, 1840, died September 28, 1893; and Albert W., born August 28, 1845. The father of these children died February 29, 1884, and the mother on November 11, of the same year.

Albert W. Fairchild was educated in the schools of Taunton District and in the Newtown Academy, and is a lifelong farmer. He is a well-read, well-informed man. In politics he is a Republican, in Church connection a Congregationalist. On October 11, 1865, he married Mary J. Green, a daughter of William H. Green, of Danbury, Conn., and they have two children, namely: Arthur D., who married Emily Smith, daughter of the late Rev. H. B. Smith (they have children as follows—Mary H., Arthur W. and Robert D.); and Adelade, who married Ernest Wilson, of New Haven (they have two daughters—Edith F. and Edna L.).

MRS. NABBY FAIRCHILD, who was born June 30, 1795, and died October 30, 1885, in Newtown, was then the oldest person in the town. She survived six brothers and sisters, and for fifty-five years lived a widow, her husband, James B. Fairchild, having been drowned in Taunton Lake while fishing, when aged thirty-six. She was married in 1819, and to the union were born five children, namely: Mary E., who married a Mr. Wasson, of Shelton; a daughter who married William A. Maynard, of Taunton District; Susan, who married a Mr. Warner; Smith B., who died at Alexandria, Va., during the Civil war; and Edward, who resides in Bridgeport.

WILLIAM JOSEPH TRACEY, M. D., physician and surgeon, Norwalk, Fairfield county, Connecticut.

FAIRMAN PECK, son of Turney Peck, died at Bethel some years ago, at the age of seventy-three years. He was of the seventh generation from Joseph Peck, of Milford, his line of descent being through John, Joseph, John, Turney and Israel. [See "Connecticut Pecks."]

Our subject, it is said, was one of the first to build a house in Hattertown, or, as it was then called, "Gregory's Orchard." He resided in Hattertown until some years before his death, and then removed to Bethel. His first wife was Julia Tomlinson, of Plymouth, Conn. She was the mother of the following children: Spencer died in Chicago; Jerome was a resident of Chi-

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cago some years ago; Amanda married L. H. Bevens; Nancy is deceased; Edwin died in Texas; and two sons died in infancy. The second wife of our subject was Mrs. Nancy Bigelow, and their children were: Sophia, Lena and Libby.

CHARLES FAIRCHILD, who died in Newtown, in November, 1883, aged nearly seventy years, was a son of Ezra Fairchild.

Ezra Fairchild's children were: Sophia, who married an Allen, of Woodbury; Ezra G., who went to California and was never after heard from; Betsey M., who became the wife of Hiram Vail, of Bethel; Lucretia, who married George F. Redstone; Mary A.; Catharine, who married Charles B. Glover; Eliza; and Charles. Our subject was married to Jerusha Edmunds, of Southbury, and had children: Charles and James F.

EDWIN CLARK SMITH, who for the past fifty years or more has been engaged in the harness business in the town of Brookfield, Fairfield county, where he has also carried on farming to some extent, is descended from one of the old families of the town of Brookfield. He is of the seventh generation from John Smith, who was one of the first settlers of Milford, Conn., and his line of descent is through John (2), Joseph, Richard, Joseph and Alvah.

John Smith married Grace ——, and had children: Ephraim, born October 12, 1644; John, born August 27, 1646; Mary, born 1648; Ebenezer, born November 10, 1650; Mercy, born December 5, 1652; and Mehitable, born March 4, 1655. The father, who was a man of high standing, died in November, 1684.

II. John Smith bought the property where our subject now resides, and it has ever since remained in the family. Being mischievous and a little wild in his youth, he, with the assistance of George Clark, pulled down the Indian Fort at Milford, for which they were severely punished and fined by the county court. He married, January 23, 1673, Phebe Canfield, daughter of Thomas Canfield, of Milford, and had five children: John, born June 18, 1674; Thomas, born March 17, 1677; Samuel, born October 8, 1679; Joseph, who died when young; and Joseph (2), born April 15, 1694.

III. Joseph Smith was quite a prominent man, and bore the title of lieutenant. On December 26, 1741, he purchased four hundred acres of land in Brookfield, for which he paid one thousand eight hundred and sixty pounds.

IV. Richard Smith married (first) Sabro Sherman, daughter of Samuel Sherman, of Newtown, captain in J. P. Cook's regiment, Army of American Revolution, and (second) Hannah Bostwick, widow of Levi Bostwick. His child by the first wife was Sherman, born May 10, 1761; and the children by the second wife were Gersham, born February 1, 1763; Joseph, born September 17, 1764; Benjamin, born March 29, 1767; Rufus, born January 8, 1770; and Richard, born July 3, 1775. Richard Smith died December 19, 1819.

V. Joseph Smith by occupation was a tanner and harness maker. He belonged to the Congregational Church. On May 20, 1785, he married Rebecca Parker, and had children: Mary Ann, born June 8, 1786; Thomas Parker, born April 21, 1788; Benjamin, born April 18, 1792; Alvah, born December 10, 1794; Orla, born November 14, 1797; Caroline, born August 29, 1805; and Rebecca, born December 25, 1808. Joseph Smith died February 5, 1830, and his wife passed away December 13, 1825.

VI. Alvah Smith learned the trade of harness making with his father, and followed it the greater part of his lifetime. He was a member of the Congregational Church, and was a Whig in politics. On January 17, 1816, he married Polly Parker, born July 28, 1792, a daughter of Abner Parker, and their children were: Anson, born February 13, 1818, died December 23, 1861; Edwin C., born February 11, 1823; and Elizabeth C. (adopted), born June 21, 1823, and died December 1, 1839. Alvah Smith died October 6, 1869.

VII. Edwin C. Smith, after attending the district school for a time, went to the Newtown Academy, then to a private school in New Haven. He learned the harness-making trade with his father and brother Anson, and became a partner of the latter, so remaining until Anson's death, in 1861, since which time he has carried on business alone. He has a farm of some one hundred and fifty acres. He is an esteemed citizen, a member of the Congregational Church, and in politics is a Republican. On October 21, 1846, he was married to Lucy Ann Peck, and their children are: Mary A. (Mrs. H. W. Green); Edward Keeler (married to Nellie Ford); Lucy; Joseph Cornelius (a graduate of Yale College, class of 1885, now in the office of the Boston *Globe*); Anna Florine, born May 17, 1848, died April 5, 1857; Alfred Peck, born September 25, 1854, died June 23, 1860; William Joseph, born December 9, 1857, died April 8, 1865; and Henry Alfred, born February 8, 1861, died April 17, 1862.

Anson Smith, mentioned above, was married,

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October 7, 1840, to Susan Curtis, and had four children: Salena Elizabeth, died March 11, 1842, aged six months; Henry C., No. 49 Van Buren St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Anson P., a physician, Cosmopolitan Hotel, New York City; and Mrs. Alice H. Clark, of Shelton, Connecticut.

OLIVER PECK, who died May 26, 1857, in Newtown, when aged seventy-four years, was of the sixth generation from Joseph Peck, of Milford. The line of his descent was through John, Joseph, John and Israel. Oliver Peck resided on a farm in the southern part of the town. He married (first) Charity Raymon, and (second) Polly Sanford, but left no children. Polly (Sanford) Peck died January 11, 1854, in the seventy-third year of her age. Mr. Peck was a substantial man and good citizen.

ELON BOOTH (deceased) was a native of Fairfield county, born in the town of Monroe, just below the Newtown line. His parents were Andrew and Anna Booth, and their children were: Elon, Orville, Russell, and Delana, who married C. Newell Brinsmade. The last named was the only survivor when our subject died, March 23, 1890, at the age of seventy-nine years. All three brothers were large and massive men, capable of enduring heavy and fatiguing labor, Elon being six feet, three inches in height. He was an unremitting laborer and devoted his entire life to the sole idea of amassing a fortune, and though he succeeded, he enjoyed none of the benefits of wealth, except in getting it. It was his boast that he never spent a cent for a book or a newspaper, and that he never had a cent of money given him; yet by his industry and parsimony he amassed a large property which, at the time of his death inventoried $150,000.

THOMAS BRADLEY, formerly of Newtown, died October 25, 1888, aged eighty-four years, and Nancy, his wife, died September 27, 1891, aged eighty-eight years.

Both of these aged people were natives of Loop Head, County Clare, Ireland. Mrs. Bradley's maiden name was Quinlivan, she being a daughter of John and Mary (McMahon) Quinlivan, farming people. In the spring of 1850, Thomas Bradley, wife and two sons, Patrick and Michael, came to America and settled in Newtown, and later, a daughter, Mary A., was born to them in that village. All have since remained there, and have made the best of citizens, honorable and upright, and well-disposed people, justly meriting the respect in which they have been held. Thomas Bradley, Sr., who was a quiet, industrious, unassuming man, passed his life as a farmer; in politics, he was a Democrat. The sons have been among the best of Newtown's farmers. Patrick, who resides in North Center District, married Margaret Madigan, and their children are: Thomas, Michael and John. Michael, who married Margaret Keane, is a resident of Hanover District, and their children are: Michael, John and Mary A.

JOHN ALBERT SANFORD, who died in Hanover District, of the town of Newtown, November 16, 1887, was in the sixty-eighth year of his age. He was born January 14, 1820, and lived his lifetime at the old homestead that had been occupied by his father and grandfather.

Jonathan and Rebecca Sanford, his grandparents, commenced life on that place in 1768. They had eight children, all daughters save one, who by name was Zalmon. This son, who remained on the homestead, was born in 1775, and in 1814 married Hannah Curtis. He died in 1844, leaving two children, Julia and our subject, the former of whom died in 1857; the mother was called from earth in 1861.

A lifelong bachelor, our subject led a life of comparative solitude. In his early manhood he was an industrious and practical farmer, and was very fond of the raising and care of stock. Many a colt under his training became a valuable horse, and no one could turn off better-trained, well developed oxen than he. Upright and honorable in all his dealings, his word was as good as a bond, and his well-kept farm attested to his industry, devotedness and good judgment.

JOHN SANFORD, who died at his home in Sandy Hook, Newtown, in July, 1883, was born September 8, 1799.

Isaac Sanford, his father, was a wheelwright, and the son John was taught the business of making spinning wheels. He went out selling and trading the wheels made at home, and subsequently went into the store of a Mr. Edwards, at Stepney, as clerk, remaining there three or four years. Those were the days of the pushing Yankee peddler, and Mr. Sanford found his field on Long Island, fancy goods and dry goods being his stock in trade. After that he dealt in horses with Capt. John Beers, brother of Harry Beers. Dick & Sanford's shop was then standing across the road from Mr. Woffenden's house, and Mr.

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Sanford worked at broadcloth there, and then in the carding room of A. B. Beecher's satinet factory, now the Niantic mills, where he colored the goods for a number of years, finally making boxes, repairing looms and doing other light work.

On March 28, 1840, John Sanford was married to Mrs Mary M. Nettleton, of Orange, Conn. She died March 15, 1869, leaving two children: John L., and Mariette (now Mrs. Clark Hungerford), of Washington, Conn. Mrs. Sanford's mother was Anna, daughter of Elias Bristol, and her brothers were Elias, who died in 1881; Norman, father of Mrs. James Turner, and Luman, then a presiding elder in the M. E. Church in the West.

ORVILLE BOOTH, son of Andrew and Anna Booth, was born February 10, 1815, and died in Hattertown District, Newtown, January 28, 1888, aged nearly seventy-three years.

Mr. Booth, a mason by trade, was well known, and a greatly-respected citizen. He was a man of influence in his neighborhood, had been a Christian from youth, and an active member of the Methodist Church, in which for many years he served as a class-leader, steward, and trustee. His wife, before her marriage, was Annis Blackman, a daughter of Ebenezer Blackman, and their children were: Susan M. (Mrs. Styles A. Belfield), of Springfield; John W., of Brooklyn; Edward B.; Homer B., who was killed in 1864 by the accidental discharge of a gun, in his eighteenth year; Sophia A.; and Charles O., of Pennsylvania.

QUINLIVAN (or QUINLAN). The first Irishmen who came to Newtown were the five sons of John Quinlivan. They came from Loops Head, a point on the west coast of Ireland (in County Clare). The father of these five sons was almost a giant in stature, a brave, hardy coastman, noted for his physical power. He died in County Clare, Ireland. His son, Daniel, and Daniel's five sons, inherited this family characteristic, and were all over six feet in height, and models of physical beauty. Of these five sons only one, Daniel, settled in Newtown permanently. Michael W., another son, went to Chicago, where he now lives. Patrick settled in Binghamton, N. Y. John was twice married, and his first wife died leaving two sons and one daughter: John, Michael and Mary. By his second wife John had one daughter, Margaret. He died in Des Moines, Iowa. James, his brother, who did not marry, died at Newtown, Connecticut.

Daniel Quinlivan was born in County Clare, Ireland, in 1802. He came to America when a young man of twenty-eight, and, late in the decade between 1840 and 1850, he was married in Bridgeport, Conn., to Katherine Daley, who was born in County Limerick, Ireland, and they at once came to Newtown, where their lives have since been passed. "Uncle" Daniel, as he was familiarly called, for fifteen or more years was in the employ of Capt. James Nichols, who lived just below Newtown village. He then moved to a farm in Hanover District on which he resided until his death, December 6, 1895, when aged ninety-three years. "Uncle" Daniel made a good citizen, and ever gave a hearty welcome to all who came to his hospitable home. He was one of those sturdy Irishmen who possessed all the characteristics of his race; quaint and jovial, he was ever ready with a pointed answer to any question that might arise. His five sons, all fine men, are: John, by trade a stone cutter, is now a policeman in Bridgeport, Conn.; Daniel is a lumberman; Dennis is employed in the Rubber Factory in Newtown; James is a miner in Hailey, Idaho; and Thomas is a farmer in Newtown.

Michael W. Quinlivan was born in County Clare, Ireland, in 1807, came to this country in 1833, and after some moving about finally settled in Chicago in 1870, where he and his wife, formerly Mary Breslin, are yet living. She was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1819, and they were married in 1837. They reared a family of twelve children, of whom we have record of six sons and four daughters, as follows: George, a civil engineer, is now vice-president of the Texas Central railway, Houston, Texas; John is deceased; James is one of the park policemen in Chicago; Jerry is a blacksmith in Chicago; Daniel is shipping clerk in a printing house in Chicago; Thomas is in the real-estate business in Chicago; Helen is the wife of Roger Sullivan; Josephine is the wife of James Furlong, of Chicago; Mary, Mrs. McGovern; and Louisa.

Patrick Quinlivan, of Binghamton, N. Y., had two sons, Edward and William, and daughters, as follows: Mary (deceased), Mary (2), Ellen, Margaret, Julia (deceased) and Nancy.

John Quinlivan's youngest daughter, Margaret, married PATRICK MADIGAN. They were the first Irish couple to settle in Newtown, and they had sixteen children. The eldest, Thomas H., born January 3, 1841, is a member of the firm of Warner & Madigan, contractors, of New York City, with an office in Mechanicsville, N. Y. (He was two years old when they came to Newtown). The family lived on the Blakeslee place, at the upper end of Newtown street. Their sons

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were as follows: Thomas H. (just mentioned) married Joanna Bahan, and has one son, Thomas H., Jr., who is a lawyer in Concord, N. H., and judge advocate First Brigade, New Hampshire National Guard, with rank of major; Daniel (deceased) had no issue; John (deceased) had no issue; John (2) resides in Bridgeport, Conn.; Michael, a railroad contractor, was killed at his work, in Mexico; Peter died young; Patrick was a blacksmith for C. S. Warner, and died of smallpox at New Hartford, Conn.; James, who resides at New Milford, Conn., has one son; Henry is a master mechanic for Warner & Madigan. Of this family of nine sons, only two of their grandsons are living. The daughters born to Patrick and Margaret (Quinlivan) Madigan, seven in number, were as follows: Nancy, Mary, Ellen, Catharine, Margaret, Sarah and Nora, the last two being deceased.

AARON DAVIS, who died at Sandy Hook, Newtown, October 12, 1881, was a son of David Davis, of Southbury, who lived to be one hundred and one years of age, and was a soldier of the Revolution.

Our subject was born in Southbury, whence in early life he removed to Sandy Hook and there died, in his seventy-ninth year. He was a farmer, and owned a farm. In religious belief he was a Methodist. He married early in life and had eleven children, eight of whom grew to maturity. At his death he left a widow and five children.

ALFRED JEFFERSON BRISCOE (colored), popularly known as "Jeff," the longtime stage driver and friend of the public, died in Bridgeport Hospital in October, 1898. He was taken there a few weeks before by Charles Henry Peck, his conservator. "Jeff" was probably sixty-seven years old, although no one knows his exact age. His parents were Thomas Jefferson and Betsy Briscoe, who lived near where Martin Houlihan now resides. Mr. Peck says that when a boy "Jeff" was put out to service with Starr Skidmore in Brookfield, where he remained till he was twenty-one; next he went to live with William Blakeslee, and remained some years; then he was employed by Beecher, in the satinet factory, and later worked in New Haven and Danbury. However, he drifted back to Newtown, and for years was employed at one or the other of the hotels there, and from February, 1892, he had been employed by Mr. Houlihan at the "Grand Central." He was prompt in carrying the mail, seldom missing a train, was noted for his faithfulness, and was a favorite with traveling men. He was a member of the Newtown Hook & Ladder Company, and nothing delighted his heart more than to array himself in his fireman's suit and attend their public gatherings. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Georgiana Morton, of Providence.

GEORGE F. REDSTONE, who was better known in Newtown as "the governor," died February 4, 1883, aged sixty-seven. He was born in New York, whence his father came to Newtown to build the first organ for the old Trinity Church.

Our subject married a daughter of Ezra Fairchild. Their daughter Ida lived to be a young woman and died on Mile Hill, at Jotham Sherman's, with whom she had lived for some time. The second Mrs. Redstone was a sister of John Gilbert, of Huntingtown District, and after her death Mr. Redstone married a Miss Downs, of Oxford.

Mr. Redstone carried the mail from Newtown to Bethel before the days of railroads, and began carrying Newtown's mail to the depot in 1867, when Charles Henry Peck was postmaster.

JAMES MONTGOMERY BAILEY was born September 25, 1841, in Albany, N. Y., son of James and Sarah (Magee) Bailey. The father was injured in 1843, a tree falling on him, and he died not long after the accident. In 1846 the widow married Daniel Smith, of Rome, N. Y., and to this union were born six children.

In 1860 Mr. Bailey removed with the family to Danbury, and almost immediately thereafter began issuing articles for the press which from time to time, for a year or more, appeared in the New York *Sunday Mercury*. From the first his personality was evidenced in the nature of his writings, which partook of the exuberant fun and good fellowship characteristic of him. When the Civil war broke out he decided to enlist in the Union cause, and on August 28, 1861, was mustered into the service as a member of Company C, 17th Conn. V. I., which went to the front the month following. At the battle of Gettysburg he was captured, being sent to Belle Isle, where for several months he suffered all the hardships to which the prisoners were subjected, but he was at last exchanged, broken in health by malaria and starvation, and returned home.

In 1865, in company with Mr. Donovan, Mr. Bailey purchased the *Danbury Times*, which was conducted in the interests of Democracy until

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1870, when it was consolidated with the *Jeffersonian*—a Republican sheet—under the title of the *Danbury News*. During the six years following Mr. Bailey traveled considerably, writing articles for the paper, in 1874 visiting England, Scotland, Ireland, and France and other parts of the Continent. In 1876 he wrote a number of articles from California under the mystery-inspiring letters "T. B. T. G. G.," which, he afterward explained, meant "Tight Boots Through Golden Gate." The same year he was engaged by the Redpath Lyceum Bureau for a series of lectures. The firm of Bailey & Donovan was dissolved in 1878, and from that time until his death Mr. Bailey was sole editor and proprietor of the *Danbury News*. He always evinced warm interest in the affairs—political, commercial and social—of his adopted city, was an active member and president of the Board of Trade, and one of the founders of the Danbury Hospital, of which he served as member of the board of trustees.

During 1873 Mr. Bailey compiled and issued a book called "Life in Danbury," and the same year appeared his "*Danbury News* Man's Almanac." His next publication was "England from a Back Window," and several years afterward he published "Mr. Phillips Governess," "The Danbury Boom," and "They All Do It." His humor was original, and he may be called the pioneer of that school now so familiar to all readers. Marvelously natural in his humor, in the mixture of grave circumstance with ludicrous events of every-day life, he embellished the commonest occurrences, the simplest subjects, with the cap and bells of royal humor, and his wit, pure and wholesome, never wounded; it was the "lambent flame of mirth that lit, but never burned," humor that has brightened many a life, and sent sunshine into many a home.

The memory of Mr. Bailey's kind deeds is warm and bright in countless hearts. No appeal for help was ever made to him in vain. Had he valued money for its own sake, he might have been a millionaire, but his generosity was unbounded, and money flowed as steadily and profusely from his hands as wit from his lips. His friendship was loyal and intense, and his relations with his employes of the most cordial kind. His great heart brimmed over with love for animals, made manifest in his daily life and in the columns of his paper. He had no enemies. When he passed away, March 4, 1894, after a short illness, he left a city full of mourners. To quote: "What pen can write for him a tribute, delicate, sympathetic, tender, such as he was wont to write for others? Who can analyze that great soul, with its intense love for the beautiful in nature and art, its sympathy with dumb creatures, so that the very dogs loved him with an almost deeper than human affection? Who can set in true light and perspective that strange blending of deep religious sensibility, profound melancholy, and sparkling humor?" All who ever touched his life have lost a friend. It was a peculiar phase of Mr. Bailey's character that he was subject to seasons of deep depression. Years ago, in the very height of his world-wide popularity, his sunny soul would pass at times into profound darkness, when he would pray for death, yet he would confess that there was no external cause for such despondency.

Mr. Bailey was married, October 4, 1866, to Miss Catharine Douglass Stewart, of Danbury, and three children were born to them, but all died in infancy. "His love for children was deep and intense, and it was a sad grief to him that his own died in infancy. Every Sunday and holiday saw the tiny graves in Wooster cemetery decorated with flowers placed there by his loving hands." Mr. Bailey was a constant attendant of the Second Baptist Church, and a teacher in its Sunday-school. [We are indebted for the above to the "History of Danbury," published in 1896.—ED.

JOHN B. PECK, an old and highly-respected citizen of South Centre District, Newtown, Fairfield county, was born January 24, 1817, on the farm on which he now resides.

Mr. Peck is descended from Joseph Peck, of Milford [See "The Connecticut Pecks" elsewhere in this volume], the line of his descent being through Joseph (of the second generation), Ephraim (1), Ephraim (2), Levirus, and Thomas W. Ephraim Peck moved from Milford to Newtown, where he died in 1760; he had married Sarah Ford in 1710. Ephraim Peck (2) resided in Newtown, where he died July 21, 1801; he had married Sarah Porter. His son Levirus, born August 12, 1753, married Anna Wheeler, June 24, 1778, and died in Newtown in 1810.

Thomas W. Peck, born September 9, 1779, was twice married, (first) to Sarah Ann Toucey, and (second) to Theodocia Coe. His first wife died in 1821, his second wife in 1846. In his early life Thomas W. Peck was one of the contractors on the Brooklyn and Newtown turnpike. His later years were given entirely to farming. He was a very energetic and industrious man, upright in all of his dealings, and bore the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. Politically, he was a Democrat before the outbreak

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of the war, after which he became a Republican. He lived to an advanced age.

John B. Peck was reared on the farm. During the winter time he attended the district schools until he reached the age of seventeen, then taught school until twenty-one. Some years afterward, in connection with his brother, he was engaged in the live-stock business, buying oxen and cattle, and dealing largely in poultry, and they were the first in this locality to ship poultry to New York. Our subject was the active outside man. They carried on a large business, and were successful. In 1849 John B. Peck represented Newtown in the State Legislature, and in 1862 he was in the Senate, representing the Eleventh Senatorial District, having been elected as a Union Democrat. While in the Legislature he served as chairman *ex-officio* of the committee on Agriculture. Originally a Democrat in sentiment, he became a Republican after the breaking out of the Civil war. In 1853 he served as second selectman, and in 1854 as first selectman. He is one of the trustees of the Newtown Savings Bank. Mr. Peck married Charlotte C. Colt, a daughter of Wolcott Colt, of Harwinton, Conn., and their children are: Fanny C., who married L. C. Morris [see sketch elsewhere]; and John R., who married Fanny A. Taylor, daughter of Rev. James Taylor, and has four children—Harley F., Ethel M., James Arthur, and John Wesley. One child, Richard T., is deceased. John R. Peck is living on the farm with his father.

Abel T. Peck, son of Thomas W. Peck, was born March 7, 1815, and was reared as a farmer, following that occupation all his life. He was associated with his brother John B. in business lines, as above mentioned, and was one of the substantial men of Newtown. In 1857 he was the representative of the town in the State Legislature. He married Huldah Hawley, and to them was born, January 29, 1852, a son, Richard W., who died September 27, 1855. The father died May 19, 1876, a respected and esteemed citizen.

AMOS PARMELEE was for many years a well-known resident of Palestine District, Newtown. His remains and those of his wife, who was formerly Mary Summers, now rest in the old graveyard in Huntingtown District. They were married June 17, 1798, and their home was blessed with children as follows: Phebe Ann, born August 29, 1799; Clara, born March 23, 1806; and Walter, born November 12, 1807. Phebe Ann became the wife of Cyrenius Northrop on October 22, 1821, and had children —Mary Elizabeth, born July 22, 1822; Horace, born December 12, 1827; and Lydia Ann, born September 22, 1828. Clara married George Botsford. Walter married Harriet Dykeman.

Amos Parmelee died March 20, 1858, aged eighty-eight years, and Mary, his wife, died June 9, 1860, aged eighty years. Mr. Parmelee was a wagonmaker and followed his trade through life in connection with farming. He is said to have been the first of the old settlers to build wagons in his section. In his religious views he was a Universalist, and politically he affiliated with the Democratic party.

SIMEON NICHOLS BEERS was born in Newtown September 2, 1801, a son of Samuel Beers (3). By occupation he was a farmer, and he also taught school for some years.

In 1847, Mr. Beers moved to Cook county, Ill., arriving in Chicago October 6, of that year, and, having purchased a large stock farm, he engaged in stock raising and agriculture, continuing until his death, on August 11, 1851. In September, 1831, he was married to Ann Eliza McEwen, who survived him till July 19, 1868, and children as follows were born to them: Samuel, Phebe H. (deceased), George T., William (deceased), Cyrenius, and Simeon Edward (deceased). Of these,

Samuel Beers was born June 13, 1833, in Newtown, Fairfield county, was educated in the East, and attended school a couple of winters after moving to Chicago, in August, 1847. He remained at home, helping his father on the farm, where he resided till May, 1880, when he removed to his present residence, No. 3646 Wabash avenue, Chicago, and devoted his time and attention to the real-estate business. On March 9, 1857, Samuel Beers was married to Emily Gray (daughter of Elisha Gray), a native of Monroe, Conn. Four daughters bless this union: Jennie May, Emma Electra, Lila Eliza (who is a practicing physician), and Rissa Gray. The family are members of the Episcopal Church, and Mr. Beers is a stanch Republican, but no politician.

HON. GEORGE WASHINGTON BRADLEY was born March 28, 1827, in Halfway River District, Newtown, and on the paternal side is of Irish descent. His ancestors probably came to this State at an early period, the first to locate in Newtown being his grandfather, Abijah Bradley, who was born in Cheshire, New Haven Co., Conn. This worthy pioneer was a farmer by occupation, and for many years he made his home in Halfway River District.

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He had five children, viz.: Abijah, Jr., who married a Miss Skeeles, and had a son, James W., now proprietor of the "Tontine Hotel" at New Haven (Abijah, Jr., lived to the patriarchal age of ninety years); George, our subject's father, who is mentioned below; Harriet, who married David Peck, of Newtown; Julia, who married John Calhoun, a tailor, of New York City; and Delia, who married George Wheeler.

George Bradley, the father of our subject, was born in Halfway River District, and became a chair maker by trade, but after following that occupation successfully for about thirty years he gave it up and devoted his attention to farming in his native town, where he owned at one time over five hundred acres of land. While in the business of manufacturing chairs he was in partnership with his brother Abijah, and for some time they made a specialty of scroll work and tops of chairs, their business being an extensive one for those early days, and they were classed among the successful men of the town. In religious belief they were Quakers. George Bradley was for many years a justice of the peace and trial justice, and he took much interest in politics, first as a Whig and later as a Democrat. His wife, Comfort (Tomlinson), who was of English descent, belonged to a prominent family of New Preston, Conn., her father, Abijah Tomlinson, being a leading resident of that place and the first dealer in monuments and headstones in that locality. Our subject was one of a large family of children, five of whom survived childhood, namely: William A., who was a member of the State Legislature in 1866; Mary, wife of Stephen W. Somers, of Easton, this county; Susan, who died at the age of seventeen; George W., who is mentioned more fully below; and Charles E. The father of this family died in 1876.

George W. Bradley, whose name introduces this sketch, received his earlier education in the district schools near his home, and he has always been a great reader, especially of history. On June 24, 1849, he married Miss Betsey Cornelia Munson, and soon afterward took up his residence on his present farm, where he has been successful in general agriculture as well as in horticulture; his apple orchard is one of the largest and finest in Fairfield county. In politics, he was reared a Whig, and his first vote was cast for Zachary Taylor; but since that time he has been an unswerving supporter of the Democratic party. In 1860, when thirty-three years old, he was elected to the State Legislature, which sat that year in New Haven, and in 1878 and '79 he was again chosen to that body. Among the local offices which he has held may be mentioned that of justice of the peace, which incumbency he has filled for several terms. Mr. Bradley has done considerable writing for the press, especially on political subjects.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley are both Universalists in religious belief; socially, he is identified with the Masonic Fraternity as a member of Hiram Lodge No. 18, F. & A. M., at Sandy Hook. Two daughters have been born to them: Alice Eunisa, born November 12, 1850, is married to Judge Charles H. Briscoe, of Enfield, Conn.; Jessie Estelle, born February 4, 1853 (deceased), was first married to Rev. Mr. Drew, a Universalist minister, by whom she had two children—Edward Bradley and Jessie Cornelia, both now deceased; on October 3, 1882, she became the wife of Willis A. Briscoe, son of Charles H. Briscoe; she was especially fond of science, and was an expert botanist.

Mrs. Bradley traces her descent from two prominent Colonial families. Her father, Job L. Munson, was a well-known miller of Hamlin, and grain from his mill was sent to Boston and other points during the Revolutionary war. Her mother, whose maiden was Sally Moss (or Morse, according to the modern spelling), was a member of the same family to which Samuel Morse and Patrick Henry belonged. When Mrs. Bradley was about five months old both her parents died, and she was adopted by the wife of Charles Curtis, of Newtown, whose father, Abel Curtis, was one of the principal landowners of the town. She had one brother, Basil Munson, and two sisters, Julia Ann, who married Nehemiah Curtis, and Sarah Nancy, who married James Clark, Jr.

WOOSTER PECK, son of Enos Peck, was of the sixth generation from Joseph Peck of Milford [See "Connecticut Pecks"], the line of descent being through Joseph (2), Joseph (3), Moses and Enos.

Wooster Peck was born in 1784, married Betsey Marshall, and had the following children: Elizabeth, Elliott M., and Henrietta M., who married a Lathrop. The father was a farmer, and resided two miles south of Newtown Street, in South Center District. He was identified with the Presbyterian Church, and, in his political views, was a Whig. He died April 1, 1861, and his wife passed away March 17, 1873.

Elliott M. Peck, son of Wooster Peck, died November 6, 1880, in his sixty-seventh year. He was a farmer, and resided south of Newtown Centre. Of sound judgment, his services were frequently sought in the settlement of estates, and he was always found faithful to the trust.

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In politics, he was a Democrat in early life, but on the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion he joined the Republican party, and remained with same throughout life. In 1854 he was a representative from the town in the State Legislature. He left a widow, five sons and one daughter.

DANIEL BOOTH HAWLEY, second son of Jabez and Parthena (Booth) Hawley, was descended from ancestors who were among the early settlers (from England) in Stratford, Conn. On the maternal side they were direct descendants of Earl Booth.

Mr. Hawley's line of descent is through Joseph, the emigrant, Samuel, Samuel, Jr., Benjamin, Benjamin, Jr., and Jabez. [See genealogical record elsewhere.]

Daniel Booth Hawley was born May 15, 1805, in Lands End District, Newtown. On December 25, 1833, he was married to Olive Hawley, born June 16, 1815, a daughter of Abel S. (eldest son of Jotham and Olive (Terrill) Hawley) and Hester (Hurd) Hawley (daughter of Jabez and Lucy (Blackman) Hurd), the former born March 5, 1780, and the latter on September 2, 1790, Abel S. having other children: Isaac H., born February 22, 1811; Maryett, born August 10, 1819; and Ferris Hurd, born July 31, 1821. Abel S. Hawley died March 12, 1849, his wife on September 15, 1872. He was a captain in the war of 1812, stationed at New London, Conn., and at Providence, Rhode Island.

The children born to Daniel Booth and Olive (Hawley) Hawley were: (1) Esther A. Hawley, born June 5, 1837, married, October 9, 1860, Rev. J. E. Goodhue, and had children—Mary H., born May 17, 1862; Willis E., born December 23, 1866; and Marian L., born September 11, 1876. (2) Elmer Booth, born September 7, 1843, married Cornelia B. Estey, of Chicago; no children. (3) Henry S., born January 25, 1849, married, November 20, 1879, Julia Curtis, and had children—Samuel C., born January 27, 1881; and May N., born November 18, 1882. Henry S. died January 19, 1885.

Daniel Booth Hawley died March 10, 1882. His father owned a large tract of land, and at his death left each of his four sons a farm. This farm Daniel Booth cultivated during his lifetime. At the time the Housatonic railroad was organized he assisted the chief engineer, R. B. Mason, in buying the right of way through Newtown and Brookfield. At the completion of the road Mr. Hawley was appointed station agent at Hawleyville, the station being named for him. He was agent for the company for thirty years, and for twenty years was postmaster, assisted by his sons. For many years he owned and operated a sawmill, and also a brickyard. He was kind-hearted, generous and accommodating, always ready to extend a helping hand to the needy. While not an active politician, he always took great interest in the leading questions of the day, first as a Whig, later as a Republican. He was a strong Episcopalian, taking great interest in Church affairs, attended all meetings, and gave liberally toward the support of the Church; he taught a class in the Sabbath-school for many years, Daniel N. Morgan, ex-U. S. Treasurer, being one of his pupils. He was a devout Christian, and as long as his health would permit attended Church twice a day on Sunday, rain or shine, a distance of three miles, over a rough and hilly road, in an open or covered wagon.

Mrs. Olive Hawley died November 2, 1886, at Newark, N. Y. "She was very intelligent, generous, sympathetic and kind-hearted," and, says a son, "I always felt very proud of her. She was a great reader and well informed; was a good conversationalist and a fine letter writer. Her mind was clear and strong to the day of her death. She kept up her correspondence with her friends to the last. Her letters to me were always entertaining and instructive, and did me a great deal of good. She was a devout Christian. For many years she suffered great pain from rheumatism, and for several years was unable to walk. But she bore it all uncomplainingly." After the death of her husband she moved to Newark, N. Y., and spent three or four years with her daughter, Esther A. Goodhue.

HENRY ALLEN (deceased), who in his lifetime was warmly esteemed, respected, admired and beloved, was possessed of a most kindly, generous and charitable nature. He prospered by industry, and his life history bears testimony to what it is possible for man, with willing heart and hands, to accomplish.

Mr. Allen was born April 24, 1821, at Danbury, Conn., a descendant of an old Connecticut family, and was the only child of his parents; but as he was a mere child when they died, he remembered nothing of them. The lad was reared by his grandfather, Stephen Allen, a farmer in the town of Danbury, who served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. After attending school at Danbury our subject commenced to learn the carpenter's trade. He did not finish his apprentice-

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ship there, but in Chicago, whither he accompanied his employers, and in that then booming young town he followed his trade some six years. At the end of that time Mr. Allen returned to Norwalk, where he established himself permanently as a house carpenter. He passed from earth September 23, 1878, a consistent member of the Congregational Church, with which denomination his widow is also prominently identified; in politics he was originally an Old-line Whig, later, on its organization, associating himself with the Republican party.

On January 5, 1848, Henry Allen was married to Miss Ann E. Benedict, who was born in Ridgebury, Fairfield Co., Conn., daughter of Josiah D. and Sally (Lighthall) Benedict, the former a native of Redding, Conn., the latter of Ballston, N. Y., born of Dutch lineage. Mr. Benedict followed blacksmithing in Ridgefield, where he died. He and his wife had a family of ten children, only two of whom are now living: Mrs. Ann E. Allen, and John, who also lives in Norwalk. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allen were born two children: William B., living with his widowed mother; and Charles Henry, a dentist in New Milford, Conn. Mrs. Allen, who occupies a handsome and comfortable residence on West avenue, Norwalk, is respected and esteemed for her many virtues by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

FREDERICK D. KNAPP. It is not an easy task to write the history of an uneventful life. Our subject is a plain, unpretentious man, generous, genial and popular. He was born in 1852, midst the picturesque hills of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., a farmer's son, and grew to manhood under the usual disadvantages that attach to farm life. His schooling was somewhat meager, as he could attend only in winter, and ended in his seventeenth year.

Finding farm work distasteful, he engaged with his brother-in-law, Mr. Bixby, to learn the painter's trade, being associated with him for three years, after which he formed a co-partnership with John A. Slagel. This was terminated in 1883, by Mr. Knapp's engaging with I. L. Mead as assistant undertaker and embalmer. Politically, Mr. Knapp is an enthusiastic Republican, and he has frequently been elected to office, serving as constable and tax collector, while in the fall of 1898 he was elected town treasurer. Socially, he is a member of Acacia Lodge No. 85, F. & A. M., of which he was master for two years, having passed all the chairs; of Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11, R. A. M., of Stamford, Connecticut; and is an honorary life member of the Masonic Charity foundation of Connecticut. At the annual Communication of Acacia Lodge, No. 85, in December, 1898, Mr. Knapp was presented with a beautiful past master's jewel, as a mark of esteem for and a recognition of his many years arduous labor for the Masonic Fraternity.

On December 6, 1876, Mr. Knapp wedded Miss Belle Farrell, a native of Dundalk, Ireland, who came to America in early womanhood. To this union children have been born as follows: Frederick H., now an undertaker in Worcester, Mass.; Elmer T., who died in childhood; and Mabelle, a charming and popular young lady, the sunlight of her father's home, who possesses rare musical talent, and is now attending the Conservatory of Music in New York City. Mr. Knapp owns a pleasant home at the corner of Lafayette place and Lake avenue, Greenwich.

William H. and Catharine (Waters) Knapp, parents of our subject, had a family of eleven children, of whom Harriet died after reaching maturity; William was killed by an accident, in childhood; Esther died in childhood; William Henry Harrison, a blacksmith, resides in Greenwich (he served three years during the Civil war as orderly sergeant of Company I, Tenth Conn. V. I.); Elizabeth is the wife of Henry W. Bixby, of Greenwich; Sarah is the wife of Charles E. Mathews, of Brooklyn; Hannah and Charles E. are residents of Greenwich; Frederick D. is the subject of this sketch.

E. M. WELLS, postmaster at Stratford, town of Stratford, Fairfield county, Connecticut.

G. E. TAYLOR was born in the town of Weston, Fairfield county, March 30, 1863, and received his education in the common schools of that place. After leaving school he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he has been engaged for the past twelve years, not, however, as an ordinary journeyman, but as a contractor and builder, having erected many of the finest houses in the vicinity of his home town. Politically, he is a Democrat, and in 1893 he was appointed postmaster of Wilton under President Cleveland, a position he still holds. He has been a justice of the peace and town clerk, and has also filled minor offices. Socially, Mr. Taylor is a member of Our Brothers Lodge No. 10, I. O. O. F. of Norwalk, Conn., and, in religious connection, of the Congregational Church of Wilton. On November 21, 1886, he married Miss Louisa Geoppler, who was born September 7, 1866, in

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the town of Wilton, a daughter of Louis and Louisa Geoppler. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have no children.

Curtis Taylor, grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Westport, and was educated there in the public schools. He had the following children: Osborne, who married Eliza A. Wood; Augustus; Marvin; and Clarissa, who married Noah Hoyt.

Osborne Taylor, father of our subject, was born in the town of Wilton, Conn., was educated in the common schools of that place, and learned the miller's trade. He owned and ran two mills in Weston, and later went to South Norwalk, where he ran a mill for a number of years. Politically, he was a Democrat, was twice elected a representative of the town in the Legislature of the State, and held many minor town offices. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was active in all Church affairs. He married Miss Eliza A. Wood, daughter of Burr and Maria (Andrews) Wood, and their children were as follows: Edward B., who married a Miss Sammis; Frank W., who remains single; and George E., the subject of this sketch. The mother of these children dying, Mr. Taylor married Miss Clarissa Dickens, by whom he had the following children: Charles D., who married Katie Coughlin; Minnie, who married James Blake; Carrie, who married Edgar Davis; William, Alfred and Annie, all three of whom remain single.

Louis Goeppler, father of Mrs. Taylor, was born in Germany, and came to the United States when a young man. He learned the machinist's trade, and was foreman of a gas-fixture works in New York for some years. Later he removed to Wilton, buying a farm, which he conducted, and he also ran a cider mill. He married Louisa — —, by whom he had the following children: Louis, who married Lizzie Trembly; Charles, who married Addie Abbott; Henry; Adolph, who married Katie Ruggles; Louisa, wife of the subject of this sketch; Emma, who married Harry Foot; Edward, Lavina, William and Julia, all four of whom are single.

WALLACE W. WELCH. This well-known citizen of Bridgeport is a worthy representative of a family whose patriotism has been shown on many battlefields, and whose members have by industry and thrift in private life made the name a synonym for good citizenship. The family in this section is descended from two brothers who came from Wales at an early day, locating in Connecticut, and various members distinguished themselves by soldierly conduct in the Revolutionary war and the war of 1812, while during the Civil war our subject's father and only brother, Homer, were in the Union army, the latter dying amid the horrors of Andersonville prison, after three years of active service. After a re-enlistment, and just before his capture, he had been commissioned a lieutenant in the 13th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry.

Our subject's great-grandfather Welch was born in Litchfield county, Conn., in the village of Warren, where he passed his life. Jason Welch, grandfather of Wallace W., was born in Litchfield county, and followed farming there, having inherited the homestead from his father, and he passed his entire life in Warren. For many years he was also engaged in charcoal burning, producing large quantities annually, owned many teams, and did much in that line. At this time the Welch estate consisted of over one thousand acres, the family ranking among the more wealthy ones of the place.

Noah B. Welch, the father of our subject, was born in Warren, and, like his father before him, was interested more or less in farming and charcoal burning nearly all his life; was also buyer for the Barnum Furnace Company, and in all his business transactions proved himself to be a man of good judgment. He died in 1886. His wife Henrietta (Gibbs) was a daughter of Tillotson and Eunice (Cole) Gibbs, who were members of a Sussex county (England) family. To Noah B. Welch and his wife were born two children: Homer and Wallace W.

Wallace W. Welch was born July 29, 1850, in Cornwall, Litchfield Co., Conn., and the first four years of his life were spent on his father's farm. He then went with his parents to New York City, where he remained until 1861, and on returning to Litchfield county (with his parents) he setted in Kent, and for some time clerked for his uncle, Jerome Gibbs, while attending school. He did not have many educational facilities, as he left school at the age of sixteen years; but, having always been much of a reader, he is a well-informed man on all topics. At sixteen he commenced to learn the trade of mason, which he followed for two years at Glendale, Conn., and on the Housatonic railroad. In 1870 he removed to Bridgeport and engaged in the bakery business, meeting with gratifying success from the start. He first hired out to C. Russell & Co., and has been connected with them in one capacity or another ever since. He has done business with A. W. Wallace for twenty-five years. Mr. Welch is also interested in the milk business, conducting a route in Bridgeport, while for some

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time he has dealt extensively in real estate, and is now the owner of considerable property, including several valuable brick stores in Bridgeport. Taken all in all, he has met with more than ordinary success, which fact he attributes in a great measure to the sound judgment and business acumen of his wife, who is a lady of acknowledged ability.

On December 25, 1873, Wallace W. Welch was united in marriage with Miss Mary Anderson, a daughter of Charles Anderson, of Bridgeport, and a granddaughter of Lorenzo Anderson, a native of Copenhagen, Denmark, whence he was brought to America in his infancy. Charles Anderson was first lieutenant of a company in the 19th Conn. Heavy Artillery (afterward known as the 2d Conn. Heavy Artillery), and he was a member of the G. A. R. By trade he was a spring-fitter and carriage-ironer. By his wife, Catharine Ward, of South Britain, Conn., he had four children: Mary, Charles, Robert Lincoln, and Catharine. To Mr. and Mrs. Welch have been born four children: Frederick, Bessie, Sarah and Harry, who are all at home. The family are identified with St. John's Episcopal Church at Bridgeport.

Politically, our subject is a Democrat, and in 1896 he was elected alderman from the Second ward of Bridgeport; was re-elected in the spring of 1899, on that occasion receiving the largest vote of any candidate on the Democratic ticket, viz.: 5,992, the mayor receiving 4,547. It is almost superfluous to add that he gives to his duties in that incumbency the same energy and foresight that has made his private business affairs so successful, as witness among other things his efficient work in securing crushed stone for the use of the city, which has saved many dollars to the treasury. He was a member of what was called the "Crushing committee," and in 1898 saved over five thousand dollars to the city; has also served on the Ways and Means and Sidewalk, besides several miscellaneous committees. Socially he is a member of the I. O. F. of America, and has taken quite an interest in Freemasonry as a member of St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M., at Bridgeport.

JUDGE JEROME F. GIBBS, a prominent merchant of Kent, town clerk, and formerly a member of the Connecticut Legislature, was born in Kent, Conn., May 19, 1830, a son of Tillotson and Eunice (Cole) Gibbs. The founder of this family was Giles Gibbs, who with his brothers, Francis and Joseph, came from Devonshire, England. It is believed that Giles settled in Dorchester in 1633. He died in Windsor, Conn., in May, 1041. Jacob was a son of Giles, and either Samuel or Jacob was a son of Jacob, and this son had a son Benjamin, who married Abigal Marshall, September 16, 1708. They lived in Windsor and Litchfield, Conn., and had Benjamin, born 1710; Zebulon, born 1711; Henry, in 1713; Abigal, in 1715 or 1714; Hannah, in 1716; William, in 1718—all in Windsor, Conn. Then came Gersham, who was the first white male child born in Litchfield town, the event occurring July 28, 1721; Zadock, born 1722; Elizabeth, 1725; Sarah, 1727; Caleb, 1729; Justice, 1731; and Remembrance (the last), in 1734.

Mr. Gibbs' great-grandfather, Gersham Gibbs, his brother Benjamin, his sons Isaac and Moore, were enlisted in a company of volunteers organized in Litchfield, Conn., and served in the Revolution. Gersham died on board the convict ship "Grosvenor," in New York harbor, on December 29, 1776. Isaac, his son, died on the same ship, January 15, 1777. Among the effects of Captain Beebe was found the receipt following. Account of Gersham Gibbs: "Received of Captain Beebe three dollars that belonged to my husband and son, which was part of the money sent to them whilst prisoners in New York. [Signed] Tabitha Gibbs."

Moore Gibbs, son of Gersham Gibbs, went to South Britain, Conn., and there married Patience Skeel, June 29, 1780. Their children were: Amos A., born April 4, 1787, died September 25, 1820, in Pennsylvania; Reuben Marshall, born March 14, 1794; Tillotson Howe, born May 2, 1790, died February 23, 1868; Birdsey, born February 16, 1798; Phebe, born May 18, 1803; Willis, born August 13, 1804, died July 5, 1874; Rhoda, born March 17, 1807; and Menton, born April 20, 1809.

Tillotson Gibbs, Mr. Gibbs' father, whose birth occurred in Litchfield, Conn., was reared a farmer, and followed that occupation, at the same time keeping a hotel in his native town until he reached middle age. Then he removed to Kent, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying at the age of seventy-one. He was widely and favorably known as a genial and fair-minded man and a useful citizen.

On January 11, 1818, at Weston, Conn., he married Eunice Cole, a daughter of Jonathan Cole, and she became the mother of six children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Catherine L., January 8, 1819; Henrietta, October 16, 1822, died November 8, 1895; Frederick Baldwin, November 19, 1824; Willis, May 24, 1828, died June 13, 1882; Mary Z., August 16, 1832; Jerome F., May 9, 1830. Catherine married (first) a Mr. Rigner, after whose death she married (second) Daniel Trembley, by whom she

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had three children—Sarah, Isabella and Daniel; Henrietta became Mrs. Welch, and reared two children—Homer and Wallace W.; Willis married Margaret Nevins, and reared four children—Mary, born March 28, 1851; George W., December 10, 1852; Henrietta, September 13, 1858; Frederick Howe, October 24, 1860; Mary Z. became Mrs. Henry Small. The mother lived to the age of ninety-one years.

Revolutionary services of Moore Gibbs, of Litchfield, aged sixty-three: He served in the regiment of cavalry commanded by Col. Elisha Sheldon, in the Continental establishment, part of the time in the company commanded by Capt. Josiah Stoddard; afterward in the company commanded by Capt. Elijah Wadsworth; afterward in the company commanded by Capt. Jeronimus Hoogland, in which last company he was serving at the conclusion of the war, when he was discharged. He enlisted in said regiment in the month of April, 1777, during the war, and served until the war ended. Previous to his joining the Continental army, as foresaid, he served in a regiment raised in the State of Connecticut for seven months in the year 1776, commanded by Gen. David Wooster, in the company commanded by Major David Welch. In the year 1776 he was in a regiment raised in said State for nine months, commanded by Col. Phillip Burr Bradley, in the company commanded by Capt. Bezaleel Beebe. Received a pension on the 20th of September, 1818, No. 3180; was discharged at the termination of the war, at Danbury.

Lebbens J. Welch, a thriving and industrious farmer of Cornwall, and a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Warren, Conn., March 12, 1835, son of Jason and Sarah (Bright) Welch. His first ancestor in this country was Thomas Welch, a native of Wales, who migrated from that country to America. His son Paul, Mr. Welch's great-grandfather, followed the sea, and was engaged as a trader for some years between Bridgeport, Conn., and the West Indies. He subsequently settled in New Milford, Conn., where he engaged in mercantile business, and was the first merchant in that town. His children were: David, John, Abner, Nathan, Jephthah, Irene and Harriet.

John Welch, grandfather of L. J. Welch, was born in New Milford, Conn., and followed the trade of a carpenter. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and at the close of his military experience took up his residence in Warren, Conn. He lived to reach the age of eighty-three years. He married Rispah Page, a native of Litchfield, and they reared two children, Jason and Lois. Mrs. John Welch died at the age of sixty-six years.

Jason Welsh, father of our special subject, was born in Warren, and was a lifelong resident of that town. He adopted agriculture as an occupation, and, being energetic and industrious, achieved a fair degree of success. He lived to be eighty-seven years old. His wife Sarah (Bright), daughter of Shores Bright, a native of New Jersey, became the mother of eight children, namely: Henrietta, David, Noah, Evi, Antoinette, Teresia, Lebbens J. and Mary.

FRANK L. CURTIS, undertaker and embalmer, Stratford, town of Stratford, Fairfield county, Connecticut.

ELIJAH VANDERWERKEN is a highly-respected citizen of Stamford, Fairfield county, where he has carried on a jewelry business for a number of years.

Mr. Vanderwerken is a native of New York State, born October 29, 1845, at Green Bush, and comes from an old New York family. The first of his ancestors in this country, of whom we have record, was Roeloff Gerritse Van Der Werken, of Halve Maan, who as early as 1677 owned a farm on Cahoos Island, above the fourth fork of the Mohawk river. In 1680 he purchased seven morgens adjoining his land on the west, and north of the fourth fork, and two morgens on Havre Island, from Armetie Lievens. He married Geertruy Jacobse, by whom he had a family of ten children, namely: Gerrit, Albert, Hendrick, Nicolaas, Maritie, Jannettie, Catarina, Johannes, Elizabeth and Jacob.

II. Gerrit Roeloffse Van Der Werken married Maritie Janse De Voe, and was the father of five children: Geertruy, Jannetje, Catharina, Gerardus and Johannes. He was buried February 2, 1756.

III. Johannes Van Der Werken, born June 13, 1714, married Christina Pruyn on March 1, 1737, and had ten children: Margarita, Frans, Elizabeth, Barent, Gerardus, Marytje, Johannes, Barent, Alida and Johannatje.

IV. Johannes Van Der Werken, Jr., of Halve Maan, married Marytje De Voe on December 26, 1754, and they became the parents of nine children, viz.: Engeltie, Margarita, Marya, Johannes, Geertruy, Elizabeth, Annatie, Abraham and Roeloff.

V. Johannes Van Der Werken married Catharina Slingerland, and by her had three children: Abraham, Rebecca and Hendrick.

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VI. Hendrick Van Der Werken, of Halve Maan, married Catharina Kremer; four children were born to them: Lawrence, Adam, George and Abram.

VII. George Vanderwerken, grandfather of our subject, was born at Waterford, Saratoga Co., N. Y. By occupation he was a miller, running one of the first mills in his part of the country. For his first wife he married a Miss Van Valkenburg, by whom he had five children, namely: Henry, Gilbert, George Scott, Jane and Catherine. His second was a Mrs. Vanderwerken, a widow, and by this union there were also five children: Sally, Susan, Jacob, James and William. The father passed away in Stillwater township, Saratoga Co., N. Y. He was a member of the Dutch Reformed Church, and the land for that church and burial plot at Waterford, N. Y., was donated by the Vanderwerken family.

VIII. George Scott Vanderwerken, father of the gentleman whose name introduces these lines, was born in 1811 at Waterford, in the town of Half Moon, Saratoga Co., N. Y., and passed his early days in his native town, there receiving a common-school education. He worked in the mill with his father, and also engaged in agricultural pursuits, working part of the farm in Stillwater, Saratoga county. At Scaghticoke, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., he was united in marriage with Mary A. Reynolds, who survives him, making her home at Mechanicsville, N. Y. Their union was blessed with four children, to wit: Elijah; Sidney, who is deceased; Maggie, the wife of C. M. Fort, of Mechanicsville, N. Y.; and Ida, deceased wife of Holmes C. Baker, of Stillwater, N. Y. Mr. Vanderwerken died at Waterford, N. Y. He was originally a Whig in political sentiment, later becoming a member of the Republican party, and in religious connection he was a member of the Presbyterian Church, with which his widow also unites.

Elijah Vanderwerken obtained a good education in the academy at Mechanicsville, N. Y., where he spent his youth. He began life as a clerk in the establishment of his uncle, Thomas P. Crook, who was a wholesale provision merchant in State street, Albany, N. Y., remaining with him five years, after which he embarked in business for himself, in the grocery and provision line, as a member of the firm of L. P. Couse & Co., Hudson, N. Y., for two years. At the end of that time he went to Marion, N. Y., where for two years he was in the employ of the United States Watch Company, and in 1871 he came to Stamford, Conn., to fill a short engagement here. He remained, however, for five years, clerking with Andrew Clark, jeweler, and then for about nine years traveling in the interests of the Yale & Towne Lock Company, whose service he entered through the influence of Emory Stockwell, the inventor of the time lock. In 1885 Mr. Vanderwerken started in the jewelry business for himself, in a corner of the store he now occupies, at No. 45 Atlantic Square, and from this humble beginning has seen his trade thrive and expand to its present proportions, the whole store being now required for his business. He is deserving of the prosperity which has come to him, for he has worked hard to gain a solid footing in the business world, and he has an enviable reputation among customers and trade associates for honesty, fairness and uprightness in all his dealings.

On November 24, 1874, Mr. Vanderwerken was united in marriage, at Stamford, to Miss Jane E. Scofield, daughter of Charles William Scofield, and ten children have been born to them, namely: Lillian Maud, George Scofield, Charles William (deceased), Louise, Ethel (deceased), Gertrude, Marion, Irene, Gilbert Henry and Walter. The family are active in the work of the Stamford Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Vanderwerken is one of the most prominent members. He is deeply interested in religious work of all kinds, and is at present serving as deacon in the Stamford Church, as treasurer of the deacons fund of the Presbyterian Church, and as treasurer for the American Volunteers. In social connection, he is a member of Union Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M., of Council No. 999, Royal Arcanum, and of the Order of United American Mechanics

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FRANK WEED is a native of the city of Stamford, born March 2, 1858, and his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, the latter named Aaron Weed, were born in Stamford

Joseph Weed, grandfather of our subject, engaged in agricultural pursuits in Stamford all his life, and died in April, 1850, aged seventy-three years. He married Rebecca Jacobs, by whom he had ten children: Sally, Mary, William, Catherine, Rebecca Ann, James, John, Edward, Henry N. and Charles.

Henry Nelson Weed was born September 20, 1822, and learned the trade of iron molder, which was his life occupation. He was married, in Stamford, to Gertrude Hopper, daughter of William Hopper, and they became the parents of four children, namely: Addison P., born July 31, 1847, married to Adelaide DeForest; William S., who married Gertrude Dalson and died

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at the age of twenty-three years, leaving one daughter, Louise, Frank, and Ella G. The father died October 1, 1884.

Frank Weed attended the public schools of Stamford during his boyhood, receiving a good ordinary education. After completing his studies he was employed by the Stamford Rubber Company for three years, and he then entered the *Advocate* office, where he remained for about eighteen years, when he went into business for himself. For two years he was a member of the firm of Weed & Kenedy, publishers of the *City Item*, which he subsequently purchased, and subsequently in 1876 established the Frank Weed Company, printers at No. 38 Tresser street, who publish a weekly paper and a daily and Stamford. Mr. Weed is a Republican, and has been quite active in his party affairs. He has served as a register of voters for seven years, and was a member of Stamford's common council for two years, as a city assessor, and as a city treasurer. Socially, Mr. Weed is a member of the Royal Mechanics, the Order of Red Men, and the Connecticut Yacht Club.

WILLIAM P. ROBBINS. When we read a sketch of the careers of the successful men of a community the people naturally form a correct estimate of a man of strong will, firm nerve, and clear, vigorous energy. It is, therefore, a high compliment to the subject of this sketch when we say that these qualities followed him to take the position of chief of the Hook and Ladder Company, at Shelton, since February, 1876, he ably discharging the duties of the position to the satisfaction of the people.

Mr. Robbins comes of good old Colonial stock, his ancestors having located in New Hampshire at an early day. Later generations of the family resided in Maine, and Jacob Robbins, the great-father of our subject, was born in Augusta, Maine, and made his permanent home upon a farm in that State. He married and had five children, of whom William M., our subject's father, was the youngest. The others were Augusta, who married George Dresser, a lumberman in Wisconsin; Jane, who married Gilbert Wardwell, a farmer in Maine; Sarah, whose husband was a merchant in Boston; and another daughter, of whom no account has been preserved.

Deacon William M. Robbins was born in Augusta, Maine, in 1811, and in early manhood he began farming at Albany, that State. He married a native of that locality, Miss Mary Bean, whose ancestors came from England. In 1850 Mr. and Mrs. Robbins removed to Shelton, this county, and after engaging three years in the trucking business, Mr. Robbins opened a meat market, which he conducted until his death. He was a Democrat in politics, and as a citizen he was much respected, being a devout and consistent member of the Congregational Church. His death occurred April 21, 1867, and his wife survives him with one son, our subject.

William P. Robbins was born December 30, 1858, at Albany, Maine, where his education was begun, and when about twelve years old he came to this county with his parents, and for about five years attended school at Shelton. At the age of seventeen he was employed in a meat market by A. C. Booth, with whom he remained ten years, and he then entered the employ of his father, since the death of the latter he has conducted the business on his own account, and his energy and sound judgment are shown in its successful management. He is not married, and makes his home with his widowed mother. Socially, he is popular, and he is an active member of the Congregational Church, and of Ousatonic Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., of Derby. Politically, he is a stanch Republican.

GEORGE E. JOHNSON, for many years a respected and well-to-do business man of New Canaan, was a native of Fairfield county, Conn., born June 7, 1851, on the farm at West Norwalk where his father, Henry Johnson, still resides.

Mr. Johnson was brought up on the farm where he was born, and received his education at the district schools of West Norwalk. At the age of eighteen years he went to Bridgeport, Conn., and there entered the shop of Mr. McClellan, with whom he worked four years, learning the trade of horseshoer. In 1873 he embarked in this business in New Canaan, in partnership with Mr. Hoyer, with whom he remained but a short time, establishing a shop of his own on South avenue, where he added carriage making to his other work. His business prospering, he bought the land and built the factory at the corner of East avenue and Forest street, where he continued his business, forming a partnership with a Mr. Raymond, under the firm name of Johnson & Raymond. They engaged in carriage making, and also conducted a livery business, having sold the horseshoeing branch to Henry E. and Elias R. Johnson, who still carry it on in New Canaan. They manufactured heavy and light wagons of various kinds, finding a ready market for their vehicles, which were always up

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to the mark" for durability, style and workmanship, a fact which fully accounts for the proportions to which the business grew. Mr. Johnson was active in local affairs, and served creditably in several public positions, such as constable, member of the school board, member of the board of burgesses, etc. He cast his vote with the Democratic party.

In 1874 Mr. Johnson was married, in New Canaan, to Clarissa A. Weed, daughter of Andrew J. and Betsey (Banks) Weed, and they had four children, born as follows: Howard F., December 28, 1875; George Herbert, September 16, 1881; Horace W., April 29, 1886; Clara Gladys, December 12, 1892. Fraternally, Mr. Johnson was a member, in good standing, of Wooster Lodge No. 37, I. O. O. F.; Commodore Perry Council No. 44, O. U. A. M.; and Olive Branch Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of which he was made a knight on January 30, 1890.

Medad Banks, Mrs. Johnson's maternal grandfather, was born in the town of Greenfield, Conn., a son of Nathan and Mabel (Bradley) Banks, the former of whom was a school teacher in his younger years. The family consisted of ten children: Mabel, Clarissa, Medad, Bradley, Marilda, Aaron, Betsey, Permelia, Nathan and Ely, of whom Permelia is the only survivor. Medad Banks was brought up in Greenfield, and was a lifelong agriculturist of Fairfield county. He married Polly Betts, of Greenfield, and they had eight children, namely: Morris, who is now deceased; Fanny (Mrs. Gould S. Weed), of White Oak Shade, New Canaan; Betsey, who married Andrew J. Weed; Bradley, deceased; Joel; Medad, deceased; Clarissa (Mrs. George S. Banks), of Easton; and Melissa (Mrs. David H. Osborn), of Easton. The father of this family was an active member of the Baptist Church at Easton.

JOHNSON BROTHERS. This firm, composed of Henry E. and Elias R. Johnson, has done business in New Canaan for many years, and the brothers have a patronage of which they may well be proud, and a reputation second to none for good, honest work. They are great-great-grandsons of Henry Johnson, who lived in Greenwich, Conn., where he carried on farming. His son, also named Henry, was a ship carpenter at Norwalk, Conn., and married Abigail Raymond, of that town, by whom he had nine children, namely: Raymond, Ann, Edwin H., Elias, LeGrand, Caroline, Angeline, Mary, and Almira, all of whom are deceased.

Raymond Johnson was born in Norwalk, Conn., where he grew to manhood, meantime learning the ship carpenter's trade with his father, and he followed same all his life. For eight years he was also engaged in farming at Salisbury, Litchfield Co., Conn. At Norwalk Mr. Johnson married Julia A. Raymond, daughter of Gershom Raymond, of Five Mile River, town of Norwalk, and three children came to this union, viz.: Henry; Deborah Ann, deceased wife of Henry Clark; and Raymond, who lives in West Norwalk. Henry Johnson, father of Henry E. and Elias R. Johnson, was born August 7, 1828, at Salisbury, Litchfield county, and was reared in the town of Norwalk, Fairfield county. Early in life he received practical instruction in farm work, and he has made agriculture his life occupation, though he has also done considerable work as a stonemason. As above stated, he still lives in West Norwalk, where he has made his home for over sixty years, highly respected as an industrious, honest citizen, one who would be a credit to any community. He was married, in New York State, to Sarah Ann Gregory, daughter of George B. Gregory, of Henrietta, N. Y., and they became the parents of four children, three sons and one daughter, namely: George F., Henry E., Elias R., and Annie M., who is the wife of Robert M. Seymour, of West Norwalk, and has three children—Robert, Sarah E., and Eugene.

Henry E. and Elias R. Johnson passed their boyhood days on their father's farm at West Norwalk, and went to the neighboring district schools for their literary training. At the age of eighteen Henry went to Bridgeport, Conn., to learn the trade of horseshoer, working for three years in that town with Edward McClellan, after which he came to New Canaan, where for some time he was employed in the shop of his brother, George F. He was in partnership with him for a while, but finally he and his brother Elias R., who had also learned his trade under Mr. McClellan at Bridgeport, bought out the elder brother's business, which they have carried on on in partnership ever since—a period of thirteen or fourteen years. Their standing in the community, both as citizens and as business men, is sufficient evidence of their success, which is another example of what hard work, coupled with thrift and enterprise, can accomplish.

Henry E. Johnson was married, in New Canaan, to Mary F. Weed, sister of J. A. Weed, and they have two sons—Henry W. and Edwin F. Mr. Johnson and his brother in social connection are members of Harmony Lodge, F. & A. M., Wooster Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Commodore Perry Council, O. U. A. M., and Elias R. Johnson also belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees.

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Elias K. Johnson was married, in Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N. Y., to Frances Eleanor Davis, daughter of Frank Davis, and they also have two sons—Elias K., Jr., and Carleton Frances.

TRUMAN SMITH, farmer, town of Weston, Post Office Weston, Fairfield county, Connecticut.

AS MANSFIELD was born May 28, 1851, in the town of Brookfield, eldest child of Timothy and Julia Maria Sherman Mansfield, residents of that town.

Timothy Mansfield was born at Southbury, Conn., in 1824, but came to Brookfield in early boyhood to make his home with an uncle. Here he learned the trades of harness maker and carriage trimmer, which he followed all his life. At different times he was employed in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Dover, N. Y., but he passed the greater portion of his life in Brookfield. At New Milford, Litchfield Co., Conn., he was united in marriage with Julia Maria Sherman, daughter of Justus Sherman, and they became the parents of two children: Arthur Sherman, and Howard Parker, a physician and surgeon of Georgetown, Conn. In politics, Mr. Mansfield was at first a Whig, but on the formation of the Republican party he cast his lot with its support, and continued so to do until his death, December 4, 1861. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, at Brookfield Center.

Arthur Sherman Mansfield has passed his entire life in the town of Brookfield. He acquired his education in the local schools, for a short time attending a select school, and after leaving school he at once began farming, which he has made his life work. As a side issue he runs a large cider mill, equipped with improved presses, steam engines, etc., and, in addition to supplying local customers, he has an output of about 350 casks per annum. For nine years he has devoted considerable attention to this work and has constantly improved his plant. Like his father, Mr. Mansfield votes the Republican ticket. He has held a number of minor offices, and at present is selectman of his town. Socially, he is a member of Union Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M., at Danbury, Connecticut.

On September 6, 1876, Arthur S. Mansfield was married to Frances L., daughter of William J. and Sophia L. (Beers) Kellogg, of Brookfield. They are interested in the work of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of which they are members.

JOHN OLDENSCHLAGER, a prominent resident of South Norwalk, is a self-made man whose industry and thrift are characteristic of his German blood and training. Beginning his business career without capital or influential friends, he has progressed gradually but surely on the path to prosperity, until he now owns an extensive establishment for the manufacture of cigars and tobacco, employing a large number of hands.

Mr. Oldenschlager was born near Hamburg, Germany, in 1856, a son of Peter and ——— (Krueger) Oldenschlager, both natives of Germany. In 1871 the family came to America, and the father spent his remaining years upon a farm near Orange, N. J. Our subject was the youngest of three children, the others being Peter, a retired resident of Orange, N. J., who was formerly engaged in business there as a baker; and Jacob, a grocer, now retired.

Our subject was fifteen years of age when he left the Fatherland, and his education was obtained in the common schools near his early home. On arriving in Orange, N. J., he became a baker, and for two years was associated with his brothers in that business. Later he went to St. Louis, and during his three-years' stay there learned the cigar maker's trade. He then returned to the East, and for a time followed his trade in New York, but in 1879 he settled in this county, for four years being employed as a cigar maker in Norwalk. In 1883 he began business for himself in a very small way in South Norwalk, where he has ever since conducted a growing trade, and in his factory, at No. 104 Washington street, he not only manufactures cigars, but also prepares tobacco in packages for the market.

Mr. Oldenschlager married Miss Delia Wolf, who was born in New Canaan, this county, and is of German descent. They have two daughters, Louisa and Minnie. The family is identified with the Lutheran Church, of which Mr. Oldenschlager is a member, and he also belongs to the German Lodge, Order of Red Men, and to the Maennerchor. Politically, his sympathies are with the Democratic party in National affairs, but at local elections he votes for the best man, according to his own judgment.

GEORGE MEACHEN, a successful market gardener of Stratford, furnishes a good example of thrift and enterprise, as his prosperity is the result of his own well-directed efforts.

Mr. Meachen was born July 9, 1845, at Paterson, N. J., and is descended from good old English stock. His grandparents lived and died in

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England, but six of their sons came to America. Of these, Charles, now deceased, settled at Sandusky, Ohio, and engaged in gardening; Robert was a gardener at New Haven, where he died a few years ago; James, who is living in retirement in Stratford, was formerly a gardener; William, our subject's father, is mentioned more fully below; Edward, deceased, was a gardener at Michigan City, Ind.; and Henry, who followed the same occupation in Stratford for some time, is now living in Indiana.

William Meachen, father of our subject, was born in England. He has always taken a keen interest in the questions of the day, is a stanch Republican in politics, and in religious connection is a member of the Methodist Church. He married Miss Ann Carr, of England, who died in 1858, and they had seven children: Margaret, wife of Charles Holah, of East Bridgeport; George, our subject; Annie, who married George W. Dew, formerly a merchant, but now a farmer, of Greenfield Hill; Sarah (deceased), who married William Paddock, a jeweler of Bridgeport; William, a market gardener in Stratford; Charles, a broom manufacturer in Bridgeport; and Lizzie, wife of Thomas W. Wyre, a clothier at New Haven.

Our subject's boyhood was spent chiefly in Jersey City, where he attended school, and afterward engaged for a few years in gardening. Later he became interested in the meat business, which he followed four years, and in 1869 he located in this county, engaging in market gardening at Stratford. He has about twelve acres of land under cultivation, and his careful and judicious management is shown in all the arrangements. Mr. Meachen is influential in local affairs, having been one of the wardens of the borough before its annexation to Bridgeport, while at various times he has served in other positions, including that of grand juror. In religious faith he is a Methodist, and socially he is connected with St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M., at Stratford, and with the Housatonic Grange, of which he has been a member for twenty-seven years. In 1867 he married Miss Fannie Pyle, daughter of Emanuel Pyle, a well-known resident of Jersey City, and they have one son, George C., who is still at home.

ARNOLD TURNER. Every business or profession has its prominent men, some made so by long experience, others by their proficiency in their particular occupation. The subject of these lines is conspicuous among machinists and manufacturers both on account of his thorough knowledge of all the details of his calling, and by the success he has made in it.

Mr. Turner is an Englishman, having been born at Denton, near Manchester, England, March 19, 1871, and is the son of John and Jane (Ashworth) Turner, both of the same nativity, the former of whom, born in 1836, died in 1884; the mother, born April 6, 1837, is still living at Denton. The father was a son of William Turner, a pioneer in the hat-manufacturing industry at Denton, England. The mother was a daughter of John Ashworth, also a pioneer in the same industry in Denton. John Turner started in the machine-manufacturing business at Denton in 1860, in a small way, employing at first only one man, from which modest nucleus the business has developed in the passing years to its present magnificent proportions, employment being given, in one way or another, in Denton (England) and Danbury (Conn.), to over four hundred men.

To John and Jane (Ashworth) Turner were born eight children, a brief record of whom is as follows: (1) Mary married Lewis Barber, a hat manufacturer of Denton, England, where they reside. (2) Henry Herbert is a partner with our subject in the business at Danbury, and has his residence on Fairview avenue, in that city; he married Miss Constance Allkin, a daughter of Dr. William J. and Margaret (Weston) Allkin, and they have one child—Gladys. (3) Albert is also interested in the Turner Machine Company's works at Danbury, and has charge of the work at Denton; he resides at Western Lea, Audenshaw, near Manchester, England. (4) Nellie married William Jacques, of Audenshaw, and they have two children—Fred and Lewis. (5) Eliza married Frederick W. Pinshon (now deceased), of Harrogate, Yorkshire, England, and has one child—Eveline. (6) Arnold, our subject, is next in the order of birth. (7) Clara and (8) William Ernest (both unmarried) live at Denton, England.

Arnold Turner received his elementary education at the public schools of his native place, later attending the grammar schools in Manchester, and then pursuing a course of study at Victoria University, in the same city. On leaving college he went to France and studied French under a private tutor; he also traveled considerably all over Europe, in order to become acquainted with the various languages, after leaving France visiting Germany, Austria, Hungary, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Belgium and Holland—in all spending several years in these countries. Not only did he occupy himself in acquiring the several languages, but he made himself acquainted, also, with the hat trade in

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each country, in order that he might be informed as to the machinery required in these various places for the manufacture of the different styles of hats in demand. All this was highly necessary to him, as a partner in the Turner Machine Works of Denton, England, which has now one of the most extensive points of the kind in the world supplying, as they do, machinery to every country where hats are made. In addition to this they have a special plant devoted to the manufacture of electrical machinery, dynamos, motors, etc. Their entire plant covers some ten acres of ground and gives employment to two hundred and fifty hands. The members of the Turner Machine Company of Danbury conduct, also, a separate business under the style of Turner Bros. (with offices in Danbury, New York, Manchester, London, and Paris, France), dealers in all kinds of hatters' supplies, such as trimmings of all kinds, importing very extensively East Indian products, such as shellac, indigo, etc. The brothers are at the same time interested in various other enterprises both in this country and in Europe.

In 1890 Henry H. Turner came from England to the United States, and established the present business in Danbury, which now gives employment to from seventy five to one hundred hands, who invariably receive good wages. In 1896 part of the present buildings for the works were purchased, and from year to year, as the business increased, they have been extended or enlarged to meet the demand. In 1893 our subject came to America for the first time, and since then has divided his attention alternately between the firm's works at Danbury and those at Denton, England. He has a large acquaintance in the hat-manufacturing industry, being known to nearly all the hat manufacturers in both Europe and America. He holds the most pleasant relations with his employes on both sides of the Atlantic, and has been the recipient of many souvenirs from them as tokens of esteem, which he well merits.

Mr. Turner is an associate member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers of Great Britain, and his political sympathies, on this side of the Atlantic, are with the Republican party—"fair play and no favors." He is unmarried.

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