

Berkshire, and thence, in Dec., 1831, to Newark Valley, where they died; he, 28 Dec., 1852; she, 14 Feb., 1861. His mother, Amanda Denison, married with Eleazer Hodges, by whom she had several children. Capt. Chapman's children were as follows:

I. Edward Newton, b 25 July, 1804.

II. Elizur Brown, b 6 Oct., 1806, m with Julia Blackman, and resides at Jackson, Mich.

III. Mary Amanda, b 10 Dec., 1808, m 1 April, 1834, with Isaac Van Alstein.

IV. William Henry, b 25 Dec., 1810, m 14 Jan., 1835, with Electa Ayres.

V. George Miller, b 24 March, 1813, m 16 Sept., 1835, with Esther Miranda Williams, and now lives at Newark Valley.

VI. Richard Mulford, b 7 Aug., 1815, died at Napierville, Ill., 4 May, 1842.

VII. Aaron Canfield, b 29 April, 1818, resides in Newark Valley.

VIII. Noyes Palmer, b 25 Aug., 1820, now lives in Newark Valley.

IX. Lyman Furry, b 14 Aug., 1822, resides in Newark Valley.

X. Charles Denison, b 15 Oct., 1824, lives in Michigan.

XI. Lucy Elvira, b 12 Feb., 1827, died 16 Sept., 1829.

4. Jonathan Belcher, is undoubtedly a clerical error for Elijah Belcher, already mentioned.

5. John William Bessac lived on lot 297, west of the road which goes over the hill, and west of the creek. He was born in Hudson, N. Y., 26 April, 1790, a son of Jean Guillaume and Anah (Nichols) Bessac. He married in January, 1813, with Lucy Belcher, daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Hall) Belcher. He died 9 Dec., 1868. She died 23 May, 1868. "Mr. Bessac was no ordinary man. With a mind of singular brilliancy and power, he combined a temper of unusual sweetness, the keenest wit, and a playful humor that rendered him a most genial and instructive companion." His father was born 4 Feb., 1760, in Mon Valant, France. The children of John William and Lucy (Belcher) Bessac were as follows:

I. Joann Frances, b 7 Feb., 1814.

II. Calista Maria, b 18 March, 1816.

III. Henry William, b 6 April, 1818, m with Emily Hull.

IV. Esther B., b 6 March, 1820.

V. John Bertrand, b 28 July, 1822, d 30 Sept., 1824.

VI. Fayette B., b 12 July, 1824.

VII. Catharine E., b 7 Dec., 1827.

VIII. Susan, b 13 Nov., 1829.

IX. Frederick Oriel, b 12 March, 1831.

X. Mary Elizabeth, b in Aug., 1834.

6. Elisha Jenks lived on lot 300, east of the creek road, and north of the hill road. It is said that he was a cousin of Michael Jenks, the first settler there. Laban Jenks was his brother. Elisha Jenks was born about 27 June, 1774, and died 13 Nov., 1840. His wife, Anna, was born about 27 Sept., 1771, and died 15 June, 1854.

7. Calvin Jenks lived on the east end of lot 300. He was a son of Elisha Jenks. He married with Anna Brown, daughter of Capt. Brown, and died on the same place, about 1886,

8. Luther Hamilton lived in the first house south west of Daniel Carpenter, on lot 302. He m at Stockbridge, Mass., 2 Nov., 1815, with Sylvia Carpenter, who was born there 14 March, 1782. She died 10 June, 1832.

9. Joel Smith and Jesse Smith had no settled residence in 1820. They were carpenters and not married. Joel Smith was killed in Owego, as early as 1866, by the fall of a building which he was moving. Jesse Smith, b at Lee, Mass., 5 May, 1792, served as a soldier in the war of 1812. He married with Betsey Legg, and settled on the north half of lot 419, where Newell Robinson now lives. They had four children, viz.:

I. Deborah Williams, b about 1826. II. Daniel B., b about 1828.

III. Miranda M., b about 1830. IV. James R., b about 1832.

Their house was burned on 21 Dec., 1840, after the family had gone to bed, and all were consumed in the fire except the eldest daughter, who was away from home attending school. She married with Russel W. Freeland, and now resides at Ouaquaga, N. Y. It was long supposed that the fire was accidental; but years after it a story was in the papers that a murderer, under sentence of death, confessed that he saw Mr. Smith receive some money at Richford, followed him home, asked to be kept over night, and when the family were sleeping rose to get the money, and Smith and his wife being roused by the noise, he killed them in their bed with an axe, set the house on fire, and escaped with seventeen dollars, his whole booty.

10. Ephraim Reniff's residence has not been ascertained.

11. Samuel Osborn lived on the west side of the road, next above Elisha Jenks, and about a quarter of a mile from him. He had eight or nine children, one of whom, Betsey, m with Lyman Legg. Samuel Osborn was born about 3 Sept., 1762, and died

19 April, 1840. Mary, his wife, was born about 11 Nov., 1770, and died 18 March, 1832.

12. Schuyler Legg lived on the hill, on the southeast quarter of lot 301, where his son, Layton J. Legg, has since lived. His farm joined on the west end of Luther Hamilton's farm. He was a son of Reuben Legg, and grandson of David. He had children b 19 July, 1811; 24 Oct., 1812; and 28 Aug., 1820. His wife, Hannah, died 11 Oct., 1860, aged 74 years.

13. Amos Peck, a shoemaker, lived on the road above Samuel Osborn. At a later time he lived on the hill, half a mile west of Schuyler Legg. His child, probably the second, was born 20 Feb., 1822.

14. Daniel Jenks lived above Amos Peck. He had previously lived on the east end of lot 300, which he sold to Calvin Jenks. He was the eldest son of Elisha Jenks. He married with —, a daughter of Thomas Keeny.

15. Reuben Legg's residence has not been ascertained.

16. Larned Legg, youngest son of Reuben Legg, m with — Whiteley.

18. Isaac Bunnel lived north of Carpenter, where Charles Scott now lives, on the southeast quarter of lot 339. He was son of Dea. John and Hannah Bunnel. His wife, Rachel, died 5 Sept., 1842, aged 43 years, 1 month and 11 days. Their daughter, Eliza, died 14 Aug., 1841, aged 5 years, 7 months and 14 days.

19. Samuel Haight lived in the hollow, away from the road, west of Isaac Bunnel,

20. Eleazer Lyman, Jr., lived on Berkshire East Hill, near Samuel Haight, and was then a farmer and teacher. He was born at Peru, Mass., 18 August, 1802, (see Note 51), married there 18 Sept., 1819, and in the following month came to Berkshire; and after five or six years moved to Belfast, Allegany Co., N. Y., and thence, in October, 1829, to Friendship, N. Y., where he began the study of medicine, and received his diploma in 1832, while living at Bolivar, N. Y., to which place he moved in March, 1832. He returned to Berkshire in April, 1834, and moved again in April, 1835, to Great Bend, Pa., where his wife died 13 Oct., 1838. He married (2d) about 1842, with Sally Clark, of Great Bend, and was killed there by a vicious horse, 6 January, 1845. His children were:

I. Chauncey Almeron, b at Berkshire, 19 July, 1820, a lawyer, served in the war of 1861, reaching the rank of Lieut.-Colonel, and resides at Lock Haven, Pa.

II. Charles Eleazer, b at Richford, 27 Nov., 1824, a lawyer ; served in the war of 1861, reaching the rank of Captain ; and resides at Great Bend, Pa.

III. Betsey Jane, b at Belfast, N. Y., 21 Dec., 1828, died in infancy.

IV. James Wellman, b at Friendship, N. Y., 6 March, 1830 ; served as a surgeon in the war of 1861, and finally as Lieut.-Col. of 203d Pa. Volunteers, and was killed at Fort Fisher, 15 January, 1865.

V. Betsey Keziah, b at Bolivar, N. Y., 24 May, 1832 ; m with J. F. Nice, and lives at Williamsport, Pa.

VI. Alice Elvira, b at Berkshire, 9 June, 1834 ; m with Elijah Cobb, and lives at Little Sioux, Iowa.

VII. Vincent Page, b at Great Bend, Pa., 15 June, 1836 ; resides at Portland, Oregon.

VIII. Clara Janet, b at Great Bend, Pa., 10 Feb., 1844 ; m with J. C. Scott, and lives at Waverly, N. Y.

21. Thomas Keeny lived near the center of lot 339, where Alfred Hyde Ford lived at a later time.

23. Thomas Bunting lived in a log house east of the road, above Joseph Gleazen, near the corner of the roads. He had moved to that place in April, 1820, when he sold his former home to Mr. Gleazen. Tradition says that he soon went back to New Jersey, from whence he came.

24. Joseph Belcher lived on the northwest quarter of lot 343, at the angle of the roads. He was a son of Joseph and Lucy (Hall) Belcher, and m about 1815 with Wealthy Whiting, widow of — Judd, and daughter of William Whiting. They removed to Richford, where she died 6 Oct., 1859, aged 70 years. He married (2d) with Laura A. Appleton. He died at Richford, 16 March, 1868, aged 74 years. His children were :

I. Lucy, m with Whiting Valentine, and m (2d) with Rev. Timothy Dwight Walker. She died broken hearted, 13 March, 1868, three days before her father's death.

II. Horatio, m with Amanda Hungerford, of Caroline, and was killed while sitting on his horse before Petersburg, Va., seven balls having entered his body.

III. Galitzin, died in California.

IV. Flavel, served in the rebel army in the war of 1861.

V. Marietta, m with John Deming.

VI. Joseph, b 7 Jan., 1828, died young.

VII. Useria, b 5 April, 1829 ; died 27 Jan., 1830.

25. William Whiting, lived on the east side of the road on the crown of the hill, on the south half of lot 343, south of Joseph Belcher, and east of Joseph Gleazen.

26. Eleazer Valentine lived near the south line of the southeast quarter of lot 379, on the south side of the road, where George Rich Ford afterward lived. He had a child born 5 Nov., 1820.

27. William Sterry Smith, a shoemaker, lived a little northwest from Eleazer Valentine, near the middle of the south half of lot 379, afterward the Charles Nixon place.

29. Stephen Butler lived next north or northwest of Isaac Goodale, on the old road, long since discontinued, which led from Isaac Goodale's to the Berkshire and Rawson Hollow road. He married 18 Aug., 1815, with Olive Baker, who d 18 Jan., 1851. She was born at Cheshire, Mass., 10 Nov., 1788, eldest child of Waterman and Mercy (Bowen) Baker. He married (2d) with Abigail Goodale, widow of Asa Curtis, of Maine, N. Y. She was born at Pittsfield, Mass., 4 Aug., 1799, tenth child of Isaac and Jemima (Warner) Goodale. He died at Newark Valley. He had a child born 8 March, 1822.

30. Alden Baker lived on the same old road, north of Stephen Butler, and probably on the southwest quarter of lot 383. He was born in Cheshire, Mass., 10 Sept., 1790, second child of Waterman and Mercy (Bowen) Baker, and m 19 Dec., 1816, with Polly Smith, daughter of Heman and Miriam (Moody) Smith.

33. John S. Thorpe, probably, lived above Solomon Leonard, on the same side of the way, just south of the little stream.

34. Isaac Hitchcock, b at Bethlehem, Conn., 8 Feb., 1786, son of Jared and Irena (Bartholomew) Hitchcock, m with Nancy Leonard, daughter of Asa and Olive (Churchill) Leonard. They joined the church at Newark Valley, 2 Jan., 1820, and were dismissed to the church at Berkshire, 5 July, 1833. He died 20 Feb., 1867. She died 6 Dec., 1872. Their home was on the west side of the road, on the northwest quarter of lot 377; afterward on the north side of Leonard street, where hisdaughters now live. Their children were:

I. Chauncey B., b 1 July, 1812, m at Franklin, N. Y., 22 Nov., 1838, with Sarah Maria Lovelace, and lives at Geneva Lake, Wis.

II. Horatio, b 8 Sept., 1814, m at McLean, N. Y., 16 Feb., 1841, with Louisa Susan Brown. He was a physician, and died at Chicago, Ill.

III. Juliette, b 18 Dec., 1816, m 1 Jan., 1845, at Berkshire, with Dwight Waldo. She resides on her father's homestead, a widow.

IV. Charlotte, b 23 Dec., 1818, m 7 Sept., 1843, at Berkshire, with Charles Lull.

V. Susan, b 1 March, 1824, d 3 Sept., 1825.

VI. Caroline, b 19 March, 1826, and resides on her father's homestead.

VII. Dwight, b 25 Nov., 1828, died 10 Oct., 1847.

36. Sellick Payne, a carpenter and joiner, came from Richmond, Mass., without his family, in 1816, to build the new meeting house, which was dedicated 4 July, 1817. In 1820 he moved his family from Richmond to Geneseo, N. Y., and thence, in the same year, to Berkshire. He dwelt, the first winter, in the old log house of David Williams, on the west side of the way, just north of the school-house. During several years he moved from place to place, as he had contracts for building; at one time in Richford, at another in Newark Valley, and finally built the house where his son, Henry Payne, now lives, opposite the Congregational meeting-house, in Berkshire.

37. William H. Moore, a trader, lived on the east side of the road, where Dr. Gay now lives, and had a store (since burned), on the corner, just north of his house. Within a few years, after 1820, he bought the next place south of his house, and built a new store opposite the school-house, and then built the front part of the house where Mrs. Betsey Bidwell now lives, a little south of the store.

38. Andrew Rees, a farmer, is remembered as always driving a fine team of horses, but his place of residence has not been ascertained. It is probable that he was at Mr. Moore's store when he gave the particulars of his family.

39. Anna Collins was widow of Dan Collins, a cooper, who died 27 June, 1820, in the kitchen part of the house now occupied by Mrs. Betsey Bidwell. Her maiden name was Anna Lisk, and she was born 6 July, 1780. She had three children. Bristol Lisk Collins b 26 May 1809; died at Berkshire, 17 July, 1814; Orra Ann Collins, b 3 Dec. 1811; and George Bristol Lisk Collins, b 19 Dec. 1815. She moved to one of the Western states with her children, a few years later.

40. John Ayres, in Dec., 1820, was living in the house of Isaac Hitchcock.

41. Lyman Hull, lived where Nathan Rightmire now lives, east of the road, on the northeast quarter of lot 383. He died 23 March, 1823, aged 34 years and 4 months.

42. Jesse Gleazen lived on the west side of the way, near the north line of lot 383, in Dec., 1820.

45. Moses Stanley lived "in a blackberry patch," on the old road which has long been out of use, and probably on the northwest quarter of lot 383. He was a joiner, and married with Susanna Goodale. They moved to Veteran, N. Y., where she died 1 March, 1826. He is known to have been in Berkshire as early as October, 1807. His wife joined the church 7 Feb., 1813, and was dismissed 22 June, 1823. Their children were:

I. Lucy, b (probably) 26 Aug., 1808, bap. 17 March, 1813.

II. Lovina, b (probably) 29 Oct., 1810, bap. 17 March, 1813.

III. —, a daughter, bap 12 Oct., 1813.

IV. Mary, bap 8 Jan., 1815. V. Chauncey, bap 2 Aug., 1818.

46. Clarissa Smith lived down in the valley, on a little stream, on lot 418. She was a daughter of Isaac Goodale, and was born at Westhampton, Mass., 19 April, 1792. She was the widow of Heman Smith, Jr., who had his leg crushed while clearing his land, about 21 June, 1820, and died from the injury, about 7 July, 1820. Her youngest child, by Mr. Smith, was born after his death, 20 Nov., 1820. Her second husband was Nathaniel Johnson, of Richford.

47. Samuel Smith lived on the road to Rawson Hollow, and probably on the northwest quarter of lot 419.

48. Hooker Bishop lived on the south side of the hill road, on the western slope of the hill, near the centre of lot 420, about thirty rods east of the Keith Blackman house, and about three-eighths of a mile east of the creek road at Rawson Hollow. He was born at Richmond, Mass., 30 March, 1781, son of the Hon. Nathaniel and Ruth (Bartlett) Bishop, and married in Berkshire, 20 August, 1812, with Sabra Clark. Soon after the census was taken they moved to a small house on the farm of Samuel Collins, west of the Richford road, and very near where the railway crosses the road; and in this house she died 9 March, 1821. He died 28 June, 1821, at the house of Samuel Collins, to which he was taken so that his sister, Mrs. Collins, could more easily care for him. Their children were:

I. Mary, b 28 May, 1813.

II. John Bartlett, b 23 May, 1815; m 24 June 1846, with Sarah Jane Merchant, and had one daughter, who m with William Elwell.

III. Betsey, b 17 April, 1817; m with David M. Sturtevant, and lives in Newark Valley.

IV. Nathaniel, b 21 Oct., 1819; died 26 April 1822.

49. Cicero Barker, a wool-carder and cloth-dresser, lived on the corner, east of the creek road, and south of the hill road, at Rawson Hollow on the west end of lot 420. His twin brother, Cephas Barker, lived with him, and had a share of the business. Their shop was on the east bank of the creek, where the firkin factory now stands, and they took the water from the pond of Lyman Rawson's grist-mill, which stood at the west end of the dam in the town of Caroline.

50. Aaron Livermore lived on lot 420, a few rods south of Cicero Barker, and about ten rods east of the creek road, at Rawson Hollow. A few years later he moved farther south and lived west of the road, on lot 380. He was born at Spencer, Mass., March, 1782, and married with Content Akins. After his death she moved to Michigan with her children, about 1856, and settled at Dexter or Ingham. He and six of his twelve children are buried at Speedsville, N. Y., and the other six settled in Michigan.

51. Eleazer Lyman lived in a log house on the bank of the creek, on the northwest corner of lot 381, about twenty rods west of the present road. A year or two later he built a new house near the north line of the lot, on the east side of the road. His farm is now occupied by S. D. Freeland, who lives on the west side of the road. He was born 28 May, 1780, a son of Major Ozias and Sally (Parker) Lyman; married at Peru, Mass., in Feb., 1802, with Betsey Raymond, who was born 1 Oct., 1783, daughter of Amos and Alice (Joslin) Raymond, of Peru. They dwelt in Peru till October, 1819, then settled as above stated in Berkshire, where she died of cancer, 1 Sept., 1851. He died there of consumption 5 Feb., 1853. Their children were:

I. Eleazer, b at Peru, Mass., 18 Aug., 1802; m at Hinsdale, Mass., 18 Sept., 1819, with Sally Payne, daughter of Ebenezer Payne. He died at Great Bend, Pa., 6 Jan., 1845.

II. Betsey, b at Peru, Mass., 4 Aug., 1804; married 10 Sept., 1821, with Lyman P. Akins.

III. Alice Raymond, b at Peru, Mass., 27 July, 1806, died there 27 July, 1806.

IV. Raymond, b at Peru, Mass., 13 April, 1808, and died there 29 Dec., 1814.

V. Alice, b at Peru, Mass., 3 April, 1810, died 16 Feb., 1814.

VI. David, b at Peru, Mass., 25 Nov., 1812; died 20 Feb., 1814



VII. Obias, b at Peru, Mass., 15 Sept., 1814; died 15 Sept., 1814.

VIII. Alice, b at Peru, Mass., 23 Feb., 1816, married with John Harper Heggie, and lives at Colesburgh, Potter Co., Pa.

IX. Daniel Raymond, b at Peru, Mass., 27 Feb., 1818, m with Sarah Jane Blair, daughter of George and Rhoda (Blackman) Blair. He died 19 Sept., 1880, at Jackson, Mich., where she still resides.

X. Persis, b in Berkshire 18 Feb., 1820; married there, 18 Feb., 1841, with Austin Blair, son of George and Rhoda (Blackman) Blair. They settled at Eaton Rapids, Mich., where she died 30 Jan., 1844. He was elected Governor of Michigan in November, 1860, served during several terms, and was known as the "War Governor of Michigan."

XI. Nancy, b at Berkshire 16 Feb., 1822; married there Nov., 1842, with Daniel Brown Jenks, and resides at Speedsville, N. Y.

XII. Mary, b at Berkshire 27 Feb., 1824; married there with Levi J. Osborn, and lives at Big Rapids, Mich.

XIII. David Ballou, b at Berkshire, 21 Dec., 1826; married with Caroline Douglas, and died in Silver Township, Cherokee Co., Iowa, 24 Nov., 1886.

XIV. Sarah, b at Berkshire 2 April, 1829; married Feb., 1844, with George Landers Haynes, and resides in Owego, N. Y.

54. Elias Walker lived on the southwest quarter of lot 341, east of the road, just north of the orchard now owned by the Whiting family, and directly east of the village of Speedsville. The house no longer stands there. He removed to Moravia, N. Y.

55. Phineas Case, a blacksmith, came with his wife from Litchfield County, Conn., settled on lot 380, and built the house west of the road and directly opposite the cheese factory, now owned by E. D. Legg. His shop was on the same side of the way, and about fifteen rods south of his house. He moved to the west part of Candor, on the Spencer road, and died there.

56. Leman Case was a carpenter, came from Litchfield county, Conn., and married with Polly Jenks, daughter of Laban Jenks, an early settler at Speedsville. He settled in a house that was built by Job Hall, on lot 380, west of the road, some thirty or forty rods south of his brother, Phineas Case. He moved to Michigan not far from 1824.

58. Levi E. Barker lived on the hill, on the northeast quarter of lot 341.

59. Isaiah Gridley Barker, a silversmith and repairer of watches, lived about twenty rods south of the road and northeast of Levi E. Barker, on the same lot, 341. He m in 1811, with Permelia Cobb, who was b in Canaan, Conn., 20 Jan., 1791, daughter of Elijah William and Sally (Whitney) Cobb. She died 11 Feb., 1830, at Henrietta, N. Y., aged 39 years. Their children were:

I. Rhoda, d in Feb., 1830.

II. Mary Ann, b 1 Jan., 1814, m with Mr. Birdsall, and d before 1851.

III. Eliza, died in 1826. IV. Beda.

V. Permelia, was born 6 Oct., 1820, m in 1835, with Sidney Waite, who died at Appleton, Wis., in 1869, and she was living there in 1875.

VI. and VII. Twin sisters, died. VIII. Lyman Cobb.

IX. William Whitney, m with Eliza D. Lincoln, of Pike, N. Y., in 1851.

60. Edmund Barker lived on the same lot, 341, very near its north line, and just west of the angle where the road turns east on the lot lines.

61. Erastus Benton, a school teacher, lived south of the road, on the north border of lot 342. He came from Lenox, Mass. His wife was Elizabeth Paul, and their children were:

I. Harriet, b at Lenox, Mass., m with Henry Johnson.

II. Rhoda Maria, b at Lenox, Mass., 7 Feb., 1810, m with Williams Hutchinson.

III. Mary Ann, b at Lenox, Mass., m with G. D. Gleazen.

IV. Lucretia, b at Berkshire, died when a year old.

V. Charlotte, m with John Haddock, and lives in Candor, near Speedsville.

VI. Charles, b about 14 Jan., 1820, lives on the homestead.

VII. Lyman Cobb, b 21 Aug., 1821, lives at Jenksville.

VIII. A son, died young. IX. A son, died young.

X. Martin, died when 17 years old.

63. Lyman Durfee, a carpenter and joiner, lived on the southeast quarter of lot 338, where S. B. Aikens has since lived. He was born at Richmond, Mass., 14 March, 1792, m 19 Oct., 1815, with Hannah Hatch, of Richmond. He died in Wisconsin, 2 March, 18—. She died 12 Nov., 1844, aged 51 years, 9 months and 2 days, and was buried in West Newark.

64. John Durfee lived on the same place with his son, Lyman Durfee.

66. Ezra Landon lived in the north part of Berkshire, on top

of the hill, a mile east of where Col. Royce lives. He married with Ruby Chapin, a niece of Samuel Lucas, who had formerly lived on the same place, and died without children. Mrs. Landon inherited his property. Landon and his wife were Methodists, but finally went off and joined the Mormons. He had a child b 10 May, 1821.

67. Abraham Hotchkin lived in a log house on the west side of the road, opposite the site of the brick house since built by Col. John B. Royce. He had already sold the house and land to Col. Royce, but continued for several years to dwell there. He was born in Guilford, Conn., 16 July, 1779, married in 1805, with Parthenia Bement, eldest daughter of Asa Bement. They afterward settled on lot 218, in Newark Valley, and died there; he, 28 Feb., 1842; she 2 June, 1847. They had two children:

I. Marshal, b in Newark Valley, 18 May, 1806, died 24 May, 1874. He had three wives—Juliaette Williams, Abigail (Harmon) Branch, and Mary Edwards Muzzy, who still lives in Newark Valley. His daughter, by his first wife, is yet living on the homestead of her father and grandfather.

II. Abby Lavinia, b at Newark Valley, 26 Aug., 1808.

72. Thomas Langdon, in December 1820, lived in a small house just north of the house of Samuel Collins. He married in April 1816, with Maria Lawrence, daughter of Consider Lawrence. Their children were.

I. Wealthy, b 27 July 1817, m in Dec. 1838, with Stanley Sheffield Hinman, and settled at Monroeton, Penn.

II. Benjamin, b 6 June, 1819, m in Sept. 1846, with Eveline Perry, of Owego, and settled in Monroeton, Penn.

III. ———, b 25 Feb. 1821.

IV. Eliza, b 1 Sept. 1822, m in Sept. 1846, with William Wiltse, and settled at Speedsville, N. Y.

75. Joseph Cook, a distiller, lived in the village of Berkshire. His wife was ——— Livermore, and they moved to Lisle, N. Y.

85. Marcus Ford, a blacksmith, b at Lenox, Mass., 13 Feb. 1796, lived just north of the corner opposite the Congregational church. He never married. His sister, Margaret Ford, who was born at Lenox, 29 April, 1798, kept his house during his life. He died 17 June, 1838. In 1820 when the census was taken, their brother, Charles Backus Ford, b at Lenox, 28 Aug., 1791, a shoemaker, lived in the house with them. They came to Berkshire about 1814. Margaret Ford m 7 July, 1846, with David Smith, of China, N. Y.

86. Luke Bates Winship lived on the west side of the road, on the homestead of Josiah Ball, on lot 33. He was born at Union, N. Y., 31 March, 1794, a clothier, tanner, inn-keeper and farmer. He m 22 Feb., 1816, with Cynthia Ball. They had ten children, and died there.

87. John Rounseville lived on the east side of the road, below the Isaac Brown place, in a small framed house which was built by Elijah H. Saltmarsh, for a store.

92. Ralph Manning, a nephew of Barnabas Manning, lived in 1820, where Charles S. Manning now lives. He married with Betsey Cobb, who was born about 16 June, 1794, and died 6 June, 1848, aged 53 years, 11 months and 20 days. He married (2d) with Maria Archibald, sister of Samuel Archibald, of Owego, and she is still living, at Alden, McHenry Co., Ill. He had two children, Sophia Manning, b 2 Oct., 1819; and Gurdon G. Manning, b 30 Dec., 1825, now resides at Waverly.

This completes the matter furnished by Mr. Patterson, and we add the following:

The comparative growth of the town may be seen by reference to the following figures, showing the population for the several years cited: 1810, 1,105; 1820, 1,502;\* 1825, 1,404; 1830, 1,711; 1835, 964; 1845, 878; 1850, 1,049; 1855, 1,068; 1860, 1,151; 1865, 1,073; 1870, 1,240; 1875, 1,304; 1880, 1,304.

*Additional Sketches.*—Ezekial Dewey was born in Westfield, Mass., in 1797, and came here about 1816, locating first in that part of Berkshire which is now Richford. He married for his first wife, Lucy, daughter of Nathaniel Johnson, of Richford, who bore him five children, Lucy, Samantha, Jane E., David W., Charles J., and Ezekiel H. Of these only two are living, Charles J., of Berkshire, and Ezekiel H., of Rochester, Mich. He married Eunice, daughter of Heman Smith, for his second wife, and had born to him one child, Amanda, wife of John Rightmire, of Caroline, N. Y. Mr. Dewey died February 11, 1887, aged eighty-nine years.

Ichabod Ford was born in Norwich, Conn., and came to this town with his family in 1822. He married twice, first, Rebecca Thomas, of Barnstable, Mass., and reared eight children, viz: Charles B., Susan T., Marcus, Margaret, Elijah T., Caroline,

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\* The apparent discrepancy between this number and that given by the census table on page 146, is due to the fact that the table only includes those that lived within the *present* limits of Berkshire.

Lebbeus and Alfred. His wife died in 1813, and he married for his second wife Theda Abby, and reared four children, Calvin, Susan, Ichabod and Philena. Alfred H., who was born in Lenox, Mass., December 30, 1808, came here in 1822, married first, Betsey Rich, who bore him one child, George R., and second, Eunice, daughter of John Rewey, of Newark Valley. Two children were born to them, John R., of this town, and Phoebe, who married Theodore Dykeman. Lebbeus Ford also came here from Lenox, in 1822, engaged as a blacksmith, and was for a long time the only blacksmith in town. He married Sarah W. Witter, and had born to him four children, namely, Marcus, Harriet H., William W., and one who died in infancy. William W. married Florence J., daughter of Sylvester Simmons, and has had born to him four children, as follows: Sarah W., Annie L., Harriet H. and Mary J.

Daniel P. Witter, son of Josiah, was born in Windham, Conn., moved to Homer, N. Y., in 1812, and came to Berkshire in 1833. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Humphrey, and reared nine children, viz: Asa, Betsey, Mary, John, Lester, Lucretia, Jasper, Daniel and Sarah. Of these only two are living, Jasper, of Dundaff, Penn., and Sarah, widow of Lebbeus Ford. Asa married Louisa, daughter of Ralph Collins, for his first wife, who bore him nine children, and for his second wife he married Delia, daughter of Samuel Torrey, and had born to him five children.

John F. Kimball was born in Scotland, Conn., in 1811, and came to Berkshire in 1835, locating on the farm where he now resides. He married Ruth, daughter of Maj. Peleg Ellis, of Dryden, and has three children, namely, James P., surgeon and major at West Point, Olive, and Grace (Mrs. Lorenzo J. Stannard).

John Bunnell came to this county, from Pike county, Pa. Henry J., one of his fourteen children, was born in December, 1803, married Eliza A. Livermore in 1828, and in 1830 he purchased and made the first settlement on the farm where he now resides. He has had born to him six children, viz.: John G., Charles A., deceased, William H., Mary E., Sarah, and James H., who died in infancy.

Erastus E. Humphrey, son of Roswell, was born in Canton, Conn., and moved to Speedsville, which was then a part of Tioga county, in 1812.

Frederick Shaff was born in Dutchess county, in 1752, and came to this town to live with his son, who had been here since

1841. Mr. Shaff was 105 years of age when James Buchanan was elected president, and that was his last vote. He died in 1859, aged 107 years.

Joseph Walter, son of Elijah, moved to Newark Valley, from New Marlboro, Mass., in 1830. He married twice, first, Abigail Manley, and second, Hannah Schoonover. His son George was born in New Marlboro, and came to this county when only eight years of age. He married Martha, daughter of Joel Allen, of Caroline, N. Y., and in 1851 purchased and made the first clearing on the farm where he now resides.

Charles L. Mayor came here, from Switzerland, in 1849, and purchased the farm where his son Theodore now resides. He was a graduate of a medical college in Paris, practiced medicine a while in Switzerland, and also for eight years in Berkshire. In 1857 he returned to his native land for a visit, but was detained there by sickness, and died in 1863. He left four children, namely: Theodore, Dr. Edward A., of Owego, and Julia and Paul, who live in Switzerland. Theodore married Emma, daughter of Daniel Root, of Richford, and has two children, Jennie, wife of G. O. Steele, of Owego, and Charles D. The latter married Harriet, daughter of William Patch, and resides on the farm with his father.

Peter Youngs, son of Abram, was born in Marathon, August 28, 1827, and lived there until he was twenty-eight years of age. He purchased and made the first settlement on the farm where he now lives, in March, 1857. He married for his first wife, Mary J., daughter of Reuben Smith, who bore him five children, viz.: Morris, Orson R., Annie, deceased, Frank W., and Jessie C. His wife died July 10, 1877, and he married for his second wife, Mary A. Higgins, of Caroline Center, N. Y., December 26, 1877.

William Shaw, son of Henry, was born in Charlton, N. Y., and came to this town in 1820, locating on the place where his son William T. now lives. He married Betsey Talmage, and reared five children, viz.: Lucy M., Elizabeth, William T., Henry B. and Hannah M.

George W. Northrop, son of Ebenezer G., was born in South Kingston, R. I., April 30, 1831, moved to Tioga county in 1842, and practiced medicine in Nichols where he lived six years. He lived in Richford some years, and came to Berkshire, where he now lives, in 1874. He served in the late war in Co. E, 76th N. Y. Vols., and in Co. F, 50th N. Y. Vols., and received an injury

of the spine near Yellow Tavern, Va. For seven years he has not been able to stand.

Ezra Simmons was born in Little Compton, R. I., moved to Moravia, N. Y., in 1829, living there until March 17, 1834, when he moved to Newark Valley, and located on the farm now owned by T. S. Councilman, where he died. He married Anna Luther, and reared five children, viz.: Eliza, deceased, Joseph, of Newark Valley, Sylvester, of this town, Mary (Mrs. T. S. Councilman), and Abbie, widow of Seth Watson. Sylvester was born in Warren, R. I., October 9, 1818, married Mary J., daughter of Calvin Jenks, of Berkshire, and has five children, namely: Florence I., wife of William W. Ford, Emory A., of Owego, Sarah, wife of Anson W. Pake, William E., of this town, and Anna E., wife of V. W. Schooley, of Warwick, N. Y.

*Organization.*—Berkshire was known as "Brown Settlement" until 1808, when the territory comprising Richford, Berkshire and Newark Valley was formed from Owego (then called Tioga), and given the name it now bears, from Berkshire county, Mass. Newark Valley was formed from Berkshire April 12, 1823, under the name of Westville; and Richford was taken off, under the name of Arlington, April 13, 1831. These encroachments have left the town the smallest in the county. At the first town meeting, held Tuesday, March 1, 1808, Ebenezer Cook was moderator, and the following officers were chosen: John Brown, supervisor; Artemus Ward, town clerk; Esbon Slosson and Ebenezer Cook, assessors; Henry Moore and Elijah Belcher, poor-masters; Noah Lyman, Hart Newell and Samuel Haight, commissioners; Peter Wilson, collector and poundmaster; Jesse Gleazen and Adolphus Dwight, constables; Asa Bement, Nathaniel Ford, Asa Leonard, John Bement, Lyman Rawson and Elisha Jenks, fence-viewers; Elisha Jenks, poundmaster.

#### BUSINESS CENTERS.

BERKSHIRE VILLAGE.—This neat, quiet little village, with its air of eminent respectability, is located upon the east branch of Owego creek, on the Southern Central railroad and near the center of the town. It consists of three general stores, one drug store, one hardware and furniture store, one harness-shop, one tailor-shop, one barber-shop, one shoe-shop, three blacksmith shops, two wagon-shops, one billiard room, one grist-mill, two saw-mills, one novelty works, one manufactory of wagon hubs

and brewery shavings, two manufactories of beam-house knives, and one sole-leather tannery, and about 300 inhabitants.

The people of Berkshire and vicinity are justly proud of its beautiful and well-kept cemetery. Money and labor have not been spared in its care, and so impressed are the people of the northern part of the county that the cemetery organization is a permanent one, and that the grounds will ever be cared for, that the cemetery is being filled rapidly with dead of the northern part of this, and the adjacent portions of the three adjoining counties. Many of the soldier dead lie in this beautiful spot, and the Grand Army posts of this place, and also the one of Richford, strew these graves of their comrades with flowers, and hold appropriate exercises the 30th of each May. The Cemetery Association was organized in 1867.

The first school was taught by David McMaster, in the shoe-shop of Josiah Ball, and the shanty of Josiah Wilson. This early interest in educational matters has never flagged. The schools of Berkshire have enjoyed more or less celebrity. The district schools have received the support of the citizens generally, and select schools were popular and well patronized until the passage of the free school act. In 1845 Rev. William Bradford founded the Brookside Seminary, which soon passed into the hands of Rev. Frederick Judd, and became noted as a training school for boys, nor was the school a local one. The students came from adjoining towns and counties, and not a few have attained prominence in fields of politics, literature, and the arts and sciences. One mile south of the village existed at one time, a boarding-school for young ladies, but its existence was short. There is at present in process of erection, a handsome two-story school building.

WILSON CREEK postoffice is located in the southern part of the town.

*The Berkshire Tannery* was built by S. & J. W. Leonard & Sons, in 1849. It was operated by water-power, and made upper-leather. On May 12, 1865, it was purchased by the present proprietors, Davidge, Horton & Co., who enlarged its capacity, and added steam-power. The tannery gives employment to forty hands, and turns out 40,000 sides of sole leather per annum.

*John Ball's Saw-Mill* was built by Deodatus Royce, in 1849, and purchased by Mr. Ball in 1851. It is operated by water-power, and cuts 300,000 feet of lumber per annum.

*The Berkshire Flouring Mills*, Leet & Hollenbeck, proprietors,



was originally built by Judge David Williams, in 1818. The present building was erected by Mr. Williams, in 1839. It is operated by water-power, has three runs of stones, and grinds annually about 40,000 bushels of grain.

*The Speedsville Creamery and Cheese Factory*, located on road 18, was built by a stock company in 1868. The stock was subsequently bought in by John Higgins and Lyman Kingman, and in 1886 a half interest was bought by George R. Rounsevell. The milk of 400 cows is manufactured into butter and cheese annually.

*M. A. Owen & Brother's Cooperage*, on road 1, employs seven hands and turns out 10,000 butter tubs per year.

*Sherwood & Horton's Hub Factory* was established by Sherwood & Lamson, in 1882, and on the 10th of the following January the firm was changed to its present title. They employ thirty hands and turn out about 25,000 wagon hubs annually. In March, 1883, the manufacture of beer shavings was added, in which quite an extensive business is done.

*Milo G. Japhet's Saw-Mill* was built by C. B. Hemingway, in 1883, and was purchased by the present proprietors in 1885. He manufactures 500,000 feet of lumber, 400,000 chair rounds, 500,000 toy broom-handles, and 10,000 platforms for platform rocking-chairs per year, employing eight hands.

*Military History.*—Frederick Shaff, a soldier of the revolution, died here in 1860, at the advanced age of 107 years. Demas Orton a pensioner of the Mexican war died here in 1884, aged about 100 years.

Although the vicinity of Berkshire was not without its slaveholders at an early day, there existed a general and widespread opposition to this "peculiar institution" of the South for years preceding the rebellion, and the town was not without its members of the "underground railroad." Frederick Douglas and other slaves received substantial aid from this organization on their journey to Canada, Douglas having been a guest of the Hon. C. P. Johnson, an old abolitionist. Consequently, at the several calls for troops the town responded in men and money, the ladies assisting with hospital supplies. Charles R. Eastman and Earnest deVallier were the first to enlist, with Gen. Isaac Catlin, then Captain of Co. H., 3d N. Y. Infy.

The total call during the war was for 115 men from the town of Berkshire, which was filled by thirteen drafted, all of whom paid \$300.00 each, by the enlistment of forty one men from abroad, and the balance enlisted from the town. Of this number,

three deserted ; only nineteen are known to be living ; eighteen, or nearly twenty-eight per cent. were killed or died during their term of enlistment ; eighteen came home broken in health and died during the few succeeding years ; the fate of sixteen is unknown ; and the balance are men whose health has suffered from exposure and hardships, whose best years were spent in the service of their country,—years which to most men decide their success in after life.

*Church History.*—The first church building, a barn-like structure, was located upon the farm of Dr. E. Mayor, and was then the only house of worship within the present limits of the county. Services were held morning and afternoon, with Sabbath-school in the interim. The congregation was composed of residents scattered over a large territory. The roads new and almost impassable. No little devotion was evinced by these pioneers who remained in this well-ventilated structure four or five hours with no fire except that afforded by the “foot-stove,” an almost obsolete word to the present generation.

In 1817 a more pretentious church was built near the site of the former. The erection of the frame was the occasion of a demonstration, the like of which the valley had never seen. People came from a distance and remained three days, until the last timber was in place.

There are now three churches in the town,—the Congregational, the Methodist, at the village, and a Baptist church situated in the northwest corner of the town. The Congregational society has existed since the beginning of the present century. They worshiped in a building three miles below the village until the completion of the one now occupied, in December, 1834.

The society is a strong one and is in a prosperous condition, under the pastoral guidance of Rev. J. J. Hough. The Methodist church was organized in 1825, and in 1827 the present church building was erected, and the society, which has grown in strength and numbers, has in contemplation a handsome place of worship to be erected in the near future. Its present pastor is Rev. Mr. Beers.

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CANDOR\* the largest township in the county, lies in the central part of the same, and is bounded north by the county line, east by Berkshire, Newark Valley and a small part of

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\* Prepared by Rev. Charles C. Johnson, late of Candor, now of Sherburne, N. Y.

Owego, south by Tioga and west by Spencer and a small part of the county line. It originally formed a part of the Boston and Flint Purchase, the history of which has been detailed in the opening chapters of this work. Of this location there were taken to make the present town the whole of Township 12, the northeast and southeast section of Township 9, southeast section of Township 10, and south half of Township 11. Prior to the completion of this arrangement, certificates of location and certificates of survey had been granted in this town to John W. Ford, 350 acres, January 23, 1794, known as Ford Location; John Cantine, 800 acres, where Willseyville now is; and known as the Big Flatt, and another plat of 1,200 acres; to James Clinton 200 acres; Nathan Parshall, 200 acres, these latter having been granted March 7, 1792, and all located on the road leading from the mouth of the Owego river to the head of Cayuga lake. The town was set off from Spencer, February 22, 1811, and has an area of 51,334 acres, of which 33,572 acres is improved land.

The surface of Candor consists of high, broad, rolling uplands, separated into ridges by the valleys of streams flowing southerly. Its streams are the Catatonk, Doolittle, and Shendaken creeks. The Catatonk creek heads in a small marsh in the town of Spencer, and takes a southeasterly course of twenty miles, uniting with the Owego creek a short distance above its mouth. The valley along this creek varies from 2,000 to 3,000 yards in width. Shendaken creek enters the Catatonk at Booth Settlement. Doolittle creek is a small stream that joins the West Owego creek at Weltonville. The soil in the valleys consists generally of gravelly loam, and yields fine crops of wheat, corn, etc. The uplands are better adapted for grass than grain. The hills were originally mostly covered with hemlock and pine, and the valleys with heavy growths of pine, oak, beech and maple. In instances the pines have reached 175 feet in height and five feet in diameter, and immense quantities of lumber of fine quality have been manufactured and sent to market at an early day from this valley. The streams furnish abundant water privileges for manufacturing purposes, and saw-mills, grist-mills and tanneries have long been in active and extensive operation. The farms are largely used for dairying purposes, and the connections by the two railroads which cross the town, a history of which we have given in an earlier chapter, furnish ample opportunities for shipping.

*Settlement and Growth.*—That part of the Watkins and Flint

Purchase lying in the territory now designated as the town of Candor, was surveyed in 1793, by two men from Farmington, Conn. They were Capt. Joel Smith and Isaac Judd. Those who were thinking to settle here, selected lots of 104 acres each, for which they paid seven shillings per acre.

The deeds were made out in June of that year, after which four men with their families came on from Connecticut, following from Owego an Indian trail leading up the Cattatong (now Catatunk) valley. They were Elijah Smith, Collins Luddington, Thomas Hollister, and Job Judd, Sr. They halted at a spot near the present cemetery. Here the first trees were felled for actual settlement.

Indians of the Onondaga tribe had a fort on the bank of the the Catatunk creek, and also wigwams in the western part of the town. They were then friendly to the white settlers, though in previous years white captives were imprisoned in the fort. Some of these captives were ransomed and sent back to Wyoming, Pa., by Amos Draper, an Indian agent living where Owego now is.

These first settlers began at once to fell the forest trees and erect for themselves habitations. Thomas Hollister built his log cabin on the lot now occupied by the cemetery. Elijah Smith settled near by. Collins Luddington began clearing the forest adjacent to Elijah Smith; then moved down the trail, and cleared and built on the spot now marked by the home of Harvey Ward. Job Judd went farther down the stream, and began clearing on the farm which has since for many years been the homestead of John Kelsey. Mr. Judd had been a soldier in the revolutionary army. He moved in 1820 to Indiana.

Joseph Booth, of Farmington, Conn., purchased a lot for his son, Orange F. Booth, in 1793, and had it deeded to him. The boy was then twelve years of age. In 1801 he came on and settled on the farm, where he spent the remainder of his days. His six sons settled in Candor, three of whom, Dennis, Orange and Edwin A., are now living.

Another revolutionary soldier, Israel Mead, came in March, 1795, from Bennington, Vt., bringing his wife and five children with an ox-team and sled. He settled in the west part of the town, on the farm now owned by Mr. Schofield. His son, William Mead, was the first white child born in what is now the town of Candor.

Joel Smith, Jr., another soldier from the patriot army,

brought his family of wife and five children from Connecticut in the spring of 1795. He was a captain in the 3d Connecticut regiment, served through the war of the revolution, being present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, in 1781. He surveyed a portion of this territory in 1793. So accurate was he as a surveyor, that his surveys are referred to even at this day, to settle landmarks and titles. He taught school in Candor and Owego, and is spoken of as an active, energetic man, methodical in all his business, and living to the advanced age of eighty-seven years.

Elijah Hart and David Whittlesey came to the settlement here in the winter of 1794-95. They built a small grist-mill and a saw-mill where the tannery and saw-mill of John Ryan recently stood. This first mill was burned in 1813. Abel Hart and his son, Capt. Abel Hart, Jr., came from Stockbridge, Mass., to Choconut, now Union, Broome county, in 1792; four years later Capt. Hart settled in Candor, building a plank house, which he enlarged by additions as need required. In this house religious meetings were held, and Capt. Hart having obtained a license to keep a public house, also opened it as an inn for travelers. His wife was Rachel Smeden, of Union, N. Y., by whom he had nine children. His son Abel, born September 23, 1814, married Louisa, daughter of Leonard Hall, of Danby, N. Y., by whom she has three children, viz.: George H., Adelaide A., wife of Amos Hixon, of Ithaca, and Lewis A., of Candor. George married Mary Carter, of Greene, N. Y., and has one son, Albert C. Lewis A., married Carrie, daughter of William Young, of Binghamton, N. Y., by whom he has two sons, A. Ralph and Harold Lester.

Thomas Hollister kept the first public house, in 1795. He also built the first log barn, and the first framed house. Bringing the seeds from Connecticut, he raised young apple trees, and set out the first orchard in the new settlement.

Settlements were made on the Big Flats in 1797, by Jacobus Shonich, and at Park Settlement by Capt. Daniel Park, Elisha Forsyth and Thomas Park. William Bates came from Owego in 1796 and settled on the road to Wilseyville. His wife died in Spencer, at the advanced age of 102 years. Capt. Eli Bacon and Seth Bacon settled here in 1798.

In 1802 Russel Gridley settled in the west part of the town, on the farm now owned by his grandson, William C. Gridley, on the old road to Spencer, north side of the creek. He built the first framed house on that road. The next year Selah Gridley, his father, came on from Farmington, Conn., and, with his son,

purchased 1,900 acres of land. He was an ex-soldier of the revolution, serving on Washington's body-guard. He appeared always well dressed, in the mode of the day; long stockings and knee-breeches, shining shoe buckles, and three-cornered hat. Equally precise in his speech, he won the name of "Deacon Slick." Russel Gridley moved over to the new road to Spencer, where he built a log house, leaving for several years the tree tops on the first course of logs.

In 1805 Jacob Clark came from Orange county and bought in the east part of the town the first farm sold from the Isaac Bronson purchase of 10,000 acres. His family came to the settlement with a team of horses. His brother, Samuel Clark, came a little before. The next summer he bought the farm now owned by his nephew, Hiram Clark. Their nearest neighbor to the north was in Caroline, and on the south at Owego creek. Three years later Elisha Johnson settled two miles south, and John Brown just north of them, while Walter Hamilton located near.

In 1806 a number of settlers with large families located at Crine's Corners, in the north part of the town. Among these were Elias Williams, John and Joseph White, Pearson Phillips and Daniel Bacon. At the age of eleven years Harvey Potter came to Candor, with Dea. Asa North. He became a prominent townsman, and for many years was an excellent leader of sacred music.

In 1810 Capt. Hart built a framed house, in which he lived and kept a public house for many years. He augmented his business with a blacksmith shop, and being a public spirited man he erected and run a distillery—then supposed to be a necessity in any civilized community, as no family wished to be without ardent spirits. In those days women had practical acquaintance with the loom, so Capt. Hart built a house for weaving. In the looms of this "weave house" three grades of woollen cloth were manufactured, and linen cloth woven for bedding and for frocks. In 1806 Capt. Hart and Thomas Gridley built a saw-mill, farther up the creek, and lumber was soon plenty enough to give every log house a floor. Previous to sawed lumber, split logs were put down for flooring. These primitive log cabins were covered with a bark roof, supported by poles. Not unfrequently a large section of bark served as a door, and oiled paper admitted some light at the window. A few stones served as a fire-place, and an opening in the roof above them let out the smoke, and let in the daylight. Until fodder could be raised on the clearings, the cattle

subsisted on rations browsed from fallen tree tops. A few potatoes were early raised, and abundant deer in the forest furnished venison. Bears disputed with men the possession of the few swine they brought with them, and wolves made sheep husbandry a precarious industry. Aleck Graham proved himself a mighty hunter, killing the bears and trapping the wolves. Grain was carried a long distance to mill, or bruised in a hard-wood stump, hollowed out for a mortar. A yard of calico print sold for one dollar, and a bushel of oats sufficed to pay for a pound of nails.

In 1805 the sons of Bissel Woodford came from Farmington, Conn. Chauncey and Ira settled at West Candor, and Cyrus in Spencer. Their cousins, Truman, Ozias and Sylvester Woodford also settled in town. Ebenezer Lake came in 1813, and Elijah Blinn, Beri Strong and other neighbors formed the Blinn settlement, in 1814. Hon. Jacob Willsey from Fairfield, Herkimer county, gave his name to Willseyville, in 1815. The Woodbridge families settled in the southern part, and John Kelsey in 1818.

Mr. Lewis, the father of Thomas N. Lewis, bought 1,000 acres of the Watkins and Flint Purchase, but never lived in this region. In 1825 Jonathan B. Hart his nephew, came here from Connecticut as his agent. For many years he was the undertaker of the town, and was prominently identified with the earlier Sunday school interest in the community.

At an early date there were twenty-two taverns on the road from Ithaca to Owego. This turnpike was established on an Indian trail in 1808. In 1797 a turnpike from Catskill Landing on the Hudson river, was opened as far as the town of Catharine. Over this for many years were drawn supplies of iron, tin, dry goods and implements. The first store was kept by Philip Case, near the location of the North Candor station of the E., C. & N. R. R. Daniel Olivet taught the first school, in 1797. Joel Smith also taught school, and was the first justice of the peace. Dr. Horatio Worcester was the first physician. Horatio Durkee, came from Meredith, N. H., and built the first tannery, on the site now occupied by the woolen factory of Capt. Barager. Another tannery was afterward built, by John Ryan and Hiram Smith; the Estey tannery much later. After the disastrous fire which swept the settlement in 1813, Caleb Sackett erected a grist-mill, which was succeeded by a better one built by John Kirk and Mr. Tryon. A woolen-mill was erected in 1824, by the brothers Artemus and Isaac V. Locey. This mill was sold to Joseph Mathews

in 1838. Isaac V. Locey manufactured wool-carding machinery for a series of years.

Charles Frederick Barager was the youngest of eleven children, and the seventh son born to Samuel Barager and Ruhamah Sears. His father, Samuel Barager, descended from the Holland Dutch, and was born in Albany County, N. Y., in 1793. He served in the war of 1812, and for his services in said war received a land warrant for 160 acres of government land, and before he died he was placed upon the U. S. pension rolls, and after his death the pension was continued to his widow during her life. At the close of the war, in 1814, he married Ruhamah Sears, and the year following, 1815, they came into the wilderness of Tioga county, and settled in the town of Candor. The name of Samuel Barager is inseparably connected with the history of Tioga county and the town of Candor. On his arrival at his new home he taught school, and as the sparse population learned his worth they placed him in offices of trust. For many years he was supervisor of his town, and in 1829 was sent to the legislature as a member of assembly, and was the colleague of Millard Fillmore. On his return home from Albany, he was elected justice of the peace, and many times was elected associate judge. As the population increased, he grew in its esteem, and from far and near "Judge Barager" was referred to as the arbitrator of nearly every difficulty, the judge of nearly every dispute. In his official capacity he always advised friendly settlement, and when litigation could not be avoided the confidence of his neighbors in him and his judgment was such that an appeal therefrom was seldom taken, and when it was taken never reversed. He held office for over half a century consecutively, and died in the harness of public service, in April, 1871, full of years and good deeds, and the large concourse of truly mourning friends who followed his remains to the grave, attested his usefulness by asking the question "Where can we find one to fill his place?"

Mr. Barager's mother, Ruhamah Sears, was directly descended from Richard Sears, who came from England in 1620. Her father was Daniel Sears, who came to Albany county in 1793, from near Danbury, Conn. Her father, Daniel, and her grandfather, Knowles Sears, served in the war of the revolution, the former as private, and the latter as captain. The mother of Ruhamah Sears was Catharine Warren, at whose home General Washington and staff often stopped, near Danbury, Conn. Ruhamah was born in Albany county, in 1796. She inherited the devoted, industrious and



frugal nature so proverbial of her New England ancestry, so much so that her home duties and devotion to her family, and services and charity to her neighbors absorbed her life. Mentally she was remarkably clear and comprehensive. Religiously she was the embodiment of true piety. She was the true wife and the devoted mother, and no more expressive words can be said of her than her appreciative children had chiseled upon her monument in the cemetery in Candor, where she was buried in April, 1878, "Dear Mother, we still look up to thee."

Charles Frederick Barager was born in Candor, December 5, 1838. His boyhood was divided between the district school, the old homestead farm, and the "sports of the village green." Ambitious to know more of the world than could be learned in the quiet village of his birth, he started in the fall of 1859 for a trip through the South. He spent nearly a year in St. Tammany Parish, La., and returned home in the fall of 1860, satisfied, for the time being, with travel. He entered a select school and with renewed energy applied himself to the task of completing his education. But in the spring of 1861 the alarm of war filled the land, and fresh from witnessing the crime of slavery, and filled with indignation, because it existed in our country boasting of its wonderful freedom, he dropped his books and enlisted under the first call for troops, May 21, 1861. He was chosen first lieutenant by his company, which was Co. K., and it was assigned to the 26th N. Y. Vols. With this regiment he only served a few months, and returned home and raised another company, which was Co. H., 137th regiment. Of this company he was chosen captain, and with it he served during the war. At Gettysburg, on the evening of July 2, 1863, he was ordered by General Green to take his command and advance from Culps Hill and engage the advancing skirmish line of the enemy. The rebels were in such force that he was driven back to the light line of earth works from which he started, but in the engagement he was wounded and carried from the field. He was also wounded in the battle of Peach Tree Creek, Ga. He was engaged in the battles of Chancellorsville, Va., Gettysburg, Pa., Peach Tree Creek, Ga., Wauhatchie, Tenn., Lookout Mountain and siege of Atlanta, besides many minor engagements and skirmishes. With impaired health he was mustered out of the service at the close of the war and returned to his home, and as soon as his health would permit he again turned his attention to the acquirement of knowledge, and in 1867 he entered the Albany Law University,



Charles F. Paragon



from which he graduated, and was admitted to the bar in 1868. While in search of an inviting place to practice his profession in the Southwest, he became interested in the blackwalnut lumber business in Missouri and Illinois, and from that he engaged in other business enterprises, and finally abandoned his profession altogether. He grew oranges in Florida, was a merchant in the Red river valley of the north, and a lumberman on the shores of Lake Superior. In 1876 he returned to the old homestead, in his native village, to be with his aged mother and to give her that supreme satisfaction of spending her last days under the old roof which had sheltered her in joy and sorrow for so many years. Not wishing to be idle he purchased the Candor Woolen Mills, and operated them with such vigor and success that in 1880 and 1881 he built a new mill, all of which he is now running. He was always an active Republican, but it was not until 1879 that he became a candidate for office, in which year he was elected supervisor of his town, redeeming it from Democratic rule. He declined to become a candidate the second time; he also declined the use of his name for office again, until 1883 he was persuaded to become the candidate for member of assembly, in his native county of Tioga. In 1882, and for the first time in more than twenty years, the Democrats elected the member in Tioga county, and to recover the lost ground Captain Barager was unanimously placed in the field and was elected by nearly four hundred majority. He was re-elected in 1884. In the assembly of 1884 and '85 he served upon many important committees, and also served upon the special committee to investigate the armories and arsenals of the State. He was appointed one of the committee of the legislature to accompany the remains of General Grant from Albany to New York, and to attend his funeral in that city August 8, 1885. In 1885 he was elected senator of the 26th senatorial district, by over 3,000 majority. During his term as senator he was chairman of the committee on poor laws and state prisons, and served upon other important committees. The convention of his county, July 15, 1887, unanimously recommended him for re-nomination, and allowed him to select the delegates to the senatorial convention.

In the year 1867 Captain Barager married Mary Markell, who is directly descended from the French Captain Markell, who was with M. De Montcalm at the siege of Quebec. And Major Andrew Fincke, who was assigned by General Washington aid-de-camp to General La Fayette, on his arrival in this country, was

her great-uncle. Among her nearer ancestry are the Markells, who early settled in the Mohawk Valley, some of whom were John, Jacob and Henry Markell, who served as judges, members of the legislature, and of Congress. They have had born to them four children. The eldest, Charles F., Jr., died in 1879. The living ones are Ruhamah Sears, Samuel Frank, and Vida Mary.

Elijah Smith, one of the early settlers of Candor, came to this town about 1790, and made the first settlement on the farm now owned by Amzi Smith, where he built the first framed house in the town. The building is still standing, though not now occupied as a dwelling. He purchased 200 acres, a portion of which is still owned by his grandchildren. He reared a family of six children, four of whom were sons, namely: Selah, Jesse, James, and Amzi. The last mentioned married Julia Potter, whose people were also early settlers of the town, and had born to him five children, as follows: Lucius, John, Philemon, Caroline, and Harriet, all of whom are living.

Ezra Smith came from Westchester county, and was one of the early settlers at Willseyville. He located upon the farm now owned by Morgan White, where he resided until his death, in 1818. He married Anna Cooley, who bore him four children, Waterbury, Jesse D., Hiram, and Ogden, all of whom located in that vicinity, and reared families. The eldest, Waterbury, and father of Wakeman B., of Candor village, was born in 1793, married twice—Abigail Bradley, who bore him one son, Wakeman, and second, Polly Coburn, who died without issue. Waterbury died in 1848, aged fifty-five years. Wakeman B., born in 1817, married Emeline Barager, in 1841, and has four children, Mary C., Delphine, Fred B., and William B.

Jared, son of Joel and Lydia Smith, came with his parents from Connecticut, in 1795, and settled on the farm now occupied by Henry Smith, which farm they cleared. He married Sarah Ward, December 31, 1822. There were born to them four children, viz.: Angeline E., wife of David Burleigh, of Ithaca, Mary S., wife of D. H. Coon, of Montrose, Pa., Charles O., of Waverly, and Henry G., who now resides on the homestead. The latter married Rosa, daughter of Merritt N. Way, of Candor, in 1862, and has three children, Harry L., Sadie and Eva.

Abel Galpin came from Stockbridge, Mass., about 1790, and made the first settlement on the place now owned by Asa Phelps. He married Mary Wright and reared thirteen children. Simeon, son of Abel, was five years of age when they came to Candor.

He married Jane Taylor, and had born to him five children, as follows; Samuel, Jasper, James, Abel F. and Jane, wife of Alexander Henderson. Benjamin Galpin was born in 1790, married Martha, daughter of Levi Williams, an early settler, and reared seven children, six of whom grew to maturity, viz.: Jerusha, Franklin, Mary, William, Fanny M. and Ann E. Caleb Galpin married Fannie, daughter of James Brink, and reared the following children: Elisha, James, Martha, Polly, John, Ameck, Calvin and Caleb W. Elisha married Jerusha, daughter of Benjamin Galpin, and eleven children were born to them, namely, Martha A., Ezra, Mary L., Susan, Wealthy, Cordelia, Francis, Stephen D., Franklin P., Myron E. and Mary E.

Hiram Williams came from Connecticut in 1795, and made the first settlement on the farm now owned by his grandson, William I. Williams. This place is known as Ford's Location, Mr. Ford having received 350 acres for his services as surveyor. Mr. Williams married Abigail Ford, who bore him six children, as follows: Betsey, Sally, Nancy, Eunice, Alfred and Ira. Alfred married Esther Lane, and reared six children, viz.: Susan, Mary, Pluma, Tracy, William I. and Edgar. Of these William I., who is the only one living, resides on the homestead. He married a daughter of Stephen Gaskill, and has two children, Frank, of Clay Center, Kan., and Carrie, wife of Philander G. White, of Hoboken, N. J.

Levi Williams, an early settler, married Jerusha, daughter of Zephaniah White, and reared six children—Joel, Martha, Stephen, Lewis, Anna and Uzal.

Daniel Bacon was one of the first to make a clearing in the town, locating with Thomas Hollister on the ground where the Candor cemetery now is, as we have shown. They spent the summer here, and returned to Connecticut, where they remained a year. The following year Daniel, Seth, Eli and John F. Bacon, brothers, came here, the first three locating on road 97. John F. first settled in what is now Danby, but remained there only a few years, when he came back to Candor, locating on the same road as his brothers. He married Sarah Galusha, of Salisbury, Conn., and reared six children, viz.: Abigail, Sarah, Alma, Mary, John G., and Cynthia D., only one of whom, John G., is living. The latter was born in Danby, December 29, 1805, married Mary, daughter of Samuel Hull, and has had born to him four children—George, John J., Cynthia, and one who died in infancy. Of these George G. is the only one living. He married Flavia L.,

daughter of Sterling J. Barbour, and has one child, Mary Belle. Daniel Bacon, son of Seth, was born in Woodbury, Conn., and came to Candor in 1805. He was for a long time colonel of state militia, was a millwright and a civil engineer. He married Susan, daughter of Capt. Jesse Smith, of Candor, and reared five children—Esther, Seth, Theodore, Harvey and Eloise. Of these, three are living, Seth, of New London, Ia., and Harvey and Eloise, of Candor.

Jasper Taylor, one of the early settlers in the eastern part of the town, came about 1795, locating in Weltonville. He had served in the revolution. He married Maria Edmunds, and reared eleven children, viz.: Samuel, Jane, Levi, Jared, James, Calvin, Jasper, Luther, Robert, Maria and Catherine, all deceased. Jasper was born in Candor, in 1806, married Catherine, daughter of Charles Blewer, and had born to him three children, Mary, Samuel E. and William. The first saw-mill in Weltonville was built by this family.

Joseph Schoonover, son of Benjamin, first located on the farm now owned by Samuel Barrett. He was elected one of the first officers of the town, in 1811. He married Elizabeth Decker, and ten children were born to them, viz.: David, Ira, Daniel, Fayette, Franklin, Lydia, Hannah, Simeon, Jacob and Elias. The last mentioned was born in Candor, January 5, 1812, married Mary, daughter of Reuben Chittenden, of Newark Valley, and reared nine children, as follows: Eudora, Oscar, Corolyn, Sarah, Olive, Mary, Lola, Joseph and Chloe. Of these, only four are living, Eudora, wife of James Miller, of Kirkwood, N. Y., Oscar, of Woodstock, Ia., Corolyn, wife of S. J. Northrup, of Montrose, Pa., publisher of the *Montrose Sentinel*, and Sarah, wife of B. R. Van Scoy.

Caleb Hubbard was an early settler, first locating on the farm now owned by William H. and John F. Hubbard, in 1805. He was a carpenter by trade and built many of the early houses in the town. He married Mary Hull, and seven children were born to them, namely, George, Achilles, Editha, Joseph, Mary, Caleb, and Phœbe. Editha, wife of Pinkey Clark, of Green Springs, and Phœbe, wife of Luther B. Wright, of Portage, O., are the only ones living. George Hubbard married Sophronia, daughter of Isaac Judd, and had born to him four children,—William H., John F., Sarah and Eliza S., wife of Z. R. Easton. William H. married three times, first, Maria R., daughter of Daniel Hart, who bore him two children, Frances M. and Ella H., both de-

ceased; second, Mary E. Hart, a sister of his first wife, who also bore him two children, Frances, wife of T. S. Booth, and Mary S., deceased; and third, Elibbie N., daughter of Joel H. Strong, and has had born to him two children, George W. and Mertie E., both residing at home. John F. married Maria, daughter of Rev. Gaylord Judd, and resides in Denver, Col. Sarah married Rev. Charles W. Judd, and together spent eighteen years as missionaries in India. Eliza S., daughter of George Hubbard, married Zenas R. Easton, of Delphi, and has five children, namely, Sarah F., George H., Charles J., Frederick R. and Wilbert A. Achilles married Marilla Hubbard, by whom he had four children, viz.: Albert C., of Candor, Asa A., deceased, Harriet, (Mrs. George Nelson, of Caroline) deceased, Mariette, wife of Gran Tier, of Potter county, Pa. Albert C. married Mary, daughter of William Shroop, of Candor, by whom he has four children,—Addie, wife of Henry M. Jewett, of Catatunk; George W., of Candor; William W., of Fairport, N. Y.; and Frank, who resides with his father. Mary, daughter of Caleb, married Northrup Edmunds, and had one child, Caleb W., who now resides in Candor. The latter married Laura E., daughter of Orton Johnson, of Candor, and has one child, Cora J.

Charles Henderson was born in Onondaga county, married Lydia Ray, and made the first settlement on the farm now owned by Nelson J. Galpin.

Ahira Anderson, a native of Connecticut, came to Candor, from Vermont, about 1810, and located on the farm now owned by Philander Anderson, on Anderson Hill. He was a tanner by trade, married Martha, daughter of Daniel Andrews, and had born to him ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity, viz.: Chester, Johnson, Marshall, Almira, who married Lewis Pultz, Daniel, Mary, who married Andrew Carman, Amarilla, and Charlotte, who married Amzi Prichard. Of these, Amarilla, widow of John Wolverton, is the only one living. Daniel married Fidelia Frisbee, and reared six children—Mary, Chester, Charlotte, Ezra, Frederick, and Edwin S. Johnson married Annice Preston, of Wallingford, Vt., and reared six children, as follows: Charles, LeRoy, Sylvanus, Emily, Fidelia, Joel and Philander. The last mentioned was born in this town, married Rebecca Andrews, and has had born to him four children, Eva A., wife of Fred A. Blewer, of Weltonville, Carrie L., Mary B., deceased, and Frank L., deceased. Mr. Anderson resides on the homestead where he was born. Marshall Anderson married



Hannah Harris, and had born to him eight children, viz.: James, Stephen, Mariette, Eliza, John, and three who died young. Charles LeRoy, son of Johnson Anderson, was born in Candor, June 13, 1820, married twice; first, Mary A., daughter of Jacob Shaw, and second, Cordelia, daughter of Elisha Galpin. Three children were born to him, Charles A., deceased, Ezra L., and one who died in infancy.

Miles Andrews, son of Jesse, came to this town from Wallingford, Vt., in 1810, making the first settlement on the farm now owned by Philander Anderson. He was a soldier of the war of 1812, married Electa, daughter of Asa Warner, and reared five children, namely: Levi R., Philetus, David W., George W. and Electa. Levi was born in Candor, January 16, 1821, married Julia, daughter of Thomas Barden, and five children were born to them, viz.: Asa, Mary A., wife of Thomas Gaige, Thomas, Romeo, and Franklin. David, son of Miles, married Theresa, daughter of Charles C. Howard, and the following children have been born to him: George F., Charles, Elmer, and Laura. Jonathan Andrews, brother of Jesse, came here from Wallingford, Vt., in 1810, and made the first settlement on the farm now owned by Joel Anderson. After living here several years, he moved to Newark Valley. He married Betsey Aldrich, and had born to him twelve children. His son Daniel married Lucinda, daughter of Lewis Pult, and reared seven children, viz.: Eliza, Lewis, Rebecca, wife of Philander Anderson, Johnson, of Newark Valley, Betsey, deceased, Heman and Ezra, of Newark Valley.

Dr. Elias Briggs came from Massachusetts about 1810, and settled in Weltonville, where he practiced medicine for thirty-five years. He married Ruby Stebbins, by whom he had three children who arrived at maturity, viz.: Lyman, Ursula, and Mary L., who now resides in the village of Candor. Dr. Briggs died in 1850.

Lewis J. Mead, son of Lewis, was born in New Jersey, married Jane Ellston, and came to this town about 1827, locating on West Owego creek, upon the farm now owned by Russell J. He reared six children, viz.: Elizabeth, Russell J., Asa E., Alanson, Sarah J., deceased, and William.

Ezekiel Mead moved to Wayne county, Pa., from New Jersey, married Abigail Owen, and located in Owego in 1802, on the farm now owned by John B. Brownell. He had born to him six children, viz.: Benjamin, Joshua, George, Lewis, Aseneth, and Sarah. Joshua, who was two years of age when he came to Owego, has

been engaged in farming and lumbering, married Abigail, daughter of Henry Lewis, of Colchester, N. Y., and has seven children, Abel, Halloway, Edward, William H., Charles, Riley, and Ezekiel.

David P. Mead was born in Groton Hollow, August 28, 1815, and came to Tioga county in 1867, locating in Candor village, where he has carried on the business of wagon making. He married Mary P. Green, September 25, 1843, who has borne him three children, Howard J., John G., and Emma K. (Mrs. Martin Willsey). The eldest, Howard J., studied law with Lyons & Donnelly, of Ithaca, and graduated at the Albany Law School in 1873, and is now of the law firm of Mead & Darrow, of Owego. He has served as district attorney six years.

Cornelius Cortright was one of the first settlers in the eastern part of the town, came from Delaware county, and in 1805 made the first settlement on the farm now owned by Samuel Cortright. He married Phœbe Decker in Delaware county, and both made the journey here on horseback, Mrs. Cortright holding their son, Simeon, who was then only five years of age, in her arms. Ten children were born to them, viz.: Simeon, Jacob, Eleanor, James, Levi, Lyman, Edward, Phœbe, Margaret and Samuel. Simeon married Mary, daughter of George Lane, and reared twelve children, as follows: George, Henry, deceased, James F., Eliza A., wife of Levi Blewer, Margaret, deceased, Phœbe A., wife of William G. Blackman, Jane, widow of Hollister Wright, Sarah A., wife of Van Debar Baker, of Owego, Maria, wife of George Burt, Elsie, wife of Henry Davison, of Newark, Lucy B., wife of D. O. Manning, of Dryden, and Mary G., wife of John Van Demark. James, son of Cornelius, was born January 18, 1809, married Esther, daughter of Henry Jacobs, and nine children were born to him, six of whom are living, viz.: Charles, John, Hulda M., Augusta, Augustus and Alvah.

Walter Herrick, born in Dutchess county, March 9, 1781, was one of the early settlers in the eastern part of this town, locating in Weltonville, on the farm now owned by his son Walter, in 1806. He married Minerva, daughter of Dr. Stephen Hopkins, of Athens, and reared nine children, viz.: Edward, Charles, Celestia, wife of E. P. Miller, of Tunkhannock, Pa., Harriet, Maria, Stephen, Eliza, Minerva, wife of Jesse Phelps, of Flemingville, and Walter.

Nathaniel Ketchum came from North Hebron, Washington county, N. Y., about 1815, and located near Flemingville, in

the town of Owego, where he engaged in farming. He married Aseneth, daughter of Lewis Mead, of Owego, by whom he had seven children, viz.: Ezekiel, Eleanor, wife of Israel Johnson, of Candor, Joseph B., Henry, of Spencer, Sarah, wife of James C. Hannible, of Washington county, William P., of Candor, and Julia, wife of Henry Woodard, of Michigan. William P. married Lany S. Ivory, of Jacksonville, Tompkins county, N. Y., January 7, 1863, by whom he has had six children, viz.: Emma, wife of Dey Rhodes, of Moravia, N. Y., Willie A. and Mary A. (twins), Daniel J., Charles H., and Jessey, who died at the age of two years and seven months.

Sylvester Woodford came to this town, from Farmington, Conn., in 1805, and made the first settlement on the farm now owned by his son Sylvester. He married Diana Tillotson, and reared five children, namely, George, Luther, Chauncey T., Eliza, widow of Elbert Judson, of Danby, and Sylvester. Ozias, brother of Sylvester, came here at the same time, and settled where H. W. Loring now lives. They made the journey with an ox-team, arriving here about the middle of March. Church service was held for a long time in Sylvester's barn. Sylvester, Jr., was married twice; first, Jane, daughter of John Dykeman, of New Milford, Pa., who bore him two children, Frank S. and Jennie (Mrs. Charles Fiebig); and second, Martha J. Barto. His son Frank S. married Jennie Deyo, and has two children, Fred and Charles. Luther married Rhoda Potter, and reared four children, namely, Mary, wife of O. L. Ross, of Owego, Louise M., Diana and Florence.

Chauncey Woodford, son of Bissel, was born in Farmington, Conn., October 14, 1782, married Nancy, daughter of Asa North November 21, 1803, and came to this town in 1805. He made the first settlement on the farm now owned by his sons, Elbert and George. He came first in 1804 and built a rude log house, into which he moved his family. They were troubled by wild animals, which were very numerous at this time, and all were obliged to keep their sheep in pens. Truman Woodford, Ira Woodford, James North and Manna Hart also came from Farmington, and at about the same time. Bissel Woodford came about 1825, and spent his last days with his children. He was a revolutionary soldier, and died September 3, 1835, aged eighty-one years. Six children were born to Chauncey Woodford, namely, Asahel, Emily, widow of Hiram Smith, of Lansing, Mich., Diana, who married Ogden Smith, Loisa, widow of Joseph Mathews, of

Binghamton, Elbert C. and George. Elbert C. was born January 8, 1823, married Sarah, daughter of Wright Dunham, of Nichols, and has two children, E. Jerome and Emma T. (Mrs. C. N. Day), of Spencer. George Woodford was born April 3, 1826, married Mary, daughter of William Loring, and has three children, Asahel H., Adelaid M. (Mrs. Charles F. Andrews), of Newark Valley, and Charles G., who is engaged in the First National Bank, at Owego.

Timothy C. Reed was born February 14, 1814, near Penobscot, Me., and came with his parents to Candor when but two years of age. For thirty-two years Candor village was his home. He was engaged in farming twenty-five years in West Newark, where he had a farm of one hundred and fifty acres. Here on May 3, 1836, he married Sarah J., daughter of William Richardson. She was born June 8, 1817, and now resides in Ross street, Owego, to which she came with her husband when he retired from farm life in 1874. Mr. Reed died April 1, 1882. Their children are Frances D., born June 25, 1837, married S. O. Hayward, of Buffalo; Herbert B., born July 27, 1839, now living in Mount Morris, N.Y.; Sarah J., born December 16, 1845, married John L. Taylor, of Owego; and Mary T. born May 20, 1849, married J. A. Willey, of Freeville, N. Y.

Henry Hover was born in Delaware, Pa., October 8, 1791, and came to Candor at the age of fifteen years. He married Hannah Van Gorder, and reared ten children. He died at Weltonville, June 10, 1877, aged about ninety six years.

Solomon Hover came to this town, from Delaware county, in 1807, and made the first settlement on the farm now owned by Benjamin Hover. He married Peggy Bolton, and reared ten children, viz.: Joseph, Elijah, Eleanor, Benjamin, Lodwick, Gilbert, Solomon, Katy, Henry and Sally. Of these Solomon and Henry are the only ones now living.

Solomon Vergason came here from Standing Stone, near Towanda, Pa., in 1808, and made the first settlement on the farm now owned by Seth Hammond. His son David, who was only seven years of age when they came, married Susan, daughter of Iddo Cass, and six children were born to them, namely, Stephen, Solomon, George, Iddo, Adelaide, and one who died in infancy.

Samuel Hull, son of George Hull, Jr., and a lineal descendant of George Hull, who came from England in 1630 and settled in Dorchester, Mass., was born June 15, 1755, married Freelope Kelsey, June 20, 1781, and reared twelve children, viz.: Jonas,

James, Samuel, Lebbeus, Russell, Electa, Hubbard, Pheobe, Curtis, Catharine, Alanson and Hannah. Mr. Hull came to Candor in 1809, and made the first settlement on the farm now owned by his grandson, Nathan T. Hull. Samuel, Jr., was born July 9, 1785, married Sabrina Teall, and had born to him nine children, as follows: James B., Clarissa R., Mary, Lydia M., Samuel, Catharine A., Henry H., Nathan T., and Elizabeth S. Nathan T. was born October 14, 1824, married Ada M., daughter of Daniel Oakley, and six children were born to them, only three of whom are living, namely, Elizabeth G. (Mrs. Hiram Henderson), Mary J. (Mrs. Charles Perkins), of Bradford, Pa., and Daniel O.

George Douglass, came from Ireland, and made the first settlement on the farm now owned by William Douglass, in 1812. He reared three children, John, Charles and Jane. John married Emerancy, daughter of Caleb Cass, and had born to him six children, viz: Caleb, George, John, Mary, Emma J. and Olin. Charles married Julia, daughter of Sylvester White, and reared four children, Mary, Maria, Roxy and William. Jane married Robert Duff, and two children were born to them, George and Sarah.

Reuben Fletcher was one of the early settlers in the western part of the town. He came from Moravia, and made the first settlement on the farm now owned by Laura Crum.

Osgood Ward was born in New Hampshire, married Hannah Huggins, and came to Candor, from Kingston, Ont., in 1812. He lived several years on the place where Harvey Cowles now lives, and was the father of ten children, viz: Sarah, Nelson, Cynthia, Mary, Charles, Warren, Harvey, Adeline, Eliza and Hiram. Hiram was born at Kingston, January 16, 1802, came here with his father, married Adaline, daughter of William Stanley, and ten children were born to him, viz: Elmina, Susan, Stanley, Charles, deceased, Adelaide, Oscar, Cynthia, Mary, Helen and Sarah. Susan lives in Berlin, Wis., Stanley lives in South Danby, and the others reside in Candor.

John J. McIntyre, son of Samuel, was born in Washington, Vt., September 5, 1795, and came to Candor in October, 1813, with a yoke of cattle and a span of horses for his uncle, Ephraim Jones. He made the first settlement on the farm now owned by Theron Kyle. He went back to Vermont, and returned to this town the following winter with his father and family, and has lived here since that time. He married Betsey Williams, in

February, 1817, and has had born to him seven children, six of whom are living.

James Ross came to this town from Barkhamsted, Conn., in 1814. He married Sally Case, and the following children were born to him, Ralph, Ratus, Flavel, Alvira, Lester, Harry, Lydia, Edmund and Agnes.

Daniel Cowles and his son Rufus came to Candor, from Farmington, Conn., in 1809, and made the first settlement on the farm now owned by Mr. Ross. They were both brick and plaster masons. Daniel and Eunice (North) Cowles had five children born to them, namely, Rufus, Romeo, Shubael, George and Horace. Mr. Cowles died in 1870, aged seventy-nine years. Rufus married Rebecca, daughter of James Curran, of Spencer, and had eight children born to him, viz: Eunice, Emeline, Melinda, Daniel, James, Horace, and two who died young. Daniel and James are the only ones now living. James C. married Helen, daughter of Hiram Ward, and has two children, Wallace J. and Nellie L. Romeo married Sally, daughter of Hiram Williams, and reared nine children, five of whom are living, viz.: Angeline, wife of Jesse H. Smith, Sarah, wife of Morris Humiston, Mary, wife of Jesse N. Sackett, of Great Bend, J. Harvey and Harriet (Mrs. Charles F. Jewett).

Isaac Comstock, came to Candor, from Smithfield, R. I. He purchased a tract of land, consisting of 400 acres, on West Owego Creek, in 1820.

Captain William Scott came to this town, from Adams, Mass., in 1820. He made the first settlement on the farm now owned by Jonas S. Foster, his adopted son.

Joel C. Strong located in this town about 1825 or 1830, coming here from Duanesburg, and made the first settlement on the farm now owned by his son Charles S. He married twice, first, Ann Lake, who bore him one child, Martha A., widow of Hezekiah Whitmore, of Newark Valley, and second, Olive Lake, who bore him five children, viz: Mary, wife of Julian Clinton, of Newark Valley, Josiah, Munson, Charles S. and Olive J., deceased.

Beri Strong came to Candor, from Duanesburg, in the spring of 1816, and made the first settlement on the farm now owned by Robert Barden. He married Elizabeth Hatch, and had born to him eight children, viz.: Lewis, Hebron, Solomon T., Isaac B., Curtis B., Hannah A., Silas H., and Orrin. Hebron Strong married Irene, daughter of Benjamin Patch, and four children were

born to him, of whom only two are living, Anson B., and Wesley H.

Daniel Lounsbury, son of Timothy, was born in Bethany, Conn., and located in Tioga in 1816, on the farm opposite the old cemetery near Tioga Center. He lived there about ten years, then moved to Candor, and settled on the farm owned by George and E. C. Woodford. He married Sarah, daughter of Alanson Wooding, of Bethany, and reared five children, viz.: Janet, Laura, David W., Daniel and Lucy. Of these, three are living, Janet, widow of John J. Harlen, David W., who is engaged in lumbering at Etenville, and Daniel, of this town. The latter married Philinda, daughter of George Tuttle, and has one child, Lois E. Mr. Tuttle came here in 1833, and located on the farm now owned by Warren H. Tuttle. Lois E. married Frank E. Dewey, and they have one child, Homer.

Abel Owen came here from Trumansburg, in 1821, and made the first settlement on the farm now owned by Abel C. Owen. He married Millesent Robinson, and had born to him four children, Sarah M., Daniel R., Emeline Corson, and Abel C.

Jonathan Hart, son of William, was born in New Briton, Conn., August 25, 1800, married Elvira Humiston, of Plymouth, Conn., and came to Candor in 1825, locating on the place where he now lives. He was engaged in the furniture and undertaking business here for forty-eight years. When he was twenty years of age he joined the Congregational church of New Haven, since which time he has been an active member of both church and Sunday-school. In 1822 he joined the order of Free Masons, and was an active member in Mount Olive Lodge. He organized Candor Lodge, No. 411, June 18, 1856, and worked under a dispensation until July 22, 1857, when they received a charter from the Grand Lodge, and he was elected the first master.

Charles Dennis came to Candor, from Otsego county, in March, 1826, and located on the farm now owned by Daniel Knapp. He married Emma Hoyt, and reared seven children, only two of whom are living, Edmund and Alfred.

Josiah Hatch came here from Duanesburg, in March, 1823, and made the first settlement on the farm now owned by Charles Strong. He married Polly, daughter of Solomon Doty, and had born to him five children, only two of whom grew to maturity, Elsie B., wife of Russel Mead, and Parker.

Stoughton S. Downing, son of John, was born in Lincoln, Vt., June 20, 1818, came to Candor in 1837, and married Jane, daugh-

ter of Daniel Searles. He has four children, namely, Jay S., Lincoln L., Ray M. and Della A.

Mansfield Bunnell, son of Solomon, was born in Plymouth, Conn., where he married Sophronia Miller, and moved to Owego in 1834. He lived there two years, then came to Candor, and, with Sidney Hayden, purchased a farm of Rev. Jeremiah Osborn, where they began the manufacture of brick. Mr. Bunnell had one child born to him, Florilla S., who married John Whitley, Jr., and has one child, Noel B. The latter is engaged in the insurance business, at Tavares, Fla.

Charles C. Howard, son of Stephen, was born in Schuyler county, in June, 1805, and came to Candor in 1830, locating on road 36. He married Laura O., daughter of Jonathan Phelps, and nine children were born to him, viz.: Warren, Minerva A., wife of Samuel Benjamin, Theresa J. (Mrs. D. W. Andrews), Charles, of Alpine, N. Y., Rhoda M. (Mrs. Morgan Eastman), Margaret E., wife of S. F. Kyle, Hiram O., Loring P., pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Spencer, and Laura E., wife of L. E. Baker, of Spencer.

Rowland Van Scoy, son of Samuel, married Rachel, daughter of Isaac Drew, and reared three children, namely, Isaac D., Rowland S., a banker at Maple Rapids, Mich., and Sally. Isaac D. was born in Kent, N. Y., and came to Tioga county in 1837. He lived fourteen years near Weltonville, and then purchased and made the first settlement on the farm where he now lives. He married Julia A., daughter of Josephus Barrett, and has four children, as follows: Knowlton, Burt R., Josephus and Ann B. Josephus is engaged in fruit growing in Smithville, Md. Burt R. was born in this town, December 16, 1837, and married Sarah E., daughter of Elias Schoonover. He served in the late war, in Co. B, 21st N. Y. Cav. In 1865, he purchased the farm where he now lives. He has five children, namely, Ada D., Lulu, Bertha, Drew and Mabel.

Rodaker Fuller, son of David, was born in Colchester, June 5, 1809, married Fernunda, daughter of David Brown, and has one child, Samuel G. He made the first settlement on the farm where he now resides.

VanNess Barrott, son of Josephus, was born in Kent, N. Y., married Deborah Wixom, and came to Candor with his family in 1834. He purchased the farm where Elliott Barrott now lives, which he subsequently sold, and purchased the farm and saw-mill owned by his son, Samuel R. He was one of the first to engage



in the dairy business, and many people used to come to his house to see him make butter, and learn how it was done. He made and used the first churn power used in this section, it being the tread wheel, similar to that used at the present time. He was also at one time engaged in lumbering. He reared seven children, viz.: Samuel R., Simeon W., of Candor, Josephus, of Newark Valley, Amial W., Betsey, Phœbe, wife of Nathaniel Sherwood, of Apalachin, and Marilla, wife of George Thomas.

John E. Robbins purchased and made the first clearing on the farm where he now lives, in 1847.

William L. Fessenden, son of Henry, was born at Montrose, Pa., September 10, 1816, and at an early age learned the trade of a cabinet-maker. After living in various places, he located at Peruville, where he carried on the furniture and undertaking business for twenty-one years. While here he joined the Methodist Episcopal church, and became a local preacher. Later he joined the Wesleyan Methodist society, and was ordained as a minister in April, 1858. He married Adaline, daughter of David George, and has six children, viz.: Mary A., wife of George T. Brooks, Harvey G., of Waverly, Charles H., of New York City, Geograny, David S., and William N., of New York city.

John M. VanKleeck, son of Laurence, and grandson of John L., was born in Clinton, February 9, 1805. His father and grandfather moved to Danby, in 1806. John M. married Amy, daughter of William Brock, and came to Candor in 1834, locating on the farm where he now resides. He has had born to him three children—Phebe A., deceased, Charles H., and John J., of Owego.

William Richardson moved to Newark Valley, from Attleboro, in 1818, and located on West Owego creek, on the farm now owned by Munroe Barrett. He married Millie Capron, and reared eight children, as follows: William, deceased, Elias, of McGrawville, Millie, deceased, Horace, of Candor, Fanny, Hannah, wife of George Waldo, of Waverly, Jane, widow of Timothy Reed, and Nancy.

Samuel Miller moved to Newark Valley, from Sennett, about 1836, purchased 500 acres of land in the western part of the town, and built the first saw-mill on the place now owned by William Custard. He married Eunice, daughter of Daniel Storke, of Sennett, and reared thirteen children, viz: Emeline, wife of Peter Sitzer, of Auburn, Julia, Cyrus, who resides in Tunkhannock, and is president of the bank there, Nancy, Daniel, a

physician in this town, John, of Horseheads, William, also of Horseheads, Lucinda, wife of Alanson White, of Sennett, Augustine, of Candor, Ellen A., wife of Walter Herrick, of this town, Frank G., of Iowa, Peter, of Tunkhannock, Pa., and Emmett, of Horseheads. The children were all living when the youngest was thirty years of age, yet the father and mother had never seen all their children at one time. Augustine married Charlotte A., daughter of Collins Maine, of DeRuyter, N. Y., and has one child, Fred. The latter resides at home, and is engaged in stock dealing. He married Mary F., daughter of Edwin and Polly Webster, and has two children, Burt W. and Edwin A. Dr. Daniel S. Miller was born in Sennett, N. Y., June 1, 1823. He studied in the public schools and at the Berkshire Medical College, of Pittsfield, Mass., in 1847. He began practice at Martville, N. Y., and came to Candor in 1851, and has practiced here since. He married Helen J. Caruth, in 1848, and has had one child, Ada, who became the wife of William R. Wardwell and died in 1876. Mr. Miller has held the office of supervisor.

Dr. John C. Dixon was born in Gilbertsville, Otsego county, November 12, 1831, and in 1839 went to Owego to reside with an uncle, his parents having died. In 1845 his uncle, Rev. John Bayley, located in Candor, and Dr. Dixon came with him. He studied with Dr. L. Sullivan, and graduated at the Albany Medical College in December, 1854, began practice here, but shortly removed to Minnesota, where he resided until after the war broke out, when he entered the service and remained two years, or till the close of the war. After this he returned to Candor and has been in practice here since. Dr. Dixon married Sarah Frances, daughter of Daniel Hart, in December, 1856.

Dr. William E. Roper was born in Danby, N. Y., February 18, 1853, studied in the common schools, at the Ithaca Academy, and graduated at the Homeopathic Hospital College, of Cleveland, Ohio, in March, 1881, and immediately began practice in Candor, where he has since resided. He married Eliza Holmes, December 29, 1880, and has one child, a son.

William J. Cole was born in New Jersey, October 5, 1815, and came to Tioga county in 1850, locating on a farm in the town of Tioga. In 1868 he was appointed steward of the county house in Owego, where he remained four years, and in 1872 came to Candor village, where he has resided since. He married Susan Elston, who bore him five children, four of whom are living, viz.: Chauncey A., Sarah E., (Mrs. Frank Finch, of Alfred Center),

Kate (Mrs. C. J. Dodge, of Binghamton), and Arminda (Mrs. Eugene Hollenbeck). Mrs. Cole died in May, 1886, and in November, 1886, he married Mrs. Maggie S. Clowes, of Watkins, N. Y.

Elbert O. Scott was born in Franklin, Delaware Co., N. Y., March 6, 1839, studied in the public schools of his native town, studied law with Hon. W. C. Lamont, of Richmondville, and was admitted to the bar in May, 1860, and has been in practice here since 1866.

Dr. Algernon J. Harris was born in Candor, July 31, 1859, a son of Dr. James J. Harris, who died here in 1863, after several years practice in the village. Dr. Harris studied in the public schools of Candor, graduated at Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1876, studied medicine with Dr. L. D. Farnham, now of Binghamton, N. Y., and graduated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, in May, 1882, practiced in Wayne county, Pa., one year, and then came to Candor village, where he has since resided. He married Miss Josie C. Williams, June 25, 1884, and has one child, a son.

Henry Hull came from Vermont and located on Anderson Hill very early in the history of the county. He married Nancy, daughter of Clark Delano, by whom he had seven children, viz.: Susan, Oren and Oscar, deceased, Leonard, of Candor, Mary A., widow of the late Leonard White, Alfred, of Owego, and Calvin, of Phelps, N. Y. Leonard, who was a member of Co. K, 179th N. Y. Vols., married Adeline, daughter of William White, of Candor, by whom he has three children, viz.: Mina, wife of Alonzo Harding, of Catatonk, who has one child, Eugene; Frederick E. and William Franklin. Alfred married Permelia, daughter of Augustus Clark, September 17, 1862, by whom he has two children, Byron O., born April 2, 1867, and Rosetta, born May 21, 1870.

Augustus Holmes came from Albany county, N. Y., to this town in 1821, where he engaged in farming. He married Waty Tanner, of Dutchess county, by whom he had eight children, viz.: Susan, Ebenezer, deceased, Samuel, of Candor, Cinderella, wife of William Doolittle, deceased, Caroline, the present wife of William Doolittle, John T., Job, deceased, and Rufus, of Newark Valley.

Osgood Ward came from New Hampshire to Canada where he remained about one year, and then removed to Montrose, Pa., and thence to Candor, where he located on the farm now owned

in part by Mr. Seaman, about the year 1813. He married Hannah Huckins, of Portsmouth, N. H., by whom he had twelve children, viz: Sarah, wife of Jared Smith, deceased, Hiram, of Candor, Eliza, wife of Ansel Hubbard, Mary A., wife of Almon Woodruff, of Dakota, J. Nelson, deceased, Cynthia, widow of J. B. Bacon, of Candor, Charles, deceased, Warren A., who died at the age of seventeen years, Harvey H., of Candor, Adeline C., wife of A. A. McGill, of Missouri, and two who died in infancy. Harvey H. married Phœbe B., daughter of Nathaniel Spaulding, of Ithaca, by whom he has had two children, Alla, who died in Manistee, Mich., in October, 1882, leaving a widow and one child, Harold; and Luella Spaulding Ward, wife of W. J. Terry, of Ithaca, N. Y., and who has one child, Jerome Ward Terry.

William White came from Vermont many years ago, and located in Spencer. He married Phœbe Rundle, by whom he had twelve children, eleven of whom arrived at maturity. Their names are John, Lucinda, wife of Charles Frisbie, of Halsey Valley, Maria, wife of William Ross, of Wisconsin, Azubah, wife of William Brown, of Iowa, Elnathan, Lavinna, wife of Peter Cinnamon, of Hudson, N. Y., Eveline, wife of George Campbell, of New Albany, Pa., Lewis, deceased, Sewell, who died in the army, Leonard and Adeline, wife of Leonard Hull, of Candor. Leonard married Mary A., daughter of Henry Hull, by whom he had two children, Alice Isabel, wife of Jerome Van Zile, and Emily O., wife of Frederick Hover, of Candor. Leonard White was a member of Co. H., 137th N. Y. Vols., and was killed in the battle of Lookout Mountain, November 28, 1863.

Aaron Lovejoy, son of Nathan, was born March 17, 1817, and came to Candor in December, 1834. On December 25, 1839, he married Mary Curtiss, by whom he had four children, born as follows: Horace A., October 5, 1840; Mary E., December 14, 1841; Lyman B., February 26, 1843; and Emeline, December 13, 1844. Mrs. Lovejoy died December 27, 1844, and on June 8, 1845, Mr. Lovejoy married Sarah J. Bundy, by whom he had eight children, viz.: Elam, born July 27, 1846; Caroline, March 3, 1847; Lucy A., October 9, 1849; Willard A., July 27, 1851; Orpha March 16, 1853; Silas, April 14, 1855; Sarah, January 30, 1858; and Frank, April 12, 1861. The second Mrs. Lovejoy died April 9, 1881, and Mr. Lovejoy, January 30, 1885. Lyman B. married Phœbe A. Jordan, of Candor, June 21, 1875. Their children are Aaron L., born August 15, 1866, Frank S. and Fred W. (twins), born January 30, 1868, Thomas S., June 8, 1870. Mrs. Lovejoy

died November 14, 1874, aged twenty-eight years. His second wife is Mandana A. Gillivaray, whom he married June 30, 1875, and their children are Nettie M., born July 10, 1876, Almond B., February 18, 1879, and Mary E., March 26, 1882. Fred W. died January 1, 1868. Willard A. married Nellie, daughter of William H. Decker, of Candor, October 24, 1874, by whom he has had five children, born as follows: Evalenia, March 17, 1876, Minnie M., May 21, 1878, Myrtie May, October 3, 1880, Freddie Leroy, December 23, 1882, died June 28, 1883, Bessie, born May 8, 1884, and Clyde L., March 20, 1887.

Richard Field came from Swaford, Oxfordshire, England, in November, 1854, and located in Spencer, where he engaged in farming and in which occupation he continued for five years. He then engaged in mason-work, and in 1868 came to Candor, where he built the first house on Mountain avenue. He married first, Sarah Smith, by whom he had eight children. His present wife is Malvina (Jackson) Hooper, by whom he has one child.

Cyrenus Elmendorf was born in Hopewell, Orange county, N. Y., in February, 1826. At the age of ten or twelve years he obtained work at Homowack, Sullivan county, N. Y., and afterward learned the carpenter and joiner trade in that place. He removed from there to Candor village in 1855, where he engaged in building operations, principally that of bridges. In partnership with John J. Sackett he built the Hulmboldt Tannery, in 1859, and carried on the business of tanning in connection with others under the firm name of C. Elmendorf & Co., until 1865. He then disposed of his interest to Hoyt Brothers, of New York. In 1858 he bought the foundry here and in the name of S. Horton & Co. conducted the manufacture of stoves and agricultural machinery. He married, first, Hannah, daughter of William Lewis, of Ulsterville, Ulster county, N. Y., by whom he had seven children, viz.: Perthena A., wife of L. D. Willard, of Candor, William C., of New Jersey, Esther, wife of John Cogan, of Candor, Charles, who died at the age of eight years, Lucas, of Candor, Eloise, wife of Edward Blynn, of McLean, N. Y., and Clarence, who is engaged with his father. During the greater part of Mr. Elmendorf's residence in Candor he has been actively and prominently identified with its business interests. His present wife is Nancy (Wells) Leet.

J. W. Henderson was born in Starrucca, Pa., in 1834, and came to Candor in 1859, where he was employed in the Hulmboldt Tannery for about eight months. He then went to Berkshire,

where he entered the employ of Davidge & Horton, where he remained for seven years. He then returned to Candor, and from there went to Etna, N. Y., where he managed a large dairy farm for E. S. Estey, until 1871, when he returned to Candor a second time, and took charge of the Hulmboldt Tannery, as superintendent. Mr. Henderson married Caroline, daughter of Isaac Baker, of this town, by whom he has two children, Nellie E., and Fred D.

Frederick Parmele was born in Guilford, Conn., March 28, 1814, and in 1840 came to Owego, where he lived until 1855, when he went to Kentucky, and remained about five years. He then returned to this county, and located in Candor, where he engaged in the wheel-wright business, which he conducted here for twenty years. He married Harriet, daughter of Stephen Dexter, in 1841. Their children are C. Frederick, of Hastings, Neb., Stephen R., of Brooklyn, N. Y., Ella, who died at the age of five years, and George D., of Rochester, Minn.

William L. Carpenter, son of Eli and Sarah (Van Renselaer) Carpenter, was born in Greenbush, N. Y., August 16, 1799. In 1813 he went to Salina, now a part of the city of Syracuse, where he remained more or less for five years, assisting in the work of boring for salt water. At that time there was nothing where the city of Syracuse now stands, but a tavern, a small store, and a few houses, all surrounded by a dense alder swamp. In the fall of 1819 he went to Watertown, N. Y., where he remained about four years, engaged as a machinist with William Smith, who owned a large machine shop on an island in the Black river, and which was within the corporate limits of the village. Here he married Sarah, daughter of William Smith, by whom he had two children, Matthew, late of Wisconsin, and Sarah, wife of William Pell, of New Bedford, Mass. Mr. Carpenter lost his wife in 1831. He then went to New Orleans, and after eight years returned to Binghamton, N. Y., where he married Lauretta Towsley, January 9, 1839, and by whom he has had six children, viz.: Mary J., wife of William Hunt, Lewis S., deceased, William J., of Binghamton, Lucy, wife of Burton Sherwood, of Varna, N. Y., Sarah L., wife of Fred Hoag, of Binghamton, and Orly V., of Candor. About 1867 Mr. Carpenter came to Candor, where he has been conducting the business of machinist and wagon worker. He joined the order of Free Masons in Chittenango Lodge, No. 128, Chittenango, N. Y., January 14, 1821, and is probably one of the oldest living masons in the state.

Anthony M. Tyler, a soldier of 1812, was one of the early settlers in the town of Newark Valley, and was an early and earnest supporter of Methodism in this section. He married Harriet W., daughter of William S. Packer, of Albany county, N. Y., and sister of William S., Jr., who instituted and endowed the Parker Institute of Brooklyn. Their children were Harriet, who married Silas Tappan, Nancy A., who married Ezekiel Noble, of Newark Valley, William S., who died in the army, Joseph A., who married Morgiana Forsyth, Eunice A., wife of Eldredge Forsyth, of Owego, Oscar, who removed to Illinois, where he died, John J. and Sanford A., now of DeKalb, Ill.

Reuben Allen came with his father, when quite young, to Newark Valley, and settled three miles from the village between East creek and West creek. He married Myrinda, daughter of John Watkins, of Newark Valley. There were eleven children born to them, namely: Lucy, George, Lydia, M. Sarah, Charles, P. Maria, Grace A., John R., Amasa, Mary and Martha. P. Maria married Louis F. Durussel, of Owego, July 4, 1857. They have three children, Mary Ella, born August 27, 1854; George Alfred, born December 11, 1856, and Anna Martha, born March 29, 1858.

Augustus Clark, son of Austin, came with his parents from Massachusetts when he was about seventeen years of age, and settled on what is known as Anderson hill, in Candor, where they cleared a farm and built a log house. Mr. Clark assisted in the construction of some of the first roads, and having learned the carpenter's trade, aided in erecting some of the earlier houses of this section. He married first, Betsey Darling, by whom he had four children—Polly (Mrs. Charles Farnham), Alvin, Clarissa (Mrs. James Stewart), and Horace. His second wife was Mary Decker, by whom he had two children, James and Mary. His third wife was Sarah Gould, by whom he had six children, namely, Almira (Mrs. Ransom Pultz), Elizabeth, (Mrs. Herman Berry), Jane, Emily (Mrs. John Young), Sarah (Mrs. Joseph Decker), and Permelia (Mrs. Alfred Hall). Mr. Clark was afflicted with blindness for thirty-three years of his life. He died in July, 1862, and Mrs. Clark died in 1868. Jane married William Gould and has two children, Amanda (Mrs. John Bingham), and Ephraim C.

John Kelsey was born in Kensington, Conn., May 2, 1796, the youngest of the six children of William and Dorothy (Goodrich) Kelsey. In 1818 they removed to Candor, John being then

twenty-two years of age. He settled on the farm where he spent the remainder of his days, living in one place nearly sixty-nine years. He married first Rachel Potter, of Candor, with whom he lived seven years. There were no children by this marriage. After her death he married Mary Ann Woodbridge, of Salem, Pa., in 1837, who bore him six children, of whom five still survive, one dying in infancy. Those living are Mary E., who married Norman Hart, September 7, 1865; Laura Ann, unmarried; John Woodbridge, who married Matilda Simms in September, 1864, served in the late civil war nine months; and the other two children are Sarah A., and Dora G., who are at present living in the old home. The mother of these children died January 17, 1875, sixty-four years of age. John Kelsey survived the last wife eleven years, and at his death, March 7, 1886, lacked but eight weeks of ninety years.

The comparative growth of the town may be seen by the following citation from the census reports for the several enumerations since its organization: 1820, 1,655; 1825, 2,021; 1830, 2,656; 1835, 2,710; 1845, 3,422; 1850, 3,433; 1855, 3,894; 1860, 3,840; 1865, 4,103; 1870, 4,250; 1875, 4,208; 1880, 4,323.

*Organization.*—At a town-meeting of the town of Candor, holden March 5, 1811, at the house of Captain Abel Hart, the meeting proceeded to the choice of town officers. The following persons were chosen: Joel Smith, supervisor; Asa North, town clerk; William Scott, Orange F. Booth, Samuel Smith, assessors; Nathaniel Sackett, Seth Bacon, Charles Taylor, commissioners of highways; Truman Woodford, constable and collector; Abel Hart, Asa North, overseers of the poor; Eldad Picket, Daniel Parks, constables; Joseph Delind, Charles Taylor, Eli Bacon, Job Judd, fence-viewers and damage-prizers; Thomas Parks, James McMaster, Ezra Smith, poundmasters; Jacob Harrington, Seth Bacon, Ozias Woodford, Joseph Kelsey, Daniel Cowles, George Allen, Reuben Hatch, William Taylor, Joseph Schoonover, Thomas Baird, Daniel H. Bacon, Jacob Clark, Alexander Scott, overseers of highways of thirteen districts.

Thomas Gridley, familiarly known as "Squire Hemlock," had delegated to him the privilege of naming the new town. Why the name of Candor was chosen is a matter of conjecture.

#### BUSINESS CENTERS.

CANDOR VILLAGE.—For many years this place was in two settlements, known as Candor Corners and Candor Centre, but



the gradual growth of both have united them, and they are now known as the village of Candor. It is situated on the Catatonk creek, nearly in the centre of the town, and is a station on the Cayuga and Susquehanna division of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad. The first settlement in the town was made upon this site, and many of the descendants of the early settlers are now living here. It has a population of about 1,100 inhabitants, and is a thriving manufacturing village.

WILLSEYVILLE, a post village, is situated on what was known as the Big Flat or Cantine location, and is on the north branch of the Catatonk creek, in the northwest part of the town. A map of the lands about 1817 shows that Christian Hart had settled fifty acres on the south side, Jack Chambers on one hundred acres next north, Jacobus Shenich two hundred acres, where the depot now is, and on this place he kept tavern as early as 1798. November 1, 1809, he sold to Ezra Smith, who kept the tavern until 1812 or 1813, when it burned down.

WELTONVILLE is a small post village, located on the east line of the town, on West Owego creek. It contains a postoffice, blacksmith-shop, wagon-shop, and school-house. It was named in honor of Rev. A. J. Welton. Jasper Taylor, Cornelius Cortwright, and others came in here at an early day. They built their first houses at the base of the hill, fearful that the flats would be covered with water.

WEST CANDOR, a post village, was commenced by Israel Mead, in 1796. Selah Gridley and Captain Ira Woodford were early settlers, and their descendants are yet living here. It is a station on the Utica, Ithaca and Elmira Railroad, and contains a depot post office, hotel, school-house, steam and water-power saw-mill, and is about three and a half miles west of Candor village.

CATATONK, a post village, is situated on Catatonk creek, near the south line of the town, and is a station on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, and contains a depot, post-office, church, blacksmith shop, two saw-mills, and tannery. The latter was built by Sackett & Forman, in 1852, purchased by G. Truman & Co., in 1864, and bought by E. S. Esty & Co., May 24, 1875, and is now known as Catatonk Humboldt Tannery.

*The First National Bank of Candor*, was incorporated March 3, 1864, with a cash capital of \$50,000.00 and began business right after. The officers were Norman L. Carpenter, president; Jerome Thompson, vice-president; and J. J. Bush, cashier. Mr. Carpenter died in the spring of 1865, and Mr. Booth, the present

incumbent, succeeded him as president. In January, 1865, John W. McCarty succeeded Mr. Thompson as vice-president, and the following month Mr. Bush resigned as cashier and was succeeded by Jerome Thompson. In 1868, the bank was robbed of a large amount of money, the details of which may be seen from the following entry in the bank's books under date of December 18, 1868, viz.:

“Last night this bank was entered by burglars and robbed of about \$13,000.00 in currency and \$5,000.00 in 5 per cent. U. S. bonds, besides about \$1,200.00 in bonds belonging to other parties, left here for safe keeping. The above named property was in a burglar-proof safe, purchased of Herring & Co. in the year 1864. The burglars after tearing down the vault door laid the safe down on the bottom of the vault, door-side up, and sprung the sides with steel wedges sufficiently to admit powder, and blew the door open, abstracted the contents and made their escape.”

None of the property was ever recovered, and no trace of the burglars obtained. The bank now has, however, a Herring's six-step, burglar-proof safe, with an additional burglar-proof chest inside.

*Candor Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons*, was organized June 18, 1856, under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, by the following members, who were its first officers, viz.: Jonathan B. Hart, worshipful master; Samuel Barager, senior warden; Stephen Dyer, junior warden; James L. Thomas, secretary; Solomon Mead, treasurer; William Van Vleck, senior deacon; Walter Hunt, junior deacon; and Morris W. Holley, tyler. Only one of these survives, Jonathan B. Hart, who is in his eighty-seventh year, and although unable to participate in the active duties of the lodge, his interest in and his zeal for the institution is as great as ever. Brother Hart was initiated in Federal Lodge, No. 17, Watertown, Conn., in 1822, and is therefore one of the oldest masons now living, having been a mason sixty-five years. The first seeker after masonic light under the dispensation was M. B. Weaver, who was initiated July 16, and made a master mason September 13, 1856. At a meeting of the Grand Lodge, held in June, 1857, a charter was granted, and at a meeting of the lodge held July 22, Candor Lodge, No. 411, Free and Accepted Masons was duly instituted, and the following named brethren installed as its officers, by representatives of the grand officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, viz.: Jonathan B. Hart, worshipful master; Morris W. Holley, senior

warden; Edward C. Coryell, junior warden; James L. Thomas, secretary; Jerome Thompson, treasurer; John W. McCarty, senior deacon; M. B. Weaver, junior deacon; and Solomon Mead, tyler. The first application for membership under the charter was H. Frank Booth, under date of August 5, 1857, who was raised to the sublime degree of master mason, September 16, 1857. Since the organization of the lodge to the present time, July 1, 1887, 199 members have been received by initiation, and thirty-six by affiliation, of whom forty-seven have withdrawn, thirty-nine have died, and fifty-eight have allowed themselves to be dropped from the roll. The following named brethren have served the lodge as worshipful master for one or more terms, viz.: Jonathan B. Hart, four terms; Jerome Thompson, three terms; Thomas B. Little, five terms; Thomas Eighmey, five terms; H. Frank Booth, seven terms; George H. Hart, three terms; W. L. Little, one term; and Charles F. Baylor, two terms. Lodge meetings from its organization until January 1, 1875, were held in a room located in the attic of what was then known as the Candor Center Hotel, which was fitted up and furnished by Brothers James L. Thomas and Jonathan B. Hart, whose zeal for the institution induced them to advance several hundred dollars for that purpose. In January, 1875, large and commodious rooms more centrally located were secured, in the Youngs block, and fitted up and furnished by the fraternity in modern style, and with all the paraphernalia usual to the order. Ten members of the lodge have been exalted to the Royal Arch degree, and became members of New Jerusalem Chapter, No. 47, of Royal Arch Masons, Owego, N. Y., one of whom, H. F. Booth, was elected and served as High Priest of the Chapter for one term. Six have received the degree of Knighthood, and became members of St. Augustine Commandary, No. 38, Ithaca, N. Y., and two, H. F. Booth and J. F. Booth, are thirty-second degree members of Corning Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Corning, N. Y. The lodge also enjoys the distinction given it by the appointment of one of its members, H. F. Booth, to the position of District Deputy Grand Master of the Twentieth Masonic District. Candor lodge is in a prosperous condition, and is said to be one of the best posted and most correct working lodges in the state.

*Candor Woolen Mills*, owned by Hon. Charles F. Barager, have already been mentioned. Mr. Barager began the manufacture of horse-blankets here in 1879. He employs fifty hands and turns out 50,000 blankets per year.

*The Humboldt tannery* was built by Cyrenus Elmendorf and John J. Sackett, in 1859, and the business was conducted by them and by Mr. Elmendorf and others for several years. In 1865, the establishment passed into the hands of Messrs. E. S. Estey & Sons, who are the present proprietors. It is built on Catatonk creek, and has a capacity for tanning 40,000 sides, and employs twenty-five men. It is under the supervision of J. W. Henderson, who has been in charge since October, 1871. The buildings were destroyed by fire in June, 1868, and immediately rebuilt by the Messrs. Estey.

*The Candor grist-mill*, Abram Beebe, prop., was built at an early date in the history of the town, by Jesse and Ogden Smith, brothers, who were prominent in the early enterprises of the town. It is operated by both steam and water-power, has four runs of stones, and the usual equipment of modern machinery, grinding about 400 bushels of grain per week. The property is owned by the Foster Hixon estate, of Ithaca, and leased by Mr. Beebe.

*Lewis R. Hoff's grist-mill*, on Main street, was purchased of the Sackett estate by his father, Lewis Hoff, in 1875. Lewis R. became part owner in December, 1886, and has run it alone since the 1st of April. It has four runs of stones, is operated by both steam and water-power, and grinds about 400 bushels of grain per week.

*S. E. Gridley's Planing Mill*, on Mill street, was built by George H. Hart, about 1879, and has been owned by Mr. Gridley since March, 1885. The mill has a planer and matcher, jig-saw, rip-saw, lathe, moulder, etc., and is operated by both steam and water-power.

*White Brothers Chair Factory*, located at Willseyville, was established in February, 1886, for the manufacture of White's patent bent chairs and folding tables. They have an extensive factory three stories high, eighty-five feet long, thirty-five feet wide. It is operated by a sixty horse-power engine, and employs thirty hands, and manufactures 30,000 chairs and 10,000 tables annually.

*Barrott's Saw-Mill*, located on West Owego creek, was built by — Schoonover. It is operated by water-power, has lumber saw, lath saws, planer and matcher, turning lathes, shingle machine, etc. The mill employs four men and cuts 300,000 feet of lumber and a large quantity of lath, shingles, etc. annually. In 1880 Mr. Barrott built a grist-mill to run in connection with

the saw-mill. It was two runs of stones, and grinds annually 10,000 bushels of grain.

*William A. and John F. Hubbard's Saw-Mill*, on road 96, was originally built by Jesse Smith, about 1818. It was rebuilt by John A. Chidsey, and in 1862 was purchased by the present proprietors, who in 1875 added a custom grist-mill. The mill cuts about 500,000 feet of lumber per year.

*George B. Pumpelly's Saw and Feed-Mill*, near Gridleyville was built by him in 1884, upon the site of one destroyed by fire. It is operated by steam-power, has a circular-saw, feed-mill and shingle machine, and turns out about 35,000 feet of lumber per week, and 60,000 shingles.

*H. and M. Van Deuser's Saw-Mill*, located at Catatonk, is operated by water-power. It was built by R. H. Sackett, in 1831, and in 1884 sold it to the present proprietors. It employs four hands and cuts annually 1,000,000 feet of lumber.

#### CHURCHES.

*Congregational Church of Candor.*—Religious meetings were held in Candor, then a part of Owego, as early as 1796. These were continued, being held sometimes in the dwelling of Captain Abel Hart, sometimes in his "weave house," and sometimes in a barn belonging to Sylvester Woodford. At a meeting held in the latter place June 29, 1808, having invited Reverends Seth Williston and Jeremiah Osborn to assist in the organization, Ebenezer Sanford, Rhoda Sanford, Asa North, Laura North, Eli Bacon, Sarah Bacon, Job Judd, Ozias Woodford and Theda Woodford agreed to walk together as a church of Christ; thus forming the first church organization in Candor. Following the tradition of the Pilgrim Fathers they organized it after the polity called Congregational, and having emigrated from Farmington, Conn., they incorporated the ecclesiastical society as "The Farmington Society." Rev. Daniel Loring was the first pastor. Previous to 1811 the church was designated as "The Second Congregational Church of Spencer;" as the town of Spencer was formed from Owego in 1806, and the town of Candor from Spencer in 1811. From 1833 to 1850 the church was connected with the Presbytery of Geneva, then, by vote of the church, returning to Congregational usage. In 1852 it became connected with the Susquehanna Conference of Congregational churches, called Susquehanna Association since 1865. The church and society

built a small house of worship in 1818, on ground adjacent to the store now owned by McCarty & Thompson. A second and more commodious house of worship was built in 1825 on the north side of the creek on the site of the house now owned by Spencer McCapes. In 1837 the first parsonage was built, west of the church, and is now owned by Lewis Griffin. The present brick church edifice was dedicated August 25, 1868, without debt or collection. The parsonage adjacent to the church was built in 1870.

*St. Marks Protestant Episcopal Church of Candor* was organized April 23, 1832, and Rev. Lucius Carter was the first rector. In January, 1835, the society decided to purchase the lot they now occupy, and build a church, which they did, and were occupying the building in December, 1837. The cost was \$5,000.00. The building was generally repaired in 1868.

*Methodist Episcopal Church of Candor.*—Rev. John Griffin, Geo. Densmore, and others of the circuit preachers, held services several years before the little gathering met in the house of Jared Smith, in 1827, to worship according to their doctrinal views, and to organize a Methodist Episcopal church. They were fifteen in number,—Judge Samuel Barager and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, Mrs. Hannah Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hewett, Mr. and Mrs. George Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hubbard, Mrs. Asaph Colburn, and Mr. and Mrs. Jared Smith forming a class, with Thomas Hewett as leader. The first public services were held at a school-house. The first meeting-house was erected on the site of the present church, at a cost of about \$2,000.00. In 1865 the present church was built, costing about \$10,000.00.

*Baptist Church of Candor.*—A meeting of members of different Baptist churches met at the house of Hiram Allen, March 11, 1852, to take into consideration the propriety of forming a Baptist church to be known as the Candor Village Baptist Church. A council was invited from the sister churches of Owego, Montrose, Tioga Center, Owego Creek, Willseyville, Spencer, West Danby, Caroline, and Barton. Delegates responded to the invitation, and services were held in the school-house. Elder E. Kimball was called to the chair, and H. D. Pinney chosen clerk.

The council, after hearing a statement from the committee of the Candor Baptist brethren, unanimously "*Resolved*, that the council fellowship these brethren, and that public services be held at the Methodist chapel in the afternoon." Hiram Allen was elected deacon, and B. H. Mills, clerk. J. W. Emery was called

to be the first pastor. The house of worship was built in 1855, at a cost of \$5,000.00, and was generally repaired a few years ago.

*Baptist Church of West Owego Creek.*—This church was the second Baptist church, as the Tioga and Barton Baptist Church was the first one. Fifteen persons met together on the first day of May, 1802, and entered into a covenant, which was signed by Louis Mead, Lovina Mead, Jasper Taylor, Catharine Taylor, John Bunnell, Hannah Bunnell, George Lane, Sarah Lane, Peter Gorbet, Sarah Gorbet, Abram Everett, Deborah Everett, Samuel Steward, Alvin Steward, and Elizabeth Jacobs. Services were held in dwelling-houses and school-houses for some years. Rev. Levi Baldwin was the first pastor. A church edifice was built in 1844.

*Fairfield Baptist Church* was built in 1871, its members withdrawing from the mother-church, on Owego Creek.

*Willseyville Baptist Church.*—This church was organized in 1839, with fifteen members, among whom were Jacob Willsey and wife, William and Martin Willsey, and Warren Willsey and wife. The first pastor was Elder E. Kimball. The meeting-house was built in 1840.

*The Baptist Church of Pipe Creek* was organized in 1842, with thirty-eight members. Their first pastor was Rev. Mark Dearborn.

*The Methodist Church at Anderson Hill* was organized in 1860, with twenty members. Rev. Thomas Burgess was first pastor.

*Union Church at East Candor* was organized in 1858, with eighty members, composed mostly of Methodists, under the charge of the Caroline Church, Rev. —Van Valkenburg, first pastor.

*Union Church at Catatonk* was organized 1861.

*Methodist Episcopal Church of Pipe Creek* was organized in 1830. Rev. Gaylord Judd was the first pastor.

*A Free-Will Baptist Church* was organized about 1816. Their meetings were held in the school-house near Jared Smith's, and the one near Daniel Bacon's. Rev. John Gould was the first pastor, and about 1830 went West and joined the Mormons. This church was disorganized about 1831. A Free-Will Baptist church was organized on West Owego creek about 1820, but soon disbanded.

**N**EWARK VALLEY\* lies in the eastern part of the county, and is bounded north by Berkshire, east by the county line, south by Owego and a small part of the county line, and west by Candor.

The territory within this town has changed its name so often as to perplex the person who attempts to write its history. From 16 Feb., 1791, till 14 March, 1800, a part of the town of Union, in the county of Tioga, and bearing the local name of Brown's Settlement during that time. From 14 March, 1800, till 12 Feb., 1808, a part of the town of Tioga, at first in the county of Tioga, but after 28 March, 1806, a part of the county of Broome, taking also, during that time, as its ecclesiastical name, "the Society of Western." From 12 Feb., 1808, till 12 April, 1823, a part of the town of Berkshire, remaining in Broome county till 21 March, 1822, then restored to Tioga county. Separately organized, as Westville, 12 April, 1823; becoming Newark by change of name, 24 March, 1824; and again Newark Valley, 17 April, 1862; but retaining till 5 July, 1833, an ecclesiastical connection with Berkshire.

Always a quiet farming community, remote from the bustle and enterprise of cities, with little chance for acquiring mental culture from great schools and libraries; with no great manufacturing interests in her borders, her history has little of interest beyond the personal history of those who have dwelt in the town; and that for the first third of the time since the settlement was made, is also a part of the history of other towns.

Brown's Settlement was begun on the first day of April, 1791, by five men who left Stockbridge, Mass., on the twenty-third day of February, and spent thirty-seven days on the way, bringing their tools and provisions on two sleds, drawn by ox-teams. These pioneers were Isaac Brown and Abraham Brown, brothers, Daniel Ball, Elisha Wilson, and John Carpenter, who came as the hired man of the Browns. Two other men, — Dean, and — Norton, came in their company as far as Choconut, now Union, where they remained.

The valley of the East Owego creek, with its natural beauty, and its advantages for the immediate support of human life, made it seem an earthly paradise in the estimation of the natives of the rocky hills of New England; and as the venerable and honorable David Williams, of Berkshire, feelingly said, on the ninetieth

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anniversary of his birth: "Every blow that has been struck by man in the valley has diminished its beauty, and every farm in the town, if restored to its primitive state, would be worth more to-day than with all the improvements that man has made here." Through the valley, from the south line of Newark Valley to the north line of Berkshire, the timber was mostly hard wood, as beech, birch and maple, with white pines of great size scattered singly and in groups, with so little undergrowth that very little preparation was needed to enable a team and sled or cart to pass from one end to the other, with a moderate load.

*Pioneer Items.*—The very first work done by Elisha Wilson, while his pioneer comrades went back to bring on the remainder of their goods, was to make a stock of maple sugar for their use during the summer; and though he had to cut his wood, make his troughs, tap the trees, and gather the sap by hand and boil it down without help, he had made one hundred and fifty pounds during their absence of eleven days.

Every pioneer was a hunter, and deer were so plenty that no one felt a lack of meat, while the streams were so full of trout and other fish that enough could be taken for a meal in a few minutes. Even shad were abundant in the Susquehanna river in May and June, till about 1830 (when the dams built by the State of Pennsylvania, at Shamokin and Nanticoke, barred their further passage and destroyed the fisheries), the only drawback to taking them being the clearness of the water, which enabled the fish to see and avoid the nets, unless the fishing were done in the night. Often a bear would be found and killed, so that the settlers could enjoy a change in their bill of fare.

Almost every early settler understood and practiced the art of tanning deer-skins, from which they made their own gloves, mittens and leather breeches, and for more than sixty year the manufacture was continued in a small way for export to other towns, and every woman became expert in the art of sewing leather goods.

Wolves were the great enemy of the settlers, who had hard work to protect their sheep and lambs, and a lady who has but lately died, incidentally mentioned the fact that she remembered when the wolves came into the barn-yard of Enoch Slosson, on the present village green, and killed his lambs; and persons are yet living who remember seeing wolves brought into the valley by hunters who had shot them on the hills.

Many of the early settlers here had been the neighbors and

friends of the Stockbridge Indians, some of whom, as well as the Oneidas and Onondagas, occasionally visited the settlement, but no trouble ever arose between them, as the settlers knew the character and feelings of the Indians, and having in good faith bought and paid for their lands, and made with them a treaty of friendship; they knew that they could implicitly trust them, and confide in them, unless the whites should first break the compact; and they never hesitated to admit the roving natives to the hospitalities of their log houses whenever they passed the settlement. One instance is remembered and told, where two Indians called at the house of Asa Bement, and asked for a meal which Mrs. Bement provided for them. One being satisfied, rose from the table saying: "Me tank you," while the other said: "Me no tank yet," meaning that he had not yet finished his meal.

Every house was a work shop, or domestic manufactory; every chimney corner held a blue dye tub; a delightful generator of ammonia, which did not prevent its use as a warm seat for one of the younger children, whose position was often admirably adapted for star-gazing through the top of the broad chimney. In this tub was dyed the wool or woolen yarn to be used for the winter stockings of the family, and for the filling of the linsey woolsey cloth, the favorite material for the every day gowns, petticoats, and aprons of the wives and daughters of that day, and the linen yarn to be used in making the striped or checked linen cloth for handkerchiefs and aprons. Every girl was taught to spin wool and tow on the great weel during the warm weather of summer; and liner on the little wheel, in the winter; and nearly every woman knew how to weave plain cloth; while the fine linen goods for table-cloths, and the woolen blankets or coverlets for beds, which were to be nicely figured, had to go into the hands of the professional weaver. Some very nice articles of this domestic spinning and weaving are yet to be seen in the valley.

The tow cloth was used for working-clothes for the men, as trousers, shirts, and frocks, and the linen for finer wear for men and women, and for summer sheets, as well as towels, strainers, etc. When the fulling mills were built so that every girl could have a nice pressed flannel dress every winter, she had little more to ask in the way of dress; and when the women could have the wool carded by machines, and avoid the task of carding by hand, it was considered a great help in the labor of the summer.

When cotton cloth began to be brought in from the eastern factories, it was not known, as now, by its various grades or uses,

as sheeting, shirting, etc., but by the name "factory," which distinguished it from the domestic, or home-made cloth. The women were careful not to wear out their good gowns, with their long, narrow, gored skirts, when about their domestic work, but thought a good petticoat and short gown sufficient to meet all the requirements of fashion and good taste.

Among the household industries which flourished in Berkshire and Newark Valley for many years, was the braiding and sewing of grass bonnets, commonly called Leghorn bonnets. This began soon after the war of 1812 ended, but whether it grew out of the economy which was then necessary, or was the result of the new meeting-house, which was dedicated 4 July, 1817, would be hard to decide. Some families became so noted for this work that young women came to them from other towns to learn the art. Miss Ruby Leach, of Corbettsville, in Conklin, N. Y., and Miss Roxania Trowbridge, daughter of Noble Trowbridge, of Great Bend, Pa., came about 1825 to the family of Joseph Belcher, on Berkshire Hill, and spent several months, during which Miss Leach made a quantity of braid of such unusual fineness and beauty that Miss Betsey Belcher made from it a bonnet for exhibition at a fair in Albany, and received the first premium, a set of silver spoons, and the bonnet was sold for sixty dollars. This industry declined with the change of fashions, but as late as 1850, many mens' fine hats were made in the two towns.

*Early Settlers.*—Elisha Wilson, eldest child of Elijah and Mary (Curtis) Wilson, was born at Stockbridge, Mass., 13 Aug., 1767, went over the Boston Purchase with the surveying party in 1790, selected lot 184 for his future home, and bought it of Elisha Blin, on his return to Mass. Starting again from Stockbridge, 23 Feb., 1791, with several companions, they reached their destination 1 April, 1791, and he spent the summer in preparing his land for culture, and raising a crop of corn and vegetables. He built a log house, with a single roof of bark, near the bank of the creek, west of the road and nearly opposite the site of his home in after years, where Levi B. Hammond now lives; and this house, which some years later had a better roof, was standing, and sometimes occupied as a dwelling till 1830. After spending two winters at his old home in Stockbridge, this became his permanent home. He married 9 Dec., 1799, with Electa Slosson, who died 19 Nov., 1862, aged more than ninety years. He died 11 Nov., 1857, aged over ninety years. Their children were:

I. Elijah, b 11 Oct., 1800, died at Detroit, Mich.

II. Mary, b 17 Jan., 1802; d 21 April, 1819.

III. Susan Maria, b 16 July, 1807; m with Chester Leonard, who died 25 Nov., 1841.

IV. Charles Frederick, b 10 Sept., 1810; m 22 Sept., 1833, with Elnora Woodford, daughter of Giles and Eunice (Wilcox) Woodford, of Burlington, Conn., where she was born 13 June, 1815. He died at Prescott, Wis., 17 Feb., 1881, in his 71st year, without children, and she returned to Newark Valley, where she still resides.

Abraham Brown, b at Stockbridge, Mass., 28 June, 1768, was a farmer and surveyor. He visited the Boston Purchase in 1790, with a party of surveyors, and had probably been with them as an assistant in the previous year of their labor, and it is said that on one occasion he was detached from the party to verify some work, lost his way, and was out four days before he found his comrades. He came in the pioneer party, in 1791, and began his settlement on lot 257, which had fallen to his mother, in the division, about on the same spot where the Congregational meeting-house was built a few years later, and where John Harmon, after buying the south half of the lot, built his brick house, which still stands there. After his mother came to Brown's Settlement he lived with her, where Rodney Ball now lives, on the north half of the lot, and died there, 19 September, 1828, unmarried.

John Carpenter, born at Stockbridge, Mass., 24 Oct., 1772, eldest child of Abner and Lydia (Brown) Carpenter, was employed as an assistant to Isaac and Abraham Brown, and was one of the pioneers in Brown's Settlement, in 1791. He was probably here every year till his marriage, at Stockbridge, about the first of January, 1797. He had bought land on lot 302, in Berkshire (where his brother Daniel Carpenter afterward lived) and intended to settle upon it. Six weeks after his marriage he started again for Brown's Settlement to prepare a home for his wife, and the first news which she had from him was of his death and burial. He was the second adult person who died in the colony, and the first in the limits of Newark Valley. He was boarding with Ezbon Slosson's family in the log house where the lecture room of the Congregational church now stands, and was apparently, in as good health as ever, when he heard of the death of Isaac Brown, 10 April, 1797, and said: "Now I will go and take Brown's farm to work," but three days later, 13 April, 1797, he died, and was ready to join his neighbor Brown in the new cemetery.

Ezbon Slosson, b at Stockbridge, Mass., 28 Jan., 1769, (son of Enoch Slosson) married there 26 Aug., 1790, with Electa Williams, daughter of Azariah and Beulah (Brown) Williams of Stockbridge, where she was born 20 Sept., 1772. He came to Brown's Settlement early in 1792, with the returning pioneers, and began his new home on lot 138, building a cabin of logs with a bark roof, about where the mill-house stands, in which Philander M. Moses now lives. In Feb. 1793, he again left Stockbridge, bringing with him his wife and daughter, and his parents with some of the younger members of their family, arriving at their new home 4 March, 1793. In the fall of 1795, a heavy storm raised the water so as to float the puncheon floor of their house, and the bark roof slid off, compelling them to go in the night, through the water to his father's log house, where they dwelt till he could build a new one on the spot where the lecture-room of the Congregational church now stands. In 1806 he built the first framed house in Newark Valley, which, as the south end of the old hotel, was torn down in April 1887. Later, he built a house on the spot where Mrs. John Davidge now lives. He died 2 June, 1838. She died at the house of Otis Lincoln, 12 Feb., 1853. Those who followed them to the settlement were made welcome to a part of their log house, while getting their own ready for use, and it sometimes sheltered two families at once, besides their own. After building this framed house he kept an inn, a small store, and also built a distillery about where Mr. Caldwell now lives. Their children were:

I. Caroline, b at Stockbridge, Mass., 23 Feb., 1791; married in 1812, with Ezekiel Rich.

II. Sarah, b 2 Aug., 1796; m with Otis Lincoln.

III. William, b 3 July, 1800; m 1 July, 1824, with Maria Benjamin, and two of their children, George W. Slosson, and Mrs. Phebe Elizabeth Todd still live in Newark Valley.

IV. Franklin, b 20 Feb., 1805; m 19 Jan., 1832, with Nancy Rich, and settled in Owego.

V. Semantha, b 20 Sept., 1808; m with Simeon Rich Griffin.

Enoch Slosson, b at Wilton, Conn., 13 Aug., 1733, son of Nathaniel and Margaret (Belden) Slosson, married at Sharon, Conn., 9 Aug., 1757, with Sarah St. John, daughter of Mark and Hannah St. John, of Wilton, where she was born in 1738. They settled at Kent, Conn., where they joined the church; she, 4 June, 1759, by letter from Sharon; he, by profession, 29 March, 1761;

but soon moved to Stockbridge, Mass., where they joined the church, 7 Nov., 1762, by letter from Kent.

In February, 1793, they left Stockbridge with part of their children, in company with their son, Ezbon Slosson, and his family, and came to Brown's settlement, arriving 4 March, 1793, and dwelt in the house with their son till 1794, then built a log house where Dr. R. B. Root afterward lived and died. She and her daughter in-law saw no other woman till September, when Dr. Tinkham's wife came from Owego, on horseback, to visit them. She was dismissed from the church at Stockbridge, 2 Oct., 1803, and became a member of the new church, 20 Nov., 1803, the first Sunday after its organization, her name standing first on the list of admissions. She died 10 March, 1819, in her 81st year. There is no record of his admission to the church of Newark Valley, but tradition says that he became a member in 1820. He died 21 Feb., 1827, in his 94th year. Many years of his life were clouded by mental derangement. Their children were:

I. Mabel, b at Kent, Conn., 5 Oct., 1758; married with Abraham W. Johnson.

II. Lucinda, b at Kent, Conn., 8 Jan., 1761; m 26 Nov., 1778, at Stockbridge, Mass., with Abijah Williams, son of Joshua Williams. She died at Stockbridge about June, 1782, leaving an only child, Enoch Slosson Williams, who was born at Stockbridge, 13 Dec., 1781, who was brought up by his grandparents, and came with them to Brown's settlement in 1793.

III. Sarah, b at Stockbridge, Mass., 4 March, 1764; m there 4 April, 1782, with William Holley, and died there about 1783, without children.

IV. Electa, b at Stockbridge, Mass., 7 Sept., 1766; died young.

V. Ezbon, b 28 Jan., 1769; see under 1791.

VI. Electa, b at Stockbridge, Mass., 3 March, 1772; came to Brown's Settlement in 1794, and married with Elisha Wilson, the pioneer settler.

VII. Jerusha, b at Stockbridge, Mass., in Nov., 1774; came to Brown's Settlement in 1794, and m with Samuel Ball.

VIII. Ruth, b at Stockbridge, Mass., 24 Aug., 1777; came to Brown's Settlement in 1794, and married with Joel Farnham.

IX. Enos, b at Stockbridge, Mass., 24 May, 1780, came to Brown's Settlement with his parents in 1793; m 8 Aug., 1803, with Rebecca Culver, and moved, about 1816, to Lawrenceville, Penn.

Asa Bement, b at Stockbridge, Mass., 10 June, 1764, son of Asa and Ruth (Neal) Bement, was a blacksmith and farmer. He married 19 Jan., 1786. with Abigail Brown, daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Burr) Brown, of Stockbridge, where she was born 31 July, 1762. He was one of the sixty associates who bought the ten townships, and in the grand division he drew lot 177. In the summer of 1792 he began to fit it up for a home, by clearing some land, building a log house, and sowing some wheat. John Brown, of Stockbridge, charged him, 5 Sept., 1792, with "six bushels of seed wheat delivered at Union, at 4s. 6d.—£1. 7s." This wheat, without doubt, was part of the first crop raised in the valley by Brown's brothers, Isaac and Abraham, yet it was sold to him at the very low price of seventy-five cents a bushel, or just what it was then worth in Stockbridge. Having sown his wheat, he went back to Stockbridge to spend the winter with his family. He bought boards for a sled-box at Stockbridge, 12 Feb., 1793, and started a day or two later, in company with Enoch and Ezbon Slosson, and their families, to come again to the land of promise, and arrived 4 March, 1793. John Brown again charged him with "Sundries paid by Isaac at Owego, viz.:

" 1793, March 13.	To one bushel of ears of corn,	1s. od.
	To two bushels & $\frac{1}{2}$ of ears of corn,	2s. 6d.
April 13.	To eight bushels of wheat, a	4s. 6d. 36s. od.
May 10.	To five bushels of oats,	9s. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
	To three bushels of potatoes,	4s. 6d.
	To keeping a swine ten weeks,	3s. 9d.

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£2. 17s. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

At the end of this second summer he returned to Stockbridge, feeling that his new home was ready for his family, so after spending most of the winter enjoying the privileges of settled society, he bought of John Brown another lot of "boards for a Sleigh box, 2s.," 4 Feb., 1794. He soon started with his wife and four children for this sylvan paradise. The place on which he settled had natural beauties and advantages equal to any in the valley, and two of its beautiful maple groves yet grace the landscape. His wife died 14 Nov., 1814. He married (2d), 18 Oct., 1815, with Lucy Bishop, widow of Noah Lyman, and daughter of Judge Nathaniel and Ruth (Bartlett) Bishop, of Richmond, Mass., previously of Guilford, Conn., where she was born 4 Sept., 1774. He died 21 April, 1847. She died 19 July, 1852. He had by his first wife, eight children, and by the second, one.

I. Parthenia, b at Stockbridge, 9 Feb., 1787, m with Abraham Hotchkin.

II. Betsey, b at Stockbridge, 28 Nov., 1788, m with Jonathan Belcher.

III. Frances, b at Stockbridge, 18 Dec., 1790, m with Zina Bushnell.

IV. Abigail, b at Stockbridge, 18 June, 1793, m with Henry S. Granger.

V. William Brown, b at Newark Valley, 29 May, 1796, a very enterprising, capable man, long a deacon of the church at Newark Valley, where he died 21 March, 1870.

VI. Emily, b 23 Sept., 1798, m with Deodatus Royce.

VII. Mary, b 8 March, 1801, m with George Williams.

VIII. Frederick Burr, b 14 Nov., 1804, m with Mary Ann Armstrong, and m (2d) with Mary Elizabeth Williams.

IX. Jane, b 14 Aug., 1816, m with Major Frederick Theodore Wells, and still lives in Newark Valley.

Peter Wilson, (a brother of Elisha Wilson) was born at Stockbridge, Mass., 29 Nov., 1770; came to Brown's Settlement in the spring of 1793, and made his home on lot 217, west of the creek where Daniel Chamberlain now lives. He married 28 Feb., 1802, Lydia Saltmarsh, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Patterson) Saltmarsh, formerly of Watertown, afterwards of Richmond, Mass., where she was born 26 Nov., 1775. At the first town meeting of Berkshire, 1 March 1808, he was elected collector and poundmaster. He and his wife joined the church 7 Jan. 1816, he receiving baptism the same day; and he was elected one of its deacons, 16 Oct., 1817, serving till his death, 23 April, 1845, "universally respected and beloved, and his death as generally and deeply lamented." She died 9 March 1846. Their children were:

I. Phebe b 3 Feb., 1803, m with Joseph Westfall, and had three children, of whom the eldest, Dea. Joseph Frederick Westfall now lives on her part of her father's homestead.

II. Eliza Abby, b 5 Oct., 1805; d 3 March 1807.

III. Eliza Abby, b 22 Oct., 1807; m with Derick Ralyea.

IV. Laura, b. 11 May, 1810.

V. William, b 30 July, 1812; m with Clarissa Cook Corsaw, and both are dead.

VI. Mary Elizabeth b 31 March, 1816; died 24 April 1839.

Abraham W. Johnson, a laborer said to have come from Cheshire, Mass., married with Mabel Slosson, and came to Brown's Settlement in 1794. His name first appeared on the account book of



John Brown, Esq., 3 April 1798, and it was on the highway tax-list for that year. He probably worked for Mr. Brown, who charged him with a cow, at sixteen dollars, 13 Nov., 1798; and "Feb. 26, 1799, to the use of a house 15 months, 16s." They dwelt at one time on the bank of Spring brook, not far from the head of Waring's trout pond, and down to a late date, their old tansy bed could still be found there. At one time they owned a house and some land, but her mental infirmity, a heritage from her father, increased, perhaps by the opium habit, and his unfortunate appetite confirmed by many years of labor in a distillery, brought them to poverty, and their last home in Newark Valley was in a log house built by the poor-master for them, in the hollow north of the road, between the house of Hiram Griffing, and the brook that comes down from Glen Echo. Later one or both of them were taken to the poor-house, and probably died there, but the dates have not been ascertained. They had two children Lyman Johnson and Luciuda Johnson.

Levi Bailey, a hatter, was here in 1795; went back to Stockbridge, Mass., where, as of Union, N. Y., he married 19 Nov., 1795, with Pamela Brown, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Warren) Brown, of Stockbridge. He brought his wife to Brown's Settlement early in 1796, and in the winter of 1796-97 he lived in the log house which stood on the west side of the way, between Bement & Wilson's mill-house and Wilson creek, and just below where Beriah Wells afterward built his house and chair factory. Possibly he dwelt, in 1798, near the home of John Brown, Esq., and it is said that he once lived on the West Owego creek. Afterward he owned and lived on the place now occupied by Egbert Bement, living at one time, according to Judge Williams, on the east side of Whig street. He was one of the constituent members of the church, 17 Nov., 1803. She joined it in August, 1804, having been dismissed from the church at Stockbridge, 5 June, 1803, "to the church about to be formed at Tioga." They were dismissed, in Feb., 1816, and moved to Greene, Trumbull Co., Ohio. Their children were:

I. Isaac Brown. II. Lewis. III. Eliza, m in Ohio.

IV. Pamela, m in Ohio. V. Edwin, bap. in Aug., 1804.

VI. —, an infant, d between 14 May and 29 June, 1807; name not recorded.

VII. Orin Martin, b 24 Sept., 1808; bap. 27 Nov., 1808.

VIII. Abby, b 18 June, 1810.

Beulah Brown, widow, one of the sixty associates in the pur-

chase of the ten townships, came to Brown's Settlement, in February, 1796, with her sons, John, Joseph and Lemuel, and settled on lot 257, where Rodney Ball now lives. She was born at Watertown, Mass., 20 Jan., 1741 or 1742, daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Marean) Patterson, and married about 1764, with her cousin, Abraham Brown, who was born at Watertown, in 1740, youngest child of Dea. Samuel and Mercy (Patterson) Brown, afterward of Stockbridge. He served in the early part of the revolutionary war as a captain of militia, and died 8 Jan., 1777, of small-pox, which was communicated to him by a letter. She was dismissed from the church at Stockbridge, 5 June, 1803, and became one of the constituent members of the first church in Tioga, (now Newark Valley) 17 Nov., 1803, her name being fifth on the list. She was a woman of good mental powers, with a kind heart and benevolent disposition. She died 6 July, 1820, and a trustworthy tradition says that in the last year of her life she had made eighty cheeses and taken care of them with her own hands. Her children were:

- I. John, b at Stockbridge, 18 July, 1765; settled in Berkshire.
- II. Isaac, b at Stockbridge, 25 Oct., 1766; settled in Berkshire.
- III. Abraham, b at Stockbridge, 28 June, 1768; settled in Newark Valley.
- IV. Joseph, b at Stockbridge, 16 March, 1771; settled in Newark Valley.
- V. Lemuel, b at Stockbridge, 1 Feb., 1775; settled in Owego.

Joseph Brown came to Brown's Settlement with his mother, Beulah Brown, in February, 1796. He married early in 1797, with Experience Stafford, who was born in Vermont. 8 Feb., 1778, daughter of Abel and Rebecca (Short) Stafford, afterward of the town of Owego, now Tioga, N. Y. His name is not on the highway tax-list of 1798, which seems to indicate that he was not then a separate householder. He owned the north half of lot 98, and built his house on the gravelly knoll, just north of Hope Cemetery, and between that and the residence of David W. Noble. His blacksmith shop was on the opposite side of the way, in the corner of the old orchard, a few feet south of William T. Noble's old store. He died 20 Jan., 1808, and was buried in the Brown cemetery, at Berkshire. His widow married with Daniel Churchill, and died 26 June, 1864, though her gravestone erroneously says 6 June. Their children were:

- I. Laurinda, b 23 Oct., 1797; m with Nathan Slosson.
- II. Rebecca Short, b 4 April, 1799; m with Frederick Belcher.

III. Beulah Patterson, b 22 Jan., 1801; m with Lester H. Fuller.

IV. Experience, b 26 Sept., 1803; m with Ephraim Munson Clark.

V. Joseph Patterson, b 15 June, 1805; m with Lura Matilda Russell, and his descendants live at Little Rock, Ark.

VI. Amos Patterson, b 8 April, 1808; died on his father's homestead, 10 Sept., 1865, and his widow and daughter still live in Newark Valley.

William Solomon Lawrence, b at Canaan, Conn., about 1757, son of Jonas and Tryphena (Lawrence) Lawrence, married 12 Oct., 1780, with Esther Dutton, and they dwelt in Canaan till 1796, and in the early part of that year came to Brown's Settlement, and settled in a log house on the east side of the way, on the south half of lot 63, where Hart Newell built the framed house that was burned in November, 1856, while owned by Lyman Barber, whose daughter, Mrs. W. T. Loring, has more recently occupied the same spot with her new dwelling. In the latter part of the summer of 1797, he went to buy wheat at Sheshequin, Penn., and on his way home, at Tioga Center, his horses, frightened by the violent barking of a dog, became unmanageable, overturned the wagon and threw him out, crushing his head against some heavy drags of wood that had been drawn together by the roadside, and killed him at once. His widow married 20 Sept., 1801, with Abel Stafford, and afterward moved to Canada, where she drowned herself in a trough of water. Their children, all born in Canaan, were:

I. Experience, b 28 July, 1781; m with Joel Gaylord.

II. Jonas, b 25 Nov., 1782, d in 1785.

III. Rebecca, m with David Hammond.

IV. Erastus, d unmarried at Natchez, Miss.

V. Cyrus, m with Olive Dewey.

VI. Sophia Lawrence, m with Russell Fowler.

VII. Charlotte, m with John P. House.

VIII. Betsey, m with Austin Fowler.

IX. Orange, b 23 Feb., 1796; m with Sarah House, and settled at Orangeville, Canada West (now Ontario), which was named for him.

Three of these children, Cyrus, Betsey and Orange, took their own lives.

Abel Lawrence, b at Canaan, Conn., 22 Sept., 1763; son of Jonas and Tryphena (Lawrence) Lawrence; married 6 Oct., 1783, with Abigail Rockwell. He married (2d) in 1790, with

Lucina Granger, daughter of Joel Granger, who was born 19 Dec., 1770. They came to Brown's Settlement in April, 1796, soon after his brother, William Solomon Lawrence, and settled on the east side of the way, on lot 58, next north of that piece on which John Freeman settled. The two pieces had been owned together, and in the division it is said that an advantage of five acres had been given to that which Freeman had, because of the broken land along the little stream which came down through it. Their log house sheltered them here till the winter or spring of 1822, when they moved into the framed house, still standing (between that of Lucius W. Spaulding and that of William Floyd Monell), which was raised 12 Oct., 1821. He died 26 July, 1835. She died 8 Feb., 1837. His children were (by first wife):

I. Jonas, b at Canaan, Conn., died young.

II. Tryphena, b at Canaan, Conn., died young.

III. Abigail, b at Canaan, Conn.

(By second wife).

IV. Tryphena, b at Canaan, Conn., 22 April, 1793; died 31 July, 1871, unmarried.

V. Jonas, b at Canaan, Conn., 14 Sept., 1794; married with Ann Thomas.

VI. and VII. Twins, b in the spring of 1796, soon after the family came to Brown's Settlement; died very young.

VIII. William Solomon, b 19 Oct., 1797.

IX. Bersheba Lucina, b 16 Jan., 1800; married with Anson Miner Howard. She d 3 June, 1887.

X. Joel Granger, b 2 Jan., 1801.

XI. Charlotte, b 26 Dec., 1804; married with Pomeroy Gorsline.

XII. Susan, b 26 Aug., 1806; married with James L. Gorsline.

XIII. Wealthy L., b 30 Sept., 1808; married with Elisha Forsyth, of Owego.

XIV. Abigail Salome, b 7 Feb., 1810; died at Mrs. Forsyth's, in Owego, Feb., 1876.

Solomon Williams, b at Stockbridge Mass., 21 or 23 July, 1763, son of Azariah and Beulah (Brown) Williams; married there, 24 Nov., 1794, with Hephzibah Hart, who was born 28 March, 1772, youngest daughter of Job and Eunice (Beckley) Hart. They came to Brown's Settlement in February, 1796, and lived in the log house with his brother-in-law, Ezbon Slosson, till their own plank house was ready for use. This was built on the Knoll, or hillside, directly east of the first bark-covered cabin. A few

years later he built a house on Whig street, (where Fred W. Richardson now lives) in which they died; she, 17 Aug., 1831; he, 10 or 12 June, 1838. They both joined the church, 3 April, 1831, and he was then baptized. Their children were.

I. Elisha Williams, b in 1798; died when eight years old.

II. George, b 2 May, 1801; a printer, author, bookseller, and later, a lumber merchant; m with Mary Bement; dwelt in Hamilton, N. Y., till 1839, at Owego, till May 1844, then at Belvidere, Ill., where he d 9 Jan., 1856.

III. James, b 23 June, 1803; moved to Belvidere, Ill., in 1844; m in June 1852, with Emily Royce, and died in Belvidere.

IV. Nancy, b 11 April, 1807; died at Hamilton, N. Y., 13 Feb., 1845, unmarried.

V. Sabrina, b 3 Sept., 1809.

VI. William Hart, b 10 or 11 Dec., 1811; a jeweler; resides now in Albany, N. Y.

VII. Robert, b 8 Oct., 1813; m 9 May 1844, with Jane Elizabeth Royce, and settled at Belvidere, Ill.

VIII. Sarah, b 28 Feb., 1816; m with Warren Pierce.

IX. Mary Elizabeth, b 2 Dec., 1818; m with Frederick B. Bement.

Joseph Hosford, son of Joseph, was a soldier in the war of the revolution. The date and place of his birth have not been found. He married at Stockbridge, Mass., 1 Aug., 1793, with Mary Williams, (often called Polly) daughter of Azariah and Beulah (Brown) Williams, and grand-daughter of Dea. Samuel and Mercy (Patterson) Brown, of Stockbridge, where she was born about 1772, baptized 1 Aug., 1773, and joined the church in 1783. They came to Brown's Settlement in the spring of 1796, arriving before Solomon Williams had his house ready for use, and for some weeks they also lived in the log house with Ezbon Slosson's family while he was building one for himself. Probably the name recorded "Joseph Hufford," in the highway tax list of 1798, for three days of work, was intended for his name. The clerk may have mistaken the long s, then in common use for an f. The Hon. Amos Patterson of Union, who then owned lot 103, gave him twenty-two acres of the southwest corner of the lot, lying west of the creek, as a token of regard for his fellow-soldier. On this land he settled. His log house stood west of Spring brook, and a few rods southwest of the wheel factory, or turning shop, successively occupied by Enoch S. Williams, Jesse Truesdell, Samuel Moses, and at present by Aaron C. Stevens. The street

which lies about twenty rods south of his little farm was named Hosford street, as a memorial of him. This land he sold to Enoch S. Williams. His wife was dismissed with several others, 5 June, 1803, from the church at Stockbridge, to that about to be formed at Tioga, now Newark Valley, which she joined 20 Nov., 1803, the first Sunday after its organization, her name being the eighth on the list of members. She was dismissed in 1809, remained here till after the middle of Feb. 1810, and then with her husband and children went to Hunts Hollow, Livingston County, N. Y., where she died in 1841. He died there in 1843, of apoplexy. There children were :

I. Electa, bap at Stockbridge, Mass., 18 Oct., 1795.

II. Charles, bap at Newark Valley, 14 Feb., 1810.

III. Eunice Williams, bap at Newark Valley, 14 Feb., 1810, died at Bloomfield, N. Y.

IV. Mary, bap at Newark Valley, 14 Feb., 1810; m with — Parker, and settled in Hebron, Ill.

V. Abigail, bap at Newark Valley, 14 Feb., 1810.

VI. —, an infant, died at Newark Valley, 14 May, 1807.

VII. Franklin, b at Newark Valley, 22 Feb., 1809, bap there 14 Feb., 1810; dwelt at Hunts Hollow, N. Y., on his father's homestead.

Joseph Hosford, aged 84 years, died in Newark Valley, 1 May, 1806. He was the father of the preceding, and probably lived with him. There is no evidence that he had a separate household, after he came here, nor is the time of his coming known.

Michael Jenks was taxed in 1798 to work four and a half days on the highway. He came to the Boston Purchase, 12 Aug., 1796, in company with Jonas Muzzy and two others from Spencer, Mass., and settled on lot 261, now the N. W. corner lot in the town of Newark Valley. Perhaps Laban Jenks and Elisha Jenks mentioned below were those two companions. The postoffice and hamlet of Jenksville were named for him. He was born 16 Aug., 1773, eldest son of Isaac and Ruth Jenks, of Spencer, Mass., and married there 2 March, 1797, with Sarah Hunt, who was born in Spencer, Mass., 31 Oct., 1774, daughter of Aaron and Lavina Hunt, of Spencer, and previous to 1770, of Paxton, Mass. The father of Mr. Jenks was one of the sixty associates in the purchase of the ten townships.

In connection with the name of Michael Jenks Judge Avery gave the names of Laban Jenks, Elisha Jenks, Captain Scott, and Thomas Baird, as "early pioneers, well known and much re-

spected," but their names do not appear in the early tax list. Michael Jenks built the first saw-mill at Jenksville, and a few years later went down the Susquehanna river, sold his lumber, received his pay for it, and since that day no tidings of him have ever reached his family and friends. They had two sons:

I. Otis, b at Jenksville, in the latter part of the year 1797; lived to be over fifty years old, and died unmarried.

II. Michael.

Jonas Muzzy, b at Spencer, Mass., 2 April, 1775, at noon, son of Jonas and Sarah (Draper) Muzzy, came to the Boston Purchase 12 Aug., 1796; stopping first on the West Owego creek, with his old acquaintance, Michael Jenks. Afterwards he came over to Brown's Settlement and worked for Elisha Wilson, as a farm hand and miller. As he was not a householder, nor an owner of land, his name does not appear in the highway tax-list of 1798. He married 27 Aug., 1801, with Thersey Moore, daughter of Henry and Lucy (Churchill) Moore, and began housekeeping the next winter on a farm of fifty-five acres on the south part of lot 58, which he bought of John Freeman, 5 Dec., 1801, for four hundred dollars. From the spring of 1806 till the spring of 1810, they dwelt in a small house just north of her father's house, then returned to his farm, which they finally left 10 Sept., 1812. He then dwelt for some years on the place with her father, after which he bought a farm on the north part of lot 218, on which he lived till the spring of 1824. He then lived in Wilson's mill-house, and attended the grist-mill till April, 1826, when he moved again to the farm on which her father had died, remaining there till 20 April, 1830, when he settled on the farm on Muzzy brook, on the south half of lot 183, where they died, she, 31 Aug., 1861; he, 17 Dec., 1864. He never forgot the fact that he was born at noon, for his father required his service till noon of the day on which he attained his majority; and he often told of that last half day, spent in building rail fence in a snow storm, without mittens. Their children were:

I. Lucy, b 17 July, 1802; m with Frederick Bean.

II. Sarah, b 13 May, 1804; m with Giles Slosson.

III. Henry Moore, b 20 Dec., 1805; m 25 Feb., 1829, with Mary Ann Farrand, who died 14 May, 1843. He died 22 Sept., 1886.

IV. Gilbert, b 11 or 12 May, 1808.

V. Sabrina Leonard, b 2 Jan., 1810; m with Henry B. Slosson, and died 6 Jan., 1867.

VI. Mary Edwards, b 30 July, 1812; married with Marshal Hotchkin, and still lives in Newark Valley.

VII. William Henry, b 28 Feb., 1814.

VIII. Alvah, died 18 March, 1816, aged four weeks.

IX. John, b 20 May, 1817; died 5 Dec., 1817.

X. Emily, b 5 Nov., 1818; resides in Newark Valley.

XI. Charles, b 25 Nov., 1820; m 30 Dec., 1860, with Helen T. North, and now lives on the homestead of his father. Two other children died when a few days old.

Uriah Simons, (or Simonds as the name was sometimes written), was the son of Francis and Zipporah (Cleveland) Simons, of Brooklyn, Conn., where he was b 2 April, 1768, according to his family record. He married 1 Aug., 1793, with Olive Tucker, daughter of John and Thankful (Eggleston) Tucker, of Stockbridge, Mass., where she was born 10 Feb., 1770. They dwelt in Stockbridge till the early months of 1797, then came to Brown's Settlement and dwelt, for a few years, on the west bank of the creek, on lot 224 (now called the Branch lot), then moved to lot 218, on the Muzzy brook, (now owned by Riley Tappan), where they died; he 26 Sept., 1844; she, 26 Jan., 1860. Their children were:

I. Ebenezer Francis, b 21 March, 1794, settled in Cortlandville, N. Y.

II. John Tucker, b 15 Jan., 1796; d 22 Sept., 1796.

III. Thankful Eggleston, b 30 Sept., 1797; went to Stockbridge and dwelt with her grandparents.

IV. Joseph, b 25 June, 1799; d 13 Jan., 1800.

V. Emeline, b 11 Oct., 1800; d 6 Oct., 1847, unmarried.

VI. Catharine Huff, b 10 April, 1802; m with Alfred Belcher Prentice.

VII. Frederick, b 16 Sept., 1804; a genial, pleasant, happy man; captain of a military company; d 23 Jan., 1863, unmarried.

VIII. Lucy Newell, b 20 Oct., 1806; d 2 April, 1839, unmarried.

IX. Mary, b 16 Jan., 1808; d 19 Oct., 1880, unmarried.

Thomas Thayer is not remembered in the local traditions, and probably soon left Brown's Settlement. His name is in the first highway tax-list, 1798, between the Wilsons and Asa Bement, which position leads to the supposition that he lived in their mill-house, on the west side of the road, and that he came here about 1797, as a millwright, to assist in building their grist-mill, in that year, yet there is a possibility that he dwelt on lot 185,



where John Hedges afterward settled, as his tax was as large as many of those who owned farms.

John Freeman, whose origin has not been learned, was living, in 1797, on the east side of the way, in a log house on a long narrow farm of fifty-five and a half acres, on the south side of lot 58, and was taxed in that year to work three and a half days on the highway. In 1800 he was one of the nine postmasters in the new town of Tioga, and was elected one of the commissioners of highways, 1 April, 1801, and on the sixteenth of that month, he and Henry Moore laid the highway now known as Whig street. He sold his farm for \$400 to Jonas Muzzy, 5 Dec., 1801, his wife, Ame Freeman, signing the deed, which was witnessed by Peter Wilson and John Freeman, Jr., who was probably their son. He moved to Spencer (now Caroline, in Tompkins Co.), and settled on the north half of lot 11, in the northwest quarter of township number 11, of Watkin's and Flint's "Twelve Townships," which he mortgaged 24 April, 1806, to Oliver Huntington, to secure him from any claims for dower which might be made by Freeman's daughter, Sally Steward, the widow of Henry Steward, upon certain land which Steward had sold to Huntington. The farm which he sold in Newark Valley has since been occupied by Jonas Muzzy, Samuel Addis, Samuel Johnson, Mrs. Nancy (Johnson) Rich, George E. Rich, and lastly by William Floyd Monell.

John and Amy Freeman had children:

- I. John. II. Barney, III. Sally, m Henry Steward.
- IV. Amy, m with Aaron Legg.

Barney Freeman, a son of John and Ame Freeman, lived with his parents or near them, probably on the same lot, in 1797, and was taxed to work three days on the highway in 1798. He was baptized and joined the "First Church in Tioga," now Newark Valley, 20 Nov., 1803, on the first Sunday after its organization; he being its tenth member, and the first to join it "on profession of faith." He died in November, 1808, according to the church record, perhaps at his father's house, in Caroline. He was long remembered as having unusual ability in vocal music, and as being "quite a singing-master." No record of wife or children has been found.

"About this time (1797) a Mr. Fellows, of Spencer, Mass., came here with his son to locate a lot for him. They selected the lot Jonas Muzzy afterwards purchased, now owned by George Rich, of Owego, and in the town of Newark Valley. After completing his arrangements, Mr. Fellows started for Massachusetts, and the son commenced chopping, feeling that now he was commenc-

ing life in good earnest, and that every stroke was for his own future good. Some time during the day a limb fell from a tree he was chopping, by which he was killed. That night Jonas Muzzy, who worked for Elisha Wilson, taking one of his horses, started to overtake Mr. Fellows. After a long and terrible ride he arrived, about daybreak, at a tavern where Colesville now is, just as Mr. Fellows was preparing for breakfast. After getting some refreshment and rest, they returned to the settlement, and the son was buried in the Brown Cemetery."

The foregoing account, quoted from page 126, of the history of four counties, is based wholly on the memories of the children of Jonas Muzzy, who often recited the particulars to them. There is reason to doubt its truth, as to the names of the persons, for on that point their memories differed, some calling the name Fellows, while others thought another was the true name.

Mrs. Daniel James Borthwick, a granddaughter of Abel Lawrence who lived on the next farm, has many times heard the tradition as handed down in that family; which says that John Freeman lived on the farm at the time the accident occurred; that the young man was about seventeen years old and was the son of Mrs Freeman's brother, who had just made her a visit, and left the lad there hoping that a few weeks of life in the woods would benefit his health which was not good. He was not at work, but feeling homesick, had gone out to see Mr. Freeman at this work, and, when as a tree was about to fall, and he was told where to go, took a contrary course and was caught by the tree which crushed him to death. She thinks the name was Lavett or Leavett. Perhaps the real name may never be fully decided.

The year 1797 must have been one of peculiar sadness to the early settlers; Isaac Brown and John Carpenter having died suddenly, in April, and William Solomon Lawrence and this young man having been accidentally killed in the summer.

David Sherman Farrand, b at Canaan, Conn., 9 Jan., 1769; son of the Rev. Daniel and Jerusha (Boardman) Farrand, and grand son of Rev. Daniel and Jerusha (Sherman) Boardman of New Milford, Conn., married at Stockbridge, Mass., 5 May, 1796, with Mary Bacon, daughter of the Hon. John and Gertrude (Rousby) Bacon, who was born on her mother's plantation on the Pacomoke river, in Somerset county, Md., 11 Dec. 1769. Her father, at her marriage, lived in Stockbridge, and gave her lot 265, on which they settled, as early as the spring of 1798, (see first highway district) though the family chronicle makes it two years later, and possibly Mr. Farrand did not bring his wife and children till

the later date. She died 25 Feb. 1844. He died 1 April, 1849. Their children were:

I. Lucia, b at Stockbridge, in Jan., 1798; changed her name to Jerusha, and married with William Pierson, who still lives on the homestead. She died 15 June 1880, without children.

II. Elizabeth Bacon, b at Newark Valley, 1 Sept., 1800, and died there, unmarried, 17 April, 1856.

III. Esther, b at Newark Valley, 18 Jan., 1803; and still resides there with her husband Daniel Chamberlain.

IV. Mary Ann, b at Newark Valley, 15 April 1805, married with Henry Moore Muzzy.

V. Francis Henry, b at Newark Valley, 12 Dec., 1809; d 25 Jan., 1835, unmarried.

Benjamin Sparrow was born at East Haddam, Conn., 9 Nov., 1762, was baptized at Millington, Conn., 9 Jan., 1763, son of John and Anna Sparrow, from Eastham, Mass. He was in Brown's Settlement as early as 1798, (see first highway district,) and in 1804 lived in the north part of Owego, where George Southwick afterward lived, and it was at his house that Dr. Tinkham, of Owego, died, while on his way home from a professional visit to Dea. Peter Wilson. Nothing is known of his family, except from Dr. Waldo's accounts for attendance on some of them. His place of residence in Brown's Settlement has not been identified.

William Stow was taxed in 1802. He died 14 Sept., 1808, aged sixty years. He lived where Philander M. Moses built the house in which Henry Sprague now lives, on the east side of Owego street. He choked to death at table, if tradition says truly.

In 1798, according to the town records of Union, vol. I, p. 5, Abraham Brown was pathmaster of the "16th District from S. W. cor. of Lot 432 to North'line of J<sup>s</sup> McMasters half township." This included the whole of the present towns of Berkshire and Newark Valley, and the list which follows probably includes the name of every man who was settled in the two towns in the spring of 1798. A few of the names can not now be located, and some of them do not otherwise appear. In Newark Valley, all of the settlers, at that time were probably in the valley, while in Berkshire some dwelt on the West hill, and some on the West Owego creek. The number opposite each name represents the number of days which each man was to work:

Joseph Gleason, Jr.....	3	*Thomas Thayer.....	3
Josiah How.....	3½	Josiah Ball.....	8½
Ephraim Cook.....	3½	Stephen Ball.....	3
Jesse Gleason.....	5	William Ball.....	3
Daniel Gleason.....	4	Daniel Ball.....	4½
Josiah Seeley.....	3	Josiah Harris.....	3
Caleb Gleason.....	5½	Benjamin Oney.....	3
Azel Hovey.....	5½	Zelotes Oney.....	3
Asa Leonard.....	4½	*Abraham Brown.....	4½
Ebenezer Cook.....	3½	Jeremiah Cammel.....	3
Consider Lawrence.....	3	*Asa Bement.....	6½
Abraham Johnson.....	3	*Enoch Slosson.....	6½
John Brown.....	5	*Ezbon Slosson.....	3½
*Levi Bailey.....	3	*Solomon Williams.....	4
Benjamin Sparrow.....	3	*Joseph Hufford.....	3
*David Sherman Farrand.....	5½	*John Freeman.....	3½
*Uriah Simons.....	3	*Barney Freeman.....	3
*Elijah Wilson.....	4½	*Abel Lawrence.....	3½
*Peter Wilson.....	3½	*Michael Jenks.....	4½

These names which have the \* before them were probably all in what is now Newark Valley, and possibly one or two more. There is evidence that two of the names are incorrect: Josiah Harris should be Elisha Harris, and Joseph Hufford should be Joseph Hosford.

Henry Moore, b at Simsbury, Conn., 30 Jan., 1755, son of Henry and Elizabeth (—) Moore, settled in Stockbridge, Mass., where he married 21 Nov., 1782, with Lucy Churchill, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Curtis) Churchill of Stockbridge, where she was born, 22 Nov., 1762. In the beginning of 1799, they came to the Boston Purchase and settled on lot 178, in a log house which stood a little south of where Mr. Loveland now lives. Afterwards he built a small framed house, and later a larger one, which, after being remodeled is now owned by Mr. Loveland. In the later years of their lives they lived on the corner, named from him, in the house now occupied by Mrs. Asher C. Tappan, and there they died; he, 5 July, 1824; she, 22 June, 1846. Their children were:

I. Thersey, b at Stockbridge, 14 Oct., 1783; taught school in Asa Bement's barn in the summer of 1799; m with Jonas Muzzy.

II. William Henry, b at Stockbridge, Mass., 23 May, 1785; m 8 Dec., 1814, with Caroline Ford. He built the house now

occupied by George Dohs, on the east side of Whig street, and moved in 1816, to Berkshire, where he died 11 Dec., 1845.

III. Sarah Judd, b at Stockbridge, 22 March, 1787; m with Henry Ball, of Berkshire.

IV. Peter, b at West Stockbridge, 15 Jan., 1789; m 1 Jan., 1824, with Eliza Harper Hyde, who was born in Virginia, 13 Jan., 1798, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Harper) Hyde. They settled on the east side of Whig street in the first house above Moore's corner. She died 3 May, 1858. He m (2d) 27 Sept., 1860, with Mary Almira (Smith) Copley, who is still living. He died 23 May, 1861.

V. Alvah Churchill, b at West Stockbridge, 2 Feb., 1791; died 10 Oct., 1813.

VI. Olive Leonard, b at Stockbridge, 21 March, 1794; died 6 Aug., 1862.

VII. Daniel, b at Stockbridge, 18 Nov., 1796; a farmer and teacher; m at Lenox, Mass., 7 Oct., 1821, with Electa Porter, who was born at Colebrook, Conn., 18 Sept., 1797, daughter of James and Jerusha (Lucas) Porter. They settled on the north side of the road at Moore's Corner. He died 6 July, 1859. She died at Williamsburgh, L. I., (Brooklyn, E. D.) 23 April, 1868.

VIII. Elizabeth, b at Newark Valley, 20 Oct., 1801; died.

IX. Sophronia, b at Newark Valley, 14 June, 1808; died.

Timothy Williams, son of Stephen Williams, came to Brown's Settlement, as the pioneer of his father's family, in the early part of 1800, bringing with him his younger brother, Stephen Williams, Jr., and settled on lot 103, which his father had bought of Hon. Amos Patterson. They boarded with Ezbon Slosson, in the log house where the Congregational lecture-room now stands, while building their own log house, which stood on the site of the first house south of the Methodist parsonage. He married 12 Dec., 1803, with Phebe Hedges, and settled in the original log house, with his father. In 1809, they moved to Victor, N. Y., where she died about 1815, or 1816. He married (2d) with a widow Keyes of Royalton, N. Y. He died at Grass Lake, Mich., about 1860, aged nearly eighty years. His children were:

I. Prudence, b in 1804; died at Victor, N. Y., about 1810, from an accidental injury to the head. She was commonly called "Dency."

II. Nathan, b 9 Sept., 1806; settled at Grimsby, Canada West, where he m 15 Jan., 1827, with Rachel Wilcox, and died there, 29 Oct., 1881.

III. Elisha, b 3 Aug., 1808; was brought up by Ezekiel Rich. He was at New Berlin, N. Y., about 1835, and his friends have never heard from him since that time.

IV. Nancy, b at Victor, N. Y.; a very energetic and useful teacher, spent most of her active life in Newark Valley, and now lives at Ontario. She was brought up by her grand-father, Jonathan Hedges.

V. Lydia Selina, b at Victor, N. Y.; was brought up by Dea. William B. Bement. She m with John McGregor, of Grimsby, Canada West, where she d about 1860.

VI. Emeline, b at Victor, N. Y., m with Henry Robinson, of Grimsby, C. W., and died there about 1865.

VII. Maria, b at Victor, N. Y., m with John Raynor, and m (2d) with Ezra. Parney, and is still living at Townsend, Norfolk Co., Ont.

Children by second wife.

VIII. Sally, b at Grass Lake, Mich., m with Jackson Simpson.

IX. Eunice, b at Grass Lake, Mich., married, and she and her husband died in Iowa.

Lyman Rawson was in Newark Valley as early as 1800, and was taxed there in 1802. He lived on the farm, since owned for many years by Dea. Elijah Curtis, and his brother-in-law Lemuel Blackman, dwelt there with him. He owned a distillery, in the hollow, west of Whig street, just below the place where Jules Fivaz now lives, and the well at that place was dug to supply it with water, and was referred to in the survey of Whig street, 16 April, 1801, as "Lyman Rawson's well." He married with Deborah Keith, daughter of Eleazer Keith.\* After leaving Newark Valley, they settled in the valley of the West Owego creek, in Caroline, and the place is now known as Rawson Hollow. He died 25 July, 1826, aged 51 years. She died 16 March, 1851, aged 75 years and 11 days.

Isaac Rawson, was also an early settler of Newark Valley, living at the place where Egbert Bement now lives, and was taxed in 1802. He sold the place, probably to Levi Bailey, about 1807.

Nathaniel Blackman and wife, Sarah, lived and died in Peru, Mass. They had ten children:

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\*Eleazer Keith, m with Mary Green; they dwelt in Marlborough, Conn., where he died during the revolution. She died at Lyman Rawson's, aged 99 years. Children:

I. Eleazer, settled in Peru, Mass. II. Deborah, b 5 March, 1776; m with Lyman Rawson, see text. III. Eunice, m with Lemuel Blackman. IV. Rhoda, m with Abraham Blackman. V. Luther, m with Mary Hooker, of Geneseo, N. Y., and settled at Rawson Hollow, in Caroline, where he died 11 April, 1812, aged 36 years.

I. Eleazer, remained in Peru.

II. Nathaniel, remained in Peru.

III. Abraham, b about 8 Oct., 1766; married with Rhoda Keith, and settled in Caroline, where his grandson, Henry Blackman, has since lived. She died 9 July, 1839, aged 67 years. He died 19 July, 1853, aged 86 years, 9 months and 11 days.

IV. Martha, married with James Tracy.

V. Leonard, married at Peru, Mass., with Eunice Keith; they came early to Lisle, and thence, soon after, to Newark Valley, and settled on the north half of lot 143, in company with his brother-in-law, Lyman Rawson. They sold the farm to Edward Edwards, and moved to Caroline. In 1812 they returned to Newark Valley and dwelt till 1824, on the southwest quarter of lot 261, about forty rods east of the West creek road, and on the south side of the hill road. In 1820, he managed the saw-mill there, which was rated at thirty thousand feet per year. In 1824, he moved to a place on Berkshire hill, which he afterward sold to Marble Cushman.

VI. Sarah, m Ezekiel Jewett, of Caroline:

VII. Lydia, m with — Blanchard, of Marathon, and died at the house of her sister, Mrs. Tracy, about a year after her marriage, without children.

VIII. Levi, lived with Eli, and died unmarried.

IX. Esther.

X. Eli, m with Susan Jenks, daughter of Elisha Jenks, of Jenksville.

The children of Lemuel and Eunice (Keith) Blackman were:

I. Russell, b before 1800. II. Horace. III. Mary.

IV. Silence, m with — Durand, and lives at Jackson, Mich., a widow.

V. Julia Ann, b 10 Jan., 1808; m with Elizur B. Chapman, and in May, 1830, removed to Jackson, Mich.

VI. —, b 20 July, 1810, a daughter.

Stephen Williams, b at Hartford, Conn., about 1743; married with Rachel Halliday, and settled in Stockbridge, Mass., where he made wooden plows, wagons, carts, and did some carpenter's work. In the beginning of 1801, in the very early days of the present century, they came to the "promised land," and settled in the log house which their sons had prepared for them in the preceding year. After a few years he built a small framed house, which has been rebuilt, and has been for fifteen years the home of the Rev. Jay Clizbe. She joined the church at Stockbridge,