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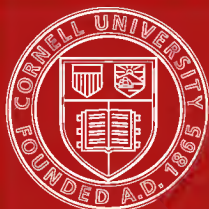
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HISTORY
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WELLS, VERMONT,

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INTRODUCTORY.

The writer of this brief and simple historical sketch was urged against his wishes to write the history of this town, and at first declined on account of his inability to do justice to the subject; but, after much entreaty of friends, finally accepted the task, though without change of opinion respecting his fitness. Adopting no particular plan in preparing this sketch, we have endeavored to write intelligibly and with simplicity, knowing that we could not, if we would, make "much ado about nothing."

We have been somewhat discouraged at times, at the small degree of interest manifested in this little work, which is written with no expectations of reward for time and labor spent in its preparation. We acknowledge that it is far from complete, for much of the early history of the town that would be interesting, has passed away in obscurity. Yet amid discouraging circumstances, we have persevered in preparing this sketch—our little work of good-will for our native town—foreseeing, that with the past already forgotten, the aged men who are with us to-day, will not probably long remain to refresh us with their memories of the more recent past, but may soon lie beneath the sods of the valley.

Though errors may exist, our aim has been to be correct in giving the facts, that would be of interest, so far as we have been able to obtain them. We hope this may be acceptable until another more worthy is written to succeed it.

Therefore, with all its simplicity, it is presented, hoping that it may meet with the favor of our towns-people; and in the dim future, be of some little interest to our successors.

October 3, 1868.

HISTORY OF WELLS.

This town is situated in the southwestern part of Rutland county, and is bounded on the north by Poultney and a part of Middletown, east by a part of Middletown and Tinmouth, south by Pawlet, and west by Granville, N. Y. It is not at present known whence the name of the town originated, or to whom the honor of naming it belongs.

The Charter was granted by Benning Wentworth, then Governor of New Hampshire, September 15, A. D. 1761, and was in the form usually given in granting townships at that time—September 15, 1868, it was 107 years old—and may now be seen at the Town Clerk's office, and, although worn, by folding, into numerous fragments, is still legible.

There is also on record at said office a copy of the charter together with a plan of the town. The town was laid out six miles square, containing 23,040 acres, and the usual allowance was made for "highways and unimprovable lands by rocks, ponds, mountains and rivers, 1,040 acres free," etc. The north-east corner of the town was originally a short distance to the northward of what is at present Middletown village. The town was chartered to Capt. Eliakim Hall and sixty-three others, whose names are here given :

Rev. Edward Eales,	John A. Tertins,	Calcb Merriman,
Daniel Murwin, Jr.,	Aaron Persons,	Dr. Isaac Hall,
Isaac Hall, Jr.,	Stephen Ives,	William Williams,
Thomas Murwin,	John Ives,	Nathan Williams,
John Hulls,	Stephen Peck,	John Pierec,
Renben Ives,	Dr. Calcb Hall,	Asabel Thomas,
John Moss,	Joel Holcom,	Titus Culver,
Samuel Jerome,	Hezekiah Hall,	Nathan Hulls,

Samuel Hall, Esq.,	Thomas Thibets,	Miles Johnson,
Joseph Murwin,	Jared Spencer,	Eliakim Hall, Jr.,
Noah Andrus,	Titus Ives,	Abel Austin,
Bartbolomew Andrus,	Hezekiah Wadsworth,	Benjamin Roys,
Asahel Beach,	Titus Beach,	Joseph Bishop,
John Avery,	Daniel Clark,	Samuel Bishop,
Abel Ives,	Jacob Parker,	David Lyman,
Stephen Murwin,	Andrew Beardsley,	John Beecher,
Sam'l Sharp Beedels,	Joseph Francis,	Zebulon Frisbie,
Caleb Culver,	Joseph Newmarch,	Joseph Brunson,
Levi Moss,	H. Wentworth,	Gersham Knot,
Stephen Hall,	Jared Lee,	Robert Hazzard,
Dr. John Dickinson,	Abraham Parker,	Samuel Hall.

It is generally considered that very few, if any, of the original grantees settled in town, and the early town records show that most, if not all of them, resided in Connecticut.

In the charter there is a plan of the town, wherein we find a portion in the south-west corner laid out and marked "B. W.", and the following is recorded, viz: His Excellency Benning Wentworth, Esq. A tract of land to contain five hundred acres, as marked B. W. in the plan, which is to be accounted two of the within shares. One whole share for the incorporated society for the propagation of the gospel in foreign parts; one share for the Glebe for the church of England as by law established; one share for the first settled minister of the gospel, and one share for the benefit of a school in said town—making in all seventy shares or rights of land originally.

"The settlement of this town was commenced by Ogden Mallory, who moved his family here about the year 1768," (*Thompson's Vt. Gazetteer*). If so the present year would be the centennial anniversary of our town's settlement. "Daniel and Samuel Culver came into town in 1771 and moved their families here the following year."

ORGANIZATION.

This town was organized March 9, 1773, and the following business was transacted at the first town meeting, viz :

“ WELLS, March 9, A. D. 1773.

“ At a town meeting warned by the charter and held in said town—

“1st. Voted, Ogden Mallory, Moderator.

“2d. Voted, John Ward, Clerk.

“3d. Voted, Ogden Mallory and Abner How a Committee to look out a road, and mark out the same in the most convenient place through said town.

“4th. Voted, that the road shall be six rods wide through said town.

“5th. Voted, Ogden Mallory pathmaster for the south part of the town, and Abner How pathmaster for the north part of the town.

“6th. Voted, that Daniel Culver, Joseph Lawrence and Ogden Mallory should search and find a convenient place for a burying yard in said town.

“7th. Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday in November next, at the dwelling house of Ogden Mallory.

“Per me JOHN WARD, Clerk.”

The adjourned meeting was held according to the previous vote, November 1, 1773, and “John Ward and Ebenezer Welton were appointed a committee to lay out a burying yard in a convenient place, and Ogden Mallory, Daniel Culver, Joseph Lawrence, Abner How and John Ward were chosen selectmen.”

At a town meeting held in regard to the affairs of the grants, February 25, 1774, Abner How and Joseph Moss were appointed a committee to attend the general meeting in Manchester. The meeting thus alluded to was held at Manchester, in March, 1774, when the committees there assembled, from the several adjoining towns, having considered “the

despotic act of the New York Assembly, for the suppression and apprehension of the Bennington mob," voted in reference thereto, "that as a country we will stand by and defend our friends and neighbors, who are indicted, at the expense of our lives and fortunes."

The "despotic act" above referred to, was passed March 9, 1774, wherein certain riotous acts were declared to be felony, for which the offender was to suffer death without benefit of clergy. The act names Ethan Allen, Seth Warner, and others, eight in number, who prepared an appeal to the public, showing the justice of their cause, and that they were determined to maintain it at all hazards.*

At the town meeting above mentioned the inhabitants here voted, that "there should be no York authority take place in said town," which plainly shows the spirit of the times that animated the early settlers of this town, in regard to the formation of an independent State. There were many long years of strife, anxiety and bloodshed after this vote was taken before Vermont became (in 1791) one of the United States; though in one sense it became an independent state from the years 1776-77, for the inhabitants would not recognize the authority of New Hampshire or New York, though both of these states claimed title to this disputed territory, which was then known as the New Hampshire grants.

At the time this town thus voted, history informs us, that the subject of making the grants an independent state began to be discussed, and in 1776 a convention was held at Dorset to consider this important measure; and after deliberation resolved "to take suitable measures, as soon as may be, to

*See Hiland Hall's History of Vermont.

declare the New Hampshire grants a free and separate district." Ogden Mallory and Zacheus Mallory represented this town in that convention. At an adjourned meeting of the same convention, held in Westminster in January, 1777, a new and separate state was voted, and proclaimed to the world, under the name of "New Connecticut." (And in the supplementary declaration published by the June convention in the Connecticut Courant, of June 30, 1777, where the name Vermont was officially adopted. The reason for the change is stated to be that when the name New Connecticut was given to the state, it was unknown to the convention that there was already a territory of that name on the Susquehanna river, and it is then declared that "instead of New Connecticut the said district shall ever be known by the name of Vermont."*) And that it was finally recognized by Congress as a separate state was mainly due to the persistent efforts, the superior wisdom of Thomas Chittenden, the first Governor of this state, and to the bravery and sagacity of the brothers Ira and Ethan Allen, aided by Col. Seth Warner and the early settlers—worthy heroes all—who were equal to their tasks on every occasion. We have no doubt but that the inhabitants of this town performed well their part to acquire a result so desirable. We should ever hold in lasting remembrance the names and memories of these men who performed so great a work, and founded our state on those noble principles of justice and equal rights. May their posterity always be ready to labor with equal zeal to promote the same cause.

April 4, 1774, a committee was appointed to procure timber for building a bridge across the channel, which connects

*See Hiland Hall's History of Vermont, page 498.

the two ponds that form Lake Austin. At this meeting the town voted that the soldiers should have three shillings a day for their services.

The first marriage is thus recorded: "Ebenezer Welton and Catharine Culver, the 18th of May, 1775." The first birth is recorded as follows: "Joseph Moss, son to Joseph Moss by his wife Esther, born September 8, 1775."

Ogden Mallory, Timothy Moss and Reuben Searls were the first listers elected in this town, March 11, 1777, and a vote was taken that the lists should be carried in to the listers on the first day of April. We find recorded April 14, 1778, the following vote, that "we would dissolve the union with the towns east of the Connecticut river." It may be proper to add here an explanation of this vote, which we glean from history, and think substantially correct.

A short time previous to this, sixteen towns on the east side of the Connecticut river proposed to separate from New Hampshire, and unite with Vermont. The proposition met with favor among many of the people of Vermont. The subject came before the Legislature, which submitted the question of annexation to the decision of the people. A majority voted for annexation, but the people on the west side of the mountains, especially near the Lake border, opposed the measure. So the Legislature at their adjourned session in June, 1778, in pursuance of the vote of the people, admitted said towns. As this action on the part of this state was likely to produce war on all sides, the result was, the Legislature in February, 1779, resolved that the said union be dissolved and made totally void.

While we should think from the above recorded vote of this town, that an union had previously been formed with

those towns east of the Connecticut river, yet we should judge, that they intended to convey the idea, that the people of this town (in common with those near the Lake border,) were opposed to uniting with said towns; as the vote of the town was recorded in April, while the Legislature which admitted those towns did not convene until the following June.

We give below the names of the freemen living in this town in 1780, as found in the town records, some of whom will be noticed in the biographical sketches :

Ogden Mallory,	Timothy Moss,	Jonathan Webb,
Gideon Searls,	Barnabas Moss,	Alexander Gordon,
Abel Merriman,	John Moss,	Ebenezer Sumner, Jr.,
Reuben Searls,	Richard Crouch,	Joshua Culver,
Increase Rudd,	Samuel Culver,	Ebenezer Welton,
Zacheus Mallory,	Gill Mallory,	Daniel Culver,
Silas Mallory,	Benjamin Richardson,	Daniel McIntosh,
Caleb Smith,	Abner How.	

In "Thompson's Vermont," in connection with remarks concerning Shay's Insurrection in Massachusetts, in 1786-87, we find the following notice of a convention holden in this town: "So early as the spring of 1784, a convention from several towns was assembled at Wells, by which sundry resolutions were passed in relation to the general sufferings and embarrassments of the people, and a liberal amount of execration was meted out to the lawyers and sheriffs, but no disposition was manifested in this state to oppose the collection of debts by force till the year 1786."

We have no record of this convention, but suppose the "general sufferings" above alluded to were caused chiefly by the Revolutionary war, which, continuing so long, had impoverished many of the people, who, at its close, being unable

to pay, were dissatisfied, especially when the payment of debts came to be enforced. We are informed that much dissatisfaction prevailed throughout this county at that time, and give here in addition, the following extract from Frisbie's history of Middletown, viz: "Joseph Spaulding was captain of the militia in this town, and held that office at the time of the Shay's rebellion in 1786, and when the militia of the county were called on to sustain the courts at Rutland, he started with his company for that place, but on his arrival at Castleton was permitted to return, as the mob had been dispersed by militia nearer at hand."

This town remained as it was originally chartered until October 28, 1784, when 6,118 acres were taken from the north-east corner of the town, for the formation of Middletown, and October 31, 1798, the north-west part of the town was annexed to Poultney, by the following act of the Legislature, viz: "It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Vermont; That the north-west part of the town of Wells, in the county of Rutland, be, and the same is hereby annexed to the town of Poultney, in said county, to-wit: That part of said Wells lying north of the following line; beginning at the west corner of the town of Middletown thence west to the east line of the town of Granville, in the state of New York. And the inhabitants of said north-west part of Wells, so annexed to the town of Poultney, shall be forever hereafter entitled to the same privileges and immunities in common with the other inhabitants of said Poultney."

We have thus far narrated in chronological order what was transacted at the several town meetings mentioned, that seemed to be worthy of record.

This town now comprises only about 13,000 acres. The eastern part is mountainous, the western part moderately even and rolling. The soil is generally good, and as it produces rich, sweet grass in abundance, is well adapted to the grazing of sheep and cattle, and to the keeping of a dairy.

Sheep husbandry, in a pecuniary point of view, compares unfavorably with the rearing of cattle, chiefly on account of the low price of wool and the high price of butter and cheese. Consequently few sheep are kept in this town, at the present time—having gradually decreased in numbers since the close of the late civil war. Then wool was worth one dollar or more per pound, while now at forty cents per pound there is but little call for it. With the reduction of sheep, the dairy interest is increasing, most of our farmers keeping cows, as butter and cheese are the chief staples at present. A cheese factory was established in 1865, by James Norton, and milk is brought to it from farms more than two miles distant. During the year 1867 Mr. Norton received the milk of 315 cows, and made about 120,000 pounds of cheese. Another factory was established this spring in Tinmouth, a few rods from the town line, by Rollin Cook, which accommodates the farmers living in the eastern part of the town.

Since the Rutland & Washington Railroad was established in 1851, the raising of potatoes for market has become quite a specialty with the farmers in the western part of the town, some of them raising from 1000 to 2000 bushels annually.

Land has increased in value since the close of the late war, and most of the dairy farms in town, under judicious management, have increased in quality as well as in price. Some forty years ago the farm now owned by James Norton was sold for \$2,800. Now with its many improvements it

could not be purchased for \$17,000. Its present proprietor is a Quaker, and is well known in common with others of his sect, as an enterprising and industrious farmer. But not all the farms in town have increased likewise in price, though many have increased nearly as much. Most of the farmers have new and painted dwellings, with comfortable out-buildings, indicating enterprise and prosperity.

It may be well, and perhaps interesting, especially to those who are to follow in our footsteps, were we to note here somewhat of the past—the past which has forever fled. One century has passed since Ogden Mallory, the first settler, came into this town, which was then a dense forest inhabited by wild beasts, and, if not then, we presume not long before, the Indians had made it their dwelling place, as relics are occasionally found near our streams of water—the writer having now in his possession their flint arrows, found on his father's farm, in the eastern part of the town. We are also informed that such relics have been found near the lake. It is hardly possible at this day to conceive of the many obstacles which even fifty and seventy-five years ago our fathers had to contend with, in preparing homes for their families, who often suffered for the want of food, and withal were scantily clothed. The older people of to-day remember when they were obliged to go barefooted the greater part of the year, often suffering from the severe cold weather. It causes feelings of sympathy to think of the sufferings and sacrifices involved in their necessary avocations, and in providing for the many wants of their families ; when, for instance, having neither stoves nor matches, they were obliged, in case the fire should expire in the fireplace, to borrow of some more lucky neighbor. We presume it would tax very much the

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ingenuity of the young ladies of the present day, and their patience more, were they obliged to bake and perform the other necessary work by a fireplace, that their grandmothers did before them. Stoves were not introduced here until about 1820, and were cast in Tinmouth.

In those days the cattle and sheep generally had to endure the long cold winters without shelter. In the autumn, we are informed, the farmers of this vicinity were accustomed to carry their surplus grain, especially wheat, and other farm products, to Troy, N. Y., some sixty miles, with their oxen teams, (of which nearly every farmer possessed one, and some, two pair—whereas by way of contrast, we should here mention that now scarcely one farmer in ten has one yoke of oxen,) and those who were so fortunate as to own horses hauled their freight with them, and returned laden with the necessaries of life, or with goods for the country merchants. Troy was the principal market until about 1824, when the canal from Whitehall to Troy was established changing, in a great measure, the current of trade. Our farmers then hauled their produce to Fort Ann and vicinity, until the Rutland & Washington Railroad was established. Our fathers, struggling with poverty, labored with undaunted courage and perseverance to surmount obstacles in this then wilderness, in order to obtain a homestead wherein their children and children's children might dwell in peace and security. Those were "the days that tried men's souls." It is stated by the older people, that a better brotherhood of feeling existed then than at the present day, that the people were more social and neighborly, and we doubt it not.

The apple orchards that were first planted here, long since

filled out the measure of their usefulness and are fast disappearing, so that formerly apples were very plenty, and we should judge that cider was then more highly prized than at present, for we are informed that many of those noble and generous hearted old men were not wholly contented unless they had a liberal supply of some five or twenty barrels of cider stowed away in their cellars, to ward off the severe cold of winter. Then in their frequent family visits the cider would be forthcoming, and the evening spent agreeably in story-telling and friendly intercourse.

If they had not our means of education, they seem to have possessed as strong common sense, if not sounder minds, than their descendants. Though they were deprived of many of the comforts and luxuries of the present time, we must admit from all accounts, that they were stronger and healthier than the men of to-day.

Reflecting on the past, do we, the younger portion of community, fully realize and appreciate the benefits that result to us from the efforts of their hard labor? Do we, considering our advantages, improve our opportunities to the best of our ability? Do we not rather shut our eyes to this painful truth (of neglected opportunities,) and thus regardless of our own interests fall short of the end for which we were created? Can we not obtain wisdom from the experience of our fathers?

Many of the first settlers of this town came from Massachusetts and Connecticut, and consequently brought with them many of those old Connecticut notions and prejudices inherited of the Puritans, and handed down from generation to generation for the last two hundred years. They have existed so long that they seem to be hereditary, and, indeed,

have not all died out as yet. Many of us are very careful about commencing to plow or plant, or almost any kind of work, on Friday, it being considered (and we fear always will be) an unlucky day. Corn, potatoes and garden seeds must be planted "at the right time of the moon," if we would be sure of a good crop, etc. It is not essential to add to the list, as, we presume, *much* that is necessary and *more* that is not, will be transmitted from generation to generation.

Since the early settlement of the town, time has wrought many and marked changes both natural and social. The first settlers here, full of courage and self reliance, brought but little with them, relying mainly on their own strong arms to furnish subsistence to sustain life. It was with great difficulty that they could obtain the necessities of life for their families, when first they came here; for after erecting cabins to shelter their families, and protect them from wild beasts, they were obliged to cut down and fall into heaps many a noble pine, as well as oak and maple, and then burn them in order to raise their wheat and corn.

Much land in town has been cleared of its timber within the memory of our older inhabitants. Bordering upon swamps many trees were fallen therein as the easiest way to get rid of them, consequently timber has become so scarce, that the necessity for destroying it no longer exists. In the early settlement of the town, there was an abundance of heavy pine timber in the vicinity of the village, as the stump fences now do plainly indicate. These pine stumps have well withstood the ravages of time, and to all appearances will be serviceable for many years to come. Pine trees five feet in diameter at their base, and oak and maple trees four feet, are among the things of the past, though the stumps of such

trees are occasionally seen. But few of the first growth of the above mentioned trees remain—mementos of the past—and with the scarcity of other timber it becomes farmers, even now, so soon after the first settlement of the town, to be judicious in the management of their timber lands.

There has been a remarkable change also in the price of manual labor, as well as in the price of produce, within the last fifty years ; due, in a great measure, to the introduction of machinery. Prices have increased threefold, in many instances. The price paid a laborer in haying and harvesting has increased from seventy-five cents a day to two dollars and two dollars and fifty cents ; butter from twelve and fifteen cents per pound, to forty and fifty cents ; cheese from four and five cents, to twelve and sixteen cents per pound ; corn from fifty cents to one dollar and a half per bushel ; potatoes from twenty cents to fifty cents, and frequently one dollar per bushel, and oats likewise.

And such is the enormous influx of emigrants from all parts of the world to this country, that we may look for an increase rather than a diminution of the above prices.

Notwithstanding the independence of the farmer who reaps in a measure the benefits of these high prices, and the fact that those who now hold property in land are well recompensed for their industry and economy, we may be allowed to state as our own humble opinion, that too many of our young men endeavor to obtain a livelihood from other sources, because less labor is required, which often proves a failure and leaves them in poverty.

In the extreme western part of the town good building stone is found, while about one hundred and fifty rods east of this range, both black and purple slate abound in large

quantities; and intermediate, but on lower land, appearances at the surface would indicate extensive deposits of red slate. Notwithstanding the large amount of slate mined in this vicinity, the slate interest is increasing—large quantities of it being sent off yearly on the Rutland and Washington railroad—and not only are roofing slate manufactured from this rough looking material, but elegant table-tops and mantles, beautiful coffins, tomb-stones, and wash-stands, and various other useful articles. As yet but one quarry is worked in this town, which is situated in the south-western part of the town. This quarry was opened about 1854-5, and, we are informed, has very recently passed into the hands of Evan Jones, of Granville, N. Y. A largo and convenient building has been erected the past season, wherein is an engine and other machinery, for preparing slate for market. The slate of this quarry is highly prized on account of its purple color.

Before railroads existed in this vicinity, there were four distilleries in town, which manufactured brandy from cider, and whisky from rye and corn. The first distillery was owned by Peter King, was located on the site of the Union Store, formerly owned by Orlin Lewis, and was run previous to 1800, and subsequently. The next distillery was established about 1809 by Abel Potter, and was located at the foot of Pond Mountain, near the cold spring now owned by John S. Hulett. The next was established about 1826, by Samuel Rust, and was located near the residence of Winslow Goodspeed. The last was owned and run by Elijah Parks, about 1829, was located near the residence of the late Hobert Parks, and was closed several years since.

Among the many interesting curiosities of the past we should mention the whipping-post, where punishment was meted out to evil-doers. It was about eight inches square and was erected in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and stood about seven feet in height, and on the green west of the Universalist Church. The last person who was whipped at this post, was a man about forty years of age, and for stealing, was sentenced by Justice Samuel Lathrop to receive ten lashes. The punishment was inflicted by the constable, and took place about 1807, but the post, it is stated, remained until it decayed, a memento of former laws.

Some three or four families of this town, in Revolutionary times, by their devotion to British rule, brought upon their heads the name of tory, and their lands were sold for "traitrous conduct."

Of remarkable seasons we might mention the year 1816, which is remembered as the cold, dry summer. Some fifteen sheep, owned by Jason Tyler, who lived at that time in the western part of the town, near the residence of Howell Clark, were found frozen to death in his barn, about the 8th of June, having been sheared but a short time before.

We are informed that in 1824 the spotted worms appeared in great numbers in this vicinity, eating the leaves of the forest and fruit trees, as they passed from west to east. Many maple trees being special objects of their attack, were destroyed.

In 1826 there were so many grasshoppers as to cause much damage to the grass and growing crops.

THE MOUNTAINS.

Pond mountain on the east side of the lake, though not the the highest in town, rises very abruptly to the height of eight hundred feet, and is so naked and barren that from places one mile or more to the westward it somewhat resembles a haystack when one half has been cut down and removed. The scenery presented to view from its summit is picturesque and varied, and for the time spent in ascending it, will well repay him who admires Nature in all its romantic forms. From its summit one may realize his own weakness and insignificance, while at the same time he perceives the power and goodness of Him whose wisdom is manifested unto man in the works of His hands. A short distance to the eastward of the Pond mountain range are Moose-horn mountain, Pine Hill and North-east mountain, lying in another range running north and south. Between the last named mountains there is a tract of land, (owned by Joseph Parks previous to his decease, the past summer,) called Bear Swamp, which years ago was frequented by bears that often committed depredations on the cornfields and the neighboring flocks of sheep.

The following anecdote was furnished us by Mr. Parks, when over eighty years of age, and is given nearly in his own words :

“Among the early settlers was one Daniel Goodsell, who living near this swamp, thought he would try his skill in setting a trap. Having procured one he had the good luck to catch a small bear, which was very fat though not very black. With the idea of selling the skin, he carried it to John C. Bishop, who kept a store in Granville, N. Y. Mr.

Bishop did not like to give him his price, because the skin was not large enough nor black enough. But Goodsell finally sold him the skin, and asked him how much he would give for the *largest* and the *blackest* one he ever saw. Bishop said he would give him four dollars, and Goodsell agreed to catch him such an one. About one month thereafter he caught one, the largest and the blackest that had ever been caught by any of the neighbors. He carried the skin over to Mr. Bishop according to agreement, unrolled it, and asked him if it was not the *largest* one he had ever seen. Bishop said it was. He then asked him if it was not the *blackest* one he ever saw. Bishop said it was, but that the *fur* was not good. Goodsell said to him, that if he had *told* him that he wanted the fur good he would have caught him such an one. Mr. Bishop being an honest Quaker, saw that he was caught, paid him the four dollars, and Goodsell left him to his own reflections."

LAKE AUSTIN, OR ST. AUSTIN.

This lake commonly known as Wells Pond is a beautiful sheet of water, surrounded as it is by hills and mountains, and is situated in the western part of the town, extending into Poultney.

In "Thompson's Vermont Gazetteer," it is called St. Augustine; and it further appears that, as early as 1767, it was called St. Catherine, and in relation thereto we give the following extract of a letter from the Hon. Hiland Hall, of Bennington.

BENNINGTON, Nov. 12th, 1868.

Dear Sir :

It appears from the N. Y. Land Papers, in the office of the Secretary of State, at Albany, that, April 24th, 1767, a survey was returned of 5,000 acres of land for Col. John Maunsell, "in the County of Albany, on the west side of Lake St. Catherine," and that the same land was granted him March 7th, 1771. A map prepared under the direction of Gov. Tryon and published in London in 1779, purports to give the locations of the several grants made by the governors of New York up to the period of the revolution, of which map a copy on a reduced scale is given in the first volume of the Documentary History of New York. On this map, Maunsell's tract is marked as lying on the west side of a body of water designated as "*St. Cathe*,"—doubtless an abbreviation of St. Catherine. The New Hampshire townships are ignored on this map; but "Wells" is engraved just east of the lake, and "Pawlet" south-east, leaving it beyond doubt that your Wells body of water was intended. It is not unlikely that Maunsell gave the name when he made the survey, and as he made no settlement under his patent, that knowledge of it did not reach others."

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HILAND HALL.

We are of the opinion that the name "St. Catherine," as applied to this lake, is of New York origin, as the oldest inhabitants of the town, who are over eighty years of age, do not remember of hearing it called otherwise than Lake Austin, or Lake St. Austin. This lake is about five miles in length, its greatest width is nearly one mile, and is estimated to cover some 2,000 acres.

It is well supplied with all kinds of fish that are common to such lakes in this State. Pickerel were introduced here from Whitehall about 1821. They were caught through the ice in Lake Champlain, brought here packed in snow, and placed in the Zuriel Lewis spring on the west side of

the lake, whence the most of them after thawing out swam into the lake. About 1820, three *Deer* were killed on this lake in the winter, by the brothers Clark and Samuel Lamb, and Cyrus Geer.

It is related that the hunters of this and adjoining towns in early times were accustomed to meet occasionally on the banks of the stream, south of Lyman Grover's residence in the village, hang up their *venison* and other game in the surrounding trees, spend a few days in friendly intercourse, and that Ethan Allen frequently met with them.

The lower part of this lake, commonly called the Little Pond, is about three-fourths of a mile in length, by one-half mile in width. The following incident occurred in connection with this pond in the early settlement of the town: Abel Merriman, much disposed to merriment as his name would indicate, sold this pond in the winter season, when covered with ice and snow, as "an elegant tract of intervale land, with no trees or stumps upon it," and deeded the same. Much land, at that time, was sold by description to people living at a distance. A public house, called the Lake House, was built on the west side of the lake in 1859, by Merritt Lewis. This house is situated on a beautiful little eminence in a pleasant grove, about ten rods from the lake. It passed into the hands of Charles W. Potter in 1867, and, the past year, has been fitted up in elegant style and provided with modern comforts and improvements, for the accommodation of pleasure parties and of those living in the city who wish to spend the warm summer months in the country. It is located amid delightful scenery and fine fishing grounds, and is a place of great resort for pleasure parties, who find much enjoyment in fishing and sailing on the lake.

In the early settlement of the town fever-ague prevailed in the vicinity of the lake.

In a descriptive sketch of the State of Vermont, printed in London in 1797, and in the possession of Sylvester Clark of this town; we find the following: "Castleton, Wells and Tinmouth have each a small lake of water, that in Wells is much the largest. These lakes prove very detrimental to the inhabitants, (notwithstanding they supply them with great quantities of fish) for they are, at different seasons of the year, seized, and often cut off, with fever-ague; and experience has proved that the primary cause of this destructive disease originates from the stagnated waters of these lakes; for when that at Castleton has been drained (as has sometimes been the case) they have never been scourged with the pestilence; but as soon as they shut up the outlet of the water, it directly produces the fever again."

Though this town has no rivers to furnish an abundance of water power, it is well supplied with springs and small brooks. The principal stream is the outlet of the lake, and on this are located a saw-mill and planing mill, owned by Wilder Lewis; a wagon shop, owned by Carlos Parker; a woolen factory, owned by Benjamin Lewis, and a gristmill, owned by Mrs. Julia Goodrich. There were formerly a saw-mill above Lewis' factory, and one near James Norton's residence; also a tannery just west of Parker's wagon shop, owned by Levi Lewis. The woolen factory was built by Benjamin Lewis in 1853, was enlarged in 1856, and has capacity for manufacturing one hundred yards of cloth daily. This is the third factory erected on the same site, the others having been destroyed by fire. The first factory was built some fifty or

sixty years ago by John Blossom. The gristmill was built in 1808, by Roswell Goodrich.

There is another stream which rises in Tinmouth and flows in a westerly direction through the southern part of the town. On this stream there is only one saw-mill and bobbin shop, owned by Winslow Goodspeed. There were, years ago, two gristmills on this stream; one located near the residence of Joshua Howe; the other a few rods below the residence of Hiram Francis. This stream was once well supplied with trout, and frequently one would be caught that would weigh one pound or more. Now, but few trees line its banks that afford them a safe retreat, and consequently they are caught before they reach the size they formerly attained.

The village is pleasantly situated in the southern part of the town, near the outlet of the lake, and contains about thirty dwelling houses, three churches, two blacksmith shops, formerly three stores, though now only one, two wagon shops, one school house, one public house, one grocery, one saw-mill, and a post office. A new store, a short distance west from the village, has this season been completed and furnished by Benjamin Lewis and his son, R. M. Lewis, which does honor to them as enterprising and public-spirited men.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Our first school houses, we are informed, were built of logs, warmed by a fireplace, as there were no stoves here then, and provided with rude benches. The scholars were instructed in reading—in the old English Reader or American Preceptor, (copies of which are now seldom seen); in arithmetic, which the teacher was not always master of beyond

the rule of three; in penmanship, in a rude hand, and in spelling. (Grammar was not taught.) The teachers were paid in grain, flax, or some other farm products. At a later day, better school houses were built, and generally provided with a continuous bench around and on three sides of the school-room, the scholars facing the center of the room.

In 1779, the inhabitants voted "to divide the town into two districts, as nater has divided it, for schooling." This is supposed to refer to the Pond Mountain range as the dividing line, running north and south, making the western part of the town one school district, and the eastern part another. We hear it related that, formerly, more or less strife existed between these two sections, at elections; especially to elect a town representative.

In 1786, the town was divided into six school districts, and, though we believe there have been eleven, there are now only seven, with two fractional districts.

In 1803, the number of scholars, between four and eighteen years of age, was 401; in 1830, 288; in 1840, 224; in 1846, 203; in 1850, 244; in 1860, 169.

The decrease in numbers noticed above, arises probably from a variety of causes, but mainly from the fact that the small farms have been gradually absorbed by the more industrious and wealthy landowners, consequently causing the number of families also to diminish. Another cause arises from the fact that many of our young men on attaining their majority remove to the great West or some other part of the country, seeking their fortunes where there are greater inducements than at home. Still another cause is due to the decrease in the number of children born in almost every family.

GENERAL CENSUS OF THE TOWN.

The population of this town, as shown by the United States census, was in 1791, 622 ; in 1800, 988 ; in 1810, 1,040 ; in 1820, 986 ; in 1830, 880 ; in 1840, 740 ; in 1850, 804 ; in 1860, 642 ; in 1868, (town census,) 687.

We are not informed that any of the early settlers of this town ever lived to attain the age of one hundred years. The following are some of the more remarkable instances of longevity, viz: Mrs. Avis How died in 1857, aged 97 years, 3 months and 24 days ; Abigail Nye was 97 years, and John Davis was 96 years of age at his death. Two aged persons have died in this town the present year (1868), Mrs. Vinsa Goodspeed in her ninetieth year, and Joseph Parks, aged 84.

EARLY CHURCH HISTORY.

In April, 1774, the town voted to build a "meeting house" on the east side of the channel which connects the two ponds that form Lake Austin, and a committee of five, viz:—Caleb Lewis, John Ward, Zaccheus Mallory, Ogden Mallory and Enoch Mallory—was appointed to select a site for its erection. At a subsequent meeting, the following October, a committee of five, viz:—Timothy Alling, Timothy Moss, Daniel Culver, Roger Rose and Abel Merriman—was appointed to hire a minister.

Thus it appears that the inhabitants of this town, though it had not been organized but little more than one year, deemed divine worship of so much importance, that they at once sought a situation to build a church. We notice that, in

1780, a committee of three men was appointed to hire a minister, also that, in 1785, the minister's name was — Murdock, which is the first minister's name we have seen in the early town records.

We presume the services were held at some private residence, as we have no accounts that any church was built for some years thereafter.

In May, 1789, a committee appointed for the purpose, selected ten acres of land, and on this tract the town voted "to build a church 36 feet in length, by one story and a half high." The exact boundary of this ten acre lot is not at present known. This land is now owned by Alvah Mitchell, and is situated on the rise of land about midway between the pond bridge and pond mountain, and on the north side of the highway. This place was selected because it was considered the center of the town. The following year, 1790, the church was built, but the work inside was never wholly finished. This, we are informed, was the first church built in town, and was not confined to any particular denomination. This church building, having been used for a barn a number of years, was blown down during a storm, March 27th, 1847.

On this tract of land the first burial ground was laid out, though on the east side of the hill, and there too are buried some of the first settlers of this town, with no monuments reared to mark the graves of those long since departed.

In 1799, a committee of five men, viz: Simon Francis, Joshua Culver, Joseph Button, Samuel How and Jonathan Paul—was appointed "to circulate a subscription paper to procure means to build a house for public worship and town privileges. The following year, 1800, the second church was built in the village, on the site where the Universalist

church now stands. This, we suppose, might be called an union church, as it was built by subscription and held in common by the several denominations then existing here—Methodists, Episcopalians and Universalists,—and the town meetings were held therein until 1855. It was some forty or fifty feet square, and was without a stove or chimney until about 1825. It was two stories high, and was furnished with four rows of square pews, running north and south, and a gallery on three sides; and had an entrance on the west side and south side. At the time it was built, it was the largest church in this vicinity. With its large roof and no steeple, it resembled a large barn more than a church.

It was in this old brown church that the following exhibition took place, as related by the Hon. Horace Greeley, in an article on Dramatic Memories, written for the New York Ledger, (January, 1868,) wherein he mentions, with other reminiscences of his boyhood day's, the following incident that transpired here in 1828, and is given in his own words, as follows: "While an apprentice at Poultney, an 'exhibition' was advertised to come off one evening in the church at Wells, six miles south of us; so a party was made up to attend it, I being one of that party. Wells had rather a hard reputation in those days, (perhaps from the ill-behavior of those who went thither from neighboring towns to 'carry on,') which fame I trust it has since outgrown. It was late in winter, with deep snow, but thawing; so that, to protect us from the balls of ice and snow constantly thrown at us from our horses' feet, a long board had been set up on edge across the front of our rude sleigh, or rather sled; and this, in passing a point of rock which projected into the narrow road through the forest which skirted 'Lake St. Austin,' (other-

wise Wells Pond), was caught and held so as to rake the sled clear of its human freight, I received a hurt on my right shin which remained unhealed for years. But no one complained, all laughed ; and we were soon all on board and in motion again, reaching Wells in good time for the 'exhibition.' The church was crowded with eager though not very critical auditors ; the players were considerably older than we of Westhaven were at the date of our maiden effort ; and I presume the playing was better, mainly because it could not easily be worse. There were several pieces (most of them literally so) on the bills, and all were duly undergone ; yet, their names have escaped me. One peculiarity remains firmly imbedded in my memory. There was a scene in one of the plays wherein a man snugly hidden amid the thick branches of an evergreen tree overheard a plot to commit robbery, and perhaps murder also. Whereupon he bides his time, and duly precipitates himself on the robber (or robbers) in the very act, putting him, or them to death or flight, and gallantly rescuing the intended victim. Well, here is where the laugh comes in. The tree—a substantial pine or hemlock, some eight inches through and twenty feet high—had been firmly implanted in the stage before the 'exhibition' began ; and there it remained to the end—forming a noticeable, but very congruous, portion of the furniture of every parlor, boudoir, prison-cell, court-room, &c., from first to last. If city audiences were less fastidious, I suspect that managers might have learned how to retrench their expenses for furniture, fixtures, scenery, attendants, &c., by studying that Wells 'exhibition.' Unluckily, some of my companions on that excursion were of the 'won't go home till morning' stamp, and could not see why any one should go to Wells

unless to have a 'high old time.' They controlled the team, and would neither set it on the road to Poultney, nor permit the rest to do so, until late the next day. Meantime they would neither sleep nor tolerate slumber on the part of any one else. The performances of the latter part of the night were a little wilder and rougher than I was ever before or since implicated in, however innocently, and Wells was no wise to blame therefor. I never saw the respected village save during this single visit; and I sincerely trust that my reputation there is not based on the average conduct of my party on that exceptionally boisterous occasion. It was never before nor since so hard for me to work as during the afternoon and evening following our return to Poultney."

Though that exhibition occurred forty years ago, there are some in town who remember of being present, and the people of that day generally concur with Mr. Greeley respecting the "reputation" of the town at that time, and would cite as an instance in proof, the "carrying on" of his own party, though naught is treasured up against the honorable gentleman on account of his trip to Wells.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

BY WM. H. HULL.

The history of Methodism in this town dates back as far probably as it does in any town in the State. From the want of record or authentic oral tradition, we are unable to give any thing more than a brief outline of its history.

The first Methodist preacher who visited Wells, inquired for the poorest family in town, and was directed to the house of Nathaniel Lewis, who resided in the north part of the town. He preached at his house, and he and his wife and some of his children and neighbors were converted. A small class was formed and Mr. Nathaniel Lewis appointed leader. One of his children became an acceptable local preacher. The name of this first Methodist preacher, the year in which he made his first visit, or the number of members in the class organized, can not be ascertained at the present time. The event probably took place about 1780 or a little later.

In 1789, Rev. Darius Dunham came to Wells as a preacher, but whether he came as a missionary or circuit preacher, it is impossible for us to determine. Considering the newness of the country, and the sparseness of the population he was successful in the promotion of an extensive and powerful revival, embracing the heads of many families, and some of the most prominent citizens of the town. As nearly as can be ascertained, there were about thirty conversions. We enumerate below some of the subjects of this great revival.

Rev. Shubael Lamb; Joseph Lamb and wife; William Robinson and wife; Nathan Robinson and wife; John Lewis

and wife ; Michael Clemons and wife ; Wm. Lamb and wife ; Mrs. Susannah Derby.

After this revival, a class was organized in the east part of the town and Michael Clemons was appointed leader and steward, and, being a man of more than ordinary talent, and having considerable pecuniary means, he was a prominent pillar in the church. He officiated as steward and leader very acceptably until his decease, a period of about thirty years.

Rev. Shubael Lamb, one of the subjects of this revival, was born in Litchfield, Conn., in 1771. He came to Wells with his father and family in 1780. Soon after his conversion he obtained license to exhort and soon after to preach. In 1805, he was ordained Deacon, by Bishop Asbury at the Ashgrove Conference, and, in 1830, he was ordained Elder, by Bishop Hedding, at the Poultney Conference.

He was a man of deep consistent piety, and fair preaching talent. He officiated as a local preacher with usefulness and acceptability for nearly sixty years. He closed the scene of his earthly pilgrimage in Middletown, Vt., July 25th, 1852, in the consolation and assurance of that gospel he had so long and faithfully recommended to others.

Lorenzo Dow frequently preached in Wells about the years 1797-98. In 1829, a man preached here, calling himself Lorenzo Dow, but those well acquainted with the original Lorenzo Dow, said that he could not have been the same person. He was judged to have been about thirty years of age, and Lorenzo Dow at that time must have been considerably older. (Lorenzo Dow was born in Coventry, Conn., in 1777 ; died in 1834, and was buried in Washington, D. C.

In the fall of 1820, under the labors of Rev. Elisha Dewey,

a very earnest, zealous young man, the east part of the town was the scene of revival influence, and some peculiar physical manifestations called the jerks. This revival resulted in the conversion of about twenty-five persons. Some ten or fifteen different persons were subjects of the jerks, and in a few instances the wicked were affected by them. They were affected by a peculiar jerking of the head, hands, or feet, and sometimes the whole body, being accompanied by boisterous shouting, clapping of hands, &c. Some, under this influence, would fall helpless to the floor and remain unconscious for some length of time, and others would whirl around and around, or skip and hop about, going through a kind of irregular dance. The subjects of these manifestations claimed that this condition afforded them a high state of spiritual enjoyment, and that they could not always resist that influence, and that, when they did, it brought a consciousness of condemnation. These manifestations continued over a year and gradually subsided.

In 1826, there was a revival at the village under the ministerial labors of Rev. Lyman Prindle, at that time a young man, but possessing more than ordinary preaching talent. About twenty persons professed the christian faith. A class was formed in this part of the town, and Frederick Pember appointed leader. He was a man of good judgment, and consistent christian example. He identified himself with Methodism in its early history, bearing the responsibility and reproach of the church with inflexible adherence to his convictions of truth and duty. He closed the scene of life, September 21st, 1859, 78 years of age, in the peaceful assurance of immortality and eternal life, having been a member of the church over forty years.

Rev. Levi Lamb, Jr., was brought to the faith of Christ under the ministry of Rev. Joseph Ames, in 1827. He was a local preacher several years previous to his death, which took place in 1849. He was endowed with a capacity to plunge deep into the investigation of moral truth, and was an easy natural speaker, rendering his ministrations instructive and interesting.

In 1854, Rev. J. B. Searls was appointed to this circuit. He commenced his labors under very discouraging circumstances, but in the fall the work of moral reform commenced in East Wells and extended to the appointment at the village. This revival resulted in the conversion of between fifty and sixty persons, being the most extensive the church, in this place, has ever witnessed.

He was young in ministerial experience, but was endowed with a peculiar faculty to instruct his audience, and being possessed of a spirit of persevering activity and faith in the use of means, success attended his efforts.

The M. E. Church, in this town, has only been a separate pastorate during two or three conference years, but has generally been associated with other towns forming what is called a circuit. The membership of the church, by removals, deaths, delinquencies, and some other causes combined, has been reduced so that at the present time it is in a weak condition.

In the early history of the church, the circuit of which this town formed a part, was hundreds of miles in extent. Quarterly meetings at this period formed an inspiring and interesting religious festival, being attended by the membership from a great distance, and the irreligious also. Those occasions, at East Wells, were sometimes attended by

hundreds of persons from a distance, so that great numbers had to be stationed and provided for during the meeting. Some families there, at these festivals, provided for fifty and sixty persons. In those days they came from Ashgrove, Whitehall, Brandon, Pittsford, Rutland, and all the intervening country around.

The following were among the early preachers who labored in Wells: Samuel Deapen, B. Goodsell, Jacob Beaman, Samuel Covel, Anthony Rice, Tobias Spicer, J. B. Stratton and James Quinland.

Since 1836, the following preachers have been appointed to this circuit: S. Young, Wm. Richards, Adam Jones, A. L. Cooper, P. H. Smith, Valentine Brown, Salisbury Ford, Wm. Bedell, P. P. Atwell, B. S. Burnham, J. B. Searls, James J. Bailey, Nelson Boist, G. H. Townsend, Moses Spencer, J. E. Walker, Wm. A. Miller, H. C. Farrer, A. Robbins and Wm. Tiffany.

The village was associated with Pawlet from 1860 to 1864; since that time it has been associated with Granville, N. Y., and East Wells with Middletown and Clarendon.

The first Sunday School was organized at East Wells in 1823, and Levi Lamb, Sr., appointed Superintendent. The same year, a Sunday School was also organized at the village, and Levi Lewis appointed Superintendent. Facilities unknown at that time to make them instructive and interesting have been brought into requisition. These schools, when organized, did not have any libraries, but for several years past they have had respectable libraries in both places.

The first M. E. Church edifice was erected in East Wells about 1805 or 1806. It was erected on a site about one-half mile south of the church now occupied in that part of

the town. It was a rude structure of considerable size and only partially finished. In 1813, it was taken down and removed to the present site of the church and finished in a plain style. In 1842, a neat commodious church was erected at the village. In 1856, the old church at East Wells, which was remodeled in 1813, was taken down and a new one of modern structure erected on the same site, finished in a neat substantial style.

Three camp-meetings have been holden in this town—the first one in 1855, on land owned by Lyman Grover in the south-east part of the town. The other two were held in the years 1856 and 1858, on land owned by John S. Hulett, east of the village.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

BY ROBERT PARKS.

Quite a number professing this faith were early settlers of this town, whose sentiments were the final holiness and happiness of mankind. Among those who were members of this faith, in the early days of this town, were Samuel Culver, Wm. Potter, Josiah Goodspeed, Winslow Goodspeed, Ansel Goodspeed and Elijah Parks. These were members prior to 1800. From that time accessions were made, and among those were Samuel Culver, Jr., Joseph Parks, Jared Francis, Benjamin Lewis, Alby Geer and John Parks, who were members previous to 1820. Since that date, we may add the names of Alvah Mitchell, Winslow Goodspeed, Jr., Ethelbert Lewis, Benjamin Lewis, Jr., and others. This society generally united with those of the same faith who resided in

Pawlet, and made a respectable congregation. There was no service except by occasional appointments until 1821, when Rev. Aaron Kinsman located as a settled minister, and remained until 1826, when he left town.

In 1826, the General Convention of Universalists convened in this town. We have no record of the minutes of that convention. In 1855, a neat and commodious church was built, and furnished with a bell, and was dedicated by Rev. Eli Ballou, of Montpelier.

Among those who have officiated at this church, are the following named ministers: Rev. Mr. Page, Rev. Mr. Aspinwall, Rev. H. P. Cutting, Rev. E. S. Foster, Rev. Mr. Knappin and the Rev. A. N. Adams, of Fairhaven. The members of this church have not decreased in numbers by death and emigration, as their ranks have been filled up by descendants and others, so that they are numerically greater than any denomination in town.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

BY JOHN C. HOPSON JR.

Soon after the settlement of the town of Wells, several Episcopal families, mostly from Connecticut, moved into town; among whom were Lewis Davis, Daniel Goodrich, Robert Hotchkiss, John Pray, and perhaps some others. They were destitute of Episcopal services, except occasionally. The first minister we have an account of was the Rev. Bethnel Chittenden, brother of Gov. Thomas Chittenden, of Vermont. He held services here a part of the time. The Rev. Abraham Bronson, residing in Manchester, Vt., also held services here occasionally.

About the year 1810, Rev. Stephen Jewett came into this section and preached for a time in Wells and Pawlet. I think in 1815, there was an Episcopal church edifice erected at Granville Corners, N. Y. About that time, the Episcopalians of this town united with those of Granville, and became members of that parish. The Rev. Stephen Jewett became Rector, and preached for a number of years. After he left, several different clergymen held services there and also in this town.

A Protestant Episcopal Church, known as St. Paul's Church, was first organized in Wells, in April, 1824.

The first members of the organization were Robert Hotchkiss, Raymond Hotchkiss, David Lewis, Daniel Goodrich, John Pray, John C. Hopson, David B. Lewis, Rufus Graves, Harvey Parks, Almon Hopson, John C. Hopson, Jr., and John H. Pray.

Rev. Palmer Dyer officiated as Rector, both in Wells and Granville. In 1836, Rev. Darwin B. Mason became Rector of the parish and remained two or three years.

In 1839, Rev. Lucius M. Purdy became Rector, and during his ministry the church edifice was built. On the 26th day of January, 1842, the church was consecrated by the Right Rev. John H. Hopkins, Bishop of the Diocese of Vt., setting it apart from all worldly and common uses, and consecrating it to the worship of God and for the administration of the sacraments.

In 1841, Rev. Louis McDonald became Rector and remained until 1844, and perhaps some longer. After he left, Rev. Moore Bingham, from Hampton, N. Y., preached occasionally for a time. In 1847, the Vestry gave a call to Rev. Oliver Hopson to become Rector of this parish, which

was accepted. He commenced services in May, 1847, and continued Rector of the parish until August, 1868, when he resigned. As near as can be ascertained from the records, there have been in St. Paul's Church, Wells, (since the Rev. D. B. Mason had charge of the parish.) baptisms of adults, 23 ; of infants, 41 ; marriages, 16 ; confirmations, 47 ; burials, 35. There are, at present, belonging to the parish, thirty communicants, three of whom reside in Pawlet.

PROTESTANT METHODIST CHURCH.

A few years since, this society built a small church near the residence of Russell Lamb. Nelson Lewis, Thomas Pratt and a few others are members of this church. Rev. George Smith, of Hebron, N. Y., has been occasionally the officiating minister.

SOLDIERS' RECORD.

By referring to the biographical sketches in this book, it will be noticed that some of the early settlers of this town participated in the Revolutionary War, and the war of 1812.

Unto those noble patriots of the Revolution, who endured the trials and hardships incident to a new country, and were led on to victory by General Washington, are we indebted for America—a free republic ; which, in the course of events, has been made free indeed by the southern rebellion, instituted for the perpetuation of slavery, but the chief cause of its downfall. Unto them also are we indebted for our nationality, won by them and transmitted to us their successors, and of which every American may justly feel proud.

But unto the surviving heroes of the rebellion of 1861, led on to victory by General Grant, when this same nationality was threatened with destruction by members of its own household, are we deeply indebted for its preservation and still further perpetuation. We have no honors too great, nor gifts at our disposal too precious, to bestow upon those men who fought for their country in its hour of peril. The greater part of our soldiers, when their term of service had expired or the war had closed, returned to their homes, have become peaceful citizens and are engaged in agricultural pursuits or some other worthy employment. Many a patriot, who had escaped death on the field of battle, returned with health impaired and weary, to lay himself down to rest from labors well performed.

But, alas! the joy of our greeting the survivors, is mingled with sorrow for those who died of hunger within prison-walls, and those, who far from their friends, perished on the battle-fields "which their own valor had already half won."

Many a family, to-day, misses a once familiar face, and mourns the loss of some dear friend. Let us cherish tenderly the memory of those who thus perished, and by their sufferings and death, gained for us the victory and restored to us an undivided nationality, which, we hope, may never more be disturbed by (civil) war, and which we are now obligated to preserve and defend.

"How sleep the brave, who sink to rest
By all their country's wishes blest!
When Spring, with dewy fingers cold
Returns to deck their hallowed mould,
She there shall dress a sweeter sod
Than fancy's feet have ever trod.

By fairy hands their knell is rung;
 By forms unseen their dirge is sung;
 Their honor comes, a pilgrim gray,
 To bless the turf that wraps their clay;
 And freedom shall awhile repair,
 To dwell a weeping hermit there!"

When bounties were required in the civil war of 1861, this town adopted the wise policy of paying promptly their bounty taxes, so that at the close of the war the town had but a small indebtedness. This town paid for expenses incurred in the late war, for the preservation of the Union, \$15,057, as certified by the selectmen. The bounties ranged from \$100 each for the nine months men, up to \$1,000 and \$1,150 for three years men. One only, we are informed, received \$1,150 for three years. The largest bounty, according to term of service, was paid for two men to fill our quota under the last call for more men, viz, \$550 each for one year.

Volunteers from this town who enlisted before the 14th Vt. Regiment was mustered in, received no town bounty. Volunteers from this town who served in this regiment received a town bounty of \$100.

We give below the names of the soldiers who served in the late war, and the regiment to which each soldier belonged. Those in italics, were not residents of the town.

FIRST VT. CAVALRY.

Lewis Conger, *Charles Cowles, Peter Dickey, George Livingston* and *Andrew Taylor*; Lewis Conger was taken prisoner at Gettysburgh, Pa., and died from the effects of starvation, at Libby prison, Richmond, Va., aged 22 years.

SECOND REGIMENT.

Charles D. Castle, Ozro Sprague and Willard Woods. Charles D. Castle died in the hospital at Windmill Point,

Va., aged 22 years. Ozro Sprague served in this regiment until discharged on account of sickness, when he returned home, and, after his health was partially restored, he re-enlisted in the 93d N. Y. Regiment, and died of wounds received at the battle of the Wilderness, in 1864.

FIFTH REGIMENT.

Albert Brookins, Roswell Fuller, William H. Lincoln and Hiram D. Monroe. H. D. Monroe was a prisoner at Andersonville, Ga., about two years, and returned home a mere skeleton. A. Brookins and R. Fuller had the good fortune to return home unharmed.

SIXTH REGIMENT.

John Upton.

SEVENTH REGIMENT.

Henry Beebe, Harvey Guilder, Ariel Howard, Edwin Saunders, James Sprague, Albert J. Reid, Thomas C. Reed, *Thomas Downing, John Moore, John Newcomb, Charles Riley and John Watts.*

This regiment was mustered into government service, in 1862, for three years, and was on duty in unhealthy districts in Florida and Louisiana, where many died of disease.

James Sprague died in the hospital at Carrollton, La., September, 1862, aged about 30. Albert J. Reid died about the same time, at the same place. He was about 23 years of age. Thomas C. Reed served three years, returned home and re-enlisted in the same regiment, receiving \$500 town bounty.

NINTH REGIMENT.

Herbert Barden, Hiram Wood, *Nye O. Blake, Franklin Accome and Wm. T. Fry.*

This regiment was on duty in unhealthy districts in N. C. and Va., and suffered greatly from disease. It was mustered out at the close of the war under Col. E. H. Ripley, of Rutland.

TENTH REGIMENT.

Homer Bradley.

ELEVENTH REGIMENT.

Edward M. Gee.

FOURTEENTH REGIMENT.

Phineas C. Paul, (promoted to Lieutenant), Wilder Lewis, Alfred Lewis, Merritt Lamb, Wm. Moody, Lysander Palmer, Warren A. Pierce, Geo. F. Brown, Seth Geer, Elisha Wales and David F. Youngs.

Seth Geer died after his return home, of measles. Elisha Wales died from fatigue in Va., a few days after the battle of Gettysburgh, aged about 45. David F. Youngs died in the hospital at Brattleboro, on his return home, aged 26.

This regiment enlisted for nine months, under Col. Wm. T. Nichols, of Rutland, and was mustered into government service in October, 1862. It was assigned to duty in the vicinity of Fairfax Court House, Va., but, the second and third days of July, 1863, it participated in the memorable battle of Gettysburgh, where it fought with valor and acquitted itself with honor; showing that the Green Mountain boys were still worthy successors of the hero of Ticonderoga.

The following named persons were in the naval service:—Cyrus Foster, Edwin F. Lewis and Theodore F. Lewis, and, like the soldiers who first enlisted, received no bounty from the town.

Edwin F., and his brother Theodore, were commissioned

by the Government, in 1862, as engineers, and after serving until the close of the war, were honorably discharged. Theodore was promoted and well rewarded for gallant services, rendered in capturing a blockade runner, the English Steamer Minnie, which was endeavoring to enter Wilmington, N. C.

The following named persons were drafted in August, 1863, and paid commutation, \$300 each:—Adams Barden, Marcellus Francis, Geo. W. Hadaway, Edward Hopson, Hiram W. Lewis, Orestes J. Merrill, Hiland Paul, James H. Potter and Horace Spaulding.

Harlan P. Lewis was drafted at the same time, and procured a substitute at an expense of \$325.

The following persons, residents or natives of this town, enlisted in other States :

HARRIS LIGHT CAVALRY, OR FIFTH N. Y.

Robert H. Parks, Henry Clark and Edgar B. Henshaw.

Robert H. Park died of measles in the hospital at Alexandria, Va., 1861.

NINETY-THIRD N. Y. REGIMENT.

Wm. Cooper and Alix P. Ayott.

Wm. Cooper having served too years in the 22d N. Y. Regiment, re-enlisted in the 93d N. Y. Vet. Vol. and served until the close of the war. A. P. Ayott enlisted May 10th, 1861, served one year and two months, and was then discharged on account of disability. In 1863, he re-enlisted in the 93d N. Y., and served until the close of the war. He lost one finger at the battle of the Wilderness, also another at Poplar Grove Church, in 1864.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD N. Y. REGIMENT.

Wm. Norton, Philip Potter, Franklin Cook, Horace Tooley and Wm. Tooley.

Wm. Norton lost an arm at the battle of Gettysburgh. Horace Tooley was wounded at Dallas, Ga., May 16th, 1864, and died in the hospital June 25th, aged about 29.

Wm. Tooley was killed at Raleigh, N. C., April 10th, 1865, in the last skirmishing of Gen. Sherman's army, having followed him unharmed from Atlanta, Ga., to the Ocean, and from thence to Raleigh on the homeward march. He was about 26 years of age.

THIRTEENTH ILLINOIS REGIMENT.

Elvin Reid, who died at Jacksonville, Fla., May 16th, 1865, from the effects of starvation, having suffered one year in Andersonville prison. He was about 25 years of age.

FIFTH MINNESOTA REGIMENT.

Milton H. Pember.

POETRY.

LINES ON MY FIFTIETH BIRTH DAY.

BY OBIDIAH A. BOWE, (*See O. A. Bowe in biographical sketches.*)

Youth, Childhood, Infancy—adieu!
The dearest friends must part you know;
I've spent a good long time with you—
The hour is late and I must go.

“Old age,” a sober friend of mine,
Says I must come with him to stay;
Heaven knows I cannot well decline—
I'm *Fifty Years of Age*, to-day.

How strange it seems to be so old!
How sad to be so little wise!
What wrecks of time do I behold,
As back I turn my failing eyes!

Old home, where first I saw the dawn,
And felt the life-blood at my heart!
Where is thy life and freshness gone?
How desolate and sad thou art!

What radiant hopes of boyhood's time,
What cherished dreams have pass'd away!
The friends of youth's unclouded prime
My father's household—where are they?

My schoolmates two-score years ago,
The dwellers round on every side;
So many forms I used to know
Are all dispersed, and must have died.

BY O. A. BOWE.

Sick of surrounding care and strife,
I turn away my mental gaze,
Flee for a time from actual life,
And hie me back to happier days;
When childhood's sun upon me shown,
And lighted up a work of joy,
Where, clouds and shadows all unknown,
I was a merry-hearted boy.

I tread my old familiar home,
And press again familiar hands,
Back from the grave the perished come
And wanderers, wide from distant lands;
The sun-rays tinge the neighboring hills,
As brightly as in days of yore,
And singing birds and laughing rills
My joyous morn of life restore.

How truly blest those Eden hours!
How gay and gorgeous are their dreams!
How bright the hopes, how fair the flowers,
With which that age of promise teems!
Far in the depth of coming years
The varied scenes of manhood lie,
Nor scarce a glimpse of age appears
To cast its shadow on the sky.

At once there comes a rising cloud
The echoing thunder peals amain—
The lowering heavens in storm are bowed,
And lo! the dash of Summer rain!
The fitful storm is overpast,
The gladdening sun his radiance darts,
And wide the beams of joy are cast,
And cheer again our sorrowing hearts.

The years that slow in youth recede
 And linger long to childhood's eye,
 Gain, as they roll, increasing speed,
 And rush at length in thunder by!
 We miss the pleasures of our prime,
 As round us fancy vainly steals;
 We feel the burdens brought by time,
 Nor care to stay his chariot-wheels!

New York, March, 1837.

*Lines suggested by a visit to an ancient Burial Ground, near
 Long Island.*

BY O. A. BOWE.

They rest—the village fathers—
 In a lonely, grassy glen,
 A furlong from the pathway
 And daily haunts of men;
 The summer breezes vainly
 Blow o'er that valley's breast—
 They may not glad the sleepers,
 Nor win them from their rest.

They were thither borne in sorrow,
 With breaking hearts and tears,
 And there have calmly slumbered
 Through many rolling years;
 Rough is the blast of Winter—
 High foams the angry deep
 Just o'er the neighboring hillock—
 Yet cannot mar their sleep.

Whene'er such spot I visit,
 Apart from earthly strife,
 And briefly from my bosom
 Dismiss the ills of life—
 I muse in thoughtful silence
 Upon the change to clay,—
 And if the dead are sorrowless,
 I fain would be as they.

MY CHILDHOOD'S HOME.

BY MRS. CLARA H. HOSFORD.

I see again "my childhood's home,"
The house where I was born;
The rose-bush tended by my hand
In childhood's sunny morn;
The orchard, the old apple tree
I used to call my own;
The grove, the fields, where culling fruits
And flowers, I loved to roam.

I see the well,—its water pure
With curb secured around;
Within which swings 'neath shady trees,
The "bucket iron-bound;"
Those dear old maple trees,—how oft
Beneath their kindly shade
Have I in childhood's happy days,
With brothers, sister, played.

The birds within their leafy boughs
Warbled forth music sweet;
There robin red-breast came with joy,
Spring's first approach to greet;
And oft in hours of sporting glee
We tossed the new mown hay,
How little dreamed we then of care,
Or sorrow's evil day,

I turn unto the rising sun
And view the mountain high,
Whose top I often wished to scale,
Thinking the bright blue sky
I then could reach, and nearer view
The glorious source of light,
Shedding o'er mountain, hill, and vale
His beams so warm and bright.

St. Austin's lake that lies beneath,
 In beauty, oft is seen,
 Reflecting like a mirror bright
 The mountain-side so green;
 Reposing when the winds are hushed
 Like innocence asleep;
 Until the storm clouds hover near,
 And fierce winds o'er it sweep.

And yonder stands the little church
 Pointing the way to Heaven;
 Where oft we met to worship God
 And plead for sins forgiven:
 How quickly time has sped since I
 With another by my side,
 Made there the vows that last till death,
 And left this home a bride.

Life's changing years leave their trace—
 Deep sorrow brought to me
 And loved ones given, have passed away,
 Into Eternity;
 He too, with whom I left this home,
 Has gone—forever gone;
 Now as I view these scenes alone
 They point to Heaven our home.

This landscape is in summer robe
 A spot of beauty rare;
 But soon like all earth's fairest things
 The robe of death 'twill wear;
 And we too, like the leaves must fall,
 Like them must fade, and die;
 Ah! many "loved ones" once with us,—
 In yonder grave-yard lie.

And now I go—my childhood's home
 And friends, a fond farewell
 Perchance I ne'er again shall view
 These scenes I love so well;
 But still—whatever may betide,
 I trust it may be given,
 That those once sheltered 'neath thy roof,
 May meet again in Heaven.

Hydeville, September, 1855.

"COLUMBIA IS FREE!"

BY MRS. CLARA H. HOSFORD.

'Tis New Year's day—'tis Freedom's day—
 Freemen! resound the glorious lay—
 The song of Liberty.
 Throughout the land—from strand to strand,—
 Resound the song; ye patriot band!
 "Columbia is free!"

'Tis New Year's day—'tis Freedom's day—
 What power on earth will dare to stay
 The song of Liberty?
 Resound the song—its strains prolong—
 Shout the glad chorus of the song—
 "Columbia is free!"

'Tis New Year's day—'tis Freedom's day—
 Let discord cease—and sing the lay—
 The lay of Liberty.
 The *rebel bondmen* are set free—
 The "woodman" has not spared the tree—
 "Columbia is free!"

'Tis New Year's day—'tis Freedom's day—
 Shall brothers meet in bloody fray?
 No! sing of Liberty—
 Come patriot brothers! swell the strain—
 Brave soldiers join the sweet refrain—
 "Columbia is free."

'Tis New Year's day—'tis Freedom's day—
 Our God holds undisputed sway—
 The God of Liberty.
 Speed the glad song! the strain prolong—
 Till o'er the sea it rolls along;
 "Columbia is free."

This day O God of Freedom!—bless—
Remember all our past distress—

And give us Liberty.

May we the gladsome strain prolong—
Till angels join the hallowed song—

“Columbia is free!”

This New Year’s day—bowed hearts will pray—
Thinking of loved ones pass’d away

For Peace and Liberty.

Prayers will arise—unto the skies—

From hearts that gave a sacrifice

To make Columbia free.

This New Year’s day—let each heart pray—
That all her stains be washed away—

She bless’d with Liberty.

Arise and shine—with light divine—

The praise O God! shall be thine

Who mak’st Columbia free.

Columbia’s stains all washed away—

Crown Thou! her royal brow to-day?—

With Peace and Liberty.

Our heart’s best blood has wash’d her stains;

Shout! (for the Lord Jehovah reigns)

Columbia is free!

SELECTMEN.

Herein is annexed a list of the Selectmen who have served in town since 1773, with the first and last years, and the number of years of service.

NAMES.	First year in service.	Last year in service.	No. of years.	NAMES.	First year in service.	Last year in service.	No. of years.
Ogdon Mallory,	1773	1775	3	Benjamin Lombard,	1813	1816	4
Daniel Culver, -	1773	1783	9	Benjamin Lewis, -	1817	1818	2
Joseph Lawrence,	1773	1773	1	Jared Francis, -	1819	1823	5
Abner How, -	1773	1777	5	Joseph Park,	1820	1843	17
John Ward, -	1773	1773	1	Stephen Paul, -	1823	1823	1
Zacchens Mallory,	1775	1777	3	Seth Blossom, -	1824	1824	1
Caleb Smith,	1775	1775	1	Aaron Tyler, -	1825	1827	3
Caleb Lewis, -	1775	1775	1	Frederick Pember,	1825	1827	3
Gideon Searls, -	1775	1781	6	Elijah Button, -	1825	1829	4
Abel Merriman, -	1778	1790	13	Samuel Culver, Jr.,	1828	1829	2
Timothy Moss, -	1779	1779	1	David B. Lewis, -	1830	1838	9
Barnabas Moss, -	1780	1780	1	Amasa Rust, -	1836	1836	1
Ebenezer Sumner, -	1780	1784	4	John Barden, -	1837	1837	1
Joseph Spaulding,	1781	1781	1	Nelson Paul, -	1839	1861	22
Reuben Searls, -	1782	1784	3	Wesley Clemons,	1839	1849	10
Isaac Andrews,	1783	1783	1	William Lamb, -	1839	1843	5
Joshua How, -	1784	1786	3	John S. Hulett, -	1841	1856	15
Jehiel Beardsley,	1785	1786	2	Nathan Francis, -	1849	1853	5
Daniel Wyman,	1785	1786	2	John C. Hopson, -	1860	1874	14
Abner Cone, -	1787	1790	3	James Cox, -	1854	1862	9
Samuel Lathrop, -	1787	1789	2	Allen Grover, -	1856	1857	2
Joseph Button, -	1787	1801	14	Winslow Goodspeed,	1855	1868	13
David Lewis, -	1788	1807	19	Henry Goodspeed, -	1856	1858	3
James Paul, -	1789	1789	1	Orlin Lewis, -	1858	1859	2
Gill Mallory, -	1791	1797	7	Alonzo Stevens, -	1858	1858	1
David C. Blossom,	1795	1796	2	Walter Lewis, -	1859	1859	1
Israel Johnson,	1795	1796	2	Calvin Farrar, -	1859	1859	1
Andrew Clark, -	1796	1815	19	D. A. Everts, -	1860	1860	1
Azariah Darby,	1798	1799	2	Russell Pember, -	1860	1860	1
Josiah Goodspeed,	1798	1808	10	Alvah Mitchell, -	1861	1867	7
John Pray, -	1802	1835	33	Darwin Hulett, -	1861	1861	1
Jedediah Darby,	1804	1805	2	James Parks, -	1862	1866	4
Elijah Park, -	1806	1807	2	Rodney Lewis, -	1863	1863	1
Socrates Hotchkiss,	1808	1809	2	Phitchas Paul, -	1864	1864	1
Samuel Culver, -	1809	1809	1	Marcellus Francis, -	1864	1864	1
Simeon Park, -	1809	1811	3	Darius Park, -	1865	1865	1
Alona Rust, -	1810	1811	2	Martin Park, -	1865	1866	2
Levi Lamb, -	1810	1812	3	Nathan Crandall,	1867	1867	1
Aaron Mosher,	1812	1819	8	Alfred Lewis, -	1867	1868	2
Raymond Hotchkiss, -	1812	1827	15	B. F. Hadaway, -	1868	1868	1

TOWN REPRESENTATIVES.

We give below a list of those who have represented the town in the General Assembly, since 1778: Daniel Culver, March 12th, 1778; Ithamer Hibbard, October, 1778-9; Barnabas Moss, 1780; Daniel Culver, 1781 and 4; Abel Merriman, 1782, 3, 5, 6, 8; Samuel Lathrop, 1787, 9, 90, 1, 3, 5, 6, 7; Joseph Button, 1792, 4, 1811; Simon Francis, 1798, 9, 1800, 1, 2, 3, 5; Andrew Clark, 1804, 6, 7; Samuel Mix, 1808; Ira Mix, 1809; Wm. Potter, 1810; Aaron Mosher, 1812, 13, 14, 16; Shubael Lamb, 1815, 17, 1826; Ansell Goodspeed, 1818, 19, 20, 1, 9; Jared Francis, 1822-3; Seth Blossom, 1824, 5, 7, 8, 30; Wm. Potter, Jr., 1831, 3; Caleb Munroe, 1832; Joseph Park, 1834, 5, 6; Samuel Culver, 1837; Allen Grover, 1838-9; David B. Lewis, 1840-1, 54; John Barden, 1842, 3, 4, 5, 60, 1; John S. Hulett, 1846, 7; Harvey Parks, 1848, 9; John C. Hopson, 1850-1; Nathan Francis, 1852-3; Nelson Paul, 1855, 6, 7; James Cox, 1858-9; Hiland E. Paul, 1862-3; James Parks, 1864-5; Marcus D. Grover, 1866, 7, 8.

TOWN CLERKS.

We add here a list of the Town Clerks who have served in town since 1773, with the number of years of service: John Ward, 1773, 4, 5, 6; Caleb Smith, 1777; Nehemiah Higbe, 1778; Abner How, 1779-80, 1; Isaac Andrews, 1782, 3, 4; Asa Osborn, 1785; Thomas Lathrop, 1786, 7, 8, 9, 20; Elijah Park, 1791, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; Ansell

Goodspeed, from and including 1799 to 1845, making 46 years of continual service; Artemas Lewis, 1845-6; Wm. Lamb, from 1847 to 1864; Rodney M. Lewis, from 1864 to the present time.

CONSTABLES.

We give below a list of Constables from 1774 to the present time, with the date of their service: Caleb Lewis, 1774; Ogden Mallory, 1775; Abel Merriman, 1776; Samuel Culver, 1777, 8, 83, 4, 90, 1, 2, 3, (4, 5,) 6, 7, 8; Reuben Searls, 1779-80; Joshua Culver, 1781; Joseph Lamb, 1782; Shubael Sumner, 1785; David C. Blossom, 1786; Gill Mallory, 1787; Simon Francis, 1789; James Dunscomb, 1799; Socrates Hotchkiss, 1800-1, Ansell Goodspeed, 1802; John Pray, 1803; David Lewis, 1804-5; Seth Potter, 1806-7; Simeon Park, 1808; Reuben Lewis, 1809, 12; Joseph Lumbard, 1810, 11, 13; Aaron Tyler, 1814, 15, 16; Nathan Mitchell, 1817-18, 20; John Broughton, 1819; Levi Thompson, 1821, 2, 3; Wm. Lamb, 1824; Jared Francis, 1825, 6, 7; Wm. Blossom, 1828; Allen Grover, 1829-30, 1, 45-6; Apollos Hastings, 1832-3; Hiram Hastings, 1834, 5, 6; Orlin Pember, 1837, 8, 9; John Howe, 1840, 1, 2, 3, 4; Joseph Smith, 1847; Hiram Francis, 1848, 9, 50; Barden Beals, 1851; Janes Hastings, 1852-3; James J. Rowe, 1854, 6; Charles Lamb, 1855; Hiram W. Lewis, 1857, 8, 9, 60, 1, 2, 3, 4; Edgar Barden, 1865; Robert Wakely, 1866; Henry Clark, 1867-8.

INTRODUCTION TO BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

In preparing this work, many difficulties have attended us in compiling the following family sketches of this town. Of the early settlers, none are remaining ; and our facilities for obtaining their history are from the few of their descendants that yet remain, and those are impaired by age, that a full reliance cannot be placed upon their recollections of events that have so long since transpired. But the means of which we have been enabled to collect and arrange in the form of a town history, has been a subject of many difficulties. Over two years we have been collecting statistics of our early settlers. We are aware that our labors are yet imperfect, yet we still indulge ourselves in the hope that the good citizens of this town will remember, that this is the first attempt made by any of our citizens to gather facts relative to its history. And a moments reflection upon this work, they will pardon us of the errors and imperfections that may occur. In the accomplishment of this work, we have devoted much time and labor in order to have the following history as correct as possible, and have endeavored to render it such as to meet the approbation of its citizens.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

Allen, David B., came into town in 1825, from Whitehall, N. Y. ; his wife's name was Mary Callender ; resided on the farm now occupied by D. S. Parks. They had a family of three children, viz : Emily, William and Mary. He removed back to Whitehall in 1836, where he still resides.

Amidon, Davis, lived on the turnpike road in the West part of the town ; he kept a public house several years ; his wife's name was Anna Stocker. The names of the children were Hannah, who married Benjamin Hadaway, of Poultney ; Harriet married James Bennett, and moved West ; Annis married a Mr. Taylor ; John and Mary both went West, and Jackson who married Phebe, daughter of David Howe, of this town. Mr. Amidon left town many years since.

Andrews, Joseph, came from Granville, N. Y., in 1801, and resided in the West part of the town ; he married Elizabeth Staples. He raised a family of four daughters : Mary who married Wm. Sprague, by whom she had two sons Elieda and Joseph ; Roxana who married Ozias Beebe, he having died, she next married Stephen Clark, Esq., and after his death she again married John L. Conant, of Pawlet, who died in 1830 ; Amelia married Joseph Ensign, of Granville, N. Y. ; Mehitabel married Richard Andrews of this town, having two children, Richard and Abigail ; she with her husband moved West. Mr. Andrews died in 1821, his wife in 1829.

Andrews, Isaac, was one of the first settlers in town ; he was town clerk some years prior to 1790 ; his wife's name was Mabel Messenger, and their children's names were Isaac, Jr., Elisha, Mary and Mabel.

Atwater, Simeon, came into town in 1800, and lived in the western part of the town, near where Mr. Henry Shaw now resides. He first came from Connecticut to Pawlet, where he lived a few years ; from thence to this town. The names of the children were Daniel, Jonathan, Stephen, Abigail and Hannah. Abigail had four husbands ; the first was James Moody, the second was John Davis, the third was Caleb Lamb, the fourth was Ransom Bateman, of Poultney. Hannah married Ira George. No records of their deaths or ages can be obtained.

Atwater, Daniel, married Lois, daughter of Asa Stevens, and lived in town till his death, which occurred in 1861 ; his wife died the day before, and both were buried in one grave. Their children were Linas, who now resides in Illinois ; Lucius, who is now West ; David Socrates, who resides in Syracuse, N. Y. ; Loisa, Nancy, Olive and Laura. Asa resides on the homestead with his sisters Nancy and Loisa.

Atwater, Jonathan, married Sabrina Perry, of Middletown, and lived in town till 1832, when he removed to Middletown, and resided there till his death which occurred in May, 1868, aged 75 years ; his wife is still living. He left three sons and two daughters, viz : Jonathan, Merritt, Philander, Sabrina, and one name unknown.

Atwater, Stephen, married Patience Richards, of Poultney, and now resides in Middletown. The children's names were Lyman, who married Jane Gilman, of Wallingford, Vt. ; Susan married Orange Campbell, now of Poultney, she died

in 1849, aged 27 years ; Mary married Orlando S. Tenner ; Sarah married George Ware ; both daughters with their husbands reside in Morengo, Ill. ; Esther married James Palmer, and is now dead.

Barden, Bethuel, moved to Wells in 1816, on the Azariah Derby farm ; his wife's name was Mary. His children's names were Shubael, who now resides in Rupert ; John, Polly, who married John Cross, and Lydia, who married David Beals. Mr. Barden died in 1831, aged 69 years ; his wife, in 1835, aged 69 years. Another son, named Felix, lived in Savoy, Mass.

Barden, John, son of the above, married Susan, daughter of Levi Lamb ; his sons names are Edgar O., Adams L., Ferrin and Herbert E. ; the daughters were Mercy A., Mary A., Almira, who died young, and Amelia. Edgar O. married Gertrude, daughter of Nathan Francis, and died in 1866, aged 29 years ; he left two children, Helen and Frank. Adams married Annette, daughter of Russel Lamb, 2d., and resides in town. Ferrin married Emily, daughter of Samuel Woods, of this town ; Herbert married Emily Harwood, of Rupert, Vt. ; Mercy married Robert E. Wakeley, who, for some years, lived in this town, died in 1867, his death was caused by the falling timbers of a barn, which struck his head and killed him instantly. Mr. Wakeley was a respectable citizen, inoffensive in manners, industrious and honest. Mary married Carlos A. Parker, and lives in town. Amelia married Nathan Spaulding. Mr. Barden has represented this town several years in the Legislature, and for a number of sessions has held the office as door-keeper of the House of Assembly of the State, besides holding many different town offices.

Beals, David, married Lydia Barden ; he came from Plainfield, Mass., in 1816, and lived in town several years ; his wife died in 1823, aged 27 years, by whom he had one son named Barden ; he next married Sally Keyes, of Middletown. He removed to Poultney, where he died, in 1836, by being buried with earth while working in a well. His son, Barden, married Eveline, daughter of Abel Parker, he now lives in Poultney, occupied in the grocery business.

Beebe, Robert, married Abigail Martin, both from Connecticut ; he was an early settler in the western part of the town. The children's names were Ephraim, who married Aseneth Hale ; Aaron married Clarissa Comstock ; Ozias married Roxana Andrews ; Silas married Levina Clark ; Robert and Sally. Mr. Beebe died in the year of 1813, with the apoplexy.

Beebe, Ozias, family consisted of five children, viz : Levi, who married Polly Simond, of Poultney, Vt., by whom he had two children. She soon after died ; he next married Electa Searls, of Whitehall, N. Y., by whom he had four children : Joseph, Roxana, who married Robert Wilkinson, who is now dead ; Henry married Lucy Cornish, of Poultney, and John. Mr. Beebe died a few years since with the cancer ; his widow still resides in town.

Beebe, Martin, married Lucinda Huff, by whom he had two children and moved West, his wife dying soon after, he returned to Wells, where he died in 1841. Ozias, jr., went West at an early day ; Harriet married Thomas Hall, of Powlet, and is dead ; Abigail married Amos Winchell, and resides in town ; they have one son living, named Carlos.

Bellamy, Samuel, came into town at an early day ; his wife's name was Margaret Woodard, both from Connecticut ;

he died in 1835, aged 78 years. His family consisted of five children, three sons and two daughters; the sons names were Jared, Ahimen and Robert H.; the daughters were Anne and Hannah. Ahimen married a Miss Searls, of Whitehall, N. Y., and left town nearly 40 years since; Robert H. went to Maine, where he married and died in 1845, aged 37 years; Anne married a Mr. Taylor, who entered the U. S. service in 1812, and never returned. She next married Lyman Nelson. Hannah married Sheldon Geer, and died soon after.

Blossom, David, early came into town and settled on the place now occupied by H. W. Lewis, one of the first pioneers of this town; he came from Massachusetts. His family consisted of three sons and one daughter, viz: David C., William, Joseph, and Chloe, who married Milton, son of Andrew Clark; David C. married Lucy, daughter of Daniel Goodrich, and resided in town until 1816, from whence he removed to Pawlet; children's names were Paulina, Anna, Laura, David G., Hiram S., Henry and Bethiah; he died in 1868, aged 84 years; his wife, in 1852, aged 65 years. William married Phebe, daughter of David Lewis, and resided in town until the year of 1832, when he left town and has resided for the most part of the time in Pawlet; his family consisted of four children: Benoni, William, Joseph and Rebecca. Joseph was a physician and practiced in Granville, N. Y. Mr. Blossom left town in 1804.

Blossom, Peter, came with his brother David into town and lived where Rodney M. Lewis now resides; he was twice married; by his first wife he had two sons, namely: Seth and John, and one daughter named Hannah, who married Seth Potter, Sen. John went west at an early day.

Mr. Blossom was a privateer in the American service during the Revolutionary War, and used to pride himself by relating some of his feats, both bold and daring.

Blossom, Seth, married Nancy Bidwell, from Pawlet, and resided in town until his death, which occurred in 1859; he was a man that was blessed with worldly goods, but left no children to inherit his estate by heirship. He was Representative from this town several years. His wife died in 1864, aged 77 years.

Brookins, Philetus, married Desire Ashley; came from Poultney in 1828. The following are the names of his children: James who married Saphrona Smith of Middletown, and now lives in Wisconsin; Alfred and Albert (twins) the former resides in Wisconsin, the latter married Amoretta Hutchins, and lives in town, Lucy married the writer hereof; Emerilla married William D. Clemons, and resides in Dorset; Eliza married Daniel Merrills, who died in 1853, aged 35; Sally, married Alexander G. Clemons, she died in 1854, aged 27; Laura married Melancton Duel of Granville, N. Y. Mr. Brookins died in 1849, aged 65, his widow still survives at the age of 84.

Bent, Earl F., from Mount Holly, resided several years on Bod-fish hill so called. His wife's name was Lepha Clark; the children were Clark, who married Ann Pepper; Henry married Catalina, daughter of Danforth Dean; Saphrona married Levi Munson of Poultney; Ilona married Ashbel Pepper of Pawlet; Mary married Charles Goddard, who left town some years since.

Bowe, Amos, from Middletown, Conn., was an early settler, and lived a short distance from Pond Bridge; he was twice married. By his first wife he had three children,

Titus, Amos and Emily : Titus married Sarah, daughter of Michael Clemons, she died in 1821 ; he then moved West ; Amos went west while young and died in Harmony, Chat-augue Co., N. Y., a few years ago aged 66. Emily went west where she married. By his second wife he had four children, Obadiah A, Abner, Rebecca, and Esther Ann ; Abner left town some forty years since and is dead. Mr. Bowe was a first class scholar for those times. A lover of literature. In his religious sentiments he was an Episcopalian. He died in 1844, in the 74th year of his age. His widow and daughters left town soon afterwards.

Bowe, Obadiah A., was born in town in 1807 ; in his younger days he sought to be a Printer, and by permission of his father, he obtained an apprenticeship in the Northern Spectator office, at Poultney, Vt., and for a time he was with Horace Greeley, learning the art of printing. After serving his time he went to New York city and continued his occupation as Printer for some time. He afterwards became Editor of several periodicals. He was a violent anti-slavery man, and delivered many speeches and lectures for the cause. He was a poet, and his compositions were extensively circulated and published. He died in 1859 while employed in the Sun office in New York city, aged 52.

Broughton, Samuel, was an early settler from Connecticut ; his wife's name was Rachel Dowd, by whom he had two children: Sophia who married John Parks, and Emilla who went to Ohio and was married. Mr. Broughton moved to Moriah, N. Y., in 1825, and died there in 1864, aged 95. He was noted for his love of litigation, so much so that he became the terror to the community in which he lived. It seemed to be his ruling passion during his long life. He won an impor-

tant suit when nearly 90 years old. As a neighbor he was always ready to assist or help when needed. He was often troubled with a lung difficulty, and so impressed was he, that if he could get the heart of a rattlesnake and swallow it, it would relieve him and cure him of his complaint. It so happened as Mr. Joseph Parks was going to meeting one Sabbath from his house to Wells, he chanced to kill a rattlesnake ; at that instant Mr. Broughton chanced to come along, and requested Mr. Parks to get the heart of that snake for his own use. Mr. Parks extracted the heart as requested and put it still beating into Mr. Broughton's hand, the first attempt was too revolting, but his second trial was a complete success, this was in 1821. But he always averred that he was effectually cured by swallowing the heart of the snake.

Burton, Henry C., from Granville, N. Y., in 1860, his wife's name was Sarah Pierce. They have a family of two sons, whose names are Charles C. and George.

Broughton, John, brother of Samuel Broughton, came early into town, and lived on the farm now occupied by Hiram Francis. He married Betsy McGraw of Mass. The family consisted of nine children : Thomas, Carlos who went west while young; Lorrin who married Sally Johnson; Patty, Eunice, Parmelia, Calista, who married James Hamden of this town; Sally who married Henry Mosher of Tinmouth, and another son named Darwin. Mr. Broughton with his family left town in 1828.

Button, Matthias, came with his son Joseph to reside in town in 1785. He married the widow of Joshua Howe and died in 1811, aged 79.

Button, Joseph, son of the above, settled in the north east part of the town, on the farm that Nathan Francis now owns.

Being then an unbroken wilderness. He came from Norwich, Windham Co., Conn. His wife's name was Sarah Glass. The names of the children were, Rufus, Joseph, Elijah, Polly married a Mr. Butts, Phebe married Eliud Smith of Granville, N. Y., Eunice married Enos Lewis of this town; Lury married Elijah Herrick also of this town; Sally married John Bently of Granville, N. Y., Charlotte married Zachariah Lathrop, both of whom died in 1795, on the same day and were buried in the same grave, leaving a daughter named Cynthia. Mr. Button was Justice upward of 40 years; a member of the Legislature two years. His wife died in 1821; he afterwards married Betsy, widow of Simeon Parks; he died in 1826, aged 73.

Button, Rufus, married a Miss Page, and lived in Middletown until 1827, he then moved to Westfield, Chatauque Co., N. Y.; he raised a family of fifteen children. He died in 1854, aged 80.

Button, Joseph Jr., lived on the homestead of his father till 1833, when he sold and moved to Harmony, Chatauque Co., N. Y. He married Polly Gifford of this town, by whom he had seven children. Alvin married Lodema, daughter of Jesse Dowd of Poultney; Benjamin married Harriet, daughter of Rufus Button of Middletown, who moved west in 1828, and died in 1836, aged 31; Lucius who married Almira, daughter of Levi Lamb of this town; Joseph F. and Osmond. The girls were Ruby, who married Ezra Wightman, and is dead; Almira who married Keyes Limzey, they moved to Wisconsin. Mr. Button died in Harmony, N. Y., in 1859, aged 79; his wife in 1867, aged 84.

Bryant, Jonathan, married Sally Perkins and moved in town at an early day, and lived east of the Howe place. His

children were Lucy, who married Truman Stevens; Eli and Levi who were twins, and went west; Julia, who married Jonathan Morse and is dead, and Roxana. Mr. Bryant died nearly fifty years since, his widow and Roxana moved to Chester, N. Y., many years since.

Button, Elijah, married Rhoda daughter of David Ward, and resided in town until 1830; he then removed to Chat_auque Co., N. Y. Their children's names were John, Charlotte, Esther, Sally and Chloe.

Butts, Ebenezer, from Canterbury, Conn., county of New London, came into town about the year 1787. He married Prudence Glass. He settled on Butt's hill, so called in commemoration of his being the first settler in that part of the town. He reared a family of seven children, viz: Rufus, who married a Miss Hazleton of Middletown; Nathan married Betsy, daughter of James Hall; Ezra who went west at an early day; James married Lydia daughter of Matthew Hall of this town; Sally married Philo Hall; Asenath married Daniel Hubbard of Middletown; Sybil married Joel Francis of Wells. Mr. Butts died nearly 40 years since, his wife died some years before, neither monument or record are left to ascertain their ages.

Buxton, Eliphelet, from Danby, Vt., in 1820; he first married a Miss Hulett of Pawlet; she died leaving one son named Benjamin, who lives in Danby. He next married Maria, daughter of Amos Tooley. The family consisted of ten children, John who is now living in Pennsylvania; Amos who married Orrilla Wait of Middletown and resides there; Hiram married Emily, daughter of Nathan Francis and went to Wisconsin, and died there in 1855; Samuel married Emily Hulett of Pawlet, and resides in town; James K.

who is in Hebron, N. Y.; Harriet married a Mr. Woods of Danby, and resides there ; Julia Ann married Oscar Sprague of this town ; Amanda married Henry Hubbard of Middletown ; Sally married Horace Clark of Pawlet ; Fanny who died in 1862. Mr. Buxton died in 1859 aged 69, his wife in 18 .

Castle, Tracy, from Pawlet, lives on the Pond road leading from the bridge to Poultney. He has raised a large family, his son Charles D. enlisted in 1862, and died in service. His mother receives a pension; one of his daughters married Albert Culver, who also was in the Union service, and was a good soldier. He met with a fatal accident in repairing or fixing a pocket revolver ; it chanced to discharge, the ball entered the ball of his hand, and lodged in his wrist, inflammation set in, which terminated his existence in a few days. He was a son of Mr. Erastus Culver, late of Pawlet; another daughter married Rodney Chittenden, and is mother of seven children. And one other daughter married Walter Scott.

Clark, Andrew, from Cheshire, Conn., came to town in 1790, his wife's name was Mary Robinson. He settled in the west part of the town on the west street road so called ; his family consisted of ten children. John, Milton, who married Chloe Blossom, and moved west at an early day near Buffalo, N. Y. Lurenda married Ira Mix, who also moved west; Mr. Mix was representative in 1808. Mehitabel married William Wyman, he died leaving a family of five children. Lorinda, Lois who died in 1821; Semantha, William, and a son's name not known. She afterwards married David Ward Sen., who died soon after, she next married Benjamin Rider, who also died in 1824; she then moved west

to Chatauque Co., N. Y., where she died. Andrew jr., who married Sophia, daughter of Ansell Goodspeed. Lois, who married John Blossom; Augustus who went west when young; Polly who married Samuel Culver, jr.; Sylvester who died in his 8th year of the canker-rash; Freeloove who married Samuel Hyde of Poultney, and is living, her age is 91. Mr. Clark died in 1819, aged 64, his wife in 1841, aged 87. Mr. Clark was a selectman 14 years.

Clark, John, son of the above, lived on the place that Russell S. Wells now occupies; his first wife's name was Nancy daughter of Elijah Park, by whom he had two children, Linus and Anna; his wife died in 1808; he next married Polly Farewell of Poultney, by whom he had one daughter named Lucy who married Russel S. Wells, by whom she had two children; she died in 1860. Linus married Adeline, daughter of Zurial Lewis of Poultney; they had two children, both are now dead. Anna married David Lawrence of Weybridge, by whom she had four children. Julia who married Halsey Goodrich; Mary who married Raymond H. Lewis; Dwight who died of consumption a few years since, and David who went to Michigan. Mrs. Lawrence died some years since in Michigan. Mr. Clark died in 1845, aged 66, his wife in 1839 aged 56.

Clark, Stephen, one of the early settlers, resided in the western part of the town on the farm now occupied by Henry Shaw; he married Patience Grannis, both from Connecticut. Their children's names were Luman, who died in 1809; Stephen L. married Polly, daughter of Daniel Church; Lovina married Silas Beebe; Patty married David Lawrence of Weybridge, Vt.; Lydia married Stephen Barbour of Whitehall, N. Y.; Esther married Jared Thompson; they

resided in town some years and then moved west; they had three children: Jared, Orah, and Fanny; Betsy married Ira Brownal of Williston, Vt. Mrs. Clark died in 1809. Shortly after Mr. Clark married widow Roxana Beebe, by whom he had one son named Bishop. Mr. Clark was a Justice of the Peace a number of years and in the early part of his life he was a teacher, and was long remembered as to his manner of reading and spelling; he died in 1827. Bishop his youngest son when in his 17th year, was engaged with David B. Lewis in felling a tree to repair his cider mill, when Mr. Lewis's ax came off from the helve and entered the young man's thigh causing his death in a few hours; no blame was attached to Mr. Lewis.

Clark, Roswell, came from Cheshire, Conn., he married Thankful Hotchkiss. They came on horseback with all their effects, and settled a few miles north of his brothers; he lived there a few years and then bought the place where his son Hoel now resides, and lived there until his death which occurred in 1837, aged 75. Mr. Clark's second wife was a widow Cook of Wells. By his first wife, who died in 1809 aged 50, he had the following children: Hubbard, Amos, Clarissa, Rozina, Julia, Polly, Roswell, Hoel and Minerva. Hubbard married Sally Mallary and removed to Walworth Wayne Co., N. Y., and afterwards to Michigan. Amos married Hannah, widow of Abel Clark, and went to Poultney, and is dead. Clarissa married Wm. Martin of Poultney, and now lives in Wyoming N. Y.; she was thrice married. Rozina married Loren Smith and removed to western New York. Julia married Horace Potter; they also went west. Polly married Prince Goodspeed, and moved to Sardinia, N. Y., she has since died. Roswell married Rebecca Good-

speed of Pawlet, and now resides in Hampton, N. Y., he has raised a family of three sons and one daughter: Hoel, Edmund, Thomas and Sylvia. His wife died in 1852, aged 52. Mr. Clark is a devoted member of the Methodist Church. Hoel married Jemima Smith of Pawlet, and raised one child, Mary Jane, who married Hiland Paul. Mr. Clark purchased the first piano introduced into town. Minerva married Isiah Gray of Middletown; she afterwards married Horatio Dana of Bennington, Vt. Mr. Clark by his second wife had three children: Thankful, Laura, and Prince; she with the two youngest removed to Panama, Chataque Co., N. Y.

Clark, Andrew, jr., his family consisted of eight children: Rufus, Ira, Sylvester, Henry, Andrew, Hermon, Judson and Mary, two are now living in town, viz: Henry, who married Eliza Thompson of Granville, N. Y., Sylvester married Cordelia, daughter of Joseph Parks; he has one son who now resides in Granville, N. Y., and keeps a drug store, he married Fanny Martling of Whitehall, N. Y.

Cole, Anthony, resided in town several years, and lived on what is called the Cole lot, now owned by Russell Pember. He removed west in 1813. His son Enos married and left town in 1825, also a daughter named Rhoda, who went west and was married.

Crossman, William, moved into town in 1796, and lived on the place now owned by Michael Cullen. He commanded a company in the revolutionary war; he married Eunice W. Lewis; his children's names were Jacob L., Pamela, Wm. jr., all born in town. He left town many years ago. He was one of that Spartan band who fought heroically for the independence we now enjoy.

Church, Daniel, resided on the place now owned by James F. Cone, near the bridge named after said Church. But little is known of his family. As near as we can learn he had one daughter, who married a son of Stephen Clark : he left town nearly sixty years ago.

Cook, Seth, from Granville, N. Y., came to town in 1857. He married Catharine Richardson, by whom he has reared a large family. Hannah married Frank Johnson ; Diantha married Edson Whitney, who enlisted in the union service in 1862, and died in service; she afterwards married Reuben Lampson, and now resides in Peru, Vt.; Mary married Otis Mason and resides in Williamstown, Mass.; Richard married Lorette A., daughter of Moody Roby, and resides in Manchester ; Nathan R. married Isabella A., daughter of James F. Cone, and resides in town ; Amy H. married Shubael Barden of Rupert ; Franklin married Florence, daughter of Robert Parks of Wells ; Roxie, Alzina, Merritt, and Louisa.

Clemens, Thomas, came into town in 1783, and settled in the eastern part of the town. His wife's name was Mehitabel Colburn, both from Worthington, Mass. The children's names were Michael, Joel, Colburn, Mehitabel and Betsy.

Clemons, Michael, married Eunice, daughter of Joshua Howe, and settled on the homestead of his father. He raised a large family ; Wesley, David married Lorilla Hill of Pawlet, and lives in Canton, N. Y. John married Pollie Downie of Pawlet, and lives in Illinois ; William A., Polly married Hira Law, son of John Law, and moved to Le Roy, N. Y.; Sarah married Titus Bowe, son of Amos Bowe and died in town in 1822, aged 34 ; Rhoda married Adolphus, son of Kiles Paul of Royalton, Vt.; Eunice married Kiles Paul jr., of the same place, and now resides in Illinois. Cynthia

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married Johnson Stevens of Enosburg, Vt., and is now living. Cordelia married John Lewis, and resides in Poultney.

Clemons, Wesley, son of the above married Lucretia Smith of Granville, N. Y., and resided on the homestead of his father. He was a useful and worthy citizen, holding the office of Justice for many years, also holding various town offices almost continually until his death, which occurred in 1849. A worthy member of the M. E. Church, he was a delegate of the Constitutional Convention in 1834. In driving some sheep a short distance from his house, he fell dead instantly; on a surgical examination the aorta, or main artery leading from the heart, had become ossified, which with additional exercise caused his death. His age was 46; he left a family of eleven children. Henry who married Amanda Perry of Middletown, and removed to California some years since; Stephen P. who now resides in Rutland; Emery and Wesley. The girls were Eunice, who married Tolmon Howe; Marion who married Montgomery P. Frisbie, resides in Illinois. Sarah married Nathan Barlow, they also reside in Illinois. Lucy married Daniel Culver of Poultney; Susan, Delia Ann, and Annis, the three last with Emery and Wesley removed with the widow to Marengo, Illinois.

Clemons, Joel, lived on the place now owned by Hiram Francis. He married Betsy Brewer of Dedham, Massachusetts. Their family consisted of 9 children, two sons and seven daughters, viz: Asa, Thomas, Lydia, who married Nathaniel West, and died in 1823, age 27. Patience married James Sumner of Middlebury, Vt.; Lucy married Zalmon Hall of this town; Anna married Jabez D. Perry of

Middletown ; Hannah married Washington Perry of Middletown, and is dead ; Bethiah married Daniel Pettis, who removed west. Orrilla married James Brewster, they went to Michigan where she died. Mr. Clemons died in 1831.

Clemons, Asa, married Mary Dimon of Argyle, N. Y. The children were, Wm. D., who married Emerilla daughter of Philetus Brookins, and lives in Dorset ; Alexander G. married Sally Brookins, sister to the above, she died in 1855, aged 27, leaving three children, Henry, Mary Jane, and Sally E. ; he next married widow Eliza Merrill, by whom he had two children, Fred and Alice. Joel who lives on the homestead, Mary who married Andrew Perry and lives in Poultney ; Celia married Fred Nourse of Melrose, Mass., and now resides there ; Louisa married a Mr. Cowen of Boston, she died in 1865. Mr. Clemons died in 1865, aged 76 ; his widow still survives.

Clemons, Thomas, married Angeline Starkweather, and lived on the place now owned by Franklin Haddaway. He had one son named Merritt. He moved to Chatauque Co., N. Y., in 1845.

Clemons, Thomas M. son of Kilborn Clemons, married Mary, daughter of Ormund Lamb, late of this town and reside in the eastern part of the town.

Clemons, William A., married Eunice McCreep of Greenwich, N. Y. ; children's names were Martin V. B., who enlisted in the union service and died while in the army. Hugh went prior to the rebellion to reside with his sister in Georgia, but was conscripted into the rebel service, and there compelled to fight his union friends till the battle of Gettysburg, when he deserted and come to the union lines ; Martha married a Mr. Ives of Georgia, where she still resides ; Sally married

Newton, son of Chauncy Howe ; and Jennet. Mr. Clemons moved to Luzerne, N. Y., in 1850, and now resides there.

Cox, James, from Pawlet, was twice married, his first wife was Electa Perkins of Pawlet, his second wife was Lovina, daughter of Whiting Grover of this town, by whom they have one daughter named Carrie. He was a member of the Legislature two years ; he removed to Poultney in the spring of 1868.

Cone, Enoch, from Poultney in 1829, married Miss Parly Lindsey of this town, by whom he had one daughter named Jane, who married Socrates H. Goodspeed of this town. His next wife was Ann Dowd of Poultney, she died in 1862, age 59. He next married widow Hagar of Middletown, she died in 1867. Mr. Cone now resides in town at the age of 73.

Cone, James F., from Poultney in 1852, married Hannah, D. daughter of Elijah Parks, and lived on the Lindsey farm so called. The children are James F. jr., who married Helen Ballard of Poultney; Judson F., Enoch E., and Edson E. The daughters names are Isabella A., Hannah D., and Laura E. Isabella married Nathan Cook and lives in town; Hannah D. married Albert H. Lewis, also of this town. Laura E. died some years since from a disease of the heart.

Cook, Giles, came into town about the year of 1780 ; he settled about one fourth of a mile east of the village; his wife was a Miss Francis ; his children were Charles, Francis married Susan Roback, by whom he had a son named Lucius, and a daughter named Lury. Benjamin married Eunice, daughter of Ansel Goodspeed, and moved to Chataugue Co., N. Y. Elizabeth married Enoch Cone Sen., of Poultney. Susan married Charles Tripp and went west ; and Rebecca. Mr. Cook went west more than sixty years ago.

Cobb, Willard Capt., from Pawlet 1821, and resided three years, the children were, Burr, Rice, Hartley and Marietta. He removed to Fort Ann, N. Y., in 1824.

Cone, Abner, was one of the earliest settlers in town, and lived on the place now occupied by James H. Parks, then an unbroken wilderness. He was compelled to pen his sheep every night to keep them from being devoured by the wolves. His children were Abner jr., who married Fathie Leffingwell of Middletown; Enoch married Elizabeth Cook, Noah, Lydia, Rachel, Polly, John and Joseph.

Cowdry, William, came into town in 1787, and settled in 1794 on the place we now occupy. The name of his wife was Rebecca Fuller, both from Conn. He remained in town till 1809, he then went to Middletown; his wife dying, he again married and lived several years in Poultney, from thence he went to Ontario Co., N. Y.. The children were, Warren who married Patience Simonds of Pawlet: he was a Physician and practised as such in Wells and Pawlet several years, and afterwards went west. Stephen, Erastus, Dyer, Lyman, Oliver, Sally and Olive. Both of the daughters went west, married, and joined the Mormons. Oliver the youngest son, was the scribe for Joe Smith, the founder of the book of Mormon. Smith being illiterate was incapacitated to write his wonderful revelations, employed this Oliver Cowdry to perform the duties of a scribe. We well remember this same Oliver Cowdry when in our boyhood, the person who has figured so largely in giving to the world the wonderful revelations that many dupes seek to follow. He attended school in the District where we reside in 1821 and 1822. He then went to Palmyra, N. Y. There with Joe Smith and others in translating mormonism. This book contains 588

pages, and also the testimony of three witnesses, Oliver Cowdry, David Whitmore and Martin Harris, that "They know that these books have been translated by the gift and the power of God, for His voice hath declared it unto us. Wherefore we know of a surety that the work is true." Cowdry went with the Mormons to Kirtland, Ohio, where he published periodicals espousing their cause. Cowdry followed the deluded Mormons no further than Ohio. He adhered to their tenets, but turned his attention to the practise of the law, and went to Wisconsin.

Judge Frisbie, in his history of Middletown, writes at considerable length concerning the origin of Mormonism, that it took its rise in Middletown from a class of persons denominated as "rodsman," and that one Winchell or Wingate, a refugee from justice in the eastern part of Vermont, and sought his abode in back or secluded places, and that he spent one winter with this same William Cowdry, whose sketches we are now giving, and that Cowdry was connected with them. We have taken considerable pains, if the statements of the Judge could be verified. We find that Winchell did reside with Mr. Cowdry in the winter of 1799 and 1800. Two men of this town by the name of Benjamin and Joseph Lillie were connected with this crew of imposters, for we can call them by no other name. There was a man named Mr. Harmon, who lived under Pond Mountain, who was so infatuated, that the money they were seeking was put there by two Spaniards, and that he often see them in the air. We received a letter a few days since from an old lady who was born in this town and whose veracity is beyond reproach. She is now in her seventy-ninth year. "Mr. Parks, sir, I have read your letter and will answer your

request as far as I know them. As for Mr. Cowdry's people, I know but little about their history. The first of them, they were living on a place above where Capt. Parsons lived. They lived there all the while we lived in Vermont; after we came away his wife died of consumption, and he married again a woman living in Middletown, so he moved there, but I do not know as he ever lived in Poultney. I was born in the year '90, and it must have been when I was 10 or 11 years old, when the rodsmen were there; I was about 11 when we moved away from there, and Mr. Cowdry's oldest child, Warren, was but a little older than me, so I think Oliver—he was the youngest—was not in being at that time; if any one was engaged in it, it must have been the old gentleman; I rather think it was, but won't be positive. This money was thought to be put there by the Spaniards; old Mr. Harmon, who lived down under Pond Mountain, was extensively engaged in it; he could see the Spaniards at work in the day time, in the rocks; they came in the air; I think Mr. Hubbard, that married Prudence Butts, was one; not a word must be spoken while digging for money; if they did the money would fly away. There was an old Mr. Fry, who lived down by Mr. Howe's; he was digging one day alone; he came on to one box and he got it out, but it was so heavy he could not lift it, so he went for some one to help, and when they returned the box was gone; he supposed the Spaniards got it; they could often strike their spades through on to the boxes, but before they could be excavated they would move away; it was like going to the bottom of a rainbow for a treasure. One Sunday they came into our house; I saw their rods, all made of witch hazel so they would turn in their hands and point where the money lay; then they

went and looked Train (Pine) Hill rocks all over, in every crevice ; they scrutinized it well but found no money ; but it took years for it to die out ; there were men from Middletown engaged in it ; they had quite a number of rods men engaged in the business. NANCY F. GLASS."

Where the old lady, speaking of Mr. Harmon, the same was corroborated by Joseph Parks, as to Mr. Cowdry being connected with the rods men, as stated by Judge Frisbie, we had it verified by Joseph Parks and Mrs. Charles Garner of Middletown ; that part of the letter speaking of Mr. Fry, we have heard the same told by the widow of John Francis, who was, at the time, Mr. Fry's nearest neighbor.

A young woman by the name of Ann Bishop suddenly disappeared ; she lived at that time on Rust Hill ; she was last seen near the State line ; the rods men gave out word that she was murdered and was put in the pond, and by their rods they found where she was deposited, and a day was appointed to drag her mortal remains from the watery deep ; the day came, the rods men assembled in full convention, and the place thoroughly hauled, but the body could not be obtained ; they gave up in despair and left for their homes. In a short time Ann Bishop returned. The greater portion of the rods men were from Middletown, with one Woods as a leader. It would interest any one to read the history of Middletown ; we think the ideas of the Judge would be coincided by every impartial reader.

Cross, Josiah, moved into town near the close of the last century ; his wife's name was Betsy Miles ; he settled on the north part of the farm now owned by Calvin Farrer ; his family consisted of the following names : Reuben, who went to Hague, N. Y. ; John married Polly, daughter of Bethuel

Barden ; Jackson, who married Emily, daughter of Aaron Mosher, Esq. ; Orrin, Polly, Betsy, and Hannah who married Calvin Merrills ; the whole family moved to Roxbury, Vt., in 1833.

Cross, Samuel, brother of Josiah, came into town at the same time ; his children were Daniel, Samuel, and Judith ; he removed to Remson, N. Y., over fifty years since.

Culver, Daniel, came and settled in town in 1771. Among the early records we find there were Titus and Caleb, who were original land proprietors of the town, but whether they ever moved for a permanent settlement we are uninformed ; Joshua and Samuel came and resided here ; there was a daughter named Catherine who married Ebenezer Welton in 1775, the first marriage in town on record. Mr. Daniel Culver was the first representative elected to the General Assembly from this town.

Culver, Samuel, son of the above, settled on the place now owned by Henry McFadden, then an unbroken wilderness ; by perseverance and industry he acquired a good property. His family consisted of five children : Roger, Samuel, Sarah who married Alvin Lombard, Amanda married David B. Lewis. Mr. Culver dealt largely in wild land by buying the rights from the original proprietors ; he planted the first nursery in that part of the town and reared an abundance of fruit, for which he realized a large profit. In his politics he was a democrat, a firm supporter of Jefferson and Madison. A Universalist in his religious belief. He held many responsible town offices, and was many years Proprietor's clerk. He died in 1831, aged 83 ; his wife in 1841.

Culver, Joshua, came in town at the same time with his

brother Samuel, and settled on the place now owned by James Norton. We can obtain no further information of the history of his family ; there is no monument or record by which we can gain any information.

Culver, Samuel, Jr., married Polly, daughter of Andrew Clark, by whom he had five children, viz : Chalina, who married Benjamin Lewis, Jr., Erastus, Samuel 3d, Daniel and Seth ; she died in — ; he next married Miss Curtis of Rupert, by whom he had three children, Sylvester, John and Polly E. ; Erastus married Amanda, daughter of Joshua Potter of Pawlet, and lived on the Titus F. Cook place in Pawlet, where he died in 1865, aged 52. Samuel married Betsy, daughter of Joshua Potter, and now resides in Pawlet, where he has reared a large family ; Daniel married Lucy Clemons and resides in Poultney. Mr. Culver moved to Wisconsin in 1848, accompanied by the three last children. Seth went to St. Lawrence Co., N. Y. Mr. Culver died in Wisconsin some years since.

Culver, Rogers, succeeded to the homestead of Joshua Culver. The following are the names of his family : Horace, who married his wife in Williston, Vt., and moved West ; Lura, who unfortunately became deaf ; Amanda married a Mr. Gregory of Pawlet. Mr. Culver moved to Michigan in 1832.

Dart, Ebenezer, was a resident in town several years ; he was in the revolutionary war throughout, and received a pension therefor. His wife's name was Hannah Pratt. He died near fifty years since.

Davis, John S., from Granville, N. Y., in 1815 ; his wife's name was Tryphena Olds ; he reared a large family, viz. : John married Lois Smith, Clarendon, Vt. ; George married

Flavina Woodworth of Granville, N. Y. ; Stephen died in 1867, in Argyle, N. Y. ; Ira married Lura, daughter of I. D. Beardsley ; Cyril married Barbara Moody of this town, and resides in Granville, N. Y. ; Polly, Annis, Lucretia, Sarah, Tryphena, Esther married John Rowe of this town, and Betsy who married Orsamus Huff. Mr. Davis served in the Revolution, and received a pension for many years preceding his death which occurred in 1845, aged 96.

Dean, Danforth, from Pawlet in 1840, married Narcissa Pepper, also from Pawlet ; his occupation was a bricklayer and mason ; he raised a family of five children, viz : Simeon, Phipps, Danforth, Seth, Jane, and Catalina. He died in 1856, aged 72.

Derby, Azariah, from Connecticut, and settled on the farm now owned by John Barden, Esq. ; he left town in 1816 ; he married Susannah ———, also from Conn. ; the children's names were Chester, who married a Miss Church of Pawlet ; Azariah, Jr., married his wife in Middletown (name cannot be obtained) ; Susannah married Guy C. Newell of Tinmouth, and died shortly after, and was buried in this town, aged 17, in the year 1805 ; Orilla married Jedediah Derby, Jr., and Letitia, who was unmarried. The family moved West.

Derby, Jedediah, came with his brother Azariah, and settled east of the Methodist meeting house in East Wells ; he married widow Elizabeth Carey, also from Connecticut. The children's names were, Jedediah, Jr., married Orilla Derby ; John married Laura, daughter of John D. Beardsley, then of this town ; Nathan married Harriet Beardsley, sister of the above ; Betsy married Abijah Paul of Tinmouth ; Polly married Waterman Perkins of Middletown. Mr. Derby

moved West in 1816, where his wife soon after died; he then married the widow of Simon Francis, daughter of the late Samuel Lathrop of this town.

Farrar, Calvin, moved into town in 1832, and lived on the Josiah Cross place; he came from Rupert; he married Abigail, daughter of Shubael Barden; the names of the children were Lydia Ann, who married K. C. Thompson, and lives in town; Ellen, who married Merritt Woods; Philetus, who married Annis Jones of Rupert; Emmet, who married Sarah Jane, daughter of L. D. Lewis, and Seymour. They all reside in town.

Fenton, Walter, married ——— Cone, and lived on the farm now owned by Enoch Cone. He reared a family; one daughter named Laura, married David Howe; another, named Aurora, married Benjamin Goodspeed; the sons were Abner and Noah; Abner married Polly, daughter of Stephen Goodspeed; he went to Ohio, leaving one son named Franklin; Noah resides in Pontney.

Fenton, Franklin, married Laura Ann, daughter of Alfred Munson, and resides on the premises formerly occupied by Dr. Joseph Munson, and carries on the carriage making business.

Francis, Nathan, came from Wallingsford, Conn., in 1783, and with him came three brothers, viz: Jonathan, who married Abigail, daughter of Abel Merriman, and soon after died; another, named Hezekiah, died soon after coming to Wells, and Joel, noticed below. Nathan married Miss Abigail Thompson, also from Wallingsford, and settled on the place now possessed by widow Lucinda Francis; he raised a large family, viz: Lola married Alvin Goodspeed; Polly married a Mr. Smith of Castleton; Sally married a

Mr. Allen of Whitehall, N. Y. ; Lucinda Amanda married Roswell Woodworth, and one son named Jared. Mr. Francis had nearly completed his dwelling house, and went to Poultney to obtain glass and other materials for its finish, was taken sick and died in Poultney ; this was in 1794. His age was 42. Jared, his son, married Temperance, daughter of Jacob Sykes of Pawlet ; two sons and four daughters were the fruits of their marriage. Nathan, Alvah, who was accidentally shot by the careless use of firearms at a meeting to count the game of a squirrel hunting party, where the writer now resides ; he was in his thirteenth year ; Emily married Perrin Lewis, in December, 1825, and died in November, 1826, in the 20th year of her age, deeply lamented ; Lucina married Winslow Goodspeed, Jr. ; Emeline married Jonathan Francis of Middletown ; he died some years after. She next married Robert R. Woodard of the same town. By Mr. Francis she had one daughter named Temperance who married Cephas Stone, and has moved West, and one son. Delia married Martin Parks and resides in town. Mr. Francis' wife died in 1827, aged 39. He afterwards married widow Lucinda Coy of Middletown. He died in 1846, aged 61. The widow lives with her daughter in Castleton. Mr. Francis was a member of the legislature two years, besides holding various town offices. Nathan married Harriet, daughter of Enoch Cone of Poultney, and resides on the Joseph Button farm, so called. He reared a family of seven children ; Arcus, who died in 1853, aged 20 ; Marcellus ; Emily, who married Hiram Buxton who died in 1855, in Wisconsin. She returned home and afterwards married George Hadwin of Danby, where she now resides ; Ellen married Miletus, son of Nelson Paul, Esq., and lives in

Middletown; Gertrude married Edgar O. Barden, and is a widow; Cornelia and Eliza, who died in 1861, aged 14. Mr. Francis was representative from this town in the legislature of 1852 and 1853; he has held the office of Selectman and Overseer; Marcellus, his son, married Elizabeth Lyon of Danby and has three children, Malon, Hattie and Georgie. He resides near his father's.

Francis, Joel, married Sybil Butts, by whom he had three children, James, Joel Jr., and Elizabeth, his wife dying in 1809; he next married Clarissa Colvin of Manchester, sister of the Colvin said to be murdered by the Bourns in Manchester. By this marriage there were the following children: Sybil married Thomas Pratt, and died in 1838, aged 37; David, who married Zilpha Stevens; she died in 1849, he still remains a widower; Hiram lives in town, on the John Broughton place; he, for a number of winters, was a school teacher, and held the constable's office several years; Samuel married Laura Lincoln of Poultney, and lives in Middletown; Daniel resides in town, at his trade making carriages and cutters. Clarissa married Aaron Stevens and lives in town.

Francis, John, from Wallingsford, Conn., in 1783, married Sarah Blakeley; then a wilderness from Goodspeed's saw mill to the east line of the town. We have heard Mrs. Francis state that they crossed Mill Brook from the saw mill spoken of to where the Joel Clemons house stands, to the number of fourteen times. They raised a large family; Hannah married Joshua Parks; Esther married Zachariah Emory of Lysander, N. Y.; Sylvia married Palmer Frisbie of Middletown; Mary married Consider White of Tinmouth. Dosia married a Mr. Butts of Lysander, N. Y.; Nicy mar-

ried John Mosher of Tinmouth ; Sally married Lemuel Fuller of Middletown ; John Jr. married Harriet Stevens of Middletown, and moved West in 1829. Mr. Francis moved to Middletown, and died in 1813 ; his widow afterwards married Robert Hotchkiss of this town.

Francis, Simon, brother of John, came from Wallingsford, Conn. He married Elizabeth Lathrop, daughter of Samuel Lathrop, Esq. He was a member of the Legislature several years. He moved West, where he died several years since. Some of his descendants still remain there.

Fuller, Timothy, came from Barnstable, Mass., in 1794, and settled on the farm that Hiram Francis now owns. He married Mary Rider, and raised a large family, all of whom have left town. Mr. Fuller was an inoffensive and withal an honest man, and often became a victim to his credulity, by believing others to be as honest as he himself was. One circumstance we will relate. He, in company with Erastus Coy of Middletown, and Azariah Derby, Jr., took turns to watch bears that infested a certain cornfield. A staging was built in the centre of the field ; it being on a side hill it was a considerable distance from the top to the ground on the lower side. It was Mr. Fuller's turn to take his position on the staging one night with his gun to watch the wily intruder. Mr. Coy loaded the gun, but the charge was a large quantity of powder but no buckshot, and told Mr. Fuller if he heard a cracking among the brush, he must shoot, even if he did not see the bear. Mr. Coy crept silyly to the edge of the field and commenced breaking some dry sticks across his knee. The noise soon raised Mr. Fuller up to a sitting position, and bringing the gun to his shoulder to give bruin a good reception. He waited a moment to hear

the noise again ; in a moment the brush cracked ; no sooner than heard, he pulled the trigger, and in an instant Mr. Fuller found himself and gun several feet in the field below the stand ; the report soon brought some to the spot and inquired if he had killed the bear. Mr. Fuller was not certain that he had been fortunate enough to kill the bear, but thought the bear would have been in more danger had he been at the other end of the gun.

Fry, Levi, came into town in 1783, and lived in the eastern part of the town. He was a believer in the rodsman's humbug. It was he who pretended to find the chest of money alluded to by Mrs. Glass (see Cowdry's sketch). He died about the year of 1820.

Fry, David, brother of the above, had one son named David, who married Almira, daughter of Jesse Doud of Poultney. She died in 1823, leaving one daughter named Almira. Next he married Relief Pierce by whom he had three children, James, Benjamin and Mary ; the two last live in Conn. ; James was killed in Poultney a few years since by the falling of a tree. Mr. Fry married a widow Mary Robbins for his second wife. She came into town with her husband in 1778 ; she was of Dutch descent. They built their hovel a few rods east of Pond Bridge, near an alder swamp. We have heard her relate about the starving time in 1789 ; she would go to the pond and catch some fish, dress and cook them before the fire, adding a little salt ; this constituted her daily meals for some time. She died in 1841, aged over 90. She had one daughter named Maria, who married a Mr. Kilborn of Poultney. They moved to Rupert and lived in that part of the town called Clark Hollow ; it was there she chased and treed a bear with a child in her

arms, and watched Bruin till some neighbors came and killed him ; we had this from her own mouth. She died in Middletown in 1866, aged 93.

George, King, lived in the eastern part of the town. He married Mary Hall, daughter of Mathew Hall. He had two sons, Ira and Eli, who died young ; his wife died in ——. He next married a widow Dimon of Argyle, N. Y. He had a step-son named Anson Nichols ; he enlisted in 1823 in the naval service of the United States, under Commodore Porter, in his expedition against the pirates, and never returned. Ira married Hannah, daughter of Simeon Atwater, and resides in town. The children were Margaret, who married Charles Aldice, of Granville, N. Y. ; she died, leaving a daughter named Minnie ; Mary C., who married David Logan of Washington City, where they now reside ; Emily, who married William Cooper of Granville, N. Y. ; they reside in town. Mr. Cooper served with credit in the late war.

Geer, Alby, lived in the south western part of the town ; his wife's name was Cynthia Bennett, of Pawlet. He raised a large family of children ; Temperance, Elias married Lovina Paul ; Cyrus married Lucy, daughter of Phineas Lamb ; Cromwell, Alphonso Alonzo ; Sheldon married Hannah, daughter of Samuel Bellamy ; Polly, Lucy and Lotie. With the exception of Cyrus the children all left town. Mr. Geer died about fifty years since. Cyrus resided in town until his death, which occurred in 1862. His son Seth married Laura, daughter of Walter Lewis ; she died soon after. He next married Mary Pierce of Pawlet, by whom he had two children. He enlisted in 1862 in Co. B, 14th Reg. Vt. Vols., for the term of nine months. He was in

the battle of Gettysburg; while in service he contracted a disease from which he never recovered; he died in 1863, soon after he returned home, aged 33. His widow afterwards went to St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.

Glass, Rufus, from Connecticut in the year of 1786, settled on the farm now owned by J. J. Rowe. His wife's name was Huldah Fuller. He had a family of eight children; Rufus, who married Abigail Webb; William married Jerusha, daughter of Gould Styles of Middletown; Polly, who was unmarried, and died in Marengo, Ill.; Arunah, who married Sarah Smith; Alice, who married Gould Styles jr.; she died in 1810; Susanna married Solomon Brown; Lueinda, who married Elijah Pray; Roxana, who married Oliver Smith of Granville. N. Y. Mr. Glass and his wife both died in the spring of 1813, with the epidemic.

Glass, Arunah, lived on the homestead of his father until 1855, when he moved West to Marengo, Ill. He had two sons, Rufus and Henry. Rufus married Louisa Glass of Pavillion, N. Y., both of whom went with their father West. Mr. Glass died in 1860, aged 64. His son Henry married Betsy Hulett of Granville, N. Y.

Glass, Samuel, from Connecticut in 1786, married Abigail Munger, and resided on a farm adjoining his brother Rufus. His family consisted of Anthony, Eli, Calvin who married Lura Cone of Poultney; Eunice who married a Mr. Woodworth, Ruby, and Charlotte who married Eliea Sprague; Anthony died of consumption when young; Calvin moved west in 1817, and is now living in Henderson Grove, Ill.; Charlotte is a widow and lives in Rupert, Vt. Mr. Glass died in the Spring of 1813, and his wife in 1834, aged 76.

She was a woman of kindest feelings, and her attentions to the needy and sick will long be remembered.

Goodspeed, Josiah Sen., came into town 1794. He married Jemima Blossom. He came from Barnstable, Mass. His family consisted of Ansel, Josiah jr., Alvin, Sylvia who married Samuel Goodspeed; Hannah who married Timothy Nye. Mr. Goodspeed and his wife lived together nearly sixty years, and both died in the spring of 1826, each of the age of 79.

Goodspeed, Ansel, came into town in 1794; he married Lydia Marston; the names of his children were Eunice, who married Benjamin Cook; Sophia married Andrew Clark jr.; Oliver married Laura Collins of Clarendon; Clarissa married Septon Smith; Prince married Polly Clark, who is dead; Sally married David Cooper and moved to New Hampshire, and is dead; Lydia married Alvah Mitchell and now resides in town; Peter, Amanda married Abel Parker, jr., and is dead; Paulina married Ethelbert Lewis; Socrates H. married Jane Cone, and moved to Illinois several years since; Ansell jr. married Abba, daughter of Steven Goodspeed. Mr. Goodspeed was town clerk forty-six years; for many years a justice of the Peace, a representative two years. He was one of God's noblest work—an honest man; he was kind, even to a fault. He died April 15th, 1847; his wife in 1850, aged 80.

Goodspeed, Peter, son of the above, was a young man of promise, and was highly esteemed and respected by his acquaintances; but his life was cut short by a most melancholy accident on the 4th of July, 1821; in jumping out of a wagon he broke his leg; care, all that could be bestowed upon him, was rendered; his limb was amputated but of no

avail; he lingered a few days in direst agony and then died, aged 21.

Gifford, Gershom, moved to Wells in 1786, and settled on the place now owned by Hoel Clark; he married Miss Thankful Wightman; he came here from Bennington; his father's house stood on the ground where the battle was fought; the family took refuge in the cellar to shield them from the bullets, but their stay was short; they were soon obliged to leave, as the house took fire in height of the battle, and was consumed. Mr. Gifford died in 1795; his children were John, Samuel, David, Sally, and Polly who married Joseph Button jr. Mr. Gifford's widow afterwards married a man by the name of Kennedy, and had one daughter by the name of Anna; she died in Poultney in 1837, aged 85.

Gillet, Jonathan, was one of the first settlers in the eastern part of the town; he settled on a lot a few rods north of the residence of Franklin Hadaway; he had two sons and one daughter; one of his sons lived and died in Tinmouth; his name was Philarmon. Mr. Gillet came to his death by falling off from a hay mow upon a rake stale standing upright against the mow; the force of his descent caused it to enter his body which killed him instantly.

Gibbons, Garret, from Ireland, married Mary Meena, and resides on the Shubael Lamb farm; he had three children, James, who married Joanna Dobbin; Mary, who died in 1869, aged 15, and John.

Goodrich, David, came into town in 1832; he came from Granville, N. Y.; he reared three children: Orrin, who left, a few years after coming to town; William married Abba, daughter of Benjamin Lewis, by whom he had three children; Edwin, who is now a merchant in Fairhaven;

Rensselaer, who lives with his brother; Melissa married George Carter; Mr. Goodrich's daughter Julia married Benjamin Giddings of Poultney, where they now reside. Mr. Goodrich died in —, aged 74.

Grover, Calvin, married Nancy Leach of Middletown; the children were Cyril, Mary who married Merritt Lewis of this town; James B., William and Martha. William enlisted in the Union service in 1861, a member of Co. F, Harris' Light Cavalry, N. Y., and died in service. Mr. Grover moved to Middletown some years since.

Grover, Lyman, married Aseneth, daughter of the Rev. Shubael Lamb of this town, and now resides in town. He has no family.

Goodrich, Daniel, was an early settler on the west street, so called, on the farm now occupied by Ira Goodspeed; he married Bethiah Shepherd; he reared a large family: Roswell, George, Daniel jr., Halsey, Viana, Ruth, Lucy, Hannah and Laura. Roswell lived in town several years, and built the grist mill now occupied by Orville Goodrich, in the year of 1808. A few years after, he sold his mill and left town, George and Daniel went to Williston, Vt.; Halsey resided on the homestead till the year of 1833. He then purchased the grist mill that was built by his brother Roswell, which he owned till his death in 1857, aged 60. He married Julia Lawrence of Weybridge, Vt.; he had a family of five children: Orville, who occupies and owns the mill; Adna and Anna died; Mary and Erwin II.; Viana married Raymond Hotchkiss, and died in 1804, aged 24; Ruth married Albmarle Williams; Hannah lived unmarried, and died in 1865, aged 72; Lucy married David C. Blossom, and died in 1852, aged 65. Laura married Lucius Cook,

and resides in Chataugue Co., N. Y. Mr. Goodrich died in 1826, aged 74 ; his wife in 1826, aged 67.

Goodsell, Daniel, settled on the farm now owned by D. S. Parks, then an unbroken wilderness. The following letter we received from Mrs. Nancy F. Glass, a daughter of his, and we copy it entire ; she now resides at Marengo, Ill. :

“ In a very early day, grandfather Isaac Goodsell went to Wells, Vt., and purchased land, settled on it, calculating to make that his future home ; but soon the Revolutionary war broke out, and the depredations of Indians were fearful, so he returned with his family to Washington, Conn., where he formerly resided ; his wife’s name was Elizabeth How. In the year of 1787, Daniel Goodsell, his son, came to take possession of those lands ; he married a wife in old Canaan, Conn. ; her name was Abiah Dean ; he moved his wife and child to Wells in the year of 1788, where he resided sixteen years ; he had a family of six children ; his mind then set for the west ; he sold his possessions, moved to Honeoye, Ontario Co., N. Y., where he lived till he was 61 years old, when he departed this life ; his wife remained till she was 76. The children were scattered over a considerable territory. The oldest son, Hiram, died in Ohio, at the advanced age of 74 ; two died in Richmond, Ontario, one in infancy, three yet living ; Beebe is in Iowa, near the City ; his age is 72 ; and two are living in Illinois, one at the advanced age of 78, and the age of the other is 66. A little incident occurred soon after Mr. Goodsell went there to live ; one evening as he was walking up from Wells city to his residence, between Pond Mountain and Moose Horn, the road dark and narrow, densely studded with pine, beech and other foliage, a bear presented herself before him, dancing

about, asking for a supper; soon another came behind him; he told them to look out, and be off, and away with themselves; they would stand upon their hind paws, and fall at full length before him, and often changing their positions around him, almost touching him as they passed; he kept scolding at them, and he finally thought if he could reach a bunch of shingles, which was lying by the roadside, he could scare the bears; he finally pressed his way onward till he reached the shingles; he accordingly drew two from the pack and made them snap like a pistol; the bears were frightened and ran up Pond Mountain, making the rocks and stones rattle; he soon reached his place of abode in safety, thankful that he had escaped so awful a death. But several of these voracious animals had to pay the penalty of death where he set his deadfalls; they were caught and poor Bruin had to die. Pioneers of a new country have many perils to undergo. One year there was a great scarcity of bread and all kinds of vegetables, and it seemed as if many would starve before harvest; one woman rubbed out rye for herself and children, with her own hands, then boiled it, for three weeks; then came the harvest; Mr. Goodsell brought a bushel of wheat from Shaftsbury to Wells on his shoulders, by which his family did not suffer, as many others did. When my father moved to Wells, he moved in with Mr. Elijah Parks, lived there till he built a house* on his own land; there they lived like two brothers till he moved to the west. Now I have done, and have written this imperfect sketch with my own hand which is trembling, my eyes failing, the silver chord is loosening, and the pitcher broken

*This house is still standing.

at the fountain ; and I about 78, shall soon go to my long home. I was born in Wells, in the year '90.

NANCY F. GLASS."

To Mr. R. Parks.

Goodspeed, Winslow, from Barnstable, Mass., came to town in 1794 ; married Lydia Merchant of Granville, N. Y. ; she died a short time after ; he next married Vinsa Swift ; he raised a large family : Jonathan S., who resides in Granville, N. Y., Winslow, Aaron who is a physician and resides in Granville, N. Y., Almon who lives in town, Norman, Abel, and Gad ; none of the last reside in town ; the latter went to Ohio and died there ; the daughters were Lydia, Vinsa and Persis ; Lydia and Vinsa died with the consumption ; Persis resides in town. Mr. Goodspeed died in 1842 ; His wife in 1868, aged 90. Mr. Goodspeed was a teacher of music, and chorister, in the early days of this town.

Goodspeed, Winslow jr., married Lucina, daughter of Capt. Jared Francis, and resides east of the village ; his family consists of the following, viz : Frances L., who married Phineas C. Paul, and died in 1863, aged 23 ; William and Wallace (twins) ; Leonora, who married Andrew Green of Granville, N. Y. ; James, George S., and Franklin. Mr. Goodspeed has held various town offices, and discharged his duties with attention and promptness. He owns the saw-mill on Mill Brook, so called, and also a turning machine from which an extensive business is carried on.

Goodspeed, Alvin, lived on the place now owned by Wilder Lewis ; his wife was Lola, daughter of Nathan Francis ; she died in 1852, aged — ; the children were : Alma, who married Hiram Hastings, now of Chicago, Ill. ; Polly married John Rust, and moved to Ohio in 1837 ; Sylvia married

John Potter ; Lola married James Bigart of Pawlet, and is dead. Mr. Goodspeed went west to Wisconsin some years ago, and is still living ; he had one son named Alvin, jr., who resides with him.

Goodspeed, Ira, son of Stephen Goodspeed, lives on the Daniel Goodrich farm ; he married Mary Capon, from Saratoga Co., N. Y. ; he has a family of two children.

Goodspeed, Henry, married Hannah McCreaf of Greenwich, N. Y. ; the children were : Malvina, who married D. M. Hulett ; Catherine married Joseph Potter of Granville, N. Y. ; Henry, Marsena, and Luna who married Abner Perry.

Goodspeed, Josiah jr., married Susan Marston ; he, with the rest of the Goodspeed families, came from Barnstable, Mass. ; the children were : Clemon, Benjamin, Ira went west, Owen, Anson, Minerva who married Jacob Sykes of Pawlet ; he died in 1836, aged 42 ; she next married Samuel Woods of this town ; Caroline married Aaron Haskins of Tinmouth ; they went west ; he soon after died. Mr. Goodspeed and his wife went west nearly twenty years ago, and both are dead. Clemon married Sally Hudson of St. Lawrence Co., N. Y. ; the children were : Charlotte, who married Horace Green of Middletown ; Malinda married Obadiah Kelley of Danby ; Lorancy, Minerva, Albert and Henry ; the four last, with the parents, have recently gone to Illinois. Benjamin married Aurora, daughter of Walter Fenton, and reared a family of seven children, viz : Ira, Laura, Collins, Eunice, Ann, Eugene, and Juliet. Mr. Goodspeed went west nearly twenty years since. Owen married Paulina, daughter of O. B. Hulett of Danby, and went to Wisconsin in 1854, where he now resides. Anson lives in Illinois.

Goodspeed, Stephen, from Barnstable, Mass., in 1794, married Polly Howard; they reared a family of children; their names were: Thaddeus, Leonard who married Nancy McCreef, and now resides in Tinmouth; Henry, Ira, Polly who married Abner Fenton, by whom she had one son named Franklin; she died a few years since; Sally married Levi Capen; Betsy married Samuel Hawley, late of this town; Abba, who married Ansel Goodspeed jr., and resides in Pawlet. Mr. Goodspeed died in the spring of 1845, aged 69; his wife in ——. Another daughter named Orpha married Charles Howe of this town.

Goodspeed, Thaddeus, married Esther McCreef; they have two children, Jane Ann and Cornelius.

Green, Ebenezer, settled on the farm now owned by Franklin Hadaway; he married a widow, a sister of John Burnham, sen., of Middletown; he had one son named George, and a daughter named Charlotte; they both went west; Mr. Green left town at an early day.

Gray, David, from Arlington in 1794, and settled east of the Rider farm, then a wilderness; he married Sally Cole; the children were: Harry, who was a member of the legislature from Arlington in 1853; Richard, Fedro, Polly, David, Lyman, and Harriet who married Joseph T. Sherman of Danby, and died of the consumption in 1812. Mr. Gray left town in 1813.

Grover, Nathaniel, from Massachusetts, settled in the eastern part of the town, near the first of the present century; he married Betsy, daughter of Thomas Clemons; they reared a family of eight children: Whiting, William, Allen, Lyman and Calvin; Relief married Benjamin Lincoln of Poultney; Elizabeth married Charles Lamb now of Mid

dletown, and is dead. Lucinda married Reuben Robison of Poultney, and is also dead. Mr. Grover was twice married ; his second wife was widow Lovina Cox ; she died in 1865 ; his first wife died in — ; he died in —. Whiting married Nancy Adams of Manchester. They had two children, Lovina married James Cox of Wells ; Catharine L. married Alfred Lewis of this town. William married Harriet daughter of Joshua Paul of Tinmouth. Their children were Lyman J. married Henrietta Weller of Chester, N. Y. ; Joshua P. who married a Miss Vail of Danby, and Luna who died young. Mr. Grover and sons now reside in Tinmouth.

Grover, Allen, married Rachel, widow of Samuel Harndon, her maiden name was Crane, she was a resident of Poultney. Their family consisted of three children, Luthera, Allen C. and Marcus D. Mr. Grover was a teacher eleven winters of common schools. He also carried on the mercantile business upward of thirty years, he held the office of Selectman, Constable, &c., several years. He represented this town in the State Legislature two years. Luthera married W. H. Hull, and lives in town ; Allen C., is a physician and practices as such in town ; Marcus D. is a lawyer, and has represented this town in the Legislature three years, the youngest ever elected in town. Mr. Grover died in 1865 aged 63.

Hadaway, Benjamin, from Poultney, resided in the western part of the town. He married Hannah daughter of Davis Amidon ; the children were : Helen married Stephen Chellis ; Franklin, George, Edward, Thankful, Mary, Charles and Henry ; Franklin married Semantha Thompson, and lives in town, and has a son ; George married Thankful, daughter of

David Howe, and has a family of five children; Addella, David, Frederic, Edna, and one name unknown. He resides in town. Mr. Hadaway with his family lately moved to Rupert.

Haynes, Doct. Backus H. from Middletown in 1841, married Emily McClure of the same place. He continued in practice till the year of 1855, he then removed to Granville, N. Y. He now resides in Rutland.

Hastings, Heman, come from Pawlet in 1827, and lived in town until 1837, when he moved to Wisconsin; Heman, jr., married a Miss Semple of Middletown. He died a few years since in Middletown; Hiram married Alma daughter of Alvin Goodspeed, he removed to Chicago where he still resides; Apollos married Nancy Hulett of Pawlet, he lives in Milwaukee, Wis.; Charles married a daughter of the late Rev. Palmer Dyer, and lives in Wisconsin; Janes married Amanda daughter of D. B. Lewis, and now resides in Brandon; and a daughter who married Seth Potter, Jr.

Hall, Matthew, from Stratford Conn., came to town in 1804, married Mary Baker; Zalmon married Lucy daughter of Joel Clemons; Anna married Luther Peck; Loruma married Isaac Nichols; Mary married King George; William married a wife near Lake George; Cloe married Daniel Shaw of the same place; Philo married Sally daughter of Ebenezer Butts. Mr. Hall moved to Caldwell, N. Y.

Hall, James, settled in town in 1790; he married Betty daughter of Joseph Lamb; they had three children: Abner who married and moved to Tunbridge, Vt.; Betsy who married Nathan Butts; Rhoda married John Lewis. Mrs. Hall became insane, by which the family was separated.

Mr. Hall left town soon after. His wife lived with her relatives until the winter of 1813, when she died.

Hall, Zalmon, married Lucy, daughter of Joel Clemons, and lived in town many years. He now lives on the line between Poultney and Wells. He has reared a large family; Joel, who was drowned in 1852, aged 35; Matthew, Milo, Thomas, who resides in Poultney; Lucy, Hannah, who is dead, and Eliza. Mr. Hall is 76 years old, and to whom we are indebted for many subjects of our sketches.

Herrick, Elijah, lived on the western parts of land now owned by Joshua How. He married Lucy, daughter of Joseph Button. The following are the children's names: Emily, who married Duncan McCall, and lives in town; Pamela married Ithamer Stevens, and lives in Illinois; Caroline married John How, and resides in Salem, N. Y.; Abba, Delia and Ephraim left town and are married. Mr. Herrick died with the consumption. His widow lives in Salem, N. Y.

Hopson, John C., came from Wallingsford, Conn., and was an early settler of this town. He was twice married. His first wife was Persis Swift, by whom he had six children: Almon, John C., jr., Oliver, Raymond H., Persis and Almira. Oliver is an Episcopal Clergyman. He studied for a time with the Rev. Stephen Jewett, of New Haven, Conn. A few years after he was ordained as Doctor of Divinity; for several years past he has alternately preached in Wells and Poultney. He has recently removed to Connecticut. Persis married Col. Amon Bailey, of Poultney, now deceased; Almira married Califf Monroe, of Poultney. He formerly resided in this town, and was Representative to the Legislature in 1832. Mr. Hopson's second wife was widow Betheah

Lewis, by whom he had two children, Orrin and Bethiah, who resides in Connecticut. His first wife died in 1811. His second wife in 1840, aged 60 years. He died in 18—, aged 87 years.

Hopson, Almon, resides on the hill west of the little pond. He married Clarisa Chandler, of Granville, N. Y., by whom he had two children, Persis C. and Almon C. Clarisa married Mr. Hosford, of Poultney, he died a few years since. Almon C. resides in Whitehall, N. Y., his wife died in 1827. He next married Esther, sister of his former wife, by whom he had three children: Heber, who died young; Edwin, who resides in Whitehall, and Ellen, who married Joseph Lewis, who died recently in Poultney. Mr. Hopson has held several official stations in town, has also been employed as a school teacher over twenty winters almost in succession. We remember him as our first schoolmaster in the winter of 1817.

Hopson, John C., jr., resided South of his brother Almon; until about a year ago, he moved near the village. He married Louisa, daughter of Benjamin Lewis. His children were Caroline, who married — Colvin, then of Poultney, but now resides in Pawlet; Warren married and left town; Henry married a Miss Sprague, of Poultney, daughter of George W. Sprague. Mr. Hopson represented this town in the Legislature two years, and held various town offices besides.

Hopson, Raymond H., lives in the village. He formerly carried on the blacksmithing business until his health became so much enfeebled, that he was compelled to relinquish the business. Since, he has been in the grocery business. He married Hannah Irish, of Danby. The children were Oliver and Almira. Oliver married Helen E. Cook, of Hydeville,

and resided several years in New York, but returned the last season to Wells, where he lives with his father. Almira, a young lady of much promise, fell a victim to the most direful disease, the consumption, in 1864, in the 19th year of her age. Mr. Hopson has also held many town offices with ability and credit.

Hotchkiss, Socrates, Dr., came from Cheshire, Conn., in 1795. His wealth consisted of one horse and forty dollars worth of medicine. He commenced his practice as a physician soon after he came to town. He soon won the reputation of being a man of skill in his profession; his practice was extensive, not confined to his own town, but in adjacent towns. He resided with Samuel Lathrop, Esq., a short time, and won the affections of the family, especially Bethiah, whom he soon after married. He built the house now occupied by D. M. Hulett. By this woman he had two daughters; Laura, who married Jesse Tryon, jr., of Pawlet, and Sally, who married Harlow Hosford, of Poultney, where she still resides. His wife died in 1803, aged 24. He next married Mary Ann Doolittle, aunt to the Hon. J. R. Doolittle, of Wisconsin, by whom he had two daughters; Bethiah, who married Joseph Leffingwell, of Middletown, and Mary Ann, who married Dr. Sylvester G. Mattison, also of Middletown. Doctor Hotchkiss died in 1810, aged 36, deeply lamented. His life was cut short ere it had reached its zenith. With the exception of Mrs. Hosford, the family left Vermont for the far West.

Hotchkiss, Robert, came into town in 1796, and settled near the Lathrop place, on lands now owned by Alva Mitchell. He resided there until 1810, when he moved to the north-eastern part of the town, on the farm now owned by Michael

Mooney. He was thrice married ; first, to Hannah Hotchkiss, by whom he had three children : Raymond, Oliver and Malenda. The two last went to Ohio. By his second wife, he had one daughter named Hannah D., who married Elijah Parks, jr. Her name was Lucy Matthews, a widow. Mr. Matthews died while serving in the revolutionary war. Mr. Hotchkiss died in 1829, aged 75. His wife in 1821, aged 73. He served in the revolutionary war, and was with Montgomery at the taking of St. Johns. His third wife was Sarah, widow of John Francis. She died in 1834, in Mina, N. Y., aged 76.

Hotchkiss, Raymond, married Viana, daughter of Daniel Goodrich ; she died in 1804, aged 24. He next married Polly P., daughter of Jason Tyler. He lived some years on the Cowdry farm, and moved to Pawlet in 1830 ; in 1837, he went to Granville, N. Y., and lived there until his death, which occurred in 1855, aged 76 ; his wife in 1861, at Castleton, aged 76. They raised no family. Mr. Hotchkiss served as Captain, under Col. Martindale, six months in the war of 1812. He filled many different town offices, and was justice several years. He was elected justice in Granville, in 1849, when over 70 years old.

Howe, Joshua, came from Wallingsford, Conn., in 1783, and settled on the place now owned by his grandson Joshua. He built the first grist mill in town. He married a Miss Blakely of the same place ; his children were, David ; Asa, who married Eunice Buck, sister of the Hon. D. A. A. Buck ; Samuel, Joseph, Joshua ; Ruth, who married Samuel Stevens ; and Eunice who married Michael Clemons. Mr. Howe was noted for his placidity of temper, never known to be excited, let what would come. In raising his

grist mill, he stood near a post, and as it entered the mortice the end of the post came upon his toes and held his foot firmly, he spoke to his son Joseph in his usual moderate manner, "Joseph get the iron bar and raise up this post, I should like to get out my toes from under it." He died in 1800. His widow afterwards married Matthias Button.

Howe, Samuel, married a widow Herrick, and settled on the western part of the old homestead of his father. The children were : Samuel, jr., who went to the war of 1812, and never returned ; Charles, Chauncey, (twins), Joshua, Abigail and Avis ; Abigail still resides with her brother Joshua ; Avis married Orrin Spaulding, and lives in town ; Chauncey married Achsah, daughter of Samuel Stevens, Charles married Orpha daughter of Stephen Goodspeed, they removed to Luzerne, N. Y., over 20 years since ; Joshua resides on the old homestead, he married Betsy daughter of John Reynolds, by whom they had three children ; Pherorus who married Lucetta daughter of John Lewis, and lives with his father ; Joshua jr., and a daughter who was accidentally drowned a few years ago. Mrs. Samuel Howe died a few years since at the advanced age of 98 years.

Howe, Joseph, married Annis daughter of Kyles Paul of Royalton, and resided on the homestead of his father, Joshua. His children were : Joseph, jr., Jerry, John and Tolman ; Joshua married Theodosia, daughter of Joshua Stevens ; Jerry married Alavander, daughter of John Reynolds, both removed to Michigan, both are dead ; John married Caroline Herrick and lives in Salem, N. Y. ; Tolman married Eunice daughter of Wesly Clemons, Esq., and resides in

town. They have three children living ; Emma married Theron Howe ; Emmet and Jerry.

Howe, David, married Phebe Cole ; he had three sons and several daughters, his sons were Jesse, Obed, and David ; Jesse married Polly Holt ; he had two children, named Jesse and Roxana ; Jesse lives in Poultney ; Roxana married James Whedon of Pawlet ; David jr., married Laura, daughter of Walter Fenton ; their children's names were, Thankful married George Hadaway ; Phebe married Jackson Amidon ; Theron married Emma, daughter of Tolman Howe. Mr. Howe, jr., had a grandson named John ; he served in the late war till its close, returned home and was drowned in Wells Pond while bathing, in June 1866. He is now a widower, his wife having died several years ago. Mrs. Howe died a few yew years since aged 95.

Hulett, John S., came from Pawlet in 1832, and resides a little west of the village. He married Anna daughter of David B. Lewis ; their children's names were, Darwin M. who married Malvina, daughter of Henry Goodspeed, and lives near the residence of his father ; Laura who died young ; Cornelia and Paul, both of whom died the same day, and were laid in the same grave ; and Edna. Mr. Hulett has held many offices of trust in town, and was representative two years, 1846 and 1847.

Hull, Rev. William H., from Saranac, N. Y., married Luthera, daughter of Allen Grover, Esq., and resides in the village. He came to town in 1844 ; his clerical duties are of a local sort ; for several years he has been in the mercantile business. He was appointed Postmaster in 1861, which office he still occupies. He has one son named DeForest, who has been confined to his bed for some years, now in his

eighteenth year, he bears his afflictions with Christian resignation.

Hunt, William, married a widow Pratt of Hartford, N. Y., he resided in town several years ; he was born in England, but espoused the cause of independence, and served in the Continental Army during the war, he was in the battle of Yorktown, at the taking of Cornwallis. He received a pension until his death, which occurred in 1820.

Ives, Aaron, came to town in 1785, and settled in the north part of the town, near what is now called the Howard pond. He was from Wallingsford, Conn. He died in 1801, aged 53. Mr. Ives had one son named Aaron, jr., who was killed in Middletown, in 1831, by the falling of a tree.

Kellogg, Aaron, early settled on the farm now owned by Calvin Farrar. The names of his children were Warner, Betsey and William. Mr. Kellogg moved to Stowe, Vt.

Knapp, Elnathan, from Queensbury, N. Y., in 1814 ; married Polly Orton. He was a blacksmith and lived a short distance north of the village. He was ingenious in his mechanism ; also a great hunter, he caught several deers while here. He had the following children : Aseneth married Jesse Pray ; Justus lives in Saratoga ; Lyman died in Benson ; Albert E. resides in Poultney. He married Free love Broughton, and is a merchant, and also in the slate business. Mr. Knapp moved to Benson.

Lamb, Joseph, from Norwich, Conn., came into town about the year 1778. His wife's name was Betsey ——— ; he settled in the north-east part of the town on a place called Lamb Hill. His family consisted of six children : Shubael, Levi, Jarus, William, who married Sarah Cole ; Betty, who married James Hall, and Sarah, who married Gill Mallary.

Jarus went West at an early day. Mr. Lamb died in 1809, aged 73 ; his widow in 1825, aged 92.

Lamb, Levi, married Mercy Butler, of Middletown, and lived on the homestead of his father. Their children were Ormand, Russel, Susan, who married John Barden ; Levi and Almira, who married Lucius Button. Mr. Lamb's wife died in 1825. He afterwards married widow Merrills, from Pittsford. Mr. Lamb was a worthy citizen and was respected as such ; he died in 1835, aged 59.

Lamb, Ormand, married Miss Hannah Thomas, of Manchester, by whom he had three children : Laura, who married Elisha Wales, of Whitehall, N. Y. ; Mercy married Thomas M. Clemons, and Russel, 2d. He died in 1833, aged 32. His widow afterwards married Thaddeus Merrills.

Lamb, Russel, married Diodama, daughter of John Pratt ; the children were, Stephen P., who married Melissa, daughter of Abner Stevens ; William, Mary, Laura and Ann E. His wife died in 1849. The family have gone West.

Lamb, Phineas, came into town in 1804, and settled in the north part of the town, on lands now occupied by widow Fanny Parks. His wife was Anna Garfield, she died in 1834, aged 72 ; he raised a large family, viz : Dolly married Nathan Palmer of Granville, N. Y. ; Betsy married Ambrose Lewis ; Susan married John Wolcott ; George married and moved to Granville ; Nancy married John Palmer of Granville ; William, Polly who died young ; Harriet married Wm. Potter, jr. ; Lucy married Cyrus Geer ; Samuel married Harriet, daughter of William Potter, and enlisted in the year of 1831, to fight the Indians under Gen. Dodge, and never returned ; Clark married a Miss Hyde of Poultney, and died in service in the late war ; Betsy and Hannah.

Mr. Lamb was in the revolutionary war, and was taken prisoner by the British under Burgoyne.

Lamb, Capt. William, son of the above, married Caroline, daughter of Jonathan Bidwell of Pawlet, they had two children; Laura Ann, who married Abner Pember; Charles, who went to Minnesota some years since, and is one of the pioneers of that young and growing State. Mr. Lamb was captain of the Militia several years, constable, selectman, justice of the peace, and town clerk seventeen years; venerable in years, he still lives in our community respected and esteemed. His wife is still living.

Lathrop, Samuel, was an early settler in town, and held the office of justice till his death, which occurred in 1801, at the age of 64; one son named Zachariah married Charlotte, daughter of Joseph Button, Esq.; both died the same day, and were buried in the same grave; he left one daughter named Cynthia, who married Abel Potter; another son named Azariah, and two daughters; Bethiah, married Socrates Hotchkiss; and Elizabeth who married Simon Francis.

Law, John. resided in the north part of the town, and owned a saw-mill on Endless brook, so called, which was carried away by the freshet of 1811, and soon after left town; his wife was a Miss Broughton; he had two sons, Ahira and Elijah, the latter owned a carding and clothing establishment east of Winslow Goodspeed's saw mill, but was washed away in 1811; and a daughter named Lydia. The whole family left town nearly sixty years ago.

Lathrop, Azariah, married Esther, daughter of Barnabas Lewis, and resided in town until the year of 1836, when he moved to Illinois; he had a large family; his eldest daughter Esther, married J. Howard Pray, and now resides

in Harmony, Chautauque Co., N. Y.; Sallie went west and is married; Anna, and two sons, one named Azariah jr.

“ Lewis, Barnabas, (by A. Lewis, Esq.) was from Cheshire, Conn.; he married his first wife, by whom he had two sons, David and Benoni; Benoni died young; David moved into Wells previous to the revolutionary war; he married Rebecca Hotchkiss. His father Barnabas married a second wife, Rachel Curtis, by whom he had nine children; Zurial, Sarah, Rachel, Marion, Levi, Amarillus, Benjamin, Barnabus, Esther; Zurial and Levi came into town sometime previous to 1800. The parents and Benjamin, moved from Cheshire with their families into Wells about 1807; Zurial married Lucy Bunnell; Marion married Titus Andrus; Levi married Bethiah Lumbard; Amarillus married Aaron B. Tyler; Esther married Azariah Lathrop; Benjamin married Abigail Hitchcock; Barnabus married a Miss Bradley. We may add that Barnabus moved to Canada soon after coming to Vermont.

Lamb, Rev., Shubael, came with his father Joseph, and lived in town until his death, which occurred in 1850. He was a local preacher for nearly 60 years; he was twice married. The name of his first wife was Rhoda Patterson; she soon died, leaving one daughter named Rhoda, who married James Merrill. He next married Clarisa Bushnell, also from New London, Conn. He resided on Lamb Hill, so-called; he reared a large family, viz: Charles, Shubael, jr., Madison, Clarisa, who married a Mr. Paul and went West; Abigail married and went West, and is dead; Orilla, who died in 1823; Asceneth married Lyman Grover, and resides in town; Eliza married John Tracy, of Monkton, and is dead; Harriet married Nelson Mead, also of Monkton, and

now resides in Irasburgh, Vt. Mr. Lamb represented this town two years in the Legislature. He died in 1850, at the age of 80 ; his wife in 1866, aged 86.

Lamb, Charles, married Elizabeth, daughter of Nathaniel Grover. His children were, Charles Wesley, who went West ; Hiram, Mary Jane, who married William Blossom, of Pawlet ; and Asceneth. He moved to Middletown nearly thirty years since, where he now resides.

Lamb, Shubael, jr., married Nancy, daughter of John Pratt. He had a family of six children : George, Lewis S., Betsey went to the northern part of New York and was married ; Lorinda married a Mr. Phelps. and resides in Schroon, N. Y. ; Clarisa also went West, and Avis is in Iowa. Mr. Lamb died in 1834, of the cholera. His widow went to the northern part of New York and was married.

Lamb, Madison, married Sylvia, daughter of William Lewis, and lived with his father until his death, which occurred in 1849, aged 34.

Lamb, Levi, jr., married Olive Mead, of Monkton, Vt., and lived on the homestead of his father. The names of his children were : James, who died in 1847, aged 12 years ; Adelaide, who died a few years after. Mr. Lamb died about a week after the death of his son, with the consumption. His widow died the following winter, leaving the daughter an orphan. She was taken by her grandfather Mead to Monkton, and died as above stated ; by her decease, the family became extinct, a sad case truly. Mr. Lamb and his wife were in the meridian of life, respected, and were useful members of Society. They were members of the M. E. Church. Mr. Lamb was, at his death, 37 years old, and his wife 38.

Lamb, Russel, 2d, resides in the eastern part of the town, on the Wesly Clemons place, so-called. He married Lydia, daughter of Walter Lewis ; the children's names were : Annette, who married Adams Barden ; Adella and Freddie. Mr. Lamb is the only one left in town, who is of male lineage.

Lamb, Caleb, from Fort Henry, N. Y., married Lurana Roberts, by whom he had two sons and one daughter, who married Wm. Moody ; Merritt married Mary, daughter of Elias Palmer, and lives in town and has a family ; Leonard is West. Mr. Lamb's second wife was a widow Davis. He died in 1867, when she married Mr. Ransom Bateman, of Poultney.

Lewis, David, settled on the west street and occupied and owned the farm that Oscar Sprague now lives on. The children were : Aaron, David B. and Phebe, who married William Blossom ; Aaron married a Miss Wilcox, of Pawlet, and resides in Poultney, at an advanced age. Mr. Lewis held the office of justice several years. In his religious tenets, he was an Episcopalian. He died in 1845, at the advanced age at 88 ; his wife died in 1837, aged 76.

Lewis, David B., occupied the homestead of his father till a few years since ; he sold out and removed to Poultney, and resided there until his death, which occurred in 1866, aged 73. He married Amanda, daughter of Samuel Culver, and raised a family of eight children. They are as follows : Anna married John S. Hulett ; Laura, who died in 1842, aged 24 ; David B., jr., Amanda married James Hastings ; Phebe, who is now the wife of Robert Wickham, of Pawlet ; Joseph, Raymond H. and Rebecca, who married Wilder

Lewis ; David B., jr., married Hannah, daughter of Eliud Smith, and went to Illinois, and died a few years after ; Joseph married Ellen, daughter of Almon Hopson, Esq., and died in 1807, leaving two children ; Raymond H. married Mary Lawrence, and died in California ; his widow went West, where again she married. He had one son named John ; Franklin married and, with his wife, went to California in the spring of 1808. The widow is still living.

Lewis, Levi, lived a short distance north of the village, on the site of ground now owned by Nathan Crandall. His children were : Artemus, Levi, Orlin, Norman and Theodore. He was a tanner by trade ; he died in 1811, aged 37. Norman moved to Ripton, Vt. ; Theodore was a physician, and died many years since.

The following incidents which occurred in Mr. Lewis family, was published in the "Mental Repast," in 1807, a periodical printed at Bennington, Vt., by Anthony Haswell.

"One Mr. Lewis, a tanner in Wells, was engaged in the concerns of his calling, his horse at the same time being in his mill grinding bark. The wheel drawn by the horse was very wide, proportionably high, and above a ton in weight. It was made of wood, and filled with long and hard cogs, or trunnions, for the breaking of the bark. His child, a boy of two or three years of age, had followed him out and, unobservedly, got within the circle of the wheel, near the stake. Soon after, the child in attempting to get out to his father, was knocked down by the shaft and the ponderous wheel ran over his head and crushed it in a dreadful manner. Two skillful surgeons were immediately sent for, and soon arrived ; the child lay apparently almost lifeless, his breathing was scarcely perceptible. On examination, the skull was

found to be much fractured behind by one of the cogs, and over one eye by another ; from the fracture behind several pieces of loose bone were taken out, and nearly a spoonful of the brain removed from the wound. The opinion of the surgeons was, death must inevitably and speedily ensue, and, therefore, to attempt to trepan the skull would be but to give pain, without the most distant prospect of reaping any advantage. The wounds were, therefore, only cleansed in the most tender manner ; and without hope, the afflicted parents and sympathetic neighbors attended, expecting every moment the child would breath his last. Its breathing, however, became more and more perceptible, till at length he opened his eyes and asked his mother for something to eat. He accordingly received food, and was apparently refreshed thereby. Nature, the handmaid of Heaven, wrought a surprising work in his favor, and he is now apparently healthy, active and sensible as the children in general in the neighborhood of his residence."

"The child referred above, is Mr. Levi Lewis, now living in this town, upwards of 65 years of age."

Lewis, Artemus, Esq., married Pamela Loomis, of Granville, and, with his brother Levi, resided in the village. The children were Edwin F. and Theodore ; Edwin went to New York where he married. He had one son, named Theodore, who resided with his grandparents, and died in the summer of 1861, a smart and intelligent boy, aged 10 years. Theodore went to New York, where he enlisted into the U. S. naval service and served during the late war ; Edwin also served in naval service. Both were in a number of engagements with the enemy. Mr. Lewis has served in the capacity of

justice of the peace upwards of 20 years. His brother Levi resides with him and is unmarried.

Lewis, Orlin, married Martha Worden, of Granville, N. Y. The names of the children were, Hiram W., Edgar, Lucius and Laura; Hiram W. married Cornelia, daughter of Ethelbert Lewis, and resides in town; Edgar went to Fairhaven, where he married; Lucius and Laura are unmarried. Mr. Lewis was postmaster several years, and held several town offices with ability. In his religious belief, he was an Episcopalian. He died in 1865, with the cancer. His widow resides on the homestead.

Lewis, Wilder, married Rebecca, daughter of David B. Lewis, Esq.; they have one daughter named Ida; Mr. Lewis resides near the Pond saw-mill, which he owns; this mill, since it has come under his supervision, has undergone a thorough repair; a circular saw takes the place of the old gated concern; he has added a planing machine which is doing good business.

Lewis, Alfred, married Catherine, daughter of Whiting Grover, and lives on the James Cox place; the children are, Burton, Chester, and Elmer.

Lewis, Abisha, married Julia Pratt of Burlington; she died in 1867, leaving two children; Mr. Lewis resides in the western part of Tinmouth.

Lewis, William, came from Pawlet in 18—, and resided on the Shubael Sumner farm; the children were, William, jr., who married Lovina Downie of Pawlet, by whom he had four children: Mariett married Alfred Bookins; Amanda, Ermina, and Palmer; he died in 1836, aged 36; Alva married Jerusha, daughter of Frederic Pember, and resides in Weston, Vt.; John, Orrin who died in 1854, Hannah married

John Morse, and lives in Idaho; Sylvia married Madison Lamb, who died in 1849; she next married Harris Stevens, and is again a widow.

Lewis, John; son of the above, married Cordelia, daughter of Michael Clemons, and resided on the homestead of his father until 1864; he removed to Poultney; the children were, Lucetta who married Pherorus How; David, a graduate of Union College, is a Methodist minister, and is on a circuit in York State; Cassius, Ida, and Fanny.

Lewis, Zenas, married a Miss Pratt, and resided on the place now owned by Nelson Lewis; he removed to Tinmouth about the year of 1843; the children were, Wesley who married Elvira, daughter of Walter Lewis, Lorenzo D., Darwin who married Jennet, daughter of Calvin Brewer, now of Rutland; Newman married Betsey Young of Tinmouth, where he now resides; Rosetta, Lucina married James Wales, Maria married Haskins B. Carpenter and resides in town.

Lewis, Lorenzo D., married Mary Ann, daughter of William Lewis; the children are as follows, viz: Adelia S. married Franklin D. Youngs; they had two children, Ida and Willis. Mr. Youngs enlisted in the 14th regiment of Vermont volunteers, and died in Brattleboro in 1863, on his way home; Mary E. married Chauncy Robinson of Pawlet; Sarah Jane married Emmett Farrer of this town; Lorenzo E., Edna E. and William; Mr. Lewis resides in Wallingford.

Lewis, Walter, moved to town in 1832; the name of his wife was Temperance Smith, children were, Nelson, Wilder, Abisha Alfred, Elvira who married Wesley Lewis, and died several years since; Viola married Poltus Kelly, Lydia married Russell Lamb, 2d, Laura married Seth Geer, and soon

after died; Mrs. Lewis died soon after moving to town; Mr. Lewis died in 1867, aged 76.

Lewis, Nelson, married Caroline Barden of Rupert; the children were, Mahala, who married Levi Finney of Pawlet, Mosell who is dead, Charles, and Barden; his wife died in 1858; he next married Eunice Pratt of Burlington, by whom he has two children, Ellsworth and Arthur.

Lewis, Nathaniel, was an early settler and lived on the farm now owned by Enoch Cone, in the northern part of the town; he had four sons, Nathaniel, jr., Reuben, Enos, and John; Nathaniel jr. married a Miss Cole; Reuben married ———, and was a practical physician in town several years, and then went west; Enos married Eunice, daughter of Joseph Button, by whom he had four children: Perrin, who married Emily, daughter of Jared Francis; she died the next year, he next married Lury, daughter of Francis Cook; Bradley, who went to the Florida war and never returned; one daughter married Elijah Bennett, and another unmarried. Mr. Enos Lewis's family left town in 1832, and reside in Harmony, N. Y.; John married Rhoda, daughter of James Hall, and moved west; he had one son named Abner, who was born in this town; and by perseverance and close application to his professional studies, he won his way to honor and respect; he was county judge of Chataque county, N. Y., and was a member of Congress two years from the western district of New York. Young man, think of this, and imitate the noble example set forth by this poor boy, born in a log cabin, in the early days of our town, winning his way to distinction and honor.

Lewis, Samuel, resided on the place that Michael Cullen now owns; he left town over thirty years since; he had one

son named Benjamin, who married Abigail Wyman of Tinmouth; he had one daughter named Mary; she married a Mr. Baldwin of Rutland, and is dead.

Lewis, Benjamin sen., came into town in 1807, and settled on the place now owned by Hiram W. Lewis; their children were, Louisa who married John C. Hopson, jr.; Ethelbert, Benjamin jr., Amasa H., and Abba who married William Goodrich. Mr. Lewis died in 1847, his wife in 1862.

Lewis, Ethelbert, married Paulina, daughter of Ansel Goodspeed; their children are: Cornelia married Hiram W. Lewis; Jairus married and resides in Poultney; he was in the service, in the late war of the rebellion, and nobly did his part as a soldier; Oscar, who went to Pike's Peak a few years since, and Wilbert, who married Amanda, daughter of Alonzo Smith, of Pawlet.

Lewis, Benjamin jr., married Chalina, daughter of Samuel Culver jr.; their children's names are, Matilda, who married Jay Goodrich of Granville, N. Y., and resides in Tinmouth; Merritt married Mary, daughter of Calvin Grover, and now resides in Granville, N. Y.; Rodey M.; Harlan P. married Helen, daughter of Robert R. Woodard, Esq., of Middletown; he, with his brother Merritt, is occupied in the marble business in Granville, and Rollin. Mr. Lewis, with his son Rodney, carries on an extensive manufacturing establishment; a store has been added to the firm, known as the firm of B. Lewis & Son; Rodney M. married Maria Foster; he is the present town clerk, and does honor to the office.

Lewis, Amasa H., married a Miss Jones of Pawlet, and has two children: Albert, who married Hannah D., daughter of James F. Cone, and Abba; he resides in town.

Lewis, Ambrose, lived on the place now owned by Wins-

low Goodspeed ; he married Betsy Lamb of this town ; children's names were : Orson, who married a Miss Hyde of Poultney ; Horace married Orah Stevens of Middletown, went to Michigan, and is dead ; Jualine married John Stevens of Middletown ; they went to Iowa ; and Emeline, who, with Mr. Lewis, moved west nearly 40 years ago.

Lindsay, Matthew, settled on the place now owned by James F. Cone ; he married a Miss Keyes of Middletown ; his family consisted of six children : Harry married Sally, daughter of Cyrus Beardsley, of Poultney ; he removed with his family to Michigan in 1839 ; Rufus H. married Julia, daughter of William Potter, and left town many years since ; William went west in 1829 ; Keyes married Almira, daughter of Joseph Button, and resides in Wisconsin ; Parla married Enoch Cone, and is dead ; Maria married Marverick Rudd of Middletown ; Mr. Rudd went west in 1837.

Lounsberry, M. Nathan, from Pawlet, lived near where Capt. William Lamb now resides ; he had one daughter named Sophia, who died in 1841 ; Mr. Lounsberry was a soldier in the revolutionary war ; he removed to Rutland in 1828, and died in Clarendon at the age of 100 years.

Lumbard, Benjamin, (by A. Lewis, Esq.,) married Patience Goodspeed, in Barnstable Mass. ; they had seven children, all born at that place ; in 1797 they moved to Wells ; the names of their children were : Alvin, who married Sarah Culver ; Bethiah married Levi Lewis ; Olive and Anna both died young ; Ebenezer married Pamela McClure ; Joseph married Betsey Malory ; Benjamin married Lucinda Tyler. Some of the grand-children are now living in Wells.

Malory, Ogden, was the first settler in town ; he came to town in 1768, and built the first framed barn in Wells. It

required all the aid that could be obtained in Wells, Poultney and Pawlet, to raise the frame-work of this building; the site of this barn was near the dwelling house where Rev. Wm. H. Hull now resides; this building was taken down thirty-five years ago. His children were Silas, Gill, Stephen, and Justin who had a daughter named Sally; she was drowned in Lake Champlain in 1823; Olive, who married Asa Stevens. Mr. Malory died in 1811, aged 91. Malory Gill married Sarah, daughter of Joseph Lamb; he had two daughters, named Polly who married Dr. Nathan Mitchell, and Amy. Mr. Malory went west in 1827.

Malory, Zacheus, came into town about the same time that his brother Ogden came. We learn from the records that he was a delegate from this town, at a convention held at Dorset in 1771. As to his family history, we can obtain no records.

Merriman, Abel, moved into town in 1771; he married Betsy Merriman; his family consisted of the following children: Caleb, George, Samuel, and Abigail who married Jonathan Francis, who died soon after; she next married Timothy Hibbard of Poultney; from thence they went to Orwell.

Merriman, S. Samuel, married Polly Cross, and settled south of the village, on the place now owned by Nathan W. Crandall; the children were, Robert, Polly married John Reynolds who died in 1827; she next married Hezekiah Winchell who died in 1865; Betsy married a Mr. Scovill, and resides in Warsaw, N. Y.; Martha married Joseph Morse, by whom she had the following children: Samuel, John who married Julia Bryant; she died; he next married Hannah, daughter of William Lewis, and resides in Idaho;

Carlos, who went to Illinois, and enlisted into the Union service, where soon after he died ; Betsy and Sarah; Hannah married Lyman Ware, and is a widow ; Samuel jr., who died in 1827, and Elihu who married Climena, daughter of Eleazer Crosby of Pawlet, and now resides in Marengo, Ill. Mr. Merriman died in 1847, aged 86 ; his wife in 1845, aged 74.

Merrills, Hallowel, from Worthington, Mass., settled on the farm now occupied by his son Thaddeus ; he married Mehitable Clemons ; the children were Thaddeus, and Calvin who married Hannah, daughter of Josiah Cross ; he removed to Roxbury Vt. Mr. Merrills died in 1818, aged 63 ; his wife in 1840, aged 73. Thaddens Merrills married widow Hannah Lamb, by whom he had two children, Betsey and Polly ; Betsey married Wesley Wales and resides in town ; Polly married Russell Wales, she died in 1858, leaving one child named Vine. Mr. Merrills is in his 77th year, to whom we are indebted for a portion of our family sketches.

Merrills, Nathaniel, resided on Butts Hill ; he married a Miss Thompson ; both were from Connecticut ; the children were, Nathaniel who married Lucinda Bassett of Salem, N. Y., and moved to Chatauque Co., N. Y. ; James married Rhoda, daughter of the Rev. Shubael Lamb ; he, with his family, removed to the town of Day, N. Y. ; Walker, Lorin, and Rhoda who married Amos Stevens. Mr. Merrills and his wife both died in town many years since ; no monument or record is left by which their ages can be ascertained.

Merrills, Daniel, from Tinmouth in 1845, married Eliza, daughter of Philetus Brookins ; the names of the children were, Orestus J., who married Eunice Cull of Pawlet ; Loraine married William License of Grauville, N. Y. ; Cynthia

died young ; Daniel, Philetus and Fayette ; Orestus lives in Pawlet, and the remainder reside in town. Mr. Merrills died in 1853, aged 35.

Millard, Jonathan, resides on Butts Hill ; he married Margaret Nelson of Granville, who died in 1864, aged 34 ; he has one daughter named Mahala, who resides with her father.

Merrills, Levi, from New Hampshire in 1813, settled on the Gray place ; he had a large family ; he sold and moved to Middletown in 1833 ; his son Whiting died in Middletown three years since, and leaves a widow and two children.

Mosher, Aaron, Esq., son of Daniel Mosher of Tinmouth, married Ruth Richardson of Coventry, Conn., by whom he had nine children, viz.: Aaron jr., Susan married Asa Brown of Tinmouth, Olive married John Lobdil of Pawlet ; they now reside in Wisconsin ; Maria married Milton Brown of Danby ; Emily married Jackson Cross, and removed to Roxbury, Vt., where she died ; Julia married John Earls of Fort Ann, N. Y. ; Austin was a clergyman and married a Miss Earls, also of Fort Ann ; Arch went west when young ; his wife died in 1816 ; he next married the widow of Dr. James Mosher, by whom he had two children ; Betsy and Myron both went west when young. Mr. Mosher was representative to the Legislature two years, and a Justice of the Peace for many years ; he, with his family, went to Erie Co., N. Y., where he died at the ripe old age of 90 ; his widow still survives.

Mosher, Aaron jr., married Remembrance, daughter of Benjamin Rider ; he lived some years on the Hunt lot ; he then sold and went to Ellington, N. Y., where he still resides ; he left town in 1824.

Moss, Timothy, from Farmington, Conn., settled in town in 1772; his wife was Mary Churchell, of Middletown, Conn.; she was sister to the Churchells who settled Hubbardton. Mr. Morse served in the French war, and took an active part in the Revolutionary war. We have heard him tell of the trials that our ancestors had to endure. At the time when a portion of the British army, under Burgoyne, were marching south by the way of Castleton, flushed with their success at Hubbardton, they pressed the retreating Americans with vigor. As soon as the inhabitants got news of their approach, they quickly left their habitations for Bennington; they buried their cooking utensils and other articles that they could not carry with them; a bed was put upon a horse's back which served as a pillion for the woman to ride upon, while the husband would shoulder his musket and walk on foot. Several of our first settlers marched to Bennington in this tiresome manner. He had a brother named Joseph; he settled on the place that R. S. Wells now owns; but being a tory he was obliged to leave his new home, and seek a more safe place in Canada. He had two brothers who came into town, but soon moved away. Mr. Moss died in 1828, aged 90, his wife in 1833, aged 87. Mr. Moss never had, in a long life, an attending physician till his last sickness, and never had an illness of any kind to deter him from partaking his daily repast.

Mosher, Doct. James, married Betsy, daughter of Jason Tyler; he practiced in town a few years, but his usefulness was cut short while his life was full of promise; he died in 1816, aged —. He left one son named Darwin, who went to Rochester, N. Y., and died in 1833, aged 21.

Moody, James, married Abigail, daughter of Simeon

Atwater ; the children were, Charles who married Loverna Wilkins, and resides in Poultney ; John married Caroline Smith of Poultney ; William married Jane, daughter of Caleb Lamb of this town. Mr. Moody died many years since ; his widow now lives with her fourth husband, Mr. Ransom Bateman of Poultney ; William served in the 14th Regiment Vt. Volunteers. A fatal accident befell a little boy of his, by being run away with a team attached to a wagon ; the boy was in the carriage at the time ; he was thrown out upon the ground, and terribly mutilated ; when his father came to him he said, " Pa, I have got to die ;" he lingered in great agony till the next day, when he expired. This took place in 1868.

Mitchell, Ichabod, married Joanna Root ; he had two sons, Alvah and Nathan ; the latter was a physician, and died in 1823, aged 33. He married Polly, daughter of Gill Mallory. He left one son named Safford. She afterwards married a Mr. Witheral of Moriah, N. Y. Mr. Mitchell died in 1829, aged 74.

Mitchell, Alvah, resides on the Seth Potter farm, west of Pond Bridge ; he married Lydia, daughter of Ansell Goodspeed ; he has one son and a daughter, Isaac and Paulina ; the latter married Darius S. Parks ; Isaac married Elizabeth Foster ; they have one son named Alva. Mr. Mitchell has by his industry accumulated a large estate.

Munson, Doct. Joseph, came to town in 1828, from Salem, N. Y., and practiced as such till age unfitted him for his practice. He married Anna Beardsley of Poultney ; his children were, Alfred, Laura Ann, and Roxanna who died in 1841, aged 27. Alfred married Miss Minerva Beckwith by whom he had two daughters, Laura Ann and Helen ; Laura

Ann married Franklin Fenton, and Helen married John S. Wells. Doct. Munson died in 1852, aged 72.

McArthur, Samuel, married Louisa Simms of Granville, N. Y., and lived in town until his death, which occurred in 1859. He raised a family; his son Franklin enlisted in the 7th Vt. Regiment, and died soon after, while in service.

McFadden, Henry from Granville in 1860, and lives on the Samuel Culver farm, married Calista Rogers; the children are: Charles, Mary, Sarah Alice, Benjamin and Albert.

Nichols, Dr. Charles C., from Castleton in 1856, and has practiced as physician in town to the present time. He married a Miss Spaulding, by whom he has had two children—Jennie, a promising girl, but died while young, and Carrie.

Nott, Epaphreus, came into town about the year of 1783; he was a cooper by trade, and lived near Mr. Joshua Howe's residence. He married Jemima Sumner. He moved west to central New York, in 1798, and died in 1848, aged 98.

Norton, James, from Granville, N. Y.; he resides on the Roger Culver farm; he is a member of the society of Friends, or Quakers. He is the proprietor of the cheese manufacturing establishment, which he has carried on for a few years with success; the milk brought to this establishment is from the west part of this town, and the northwestern part of Pawlet. The name of his present wife was Cynthia Carpenter; he has a son named Amos.

Norton, James T., resides on the Conant farm, in the western part of the town; he came from Granville, N. Y. He married Louisa, daughter of Abijah Williams of Poultney.

Parker, Abel sen., from Poultney; he was twice married; by his first wife he had three children—Willard, Abel jr., and Clarissa who died of consumption. Mr. Parker's second

wife was Miss Eleanor, daughter of David Howe, of this town, and reared a family of children. He owned the grist-mill till 1837, when he sold to Halsey Goodrich, and removed to Illinois.

Parker, Abel jr., married Amanda, daughter of Ansell Goodspeed, Esq., and resided on the place now occupied by Thomas Pratt; his children were: Carlos A., Eveline who married Barden Beals; Sophia J. married Charles W. Potter; Delos J., who went to Illinois; Amanda A., who married Myron Willard, and is dead; Wilbur F., who resides in Rutland, and is in the jewelry business of the firm of Bailey & Parker. Mr. Parker died in —; his wife in 1867.

Parker, Carlos A., married Mary A., daughter of John Barden, Esq., and resides near Pond saw-mill; he has a shop, with machinery attached, and carries on an extensive business. The children are Dwight and Mary.

Parks, Elijah, from Canterbury, Conn., in 1787, and settled on the farm now owned by Russell Pember. He was twice married, first to Anna Smith—she died in 1793—by whom he had four children: Joseph, Elijah jr., Nancy who married John Clark, and died in 1808; Elthea, who died in 1808, aged 16. He next married Margaret Walker of Granville, N. Y., by whom he had eight children: John, Loren who went west, Simeon who went to Illinois and is dead, Royal went to Mississippi, where he resided many years; it is supposed he was killed by the tornado at Natchez as nothing has been heard from him since that time; it occurred in 1837; Almon lives in French Creek, in Chatauque Co., N. Y.; Sally, Polly, and Eunice, all of whom

went west. Mr. Parks was town clerk from 1790 to 1799; he taught school for nearly twenty winters; he was in the battle of Saratoga, under General Gates, in the taking of Burgoyne; he resided in town until 1811, when he removed to Granville, N. Y., where he died in 1821, aged 63.

Parks, Joseph, resided on the farm now occupied by his son Martin until 1848; he removed to the place now occupied by Sylvester Clark. He married for his first wife, Betsy, daughter of John Wilcox of Pawlet—she died in 1848, aged 62—by whom he had three children, Cordelia who married Sylvester Clark; Darius S., and Martin. He next married Phebe, sister of his first wife; she died in 1862, aged 62. Mr. Parks held many offices; he was representative to the State Legislature the years of 1834, 1835, 1836; he held the office of Selectman longer than any other person in town; he was overseer a number of years, and was the only surveyor in town; and to whom we are indebted for many items of our sketches. He lived to a good old age, esteemed and respected by the community. His death occurred in 1868, at the age of 84.

Parks, Darius S., married Paulina, daughter of Alva Mitchell, and resides in town; the children were Emma, and Alta, both of whom died young; Alva M., Lydia M., Frank and May.

Parks, Martin, lives on the former home of his father; he married Mary, daughter of Jared Ives of Tinmouth; she died in 1846, aged 23; he next married Delia M., daughter of Jared Francis; his children are Joseph H., Chester who died in 1862, aged 6; Linna L., Nathan F., Delia and Mary.

Parks, Elijah jr., married Hannah D., daughter of Robert

Hotchkiss ; he lived in the north part of the town ; the children were Robert, Lucy who died in 1836, aged 23 ; Anna married Royce Tyler, and lives in Canada ; Viana married Ezra Howard, and died in 1854, aged 37 ; Hannah D. married James F. Cone ; Polly P. married Orson Ives of Tinmouth, and Hobert E. Mr. Parks died in 1859, aged 69 ; his wife in 1842, aged 52. He, in 1843, married widow Sally Hutchins ; she died in 1863, aged 71.

Parks, Robert, was born in this town, and has always resided here ; his occupation has been various ; farm labor, except the winter months, and for twenty-eight winters taught school ; he married Lucy Brookins, and had a family of seven children ; Jane C., Robert H., Eloisa, Helen who died in 1860, aged 20 ; Octavia, Florence, and Sarah. Robert H. enlisted at Fairhaven, Sept. 10th, 1861, and was transferred to Co. F. Harris Light Cavalry, New York, where he died with the measles, Dec. 19, 1861, aged 25 ; Jane C. married Edmund Hubbard of Middletown ; he was two years in the Union service, in the 22d New York ; he was in the second battle of Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Antietam, etc. ; Eloisa married Emmett H. Woodard of Middletown, where they now reside ; Octavia married Sylvanus L. Whitmore of Ira ; he enlisted in 1861 as a Sharpshooter under Col. Berdan, in the Vermont Co. commanded by Capt. Weston, and he was in the battle of Williamsburg, and in the seven days fight, and disabled at Malvern Hill, and carried from the field ; Florence married Franklin Cook of this town ; he was in service nearly three years, in the 123d Reg't N. Y. Vol, and he was with Sherman in his march through Georgia.

Parks, Hobert E., married Fanny, daughter of Arno

Hutchins, and resided on the homestead of his father until his death, which occurred in 1868, aged 38. There were four children, Cornelius who died in 1861, aged 6, Addie, Lillian, Edna, and Fanny L.

Parks, John B., married Sophia, daughter of Samuel Broughton, and lived in town until the year 1826, when he moved to Moriah, N. Y., and afterwards to Warren, Ohio; he had three sons, viz.: Samuel, Cephas, and John B. Mr. Parks caught the last rattle snake that was ever captured in town.

Parks, Simeon, from Canterbury, Conn., came to town in 1787, and resided on the place now owned by Martin Parks. He afterwards moved on the Abner Cone place, where his grandson, James H. Parks, now resides; he married Betsy Curtis, and reared a large family—Curtis, Lucius, Alonson, Harvy, Elisha, and Simeon B.; Curtis and Lucius went to western New York; Elisha married Alice Oatman of Middletown, and went west in 1835; he died a few years since. Simeon B. went to Jamestown, N. Y., where he still resides. the daughters were: Betsy, Melissa, and Elthea; they all went west. Mr. Parks died in 1817, aged 49. His widow afterwards married Joseph Button, Esq.

Parks, Harvy, married Laura, daughter of Solomon Giddings, Esq., of Poultney, and resided on the homestead of his father; the children were William H., Fannie C., James H., and Laura; William H., studied physic and is practicing as such in Great Barrington, Mass.; James H., Fanny C., and Laura reside on the homestead. Mr. Parks was much respected by the community; he was representative two years in the State Legislature, besides holding many and various town offices, which he discharged with

ability. He died of a cancer in 1867, aged 67; his wife in 1860, aged 57.

Parks, James H., has held various town offices, and was a member of the State Legislature in the years of 1864 and 1865, and is a prominent member of the Episcopal church.

Paul, James, was one of the first settlers in the eastern part of the town. He was accustomed to spell his name Paull, as did Stephen, his youngest child who always lived with him, (and the other children for aught we know,) and it will soon appear that in very early records the name was spelt with one l, and again with two. He located among the hills, as did many of the first settlers here, because the hills then yielded a better return for their labor than the wet and marshy intervale land. He came from Dighton, Mass., in 1786, of which tract of land, one of the original proprietors, nearly 200 years ago, was one William Paul.

We give here an extract from a letter addressed to Hiland Paul, which will give some further particulars :

DIGHTON, August 22, 1868.

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Dighton was originally purchased of King Phillip in 1672, by a company in Taunton, and was called "Taunton South Purchase," and among the proprietors was one William Paul, (spelt with one l in the proprietors' records). Still later I find in said records one James Paul, probably his son; but after that the records were not well kept; but the conclusion I have arrived at is that all the Pauls in the country are descendants of the above named William Paul. The records of Taunton were all burnt in the great fire in said town about thirty years ago, and thus the best source

of tracing the genealogy of our family is lost — Dighton having been for many years a part of Taunton.

My great grandfather, in my opinion, was the great grandson of William Paul, one of the proprietors of Taunton South Purchase. He went to Vermont, I think, earlier than 1780, but the exact date I do not know. He came back to Dighton and stayed some time with his son Peter White Paul, (my grandfather), then returned to Vermont where he died. All of his children I ever knew of were Peter White, and John, who were both large men. I have heard father say that his uncle John weighed at one time 350 pounds. John Paul was one of the twelve men who, under Col. Barton, entered the British lines in Rhode Island during the Revolutionary war and took the English commander Prescott, prisoner, from his own bed, in the night. So far as I know, only one of our historians, Quackenboss, mentions this expedition. It was while hurrying Prescott through the stubble, barefoot, that he complained that the stubs hurt his feet. Uncle John, who was leading Prescott on one side, took off his shoes, handed them to Prescott, and said, "see if they are large enough for you." Prescott was a very small man.

ALRED W. PAUL.

Paul James, the subject of this sketch, married Abigail Kiles, by whom he had a large family of children. Mr. Paul died May 10th, 1805, in the 80th year of his age. Abigail his wife died in 1813, aged 85. We give the names of their children that we have been able to ascertain: Paul Edward, was born April 10th, 1749, went to Greenwich, Conn.; Paul, James, went to Williamstown, Mass.; Paul, David, is supposed to have settled at or near Dighton, Mass.;

Paul, Kiles, settled in Royalton, Vt. ; Paul, Daniel, settled in Newport, N. H. He raised a family of seven sons and three daughters, of whom Luke, Ira, and Daniel, Jr., remained in Newport. Daniel, Jr., died a few years since, leaving two sons, Epaphras and Doddridge. Paul, Abigail, married Daniel Hulett, one of the early settlers of Pawlet, where many of their descendants still live ; she died in 1838, aged 83. Paul, Ruth, married Jesse Johnson and removed to the West. Paul Jonathan located southwest of, but adjoining, his fathers farm, and was twice married ; first to Betsey Bellomy, by whom he had four sons and one daughter ; Betsey, David, Lemuel, Adams, who settled in Aurora, N. Y. ; and Ebenezer, who studied medicine, settled in Royalton, Vt., and died a few years after of consumption. His second wife was Hannah Thompson, by whom he had two sons, Jonathan and Jesse, and three daughters, Hannah, Sally and Lucy, who married Orsemus Morrison of Aurora, N. Y., by whom she had one son and two daughters ; Hannah, who married — Spafford, and Lucy who lives with her mother. They removed to Chicago, Ill., about 1832, when Chicago was in its infancy, and have acquired a large property. Mrs. Morrison still resides in the city.

Paul, Jonathan, died in Aurora, N. Y., in 1828, aged 63. His wife died at the same place in 1836, aged 71.

Paul, Joshua, settled in Tinmouth, about one-half mile from his father. He married Anna Rood, by whom he had five sons and four daughters, the most of whom removed to Western New York. Abijah, Jeremiah, David, Pliny, Adams, Sophia, Luna. Eliza, and Harriet, who married Wm. Grover, of Wells. They finally removed to her father's homestead in Tinmouth, where she lived at the time of her

decease in 1867, aged 68. They raised up one daughter, Luna, (now deceased) and two sons, Lyman P. and Joshua P. Grover, who live in Tinmouth. Paul, Joshua, died in 1840, aged 73 years. His wife died in 1850, aged 77 years.

Paul, Stephen, the youngest child, succeeded to his father's homestead; was born Dec. 31st, 1773, and we are told was thirteen years of age when his father settled in Wells. He was thrice married. First to Clarissa Perry, of Tinmouth, by whom he had four sons and six daughters, viz : Stephen Paul, Jr., Eliakim, James, Clarissa, Sabrey, Emily, Sophronia, Asenath, Lydia and Nelson. His second wife was Lovisa Cavanaugh. His third wife was Ruby Griswold, of Middletown, who still lives on the homestead, aged about 81. Paul, Stephen, died in 1843, aged 70. His first wife died in 1814, aged 38 ; his second wife died in 1834, aged 51.

Paul, Stephen, Jr., the oldest child, was born in 1796 ; married Desiah Rider, of Wells. He died in 1849, aged 53.

Paul, Eliakim, became a physician, went into practice in Middletown in 1822, and has followed his chosen profession nearly one-half a century ; has represented his adopted town in the State Legislature eight years, and filled many other offices of trust and usefulness. He married Juna Coleman, of Tinmouth, by whom he had two sons and one daughter ; Emmet, who died in 1846, aged 18 ; Daniel W., who was graduated at Harvard College in 1860, and is now practicing law in St. Louis, Mo. ; and Sabra, who married Edwin Copeland, of Middletown, and died in 1867, aged 42, leaving two sons, Frank and Charlie. She was universally respected by all her acquaintances.

Paul, James, removed to Michigan. We learn he is held

in high esteem where he is known. He married Fanny Church, by whom he had one son, George, (now deceased), and one daughter Emily, who is married and lives with her father in Coloma, Berrien County, Mich.

By the following extract from a letter addressed to the writer, it appears that this name (James) has been connected with the Paul family for many generations.

DIGHTON, Nov. 23d, 1868.

* * * "I here give the oldest records, except proprietors division, which was in 1683, with names as there spelt.

James Paull, the son of James Paul by Mary his wife, was born in May, 1725.

Benjamin Paull, the son of James Paull by Sarah his wife, was born July 2d, 1750.

Edward Paul the son of James Paul by Abigail his wife, was born April 10th, 1749.

James Paul, the son of James Paul by Abigail his wife, was born Feb. 10th, 1750." * * * *

ALFRED W. PAUL.

Paul, Clarissa, the oldest daughter of Stephen Paul, removed to Western New York. She married Michael Hutchinson, and has lived for many years in Eden, Erie County, N. Y.

Paul, Sabrey, married Hczekiah Coleman, of Tinmouth, by whom she had one son, Marshall, who now resides in Rupert. She died when about 19 years of age. He married Sarah Austin, by whom he has six children, viz: Charles, Sabra, Col. Fremont, George, Frederick and Helen M.

Paul, Emily, married David Griswold, of Middletown, and

raised up a family of four daughters, viz: Clarissa, who married Albert Porter and lives in Wisconsin; Electa, who married Henry Youngs, of Middletown; Asenath; Juliaette; and one son, Stephen A., who enlisted in the 7th Vt. Regiment, and died of fever at Pensacola, Florida, Nov. 3d, 1862, aged about 26.

Paul, Sophronia, removed to Western New York, married Rufus Tuttle, of Fredonia, lived there several years, but now resides in Michigan. She has one daughter Ella, who married Jesse Brown, of Fredonia.

Paul, Asenath, married George Eastman, of Newport, N. H., and lived there until his death, in 1855. She now resides with her brother Nelson.

Paul, Lydia, died when three years of age.

Paul, Nelson, the youngest child, was born in 1813, and succeeded to his father's homestead, which has been in the hands of the Paul family since James Paul first settled here. He has represented this town three years in the State Legislature, has been a selectman eight years, and held other positions of usefulness and honor in town. He married Maryette Haskins, daughter of Aaron Haskins, of Middletown, by whom he had four sons and one daughter. Hiland E., who was born Dec. 31st, 1836, was elected in 1859 town Superintendent of Schools, and held the office for four years; represented this town in the State Legislature in 1862-63; married Mary J., daughter of Howell Clark, of Wells, by whom he has had one daughter, Mary Eva, who died in 1864, about two years of age, and one son Charlie. Phinehas C., who first married Frances, daughter of Winslow Goodspeed, of Wells, who died in 1862, leaving one son Elmer. Next he married Ellen Weller, and lives in Tinmouth on the

Phinehas Coleman farm. Miletus, who married Ellen, daughter of Nathan Francis, of Wells, and now lives in Middletown; George who intends to become a physician, and Eugenia the youngest child, both now live with their father.

Mrs. Maryette Paul died Jan. 31st, 1868, aged 53 years, lamented by a large circle of friends.

" Things we prize are first to vanish ;
Hearts we love to pass away."

Parsons, Jesse, settled on the farm now owned by Michael Mooney. He came into town in 1787 ; he left town in 1804, and went to Genesee, N. Y. His wife's name was Lydia, daughter of Peter Stevens. The children were Lydia, David, Charlotte, Amanda and Aura, who now reside in Le Roy, N. Y.

Pearce, James, settled in the western part of the town, on the turnpike. He had two sons and one daughter, who married and went to the north part of the State. Isaac and James, who married Amanda, daughter of John Pray, went West over thirty years since. Mr. Pearce served in the revolutionary war. He died about the year of 1830.

Pember, John, sen., married a Miss Bill and settled in the north part of the town at an early day. He had the following sons: John, jr., who married and lived in Poultney; Frederic, Harvey and Milton. The two latter went with their father to Chatauqua Co., N. Y., over fifty years since.

Pember, Frederic, married Sally, daughter of Peter Stevens, and raised a large family, viz: Laura, married James J. Rowe, and resides in town; Orlin married Fidelia Hyde, and removed to Luzerne, N. Y.; Russel, Lorenzo D.,

Ruel, Harriet, who married Alonzo S. Stevens, and now resides in Westminster, Vt.; Jerusha married Alva Lewis, and resides in Weston, Vt.; Sophia married Arch. Herrick; he died in 1853; she next married Deacon Julius Spaulding, of Poultney, where she now resides. By Mr. Herrick she had one son named Edgar, who enlisted in the 5th Vt. Reg. and died in service; Abner married Laura Ann, daughter of Capt. William Lamb, and now resides in Minnesota; Orah married and moved to Weston; Frederic, jr., who went to Illinois, married there; enlisted in the Union army, where he died, leaving five children, one named Erwin lives in town with his uncle, Russell Pember. Mr. Pember was a member of the Methodist Church nearly 60 years. He died in 1859, aged 79; his widow in .

Pember, Russell, lives on the place first settled by Elijah Parks, sen. He has been twice married; his first wife was Miss Adeline Hyde, by whom he had one son named Milton H., who enlisted in April, 1862, in 5th Minnesota Reg't; went out as Sergeant, received commission as 1st Lieutenant in June, 1863, contracted a fever during the siege of Vicksburg, and received his discharge in the month of August, 1863; he returned to Wells, and soon after went to Mount Tabor, where he married Miss F. Ann Croft, and where he now resides; Mr. Pember next married Emily, daughter of Jonathan Bidwell, of Pawlet, by whom he had another son named Emmett R., who has enjoyed several academical courses of study, and devotes the winter seasons to teaching.

Pember, Lorenzo, D., married Alice, daughter of Gould Stiles, jr., by whom he had one son named Ira. His wife dying in 1838, he next married Mariam, sister of his first

wife ; he moved to Mount Tabor, Vt., where he now resides ; his son died in 1863, aged 31.

Pember, Ruel, married Maria Tanner, of Granville, N. Y., and lived in town till 1840, when he moved to Granville, and now resides there ; he had one son and two daughters ; his oldest daughter, Emeline, died in 1838, aged four years ; his second daughter's name was Delia M. ; she was a young woman of much promise, a good scholar, having attended several terms in the Troy Conference Academy ; she died of consumption in 1856 in her 20th year ; Franklin T. lives with his father, and is married. Mr. Pember has held the office of Justice in Granville many years.

Perry, Jabez D., lived in town several years ; married Anna, daughter of Joel Clemons. His children were Jabez D., jr. ; Andrew, who married Mary Ann, daughter of Asa Clemons, and lives in Poultney ; Seth, Betsy, and Ruth married Wetmore, and a daughter who married Joseph Hazen.

Perry, Jabez D., jr., married Thankful, daughter of Benoni Munson, and lives in town. He has one son named Abner, who married Luna, daughter of Henry Goodspeed.

Potter, William, Capt., from New London, Conn., married Phebe Woodard, sen., of the same place. He first settled in Pawlet, but moved into town in the latter part of his life ; he was a seafaring man when young ; he had the command of a trading vessel, from whence he derived the name of Captain. The children, Joshua who married Abigail Hall and lived on the homestead in Pawlet and died in 1863, aged 81 ; his wife the same year ; William, jr., Seth, John, who married Eunice Francis and went to the Schroon Country, where he became a trader in the Balsam oil business ; Abel, Samuel, Thomas,

who was a musician and died in New York city ; Phebe married Joseph Wyman ; Sally married Eber Ward ; Abigail married John Wyman ; Deborah married Dr. Reuben Lewis. Mr. Potter died in 1827 ; his wife in 1835.

Potter, William, jr., married Experience Francis, and reared a large family ; William 3d, Hezekiah, Richard, who went to Michigan ; Jonathan married Sylvia, daughter of Alva Goodspeed, and has gone West ; Phillip lives in St. Lawrence Co., N. Y. ; Pelo Pidus resides also in St. Lawrence Co. ; Julia married Rufus Lindsey, and is dead ; she died in St. Lawrence Co. ; Harriett married Samuel Lamb, and is dead ; Mrs. Potter died in ; Mr. Potter then went to the Schroon country, where he died a few years since, over 90 years of age.

Potter, William, 3d, married Harriet, daughter of Phineas Lamb. The childrens names were : Mary Ann, who married George W. Sprague, of Poultney ; Lucy married Andrew Clark, of Poultney, and is dead ; Henry married Sarah, daughter of Franklin Goodrich, of Poultney, and keeps a Public House in East Poultney ; Joshua enlisted in the 7th Regiment of Vt. Vol., and served three years ; he re-enlisted and died while in service. Mr. Potter was a man noted as a legal counselor in matters of law, and practiced as such many years. He died in 1852, aged 56.

Potter, George, resides in the village ; he married Sylvia, daughter of Eliakim Oatman, of Middletown ; his children are Delia M., James, who married Ellen Gorham, of Poultney ; Albert and Merritt. Mr. Potter was a son of Joshua Potter, of Pawlet.

Potter, Samuel, Dr., first practiced in this town as a physician for several years, and then moved to Pawlet, where

he resided till his death, which occurred in 1835. He married Avis, daughter of John Collins, of Ira ; he reared a large family ; the following are the names of the children : Collins is a millwright, Fayette is an attorney, both reside in Pawlet ; Samuel, George, Charles W., Edwin, Phebe, Helen, and Lovina ; Charles W. married Sophia, daughter of Abel Parker, jr., and resides in town ; he is proprietor of the Lake House ; he has built an addition to the former building, a most splendid and commodious mansion suited for the accommodation of those who wish to enjoy the most pleasant and beautiful scenery in our State.

Potter, Seth, married Hannah, daughter of Peter Blossom, and lived on the place now owned by Alva Mitchell ; he had several children ; Seth, jr., married a daughter of Heman Hastings, and went west in 1834, Fidelia married a Mr. Lee, of Williston ; John went west ; Harry also went west ; Hannah married and died in Texas ; Laura married James Moffit, of Schroon, N. Y. ; and Isaac who went west.

Potter, Abel, married Cynthia, daughter of Zacheriah Lathrop, and resided in the village where his nephew George Potter now resides ; he went west about the year 1826, to Rochester, N. Y., where he died some years since ; his children were Zacheriah, Obed, William, Charlotte, who died in Rochester, N. Y. ; Polly married a Mr. Moffit ; Annis married a Mr. Law, of Sandgate Vt ; Bethia and Saphronia ; none of the family are left in town.

Pratt, John, from Hartford, N. Y., and resided on Butt's Hill ; he married Betsy Scofield ; children were Polly, who married Joseph Sprague and lives in Illinois, and is a widow ; Nancy married Shubael Lamb, jr. ; Diodama married Russe] Lamb, and died in 1849 ; Lary Ann, who died in 1833, and

Thomas. Mr. Pratt died in 1861, aged 79. His wife in 1849.

Pratt, Thomas, son of John Pratt, married Sybil, daughter of Joel Francis ; she died in 1838, aged 27, leaving one son named Alonso ; he next married Betsy, daughter of Jonathan Merrills, of Tinmouth, by whom he had eight children ; Lury Ann who married Myron Willard ; Sellick married Susan, daughter of Herbert Hutchins, of Middletown ; Melissa died young ; John, Amelia, Phebe, Levi, and Benjamin, who died in 1868, aged six years ; Alonso married Nancy Munroe, of Poultney, where he now resides. Mr. Pratt still resides in town.

Pray, John, sen., came with his son John, jr., in 1778 ; he died a few years afterwards, and was buried in the cemetery first laid out in town, a short distance East of Pond bridge ; he came from Connecticut.

Pray, John, jr., married Elizabeth Bellamy and settled on the farm now owned by Tolman Howe ; he raised a large family of children, as follows : Elijah, John Howard, who married Esther, daughter of Azariah Lathrop, and now resides in Harmony, Chataqua Co., N. Y. ; he for a time followed the mercantile business, but recently turned his attention to the profession of the law ; studied with the Hon. Abner Lewis. Marcia, Amanda, married James Pearce ; Malinda, married John Fuller ; Betsy, married Orlin H. Miner, brother of the Hon. A. L. Miner, of Manchester ; he went to Ohio in 1833, and died soon after ; Kezia died in 1827 ; Maria, Sally, and David. Mr. Pray was much esteemed and respected as a citizen ; a member of the Episcopal church. He held the office of Selectman many years. Mr. Pray went west in 1835, to Harmony, N. Y., and died in 1844, age 74.

Pray, Elijah, married Lucinda, daughter of Rufus Glass ; the children were : Alice, who married and resides in Fort Ann, N. Y. ; Rhoda married, Backus H. Stiles, Maria Jane married and lives in Weston, Vt. ; Oliver married Emily, daughter of Clark Lamb, of Poultney ; Orrin, Huldah, who resides in Weston, Vt. ; Amanda, married Warren Hulet, and lives in Marengo, Ill. ; and Franklin, who enlisted in the union service. Mr. Pray died in Fort Ann in 1867, aged 74 ; Mrs. Pray died in 1855.

Reynolds, Joshua, married a Miss Darling ; he built the house that Thomas M. Clemons resides in ; he had three children, Newall, Mary and Palmer.

Reynolds, Palmer, married Polly, daughter of Daniel Cross, and raised a family, viz: Polly, Susan, Harry, Hannah, Olive and Martin. Mr. Reynolds died in 1829.

Reynolds, John, married Polly Merriman and lived in the eastern part of the town ; his children were Alavander, who married Jerry Howe ; Laura married Jehial B. Parks, of Middletown ; Betsy married Joshua Howe, and resides in town. Mr. Reynolds died many years ago.

Reynolds, John, sen., resided in town and raised a family ; the children were Kizza, married Ralph Bell ; Charity and John.

Reed, Ephriam, married a daughter of Titus Andrews, and lived in the western part of the town on Bodfish Hill ; he had two sons who enlisted in the late war, and both died in the army. He removed to Tinmouth in 1868.

Reed, John, resides in the eastern part of the town, on the farm formerly owned by David Blakely, of Pawlet ; he married Philura Hutchins, of Middletown ; he has two children.

Rider, Benjamin, from Barnstable, Mass., and settled in town in 1794 ; his wife's name was Anna Jones ; children's names as follows : Benjamin married a Miss Searls, of Whitehall, N. Y. ; Nathaniel, both went west ; Desiah married Stephen Paul, jr. ; he died in 1851, age 52 ; she still lives on the old homestead ; Remembrance, who married Aaron Mosher, jr., and lives in Chataqua Co., N. Y. ; Anna married Epraim Ferguson, of Manchester ; she died a few years since, she had two daughters ; one died by her clothes taking fire ; the other, named Elvira married Daniel Lobdail, of Pawlet ; Caroline, Bathsheba, Elvira, and Lodema ; the four last went west where they married. Mr. Rider died in 1824, aged 55 ; his wife in 1821, aged 46.

Ripley, Linas, from Tinmouth in 1829 ; married Mahala, daughter of John Mosher ; he had four children : Jared F., Nicy, Lois and Edson ; Nicy married Douglass Sykes, and lives in Whitewater, Wis. ; Lois lives in Illinois ; Jared F. went to Wisconsin, entered the Union service, and was killed at the battle of Shiloh ; Edson also enlisted and died in the hospital at Washington City. Mr. Ripley died in 1850, aged 44 ; his wife in 1858, aged 46.

Rowe, Joseph, came into town about the year of 1810. He married widow Lois Forest ; her maiden name was Daniels ; the children were John, who married Esther, daughter of John S. Davis, and went west ; James J., David, who went west ; Sally married Daniel Tooly, and lives in La Crosse, Minnesota ; Hannah married Cyrus Burnham, and resides in Whitewater, Wisconsin ; Betsy and Lucinda, who live at St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Rowe and his wife have been dead several years.

Rowe, James J., resides on the farm formerly owned by Rufus and Samuel Glass; he married Laura, daughter of Frederic Pember; they have three children, Harvey, Wesley, and Emily; Harvy married Annie, daughter of Jacob Lyon, of Pawlet; she died soon after leaving one son, named Freddie; he afterwards married Sarah Cole, and resides in Poultney; he, in company with Mr. Cole, have built a hardware store, and doing a good business; Wesley married Emily Lyon, sister of the above, and has two children, viz: Duane and Merrit; he lives on the Rufus Glass place.

Rust, Aloney, came from Connecticut, and was an early settler on a hill west of the Pond, and is called Rust Hill; his wife was Esther Doud; the children were Amasa, who married Charlotte, daughter of David Ward; he raised a large family and went to Michigan in 1837, and is dead; Samuel, Ezra died in 1827, aged 27; John married Polly, daughter of Alvin Goodspeed; Polly married Abner Goff. Mr. Rust, with his sons Samuel and John, went to Ohio and died there.

Sturdivent, Caleb, settled on the place where Calvin Farrar now resides, at an early day; he married a daughter of Joshua Howe; the children were David, Anna, Abigail and Emilla; he moved west in 1813.

Smith, Eliad, from Granville, N. Y., in 1832; he was twice married; first to Betsy Smith; she died in 1808, leaving a family of four children; Henry E., who died when young; Oliver married Roxana Glass and went West; Sarah married Arunah Glass; and Lucretia married Wesley Clemons, Esq., of this town; his second wife was Phebe, daughter of Joseph Button, Esq., by whom he had the

following children : Betsy married Wm. Buxton, and died in 1854, aged 44 ; Lucy married a Mr. Davis and died a few years after, leaving two children, Ellen and Charles ; both are in Marengo, Ill. ; Joseph B. married Lydia Giles, of Pawlet, and lives in St. Lawrence County, N. Y. Hester, Ann, married James, son of George Lamb, of Granville, N. Y. ; he resided in town several years ; he was in company with Benjamin Lewis, jr., known as the firm of Lewis & Lamb, in the manufacture of woollens ; he moved to Fort Ann, N. Y. ; Hannah, M., married David B. Lewis, jr., who went to Illinois, and is dead. Mr. Smith resided on the place that Sylvester Clark now occupies. He died in 1843, aged 73 ; his wife in 1853.

Sprague, Elida, married Charlotte, daughter of Samuel Glass, and resided on the homestead now owned by James J. Rowe ; he had a family of six children ; Ruby married Orin Wheeler ; Osker married Julan, daughter of Eliphalet Buxton, and resides in town, and lives on the David B. Lee farm ; he has one son named Hiram ; James married Melissa, daughter of Daniel Van Guilder ; he enlisted in the 7th Vt. Reg., and died near Baton Rouge, in 1863, leaving a widow and three children ; one was burned to death soon after by her clothes taking fire ; Mary Ann, who died in 1838, aged 13 ; Osro enlisted in the 2d Vt. Reg., and served for a time when he was discharged ; he afterwards re-enlisted in a New York Reg., and was wounded in the battle of the Wilderness, from which he soon after died, aged 34 ; Eveline married George Hays, of Rupert, who soon after died ; she is still a widow, and resides with her aged mother in Rupert. Mr. Sprague died in 1860 ; aged 64.

Spaulding, Orin, from Danby, married Libbie ; she died in 18— ; by whom he had three children ; Horace who went west ; Ann, M., who married Lyman Johnson, of Poultney, and now resides in Illinois ; and George, who resides in town. Mr. Spaulding next married Avis, daughter of Samuel Howe, and now resides in town.

Stevens, Peter, from Connecticut in 1786 ; married Lois Glass and raised a large family ; Asa married Olive, daughter of Ogden Mallory, and moved west in 1820, where he died many years since ; James married and went to Potsdam, N. Y., and died there ; Abner, Joshua, Nathan, who left town when young ; Rufus, Samuel married Ruth, daughter of Joshua Howe ; he enlisted in the war of 1812, was wounded in the battle of Chippeway, and died soon after from the same, leaving Ada, who died in 1823 of consumption, aged 18 ; Temperance, who married Wm. Johnson, of Poultney, and died in 1836, aged 35 ; Achsah married Chauncy Howe, and lives in Luzerne, N. Y. ; Joshua was drowned in Tinmouth in 1826 ; James H., who was a Methodist preacher and now lives in Iowa ; Amos, Luther, married Philinda Cole ; Lydia married Jesse Parsons ; Sally married Frederic Pember ; and Lois, who married Jezeniah Howe. Mr. Howe was a nailer by trade ; he went west in 1820 ; one of his sons named Chester was a member in the New York Legislature in 1838. Mr. Stevens died in 1821 ; his wife in 1820.

Stevens, Abner, married Jerusha West, and resided on lands now owned by Hiram Francis. The children were Abner, jr., Ithamer married Pamela, daughter of Elijah Herrick, and went to Illinois ; Aaron, John, and Elizabeth,

who now resides in town at the age of 75. Mr. Stevens and his wife died a few years since.

Stevens, Abner, jr., married Lois Nichols. They had two children, John M., and Melissa M., who married Stephen P. Lamb, and have gone west ; Mrs. Stevens died in ; he next married Calista, step-daughter of Roswell Fuller, by whom he has two children, Perley and Pernie. Mr. Stevens lives in town.

Stevens, Aaron, married Clarissa, daughter of Joel Francis, and has a family of six children : Emmet, Sybil A., Elbert B., Rosina L., Ellison, Ella M. He resides in town.

Stevens, Joshua, lived alternately in this town and Pawlet ; he had a family of children, two sons and three daughters ; Alonso S., married Harriet, daughter of Frederic Pember, and resides in Westminster, Vt. ; another son who went west ; Theodosia married Joseph Howe, jr. ; Caroline married Gamaliel Washburn, of Montpelier, Vt. ; Ann Eliza, married Mr. Smith, who removed to Rutland.

Sumner, Daniel, lived in the eastern part of the town ; he married Delila Reynolds, and reared a family of seven children ; Lucina married John Stevens ; Ollis, Sally, Hannah, Dilla, Joshua and Palmer. They went west at an early day.

Sumner, Shubael, married Lucy Grover, of Granville, N. Y., and resided on the farm now occupied by Theron Howe. He left town in 1814.

Stevens, Harris H., married Caroline Hyde and resided north of the village ; the children were John D., married Mary, daughter of the Rev. Mr. Atwell ; Ermina, who died ; Selinda and Phebe D. His wife died in 1851 ; he next

married Sylvia, widow of Madison Lamb, and went to Fort Edward, N. Y., where he lately died.

Stiles, Gould, jr., resided in the north part of the town ; he married Alice, daughter of Rufus Glass, by whom he had one son named Andrew ; she died in 1810 ; he next married widow Laura Huntington ; her maiden name was Haynes, sister of Hezekiah Haynes, of Middletown ; by Mr. Huntington she had two daughters, Sally and Laura ; by Mr. Stiles she had five children ; Bacchus K., who married Rhoda, daughter of Elijah Pray ; he left town in 1856, and died in Kansas a year or two since with a cancer ; Sanford went to Michigan and married ; Alice married Lorenzo D. Pember ; she died in 1838 ; Jerusha married George W. Brown, of Middletown, and resides in Poultney ; they have one son named George W., jr. ; Mariam married Lorenzo D. Pember, and resides in Mount Tabor. Mr. Stiles died in 1867, aged 83. His son Andrew is in Illinois.

Sturdivent, Caleb, married a daughter of Joshua Howe ; he settled on the place now owned by Calvin Farrer ; children were David, Anna, Elizabeth, and Emilla. Mr. Sturdivent moved west in 1813.

Taft, Otis, came into town in 1856 ; his wife's name was Charlotte Sprague ; she died in 1862 ; Mr. Taft had three sons in the army, Lewis, Austin and Cyrus. He next married widow Porter, of Poultney ; she also had three sons in the late war, Edwin A., Albert L., and Lensey O. ; Edwin A. enlisted in Co. G, Vt. Cavalry ; he was taken prisoner in a raid near Richmond, under Kilpatrick, and confined for a while in Libby prison ; Albert L., served in a New York

regiment of heavy artillery ; Lensey also enlisted in a New York regiment.

Tooly, Amos, came from Poultney about the year of 1815 ; he reared a family ; the names of his children were : Daniel married Sally, daughter of Joseph Rowe ; Maria married Eliphalet Buxton ; Anna and Russell, (twins,) Lucy married Elhanan McWayne, of Pawlet, and is dead ; and Sally married Joseph Jennings of Pawlet. Mr. Tooly died in 1822 ; his wife in 1859, aged 90.

Tooly, Cyrus, resides in the western part of the town ; he married Sophrona, daughter of Alvin Lombard ; the children were William, Horace, Samuel and Norman ; William enlisted in the 123d Reg. N. Y. Vol., and was killed near Goldsborough, in N. C., a short time before Johnson's surrender to Sherman ; Horace also enlisted in the same regiment and at the same time ; he was wounded at Dallas, in Georgia, and died soon afterwards. They were both good soldiers, and their deaths were heroic.

Turner, Moses, came into town in 1808, and built over the grist mill formerly owned by Joshua Howe ; his wife died in 1810 ; he soon afterwards left town.

Tyler, Jason, from Cheshire, Conn. ; was one of the first settlers in town ; married Rhoda Bellamy, also from Cheshire ; the children were, Aaron B., Lucinda married Benjamin Lombard ; Polly P. married Raymond Hotchkiss ; Betsy married Doctor James Mosher, who died in 1816 ; she next married Aaron Mosher, Esq. ; Aaron B. married Amarillus, daughter of Barnabas Lewis, by whom he had four children, Lucinda, Polly P., Aaron B., jr., and Florilla ; Lucinda married George Richardson ; Polly P.

married William Austin, of Granville, N. Y. Mr. Tyler died in 1819. With the exception of Mrs. Austin the family left town in the spring of 1834. Mr. A. B. Tyler was a Justice several years, and held many town offices besides; the widow also left town at the same time, and died the following year.

Wales, Elisha, from Whitehall, N. Y.; married Laura, daughter of Ormund Lamb, and lived on the place formerly owned by the Rev. Shubael Lamb; he enlisted in the 14th Vt. Reg., was in the battle of Gettysburg, and died on his way home in Vernon, Maryland, and was buried there. Mr. Wales was a good citizen, and respected by his friends. His widow resides in town.

Wales, Russell, brother of the above, married Polly, daughter of Thaddeus Merrills, who soon after died, leaving a son named Vine. He soon after went to Middlebury, where he again married.

Ware, Ziba, married Rachel Dart, by whom he had one son named Lyman; he was a blacksmith by trade; his wife died about 40 years since; he next married a widow Richards of Poultney; he died nearly 20 years since; no record of his age; Lyman married Hannah, daughter of Samuel S. Merriam, by whom he had four sons and one daughter; George, who married Sarah, daughter of Stephen Atwater; William married Eliza Wilson, of Granville, N. Y.; Sidney married Calista Pratt; Merritt married Sarah, daughter of Roswel Fuller, and Rachel; the three last reside in town. George went to Illinois; Lyman Ware died in 1839; his widow still resides in town.

Ward, David, was an early settler in town on the place

where Seth Cook now lives ; he married Charlotte Pray ; his children were Samuel, Eber, Zael, married Susan Page, they went to Michigan ; Kezia married Amos Lewis and went west ; Rhoda married Elijah Button and lives in Harmony, Chatauqua Co., N. Y. ; John died young ; Charlotte married Amasa Rust, who went to Michigan in 1837 ; and David was a physician, and lives in Green Bay in Michigan.

Wells, Russell S., from Poultney, first married Delia Shumway, of Poultney, by whom he had three sons, Henry S., Albert and John S., who married Helen, daughter of Alfred Munson, and resides in Rutland ; he next married Lucy, daughter of John Clark, by whom he had two daughters, Delia, who died young, and Fanny. Mrs. Wells died in 1860, aged 49. Mr. Wells still resides in town.

Williams, Abijah, settled in the western part of the town ; his children were, Albemarle, married Ruth, daughter of Daniel Goodrich ; he was a physician, and died in Dorset in 1830 ; Abijah, jr., resided in Poultney, where he died ; Amos married a Miss Andrews, of Poultney ; Ambrose, Cogswell, and Josiah, and one daughter named Eunice, who married George Davis, of Poultney. Mr. Williams moved to Poultney in 1810, where he died in 1829, aged 75.

Woods, Samuel, from Poultney in 1833 ; married Minerva, widow of Jacob Sykes, jr., of Pawlet ; by Mr. Sykes she had six children, Oliver married Jane Parkhurst and moved to Cavendish, Vt. ; Josiah, who is in Kansas ; Jacob married Martha Wilson, of Granville, N. Y., where he now resides ; Sidney married a Miss Perry, of Middletown, and went to Wisconsin ; Douglas married Nicy, daughter of Linas Ripley,

and lives in Whitewater, Wisconsin; and Susan. By Mr. Woods she had four children; Merrit married Ellen, daughter of Calvin Farrer, and has three children; Hiram, who is unmarried; Caroline married Alex. Ayott, and has three children; Emily married Pherrin Barden. The children reside in town.

Woodworth, Roswel, married Amanda, daughter of Nathan Francis, and settled on the farm now owned by Nelson Lewis; the children were Betsy, married Daniel Hulet, of Pawlet; Harmony married Joshua Hulet, also of Pawlet; Josiah, Downer, Roswell, jr., Sally, Sophronia married James, son of Joel Francis; Loisa, Patty, Samuel, Charles and Socrates. Mr. Woodworth went west about the year of 1816.

Woodworth, Philo, stepson of William Fisk, and resided in town till he was of age. He was a studious scholar, and by close application acquired a good education. He became a minister of the Methodist order, and is now Presiding Elder in Rochester, N. Y.

Wolcot, John, lived on the place that Tolman Howe now owns; he had two sons named John, and Chauncy, who married Lydia, daughter of Gould Stiles of Middletown, and went to Michigan at an early day. Mr. Wolcot died of the cancer.

Wyman, Daniel, settled on the place that Alva Mitchell now occupies. He had four sons: Daniel, John, Jacob who married and went to West Haven, and William, who married Mehitable, daughter of Andrew Clark, by whom he had four children; Lois, who died in 1821, aged 18; Cemantha, who resides in Panama, Chatauqua Co., N. Y.; William and Franklin, who also went west. Mr. Wyman died in 1787, being the first person interred in the village burying ground.

